



Art Opportunity in the Community!!!!



MARYLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

HARFORD PLEIN AIR

Quick Draw Competition on Saturday, September 29th, Office Street, Town of Bel Air, 8 am-1 pm

Welcome Back Parents,

I am writing to extend an opportunity for your young aspiring artist. September 24-29, 2018, the Maryland Center for the Arts is sponsoring *Harford Plein Air*, a competitive outdoor painting festival for local artists, as well as artists from all over the country. Painting "en plein air" (French expression for "in the open air") is the art of painting outdoors. As part of this festival, they are having a **Quick Draw Competition on Saturday, September 29th** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Town of Bel Air. Young artists will have the opportunity to "Brush Elbows" with master artists through a partnership with Harford Artists and compete for prizes- even sell their work- by painting scenes of downtown Bel Air! This event is open to all ages and abilities! Paint alongside the competition artists or just watch them compete in this 2-hour timed contest. Registration is from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Office Street in downtown Bel Air **(or on-line at mdcfa.org)**. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for artists 17 years of age and under. The competitive painting time period is from 9-11 am, followed by a time for judging and awards. Awards will be presented by Quick Draw Judge, Rita Curtis, in Youth, Adult, and Juried Artist Categories. So, bring your art supplies, canvas/paper, and join the fun! Any art supplies will work- watercolor, pastels, paint, etc.- whatever art materials your young artist prefers to work with. A pop-up gallery is held at the Armory showing the paintings of the Competition artists created over the weeklong festival- be sure to check it out from 9 am- 5 pm too!

We hope to see you at the event and thank you for nurturing your child's creative spirit!

This event is not sponsored or in any way associated with Harford County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Jen Byrne, Artist, Art Educator for HCPS,

and Volunteer for Harford Plein Air