



The Harford Artists' Association, Inc.
37 N. Main Street, Suite 104
Bel Air, MD 21014
www.artinharford.org

May 14, 2020

Dear Members,

"Effective Friday, May 15, at 5:00 pm, Maryland will move from a Stay at Home order to a Safer at Home public health advisory. Governor Hogan announced that retail stores may reopen at up to 50 percent capacity, with curbside pickup and delivery strongly encouraged, and all public health precautions in place. Examples of businesses that may reopen include. . . **art galleries** and bookstores. While lifting the stay-at-home order and gradually moving into Stage One of our recovery is a positive step forward, ***it does not mean that we are safe or that this crisis is over.***"

Using the Governor's and CDC's guidelines for safely reopening businesses, ***Harford Artists' Gallery will be reopening on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 from 10:00 am. until 5:00 pm.***

Many things have changed over the course of the last two months, and while Stage One of Governor Hogan's "Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery" is allowing us to open some retail businesses such as the Gallery, there will still be guidelines in place that HAA will be implementing. We will be adhering to recommended best practices that ensure the safety of our visitors and members alike.

1. We will be maintaining the guidelines of limiting the number of people in the Gallery to a maximum of ten people at a time.
2. Anyone entering the Gallery, including staff, will be required to wear a face mask.
3. We will be reminding visitors to the Gallery that they need to maintain physical distancing between individuals (6 feet).
4. We will ensure that the Gallery is routinely cleaned using CDC recommended disinfectants.
5. While the weather permits, the front doors of the Gallery will be propped open so that not only do we have fresh air in the Gallery, but no one has to touch door handles.
6. Signs will be placed asking visitors to refrain from touching any of the surfaces or artwork and that all purchases be handled by staff only.
7. While we will not have "one way" traffic flow, we again remind all visitors to maintain physical distancing.

We at Harford Artists' Association are very excited to once again be able to share with you our members incredible talent and beautiful art. At the same time, we realize that the path ahead is in no way clear. We take Governor Hogan's words very seriously: "While our recovery is a positive step forward, ***it does not mean that we are safe or that this crisis is over.***" We will be moving forward very cautiously and do not have definitively set hours or even days of operation! We would like to say that we will be open for the rest of the month, possibly with more limited hours than we had in the past, but we just are not sure! We will be keeping you informed as we move forward in the safest possible manner.

We hope that you feel comfortable and safe venturing out and that you find that one of the safest places to go will be our Gallery. We hope to see you over the weekend or in the near future. If you choose the "Safer to Stay Home" advisory, we understand and hope that you stay well. We'll still be here when you feel comfortable resuming a more normal lifestyle!

Stay well!
HAA Board of Directors