



A non-profit organization founded in 1994 to provide local artists with show space and the community with art program venues and educational workshops

# HCAA Newsletter

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## Meet the President: Denise Marie Brown

by Delia Mychajluk

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The first thing you notice with Denise Marie Brown, President of Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance (HCAA), is her personal warmth. This warmth permeates both her interactions with others in her role as President of HCAA and her artwork. Her warmth, along with her organizational skills, makes Ms. Brown an ideal administrator.

Ms. Brown is in her 8th year as President of HCAA. As President, she has the overall responsibility for the installation of HCAA's group exhibitions. Installation of exhibitions at multiple venues occurs every eight weeks. In 2017, 40 exhibitions were installed. Ms. Brown coordinates with contacts at the various venues and curates many of the installations. In addition, Ms. Brown is always looking for other opportunities for HCAA, networking with others in the community. As opportunities arise, she communicates with HCAA artists on an ongoing basis. Ms. Brown is generous in her support of other artists and their work. She participates in, and contributes to, artist receptions, solo walls, and some outside vending opportunities. Ms. Brown has been instrumental in obtaining grants for HCAA and giving back to the community with monies for the arts.

Ms. Brown is perhaps first and foremost an artist herself. Finding studio time is an ongoing effort. As an artist, Ms. Brown understands both the joy of being an artist and some of the

challenges facing artists in the community and marketplace. Ms. Brown began painting as a child in Philadelphia, and received a



Denise Marie Brown

Bachelor of Fine Arts from Kutztown University. Primarily an oil painter and muralist, Ms. Brown wants her art to portray Beauty and Joy to uplift the spirit. Her subjects are often landscape and children, which uplift her own spirit. Artistic influences include Monet for his impressionistic treatment of reality and application of color; Matisse for his use of texture and pattern, and Picasso for defining or composing space. In the best of Ms. Brown's artwork, you can sense the Divine. Ms. Brown is currently working on a series of paintings of the Virtues found in the writings by Hildegard of Bingen.



Peaceful Atlantic Morning, by Denise Marie Brown

## HCAA Board Officers and Committee Chairs

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(Coordinates Open Studio Tour,  
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# HCAA Volunteer Opportunities

by Diane Elliott

HCAA is only as good as its members. Besides showing your work at various venues, there are lots of opportunities to get involved in helping the organization fulfill its mission to support artists and strengthen our bond to the community.

HCAA President Denise Brown is looking for mentors to work with new or young adult artists in HCAA's mentoring program, which will begin in late January or early February of 2019. The young artists will likely be art students from Prince George's Community College or University of Maryland, College Park. HCAA has a Maryland State Arts Council grant that will give mentees \$400 for supplies and transportation. Mentors will receive \$100. Denise is looking for two or three mentors. Contact her at [denise76marie@gmail.com](mailto:denise76marie@gmail.com).

Monna Kauppinen, our Vice President for Sales, responds to buyers, contacts artists when they have sales, arranges for delivery of art to buyers, and keeps records of sales, sales taxes, and artists' payments. Monna is looking for an apprentice. You can contact her at [mkpastel@hotmail.com](mailto:mkpastel@hotmail.com).

Mary Ann Lipovsky, our Vice President for Receptions/Art Critique, coordinates the reception committee for events at our venues and organizes the monthly art critiques. There are 20 to 25 receptions per year, and people are always needed to set up, greet attendees, and record visitors' information. If you'd like to help, contact Mary Ann at [artworksbymaryann@gmail.com](mailto:artworksbymaryann@gmail.com).

All members are invited to attend the art critiques. You can bring up to three works to discuss with fellow artists, or you can just bring yourself and join in giving feedback to others. Food and drink contributions are welcome. Critique announcement emails are sent to all HCAA members, providing date, time, and location.

Sally Ann Rogers, our Vice President for Facebook page and Open Studio Tour, posts information of installations, receptions, art events on HCAA Facebook page, Coordinates Open Studio Tour process with Brentwood Art Exchange. Members are encouraged to join our Facebook page (Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance) and are invited to post information on their own art shows and fairs, classes, and workshops. You can send links for posts to Sally Ann or by going to the HCAA website and clicking on the Facebook link.

