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CURATOR'S REPORT – January 2019

Welcome to a frigid beginning of the New Year and a wonderful new February 2019 exhibition of "All Photography" in the Frederick Gallery. Our new Walker Display System provides a professional upgrade to our gallery and improves the efficiency of installing work. Thanks to the donors for funding and to the volunteers who have repainted walls and installed the molding. Dan Ramsey has been indispensable with his time and skills, along with a team who wielded paint brushes, climbed ladders

and worked afterhours.

I am excited to announce that the juror for the March 2019 "Faces & Figures" is Ed King, a noted artist and teacher who brings his critical eye to the task of selecting work for one of our most popular themes, and I am happy to welcome the return to the FCCA of the juror Ms. Joey Manlapaz of Washington, DC, for the May 2019 "Urban, Suburban & Rural" national exhibit.

Our online website submission forms have experienced problems, beginning on Dec. 20, 2018, and the problems seem to be recurring into 2019. Some artists are unable to download jpg images and the form goes to an ERROR page. Our webmaster Maura Harrison has been checking and working to correct the problem, and our graphic designer Iryna Hamill is working to revise the forms to improve success for artists in submitting info and images. Maura has posted directions on our website for the alternative method of entering submissions in an email to the curator at curator@fccagallery.org.

The website Payment Adjustment button has been improved with more payment options. However, if any submitting artists are having problems using this feature, please contact the Curator immediately. We apologize for the inconveniences and thank all the submitting artists who have patiently and persistently worked to insure that their entries are successfully received.

Upcoming workshops and classes are being offered by the FCCA to help artists perfect and present their art. Take advantage of these opportunities and invite your friends to join the FCCA as we offer the best teachers and learning experiences. See listings in this newsletter and on our website for more information. You can also find updates on our Face Book page and Instagram—search Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts.

If you have suggestions for the Frederick Gallery, please contact me by phone or email. I also welcome your suggestions for potential jurors to select work for our future exhibits—please provide their names and contact info.

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