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## **ART AT THE POINT – Sat. Sept 24, 2011 10 am to 5 pm**

Point of Rocks, MD

“**Art at The Point**” will delight all ages with both the beauty of the Potomac River and the C&O Canal National Historical Park and a nice variety of art – sculpture, painting, photographs, drawings, fabric, mixed media, jewelry, and wood.

Before the start of the Festival – “**Point of Rocks 5 & 10K Run**” will take place entirely on the C&O Canal National Historical Park’s scenic towpath. Entries are accepted to 8:30 am the same day, entry fee of \$25 will be payable directly to the Community Foundation of Frederick County, for the “C&O Canal Current Initiatives Fund.” Race will start at 9:00 am.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Art at The Point” Festival will open officially at 10 am**, but early arrivals will have the treat of having a traditional bluegrass jam starting before that in the **Mackintosh Realtors Music at The Point Tent**. **The Main Line Gravy Soppers and Old Time Frederick** traditional bluegrass acoustic musicians and singers will perform up until noon. During breaks, the groups will give introductory lessons or pointers for anyone who wants to touch and try the instruments in the Music at The Point tent.

Special performance by the **Skip Wizards** precision jump rope team will perform at 11:00 am, followed by an introductory clinic for anyone of any age who wants to learn of their movements.

On the **Rocky Point Creamery Stage** from Noon to 4 pm will be **Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band**. Traditional bluegrass and gospel music by a band that is so well known regionally, and Ernie Bradley who has national recognition, is a must-hear too. During breaks, Ernie and his band will also conduct **bluegrass workshops** for anyone wanting to try their hand or get some valuable pointers.

**28 visual and performing artists** will be participating and looking forward to sharing and selling their art.

In addition, **Tim Beachley** will be demonstrating his skilled metal art as a blacksmith, **Susan Hanson of Catocin Pottery** will be demonstrating clay throwing, and **Angel Rutsch** will be offering her custom decorated hoola hoops for fun and to get out and move for any age as part of the “**Rocka-Hoola-Hoops**.”

Children activities will be focused at the “**Rising Young Artists Studio**” tent, sponsored by **Canam Steel Corporation**. Various art experiences like rock painting, pinch pots, & leaf rubbings will be given during the day from 10 am to 3 pm. From Noon until 2 pm, a special **Group Mural** of a scene in Point of Rocks using found objects, will be created by children under age 18, later to be decoupage and permanently mounted on the wall of

the Point of Rocks Community Center with the names of the participating young artists. Nominal \$1 fee.

Any student who would like to display their own piece of art – is encouraged to bring to the tent for display.

For the kids – a photo opportunity - sticking their heads in the holes of original art created by POR Ruritan member **Larry Rucosky**.

Other groups exhibiting will be the **Friends of the Point of Rocks Library**, who will have a slide show and information inside the Masonic Lodge across the street, plus a 19<sup>th</sup> century living history character who will be roaming the grounds during the day.

**Point of Rocks Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts** will be having a tent to show their activities and talk to anyone who is interested in local scouting.

Special to the festival will be **Civil War Living History** – presented by the **Brady’s Michigan Sharpshooters** re-enactment group. Named in honor of frontier general Hugh Brady, whose sharpshooters formed in 1861 in Michigan with strict requirements. Today, Brady Sharpshooters participate in battle reenactments and living history throughout the eastern U.S. In addition to sharpshooting which will not be done this time, their knowledge enables them to make presentations on standard infantry tactics, roughing it, and even illustrating period paperwork and administration task side of the Civil War.

Net proceeds from this festival will benefit the Community Foundation of Frederick County – “**Point of Rocks Ruritan Community Service Fund**,” earmarked for future public art projects.

**Free parking** across the street, and **free admission** to the event. Food and bake goods will be available. **Bring your chairs** to enjoy the entertainment, but **please leave your dogs at home** this time. Train watching is so easy, a walk along the historic 19<sup>th</sup> century towpath, and visiting the 1870s Point of Rocks Train Station, all adjacent to the festival grounds.

Our thanks to the following major supporters and sponsors: **Canam Steel Corporation, Mackintosh Realtors, Crum, Inc., Fountainworks Studio**, and the **C&O Canal National Historical Park**. The event committee is also pleased to have been granted funds from the **Maryland State Arts Council – Art in Communities grant**.

Location: Point of Rocks Community Commons, 3726 Clay St., just off US Rt 15 at the Potomac River on to MD Rt. 28.

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