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Bringing together the art and nonprofit communities of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia

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## Art in Communities

The Art Connection in the Capital Region expands community access to art through donated original works of art. We do this by working with artists and art collectors who have works of art to donate and by matching the artworks to nonprofit community groups who need original art for their facilities.

Through these art donations and subsequent placements a love of art is nurtured—an art connection is made! By bringing art to more members of our community we hope to share the beauty, healing, creativity and inspiration that art brings to our lives.

The neighborhood sites eligible for art placements are 501(c)(3) nonprofit providers that serve community members directly, such as shelters, children's centers, treatment facilities and social services groups which do not have funding for art.

## The Concept

The Art Connection is based on an organization established in Boston in 1995 by Fay Chandler, a painter and sculptor working there since the early 1970s. As Fay considered what would happen to her unsold inventory of work, she became convinced that donating the work to public, charitable and educational organizations in the community that lacked funds to purchase art would be the best result.

Since then, the Boston group has placed more than 3,000 original works of art from over 180 artists and collectors in more than 230 nonprofit organizations throughout the Boston metropolitan area.

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. A copy of the current financial statement of The Art Connection in the Capital Region is available by writing to or calling its office, or upon written request from Office of Consumer Affairs, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Commonwealth of Virginia. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitations Act are available from Maryland Secretary of State, State House, Annapolis MD 21401.

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Zoe by Cynthia Stewart



## Bringing together the art and nonprofit communities of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia

**The Art Connection in the Capital Region**, serving the Washington/Baltimore/Northern Virginia area, is a volunteer group of artists and professionals affiliated with major museums, art schools, businesses and nonprofit agencies who came together to get this project off the ground. The Art Connection in the Capital Region is incorporated in the District of Columbia and registered in Maryland and Virginia. The IRS awarded 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status in 2005.

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**I do feel that my art "does its right work" when it is in a public space where many people can get nourishment from it. Since as artists we have gifts to give the world—the Art Connection is one good way to spread the wealth.**

Marilyn Banner, artist, on the placement of her artwork at Calvary Women's Services in Washington, DC

### Art Donations: Artists and Collectors

The Art Connection is a facilitator in the art donation process. Local artists and art collectors are the source of art donations. We do not own or store works of art; instead we have an image bank which holds visual and pertinent information about all works available for donation. The nonprofit agencies choose appropriate work from this image bank. Donations are made directly from the art donor to the nonprofit agency and become the permanent property of the agency.

### How to Become an Art Donor

If you, or someone you know, owns original works of art to donate, the process for becoming a donor is simple. Complete a brief informational form and donor agreement and send images of the artworks for donation to the Art Connection. We prefer digital images, but slides and high quality prints are acceptable.

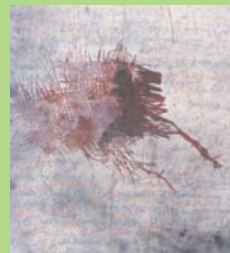
The Art Connection accepts only original works of art in all media including paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, multimedia and sculpture. Work can be framed or unframed.

For more information on art donations and nonprofit applications, please contact the Art Connection at 202-333-5154 or email [info@artconnection-cr.org](mailto:info@artconnection-cr.org)

Ego Velo 3 by Sasha Blanton



Abundance in the Sky by Marilyn Banner



Response to Walt Whitman by Rita Moscola

From right, Kris Thomson, executive director of Calvary Women's Services, Marilyn Banner, artist, and her husband at a celebration for the first placement of art donations through the Art Connection in Washington, DC.

The Art Connection thanks and appreciates donations from all participating artists and donors.

**When I walk into a room I've never been into, I look around and see what's in it. If there's lots of art, I feel wanted. If there isn't, I feel lonely.**

Boston 5th-grader on art placement in Boston nonprofit agency



### Bringing Original Art to Communities

The greater Baltimore/Washington, DC metropolitan region is home to legions of community nonprofit groups providing direct services to area residents. Many of these groups have few or no resources for purchasing art, specifically original works of art. Local nonprofit agencies that meet the Art Connection's guidelines can apply to receive art donations. Once the application is complete and processed the nonprofit applicant becomes actively involved in choosing art work that they will own and permanently display.

Staff and volunteers at the Art Connection work with each agency to provide practical advice and help ensure that the works chosen are appropriate for the location, facility and constituents and to help them understand and care for selected works. All donated works of art become the permanent property of the recipient nonprofit organization.

### How A Nonprofit Group Can Apply

If you are associated with a nonprofit group that provides direct services to people and communities, your agency may be eligible for art donations. The nonprofit group must:

- Be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization
- Provide direct services to the residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland or Northern Virginia
- Have space to place art in their facility that is accessible to the public
- Have no funds for in-house art purchases

A full list of our criteria and application are available upon request.

### How You Can Help

In addition to donating art, there are many ways you can help the Art Connection in the Capital Region

- Become a volunteer
- Send a contribution of funds
- Donate an original work of art
- Help spread the word—tell your friends about us
- Identify potential nonprofit agencies needing original art
- Donate equipment and supplies on our wish list

**Please contact us regarding how you might contribute your time and talents or donate art.**

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