

35 YEARS OF ART

1986 - 2021



In 1986, the dream of creating a dedicated visual arts center in Frederick was realized with the founding of The Delaplaine Arts Center by a group of local artists and arts enthusiasts. That dream found a home when the historic Mountain City Mills building in downtown was donated by the Delaplaine and Randall families to the City of Frederick for use as a visual arts center. From that beginning, the Delaplaine has grown with the community, each year increasing its service to residents of and visitors to the region. Now, more than 80,000 people enjoy more than 50 exhibitions, 250 classes, and dozens of public programs in a typical year. Even during the past year, the Delaplaine's programs have continued to expand online through Virtual Delaplaine.

This spring, the Delaplaine celebrates three-and-a-half decades of bringing the visual arts to the Frederick region. We asked a few friends to share how the Delaplaine has impacted them and the community over the years.

"The Delaplaine plays such a pivotal role in the vitality of Frederick, providing a venue for artists to show their work, encouraging dialogue with the community, sharing diverse cultural experiences, and promoting arts education and outreach. The center also stimulates economic growth and is one of the key factors in making the city such a great place to live." –**Lesa Cook**, *artist and long-time Delaplaine instructor*

"Entering its 35th year of operation, The Delaplaine Arts Center is clearly the cornerstone of Frederick's arts community. It serves as a hub and hallmark of art for all ages. Beyond its exhibition galleries that consistently display manifold genres, mediums, and diverse artistic excellence, it is a premier arts education facility, offering classes for children, teens, seniors, and everyone in between. The Delaplaine is a place for all seasons of life; a sanctuary of creativity, expression, and reflection. ... Cheers to 35 years and to all that is yet to come at the Delaplaine!" –**Marlene Young**, *President, Delaplaine Foundation, Inc., and personal supporter*

"The Delaplaine has been an incredible resource for us. From the art classes for those recently out of jail or prison and their children, to the art kits they put together for us to give away at our sharing fairs, to program scholarships, we have been blessed. Our participants feel so valued thanks to the Delaplaine and its efforts to bring art to everyone." –**Shari Ostrow Scher**, *Executive Director, Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, a Delaplaine Community Outreach partner organization*

"For the past 25 years, The Delaplaine Arts Center has given me many opportunities to follow my passion, to serve my local arts community, and to just have fun! I am thrilled to have been part of the arts center's growth as it received accreditation in the national Standards for Excellence program while providing art education and instruction to the general public, seniors, and those with special needs. It has also provided much-needed stress relief from the current pandemic, with its incredible online offerings—kudos!" –**Dottie Van Steinburg**, *Delaplaine Board of Trustees member*

You can read more recollections and testimonies on our Facebook page @delaplaine.arts throughout April. Now is the perfect time to follow us on social media!

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Delaplaine's galleries, take a class, or attend a program recently, don't wait another 35 years. YOUR community arts center is waiting for you, because *everyone deserves art!*