Our Web-Master, Tom Lomacchio, and assistant Patti Doyen are looking for support in administering the website. Contact Tom at [t060866@yahoo.com](mailto:t060866@yahoo.com).

Nancy Sims coordinates the HCAA graphics team. They create fliers, posters, and postcards for HCAA exhibits, and take photos at our venues. Additional members are needed for the team. Contact Nancy at [ntrivah@aol.com](mailto:ntrivah@aol.com).

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Help is always needed at our venue installations. The Installation Team helps take down, hang, attach tags, and check paperwork for the art at each installation. The Scribe Team handwrites tags for extra works or works not preregistered. Members sometimes need help with hanging their solo wall at Prince George's Plaza Community Center. Emails are sent in advance of every installation giving themes, dates, and times, and asking for volunteers to help with the installation.

The Newsletter Team puts together the HCAA quarterly newsletter. We're always interested in ideas for articles, whether you're interested in writing an article or just have a suggestion. Anyone interested in doing graphics/layout would also be welcome. Contact Diane Elliott at [dmelliott7@comcast.net](mailto:dmelliott7@comcast.net).

If you have other ideas for member participation, let us know. The more our members participate, the more we can do to keep improving HCAA.

## **Art Critique Group**

**by Delia Mychajluk**

**Pierre-Antoine Goho, an HCAA member, provided the idea and impetus for the Art Critique Group. The group was started in 2012 and has been meeting almost monthly since its inception. Mary Ann Lipovsky, a Vice President for HCAA, has been an active supporter of the group and, like Mr. Goho, has frequently hosted the monthly gathering. Various other members have also hosted the event through the years.**

The Art Critique Group comprises HCAA artists as well as some regional artists who are not HCAA members. The group membership is somewhat fluid, with some members who attend regularly and others who attend sporadically. The Art Critique Group meetings are open to the public, and there are several regular non-artist visitors. There is communication through a dedicated Facebook site (Art Critique of DMV), where there is an opportunity to share art or provide information about upcoming events that may be of interest to the group.

Each artist participating in the group is asked to bring three pieces of art for each critique. Artists frequently describe the group as helpful, inspiring, and supportive. For long-standing group members, it's interesting to see the evolution of each artist's work over time. The Art Critique Group has exhibited at the Miriam Gallery in Decatur, Georgia, and, more recently, at Greenbelt Library. The exhibition at Greenbelt Library consisted of collaborative art pieces. As a group, regularly attending artists are currently working on collaborative pieces with the goal of an exhibition, possibly in May of 2018.

***Don't forget to pay your 2019 dues for HCAA: \$40, payable with PayPal via the HCAA website ([hcaaconline.org](http://hcaaconline.org)) or by check to HCAA, PO Box 37, Hyattsville, MD, 20781.***

# "Winter Blues"

October 27, 2018 to January 26, 2019

**Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance**

**Reception**  
November 16, 2018 From 5 to 8pm.

Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits and Bistro  
11011 Baltimore Ave.  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Contact: Denise@301-699-1148 www.hcaaonline.org

Treasurer Richard Brown reports that HCAA sales at our venues, along with a few sales via our website, total \$4719.00 so far this year. It pays to exhibit! And keep your HCAA profile current, with photos of available works for sale. Go to the HCAA website and check the tutorials under Our Members for instructions on maintaining your profile.

We are making plans for another Black History Month Exhibit at Prince George's Plaza Community Center, to be installed on January 5. The reception date will be February 9, 1-3 PM. Get inspired, and plan to contribute a work to this (may become annual?) show.

The annual HCAA meeting will be Sunday, January 20, 2-4 PM. Mark your calendars!

