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### **Allegany Arts Council to Kick Off Exhibitions with Public Opening April 30**

CUMBERLAND, MD—The Allegany Arts Council is pleased to announce two exhibitions which will be on display from April 30-May 21, 2022 in the Arts Council's Saville and Schwab Galleries. In the Saville Gallery, Jeff Bohlander's solo exhibition, "Reclaiming", will feature bold pieces that combine painting, collage, and assemblage with contemporary concepts. Always focused on experimenting and pushing his comfort zone, Bohlander's work is constructed in layer upon layer, starting with a wood, canvas or found surface. It is narrative in nature, initiating a dialogue with the viewer. Bohlander lives in Frederick, Maryland. His professional career has been broad reaching—from nationally recognized Illustrator, to prolific fine artist and respected art educator.

Also taking place April 30-May 21, a special membership exhibit of the Western Maryland Watercolor Society will be held in the Schwab Gallery. Entitled "Out of the Watercolor Box," the show will feature work by a variety of watercolor artists from throughout the region and highlight various techniques and subject matters. The Western Maryland Watercolor Society is a non-profit group providing a forum that allows water-based enthusiasts to share common interests and explore new directions in painting. The organization provides educational programs through workshops with award winning artists. Jeff Shoaf will serve as juror for this year's competition.

A public opening for both exhibitions and an awards presentation for the watercolor show will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 6:00PM-8:00PM. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

On Saturday, May 7, from 5:00PM-6:30PM, the Arts Council will host Two Artists Talking: An Evening with Jeff Bohlander. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception and move to an exploration of Bohlander's artistry and work contained in "Reclaiming". Bohlander will be joined by fellow artist, Steven Dobbins in this unique and exciting program. The event is free and open to the public.

Both exhibitions may be viewed online at [www.alleganyartscouncil.org](http://www.alleganyartscouncil.org) beginning April 30.

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