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CURATOR'S REPORT - May 25, 2021

This has been an extraordinary year and we are still adjusting to the ever-changing social climate. The Frederick Gallery has been able to continue monthly juried exhibits, and we have welcomed many new artists to our submissions process. We have continued to welcome in-person guests from both near and far. The pandemic inspired the change from in-person First Friday receptions to the online Juror Talk/Awards videos which have increased the exposure of our exhibits and jurors to

a broader audience, but we have missed the social gatherings at the FCCA. The Board of Trustees will be considering when to return to First Friday public receptions, but until then, the galleries remain open to the public Thursday – Friday noon to 4 pm, Saturday 11 am to 4 pm, and Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm. Watch for future information about extended Friday evening hours and live music performances in the garden.

FCCA Juror Talk/Awards videos are accessible on YouTube and a link is posted on the FCCA website at www.fccagallery.org Search for "Juror Talk" for each exhibit. The May 2021 "Patterns" Juror Talk/Awards by Matt Lively is available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Exkx NcPidA

FCCA membership has benefits of reduced entry fees, discounts on art purchases, and the reward of knowing that the operational budget of our historic gallery is being funded through the generosity of our supporters. If you have not joined as a supporting member, please take that step in person or online. Remember to renew your membership annually, and contact the Membership Chair, Kathie Moran membership@fccagallery.org if you need to confirm your membership renewal date or have questions.

I invite you to visit each of our exciting monthly exhibits in person, and I encourage everyone to invite family and friends to visit our unique art gallery located in the "Silversmith House" c. 1785, "where art and history meet". Please note that we need volunteers to fill positions on the Board of Trustees and to serve as docents who welcome our visitors. If you have time and interest, please contact Matt Williams president@fccagallery.org for additional information on how you can support the FCCA as a volunteer.

Suggestions and comments welcomed.

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