# "Warm Feelings"

October 27, 2018 to January 26, 2019

**Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance**

Doctor's Community Hospital  
8118 Good Luck Road,  
Lanham MD 2070

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## UPCOMING HCAA EVENTS - 2017 - Jan. 2018

Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check the HCAA website

Event Date (Time)	Location	Event Type	Exhibit Theme or Solo Wall Artist	End Date
Nov 3 (9 am)	Franklin's Restaurant	Installation	"Inventive Spirits"	Jan 5
Nov 3 (9:30 am)	Fleishers Jewelry	Installation	"Artistic Gems"	Jan 5
Nov 3 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	"Texture"	Jan 5
Nov 3 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall: Christine Wilkin	Dec 1
Nov 11 (2-4)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall: Christine Wilkin	
Nov 16 (5-8)	Old Line Fine Wine	Reception	"Winter Blues"	
Nov 18 (3-5)	Franklin's Restaurant	Reception	"Inventive Spirits"	
Nov 24 (5-8)	See HCAA website for details	Art Critique		
Dec 1 (10-5)	Greenbelt Festival of Lights			
Dec 2 (10-4)	Greenbelt Festival of Lights			
Dec 9 (2-4)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall and "Texture"	
Dec 15 (12-8)	Riverdale Park Fest of Lights			
Dec 29 (5-8)	See HCAA website for details	Art Critique		

The Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance Presents:

### Grief and Acceptance artwork by Chrissy Wilkin

at the Prince George's Plaza Community Center  
6600 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782

November 3 - November 30

**Reception November 11, 2018  
2-4 pm**



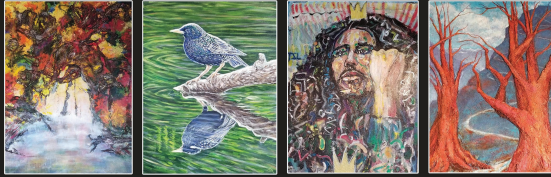
Mark your calendar to join HCAA members for our November and December receptions: November 11 at Prince George's Plaza Community Center for Christine Wilkins' solo wall, November 18 at Franklin's Restaurant for "Inventive Spirits," and December 9 at Prince George's Plaza Community Center for Constance Haaser's solo wall and the "Texture" exhibit.

for more information contact  
[www.hcaonline.org](http://www.hcaonline.org)



# "Inventive Spirits"

November 3 - January 5, 2019



Hyattsville  
Community  
Arts  
Alliance

Reception  
November 18, 2018  
from 3 - 5 pm

at Franklins Restaurant and Brewery  
5121 Baltimore Ave. Hyattsville, MD 20781



for info. contact: Denise @ 301-699-1148 [www.hcaaonline.org](http://www.hcaaonline.org)



# "Texture"

November 3 to January 5, 2019



Hyattsville  
Community  
Arts  
Alliance

Reception  
December 9, 2018  
From 2 to 4 pm

Prince George's Plaza Community Center  
6600 Adelphi Road Hyattsville MD 20782

Contact: Denise @ 301-699-1148 [www.hcaaonline.org](http://www.hcaaonline.org)



Art enables us to find ourselves and  
lose ourselves at the same time.

Thomas Merton

# "Artistic Gems"



Hyattsville  
Community  
Arts  
Alliance

November 3 to  
January 5, 2019

At Fleisher's Jewelers  
5200 Baltimore Ave.  
Hyattsville, MD 20781



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Art, freedom and creativity will  
change society faster than politics.

Victor Pinchuk

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Bladensburg\_Waterfront\_Park.htm*

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*franklinsbrewery.com*

**NBC Studios Asman Gallery**

**Community Forklift First Fridays**  
*CommunityForklift.org*

**Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro** *oldlinewine.com*

**Doctors Community Hospital** *dchweb.org*

**Prince George's Plaza Community Center**  
*Pgparcs.com*

**Fleisher's Jewelers** *fleishersjewelers.com*

**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**  
*wsscwater.com*

### **EVENT ADDRESSES:**

- Community Forklift 4671 Tanglewood Dr., Edmonston, MD 20781.....301-985-5180
- Doctors Community Hospital 8118 Good Luck Rd, Lanham, MD 20706 .....301-552-8118
- Fleisher's Jewelers 5200 Baltimore Ave, Ste. 103, Hyattsville, MD 20781.....301-699-5553
- Franklins Restaurant & Brewery 5123 Baltimore Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20781.....301-927-2740
- NBC Studios Asman Gallery 4001 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016 .....202-885-4000
- Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro 11011 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705.....301-937-5999
- PG Plaza Community Center 6600 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782 ..... 301-454-1400
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