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CURATOR'S REPORT – January 20, 2020

During the cold days of winter, it is hard to believe that spring is coming and that a new year of exhibitions is already starting at the FCCA Frederick Gallery. The 2020 schedule of juried exhibits is in the FCCA newsletter of Dec/Jan and on our website <https://fccagallery.org/schedule/>. There are themed exhibits and "Artist Choice" exhibits allowing for all artists to find a good fit for their work. Begin planning your entries by putting deadline dates on your calendar.

A special thank you is given to all the volunteers who make our exhibits possible, including the take-down and installation crews: Bob Worthy, Donna Coley, Elizabeth Shumate, Carol Rauh, Barbara Taylor Hall, Bev Bley, Cathy Washington, Charlotte Burrill, Dan Ramsey, and Lee Owens; the administration team of Sheila Cockey, Bob Worthy and Carolyn Beever; and the publicity team of Dawn Whitmore, Becky Carpenter, Maura Harrison and Carolyn Beever. Our docents contribute to our exhibits as they keep our gallery open as a welcoming place for visitors and handle the day to day business of sales, artist notifications and intake of artwork. Thanks to Lee Cochrane, Hospitality Chair, for ensuring that our First Friday guests have a plentiful table of refreshments. There are others who work behind the scenes, and their contributions are appreciated. Please note that the curator position is in need of a candidate willing to take on this rewarding position. Please contact a Board member or the Curator if you are interested.

Put February 14th on your calendar. The "Silversmith House" c. 1785 is our gallery home and a noted historical landmark building which needs our continuing love and maintenance. We anticipate exterior repainting this spring. The FCCA will accept donations to help preserve, restore and maintain our building with a special February 14th "**Love the Silversmith House**" fundraising phonathon and social media donation event. This fundraiser is important to our organization's mission of preserving and maintaining our historic building. Please open your heart and purse to support our "Silversmith House" Building Fund.

Best wishes to all our members for a creative 2020 filled with art and artful experiences.

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