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An Artist's Perspective - Richard Brown

Richard Brown – Wood Sculptor and Silversmith

Richard Brown became interested in sculpture as a teenager, when his parents entertained guests from Japan, who brought with them small Japanese wooden figures. He was intrigued, tried his hand at carving, and still owns the four inch Oriental Mandarin figure he carved at that time. Around the same time a friend who was a silversmith gave him a propane torch and a chunk of silver and said “see what you can make with this.” He made a ring. These early artistic efforts spurred a lifelong passion for creating sculpture and jewelry.

Today Richard sculpts larger works in wood and particularly likes working with black walnut, a very hard, tight-grained wood. His most cherished subject is hands. He also works with wood in carpentry projects and recently built a boat, an eight-foot dinghy.

As a silversmith, he designs and casts sterling silver jewelry, and here his carving skills play a role. Each piece of jewelry he makes is first carved from a very hard wax which is then used as the pattern for the piece. He likes to incorporate images from nature and elements of Celtic design. His jewelry features stones such as lapis, tiger eye, tiger eye, onyx, cornelian, jade, and malachite. He is currently exploring antique bronze casting and creating copper bracelets. His jewelry is consigned at Fleischer’s Jewelers.



Where there is art, there is love.

Richard is married to Denise Brown, president of the HCAA. His wood-working skills came in handy when he built her a custom easel for her painting and an art studio in their backyard. At first, they shared the studio, but he later added an addition for himself. Both artists often work at the same time, playing classical music as they work.

In his day job, Richard works part-time as a boat captain on the Anacostia river for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). And as a history buff who has expertise in the War of 1812, he volunteers as a docent for the Battle of Bladensburg Visitor Center.





Nonprofit seeks Artist Volunteers

Today, the nonprofit organization *Sunrise* is one of the largest, private not-for-profit organizations in the country dedicated to serving the needs of people with intellectual and physical challenges.

What do Artists Say?

*"Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist after he
grows up."*

Pablo Picasso

Recently, *Sunrise* contacted HCAA. They have a large building in Lanham that has some space available. *Sunrise* is seeking partners who would be willing to share their talents from time to time, educating and sharing their talents with individuals at the Lanham location. There may be an opportunity to share our space, pay a nominal fee, and *Sunrise* would gladly welcome artists who would volunteer their talents.

For further information or to provide assistance, please contact Norma Israel via [703.673.8329](tel:703.673.8329) or email nisrael@sunrisegroup.org.



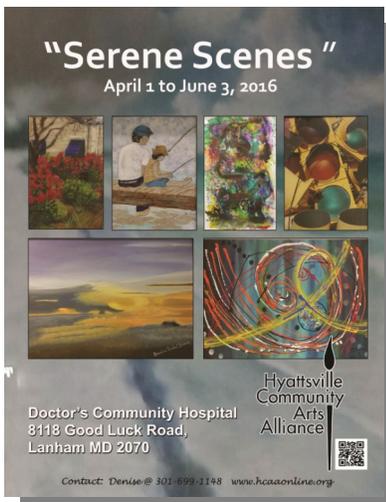
Artists Teaching On the Web

HCAA member Sue Yarvin studied watercolor under Deborah Ellis at the Art League of Alexandria. To help herself and fellow classmates remember each lesson, Sue started recording classes with her phone, and with Ms. Ellis' permission, posted the resulting short films on **Youtube**. Since then, Ms. Ellis' **free watercolor instructional films** have gained followers around the globe!

Visit <https://youtu.be/3ZPA1PvFNbw>

If you have done something similar and would like to share the link via the HCAA website, please contact webmaster Tom LoMacchio at

Webmaster@HCAAOnline.org



HCAA Website: Enhanced Member Privileges

On February 14, 2017 Webmaster Tom LoMacchio announced an increase in the number of art images each of our 2017 dues paid members will now be able to display on the HCAA website **from 6 to 25**. HCAA members are asked to submit 6 new images at a time.

