

FESTIVAL OF ART ANNUAL REPORT

The 16th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ART was held June 7 thru June 10 2018. Opening night was very well attended, with the Belfast Bay Fiddlers opening the show with their lively music in a parade from Corridor 1, thru the atrium to Corridor 2 and the large conference room. This is the fourth year of their participation in our opening night, at no cost to us, and we hope to continue that association. Instead of a wine bar, we invited Yunity Winery and Vineyards to offer a wine tasting this year which seemed to be very well received. They also found it to be a good experience and will be back next year. Our thanks to both for being a part of our event.

On Saturday afternoon, the film "I Know A Man.....Ashley Bryan" was shown, free of charge to us, and admission free to those who attended. This was a special collaboration between the Festival of Art and Richard Kane of Kane-Lewis Productions and the Ashley Bryan Center. The film was spectacular, and very well attended.

The committee opted to do something different this year especially for the artists. All participating artists were invited to a new program specifically designed to facilitate interaction, sociability, and communication between our participating artists. This was scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 1 pm, with light refreshments provided. Juliane Dow, John Economy and David Estey took leadership and planned the program. Comments at that time were enthusiastically positive about the program and many indicated they would like to see this done every year. Of 139 artists invited to the Sunday session, 50 participated.

As always, our thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful volunteers who welcomed our guests at the Greeter Table, walked the area as Security Guards, and provided all the delicious food at our opening night table. My heartfelt thanks go to Judith Long, John Economy, Dianne Horton, Ginny Yarnell, and Juliane Dow for the spectacular job they do on this Festival each year. Special thanks to David Estey, Committee retiree, who still freely offers support whenever asked.

Catherine Bradbury, Chair
Festival of Art Committee
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