



## The Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Annual Community Art Show and Sale

*Volunteering in our Community for Over 100 Years*

July 7, 2020

To the Artists of the WCCC 2020 Community Art Show and Sale:

I am writing to you today to let you know of our decision to cancel our annual Community Art Show and Sale, originally scheduled for April 3-5, 2020 and rescheduled for October 16-18, 2020. We are disappointed, of course. We all value the show and are committed to this important community service effort.

Several factors played a role in our decision to cancel the October show:

- The accommodations that would be necessary in order to adhere to the county and state guidelines regarding social distancing and the size of gatherings;
- The challenge of enlisting an adequate number of volunteers for the show;
- The health risk to volunteers, artists, and the public;
- The unpredictability of our public health situation and the possibility of further restrictions on public gatherings.

We're sure you have many questions related to the show. Below is some basic information that we hope will answer most if not all of those questions:

### **1. Plans for a future community art show and sale:**

Our next annual art show is on the calendar for April 9-11, 2021. We are going ahead with plans for that show and hope to use the format we have used in recent years. That, of course, will be determined by public health concerns as we approach the show date.

### **2. Options for artists:**

**a. Transfer registration to April 2021 show.** Artists signed up for the October show may transfer their registration to the April 2021 show. Transferring your current registration entitles you to the same number of entries. Your works can have new titles and be in new categories but the category limits will still apply.

**b. Request a refund of fees paid for registration.** Artists can request a refund of the registration fees they have already paid.

**c. Request a refund of a patron contribution.** Some artists also made patron contributions at the time of their registration. The patron contributions have already been given to Montgomery College; please take this into account as you consider requesting a refund of a patron contribution. However, we will honor the requests of artists who ask for a refund that includes their patron contribution.

**3. Transferring your registration for the April 2021 show:**

If you choose to transfer your registration to the April 2021 show, the only thing you need to do is notify us by email or snail mail no later than Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

**4. Withdrawing from the April show now but choosing later to participate:**

If you withdraw from the show and request a refund, you will still be eligible to register for the April show when the Call for Entries is circulated in late January 2021. However, the show will still be limited to 450 entries, including the works of artists who transfer their registration now. We cannot predict how many spaces will be open when the Call goes out.

**5. Details about requesting a refund:**

We will begin issuing refunds within the next week. We can issue you a refund via check or using Paypal or Venmo. We would prefer to issue payment by Venmo or Paypal; please send us your Venmo ID or the email address for your Paypal account. Artists who do not have Venmo or Paypal will be paid by check sent by US Mail. We will use the address on the registration form; please notify us if you've had a change of address.

Please consider donating your registration fee to the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Art Show. We have incurred expenses for this cancelled show and anticipate increased expenses for marketing and publicity for future shows. We will use funds wisely!

**6. What artists must do now:**

1. Notify Betsy Sanford to transfer your registration or withdraw it. **You must notify us of your intention to participate in the April 2021 show no later than Tuesday, July 14.**

**Email:** [info@wccmaryland.org](mailto:info@wccmaryland.org)

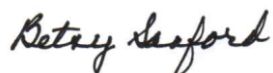
**U S. Mail:** Betsy Sanford  
WCCC Art Show and Sale  
7931 Connecticut Ave.  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

2. If you are requesting a refund and have a Venmo or Paypal account, send me your Venmo or PayPal ID so that we can issue your refund via Venmo or PayPal.

3. If you are requesting a refund and the fees you paid included a patron donation, please specify if you want the patron portion refunded. Unless you specify otherwise, we will not include that amount in the refund.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our show! Please email me with questions, once you have had a chance to reflect on the information in this letter.

Sincerely,



Betsy Sanford, Chair  
45<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman's Club of Chevy Chase  
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