For the first time ever HCAA is going to permit those dues paid members who may not yet be ready to submit complete profile information the option of having images displayed in our Image Gallery. Members who do not yet have a profile on the HCAA website are encouraged to submit an Artist's statement, an initial six images, and a link to your art as shown on another website or Facebook.

Exhibit Sponsor Showcase

ROBERT HARPER BOOKS

A good venue for selling original artwork is Robert Harper Books, located in Riverdale Park. The cozy, friendly, used bookstore opened about a year ago in “brick and mortar” format after several years selling books online. Bob Harper, who owns the business, had always planned to have exhibit space when he opened the store. He says “I like to have art on the walls, particularly from local artists.”



Customers can find books, music, and original art available for sale. The venue is best for smaller pieces of art, since the exhibit space is tucked in and around the bookshelves. Bob says that his customers like the art on the walls and often comment on how beautiful it is. He adds that having the art has been helpful for business. He personally enjoys working with HCAA and meeting new people.

Robert Harper Books also hosts community events, including poetry readings, book signings, storytelling, and live music by local musicians. There’s a variety of music on offer, including jazz and bluegrass. Events at Robert Harper books are featured in the Local Living section of the *Washington Post*. Or, for news and events, you can always check out – and of course - “Like” - the Robert Harper Books Facebook page online. The store accepts both book donations and book consignments.



OLD LINE FINE WINE, SPIRITS & BISTRO

Larry Pendleton IV opened Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits and Bistro in 2012. Larry had seen other venues partner with art groups to display locally-done artwork. After discussing the concept with Denise-Marie Brown, President of the HCAA, a new HCAA venue was soon established.

To help HCAA better exhibit artwork, Larry installed a Walker Wall Hanging System. (walkerdisplay.com) With the 2017 expansion of the Bistro, HCAA has returned the favor by investing in a second Walker Wall Hanging System, offering HCAA members additional exhibit space next to the Bistro. Customers often comment on how much they enjoy seeing original artwork on display and for sale, and Larry, his co-manager, Larry Pendleton V, and staff enjoy the rotation of new artwork throughout the year. Larry is especially proud to be supporting local artists, as a way to give back to the community, while creating a unique aesthetic for those visiting Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits and Bistro.

Local reviewers, especially those knowledgeable about craft beer, appreciate the convenience of a restaurant with Sunday brunch, bar and wine/beer/liquor store in one location.

Visit their website or Facebook page for free wine-tasting dates and special events.



Passageway Studio Artists

Marie Crow

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Ric Garcia

ricgarciastudio.com

Deborah Hoeper

hoeperart.com

Stevie O'Grady

passagewaysstudio.com

Marla McLean

marlamclean.com

Delia Mychajluk

HCAAonline.org

Ronnie Spiewak

ronniespiewak.com

George Tuggle, Jr.

georgetuggle.com

Dick Youniss

passagewaysstudio.com

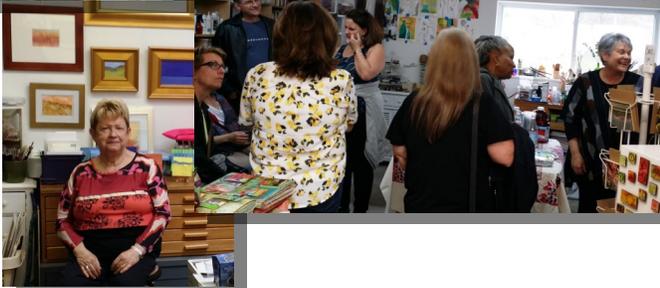
PASSAGEWAYS ART STUDIOS

Formed in 1991 as a cooperative, Passageways Artists' Studios is the artistic home of ten artists working in a variety of media, including but not limited to, oil, pastels, stained glass, sculpture, watercolor, acrylic and mixed media. Four HCAA members have studios at Passageways : Artemis O'Connor, Stevie O'Grady, Delia Mychajluk, and Marie Crow. George Tuggle and Ric Garcia are former members.

