



HARMER'S TOWN ART CENTER

Havre de Grace, Maryland

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HARMER'S TOWN ART CENTER UNVEILS PLANS FOR UNIQUE INTERACTIVE ART EXPERIENCE AND FACILITY IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN HAVRE DE GRACE
Site Will Include Park, Studios, Galleries, Museum; Offer Public Workshops and Classes

(Havre de Grace, MD) - - Harmer's Town Art Center, Inc. has announced plans for a first-of-its-kind regional art facility, bringing together the arts, history, and community of Havre de Grace in a centralized location within the heart of the city's vibrant arts district.

Construction of the Center is just getting underway, but once open to the public, Harmer's Town Art Center will offer visitors an opportunity to peruse galleries, engage with artists, take classes, and use makerspace workshops to prepare their own creations. While at the Center, visitors may also tour a museum of Havre de Grace history, purchase artwork and souvenirs in a gift shop, and spend time in the Graw Alley mural park - all within eyeshot of historic downtown Havre de Grace and the top of Chesapeake Bay waterfront.

The property - which will be known as the Harmer's Town Art Center, an homage to the name given in the 1600s to the land that would one day become the City of Havre de Grace - consists of a forgotten alley and underused portions of an old commercial property. Through generous contributions of the property owner, local grants, private donations, and the effort of its nonprofit Board of Directors and volunteers, the Harmer's Town Art Center is beginning to take shape.

Graw Alley, the interactive art park component of Harmer's Town Art Center, is already under development with colorful murals painted on the walls of the future facility. Upon completion, Graw Alley will be a completely landscaped setting with paved pathways, artistic sculptures, outdoor seating and performance areas, and signage leading visitors on a tour of Havre de Grace history (well known, forgotten, and overlooked) as told through a series of vivid murals.

Within the visionary Harmer's Town Art Center complex, artists will be able to work in studio space visible and accessible to the public, which offers them the opportunity to engage with guests, hold lessons, and sell their work directly to visitors. Multi-purpose areas will be used for teaching larger classes or holding special events. Makerspace workshops will offer artists and hobbyists alike access to specialized equipment for woodworking, ceramics, and other fabrication crafts. Harmer's Town Art Center will also house several galleries to showcase art exhibits, a museum of historic Havre de Grace artifacts, and a shop in which visitors can purchase artwork and souvenirs and where artists can stock up on supplies.

With this announcement comes a direct appeal from Harmer's Town Art Center to the public in search of funding, donations, and other contributions to support the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Center and mural park, as well as forthcoming art classes, history lessons, and other special events. Harmer's Town Art Center, Inc. is a federally-recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and your contribution is a fully tax-deductible donation.

For more information about this project or to contribute to the effort, contact the Harmer's Town Art Center at info@harmerstown.org or visit our website at <http://www.harmerstown.org>.

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