



2024

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
ART MONTH COMMUNITY PROJECT

ART EXCHANGE BOX

"Bringing individuals and community partners together through collaborative art!"



What is an ART Exchange Box?

Art Exchange Boxes provide a wonderful opportunity for community engagement and creativity -- where community members can "take art and leave art" or art supplies for future creativity in a interactive community location where all have access to create and enjoy art. Chesapeake Arts Center (CAC) is constructing 8 Art Exchange Boxes to be placed at locations in West and North Anne Arundel County during Anne Arundel **ARTS MONTH** (June). With the help of the community members, CAC will fill all the boxes with artwork and art supplies. CAC is seeking to put Art Exchange Boxes in Glen Burnie, Pasadena, Odenton, Linthicum, Brooklyn Park, Severn, Crofton and Severna Park.

What is the timeline for this project?

- May 1 - May 15: Art Exchange Boxes will be built by community partners at CAC's Michael Stanley MakerSpace.
- May 20-June 13: Community members paint Art Exchange Boxes at CAC's MakerSpace.
- June 15-June 21: Art Exchange Boxes will be on display at CAC for viewing.
- June 15-June 21: Community members will create art projects at CAC and other community locations to fill the boxes with artwork.
- June 24-27: Art Exchange Boxes and art starter kits (art materials) will be delivered to locations around North and West County.

FAQ'S:

- If you would like to apply to have one at your business/organization, we suggest locating it outside and accessible to the public. They will be weather-sealed. Your organization will be responsible for contacting 811 to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig and put the box in to the ground.
- CAC will supply artwork and art supplies in each Art Exchange Box when they are delivered to a site. Artwork and art supplies in each of the Art Exchange Boxes are free for the public to take. We ask community members to replenish the Boxes with new artworks and new supplies.
- The Boxes will have a standard design but your organization can provide input on the Box's exterior colors. The Boxes will look fun, artistic, and creative! Each Box will have a plaque with an organization's name and may also have a sponsor plaque.
- CAC will display a map with the locations on our website where people can locate where the boxes will be located.

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How can your organization get involved?

If your organization is located in Anne Arundel County and is interested in taking part in **ARTS MONTH** activities this June, consider being part of one or more of the collaborative projects around CAC's Art Exchange Box Project!

1: How can I have an Art Exchange Box?

If your business or organization is located in West or North Anne Arundel County and would like to host an Art Exchange Box at your site, please contact **Nicole Caracia** at Ncaracia@chesapeakearts.org by **May 15, 2024**. CAC plans to produce 8 boxes exclusively during June (Arts Month), with aspirations to create more boxes in the future. Each business location is eligible to apply for one box at no cost. These Boxes must be accessible to the public, preferably without the need for a permit. Should your location necessitate a permit, the responsibility lies with the business to secure the required documentation.

2: How can we help make an Art Exchange Box?

Join us in contributing to this community project as part of **ARTS MONTH** by collaborating with your team to construct an Art Exchange Box at the CAC MakerSpace. Even if you are not hosting an Art Exchange Box at your location, you can still participate in constructing an Art Box in our MakerSpace with a group from your business, organization, or community. Our MakerSpace can accommodate up to 9 people at one time to work on assembling an Art Exchange Box. Review the schedule on our website and reserve a date and time with your team by contacting CAC!

3: How can we help paint an Art Exchange Box?

In addition to helping construct/assemble Art Boxes, we also have opportunities to paint art Boxes. CAC will pair your group with a local artist to help you paint a creative, eye-catching Art Box. Please reach out and we will schedule a date for your team to paint an Art Box at CAC. We can accommodate up to 10 team members for painting projects. They will be scheduled between May 20th and June 13th, 2024.

4: How can my organization collaborate to create artwork for the Art Box?

Artwork plays a significant role in this project. To celebrate **Art Week** in North County from June 15 to June 21, we will be organizing pop-up workshops at CAC and other locations in West and North County for kids, families, adults, and community groups to create artwork (and assemble art supply kits) for the 8 Art Boxes. When we deliver each Art Exchange Box to locations around the County, they will be filled with both artwork and art supplies. If your location is interested in hosting a pop-up workshop led by CAC, please contact us to schedule one.

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