



**MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER**  
**MCAC** Smallwood State Park  
Marbury, Maryland

January 31, 2022

Greetings MCAC Members,

We have a full schedule of shows, events and classes planned for 2022 at MCAC.

It has certainly been a challenge the last 2 years working around covid protocols and reduced funding. We have not been able to hold our main fundraisers during that time and will not be able to this year. But thanks to the generosity of you, our members, plus a few outside organizations, sponsors, and grants, we were able to make it through bruised, but intact. Thanks to our grant writer Emily Ferren, and members of that team, we received several grants last year. Janet Pflaum, our fundraising chairperson, organized and managed a 5K run/walk for a secondary fundraiser.

MCAC currently has 151 members. Forty-two artists sold art, in the gift shop and/or shows last year, netting \$9,760 to the artists and \$3,990 to the center.

We have just finalized a follow-on lease agreement with DNR for another 10 years.

Our volunteer docents have made it possible for the center to stay open. Without you, the center would have no choice but to close. Many thanks for your time and effort.

The Artist Advisory Committee (AAC) lead by chair Jo Ann Gilhooly, has done an outstanding job of programming events & shows and performed the hands-on work to make them happen, while adhering to CDC and DNR protocols.

**\*\*\* The annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn.  
Please save the date and try to attend and help us move forward.**

**MCAC is your organization.** We are just the current caretakers. You are the ones that decide if it continues to exist. You can help to do that by participating in the shows, attending receptions, helping to get more artists involved, and joining the current volunteers in maintaining and running the center. Renewing your membership in a timely manner and of course financial donations when you can, especially now that we can't have our main fundraiser that pays for operations and upkeep, is desperately needed. We are looking at smaller fundraisers that are more doable to supplement the loss of the main one and we can use your help with this.

**If you order on Amazon, please use [SMILE.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose Mattawoman Creek Art Center.** We will automatically receive a percentage of your purchase price as a donation from Amazon.

**Volunteer help is urgently needed in the following areas:** Artist Advisory Committee, Board of Directors, facilities, acquiring sponsorship, advertising and marketing. Other current committee chairs need help in the areas of membership, fundraising, grant identification and writing, workshops and classes. **To help, please contact the office coordinator at 301-743-5159 or [MattawomanArt@aol.com](mailto:MattawomanArt@aol.com)**

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