As described by Christina Scheltema for *East City Art* in 2015, Passageways is "hidden away – above the Eastpines Center on Riverdale Road" and after climbing the black metal staircase to the entrance, "the light ...streaming through the skylight ... was simply magical."

Deborah Hoeper, one of three remaining founding artists (along with Dick Youniss and Stevie O'Grady), explained that the space was originally slated for a local store, and that Pyramid Atlantic was located on the lower level. Deborah said that member artists can access the studios 24x7 and are frequent customers of the neighboring Pizza Oven.

During the April 1, 2017 Open Studio at Passageways, the artists were glad to discuss their work and eager to talk about the rarity and importance of this type of studio space. Stevie O'Grady has always loved the space, and looks forward to working each day in the studio. HCAA member, and newest artist at Passageways, Ric Garcia, finds Passageways conducive to his art, the other artists very supportive and always a great resource. Marla Mclean, past resident artist at Greenbelt Community Center, has found her nearly six years at Passageways inspirational. Her art is ecologically-minded, focused on ancient art, art "made out of obsession," cultural transformation and "the stories beneath" cultures. George Tuggle, an illustrator and computer graphic artist by day and Passageways artist in the evenings and on weekends, enjoys the comraderie and shared purpose found at Passageways. Artemis O'Connor, another relatively new artist at Passageways, was beaming while discussing her artwork, surrounded by friends and neighbors during the Open House. There is very understandably a wait list for studio space at Passageways!



UPCOMING HCAA EVENTS—2017

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
Apr 29 (9a)	Robert Harper Books	Installation	“New Editions”	Aug 19
Apr 29 (5-8p)	<i>See HCAA website for details</i>	Art Critique		
May 5 (6-8p)	Community Forklift	First Fridays	Exhibit/Craft Fair <i>See HCAA website for details</i>	
May 6	Franklin’s	Installation	“Kaleidoscope”	July 8
May 6	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	“Women’s Intuition”	July 8
May 6	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall Artist TBD	July 8
May 20 (1-3p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	“Women’s Intuition”	
June 3	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall Artist TBD	Jul 1
June 9 (7-9p)	Robert Harper Books	Reception	“New Edition”	
June 17 (1-3p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall	
June 24 (9a)	Robert Harper Books	Installation	“Time & Space”	Aug 19
Jul 1	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall Artist TBD	Sep 2
Jul 17 (9a)	Community Forklift	First Fridays	Exhibit/Craft Fair <i>See HCAA website for details</i>	
Jul 8 (9a)	Franklin’s	Installation	“Fantasy”	Sep 16
July 8 (10:30a)	Fleishers Jewelry	Installation	“Reflections”	Sep 16
Jul 8 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	“Local Living”	Sep 16
Jul 16 (2-4p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall	
Jul 19 (10:30a)	Galaxy Homes	Installation	“Over the Blue Sofa”	Sep 20

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Bladensburg Waterfront Park

*outdoors.pgparcs.com/Sites/
Bladensburg_Waterfront_Park.htm*

Community Forklift First Fridays

CommunityForklift.org

Doctors Community Hospital *dchweb.org*

Fleisher's Jewelers *fleishersjewelers.com*

Franklins Restaurant and Brewery *franklinsbrewery.com*

Galaxy Homes *galaxyhomesinc@outlook.com*

NBC Studios Asman Gallery

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

Prince George's Plaza Community Center

Pgparcs.com

Robert Harper Books - *robertharperbooks.com*

EVENT ADDRESSES:

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Doctors Community Hospital 8118 Good Luck Rd, Lanham, MD 20706301-552-8118
Fleisher's Jewelers 5200 Baltimore Ave, Ste. 103, Hyattsville, MD 20781.....301-699-5553
Franklins 5123 Baltimore Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20781301-927-2740
Galaxy Homes 4214 Gallatin St, Hyattsville MD 20781202-831-0571
NBC Studios Asman Gallery 4001 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016202-885-4000
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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