



**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Amie Ware, Division Manager, Parks & Recreation
aware@purcellvilleva.gov; 540-751-2350

**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES QUILT
EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION**

PURCELLVILLE, VA, July 22, 2019—The Purcellville Arts Council is pleased to feature a quilt exhibit called “Under the Sea” at Town Hall. The exhibit features 10 artists including: Joyce L. Carrier, Kerry Faraone, Carolyn Perry Goins, Priscilla Godfrey, Renelda Peldunas-Harter, Marisela Rumberg, Barbara Ulrey Schafer, Cindy Sisler Simms, Mary Tims, and Pamela Traynham. The quilts will be on display in Purcellville’s Town Hall from July 1 through September 30, 2019. A Meet-The-Artist reception will take place at Town Hall (221 South Nursery Avenue) on Wednesday, July 24 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to join the Purcellville Arts Council for an evening of art, discussion, and light refreshments. The show may otherwise be seen during regular Town Hall office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except holidays). While there, visitors can also view the traditional quilts that are on display in Council Chambers courtesy of Priscilla Godfrey.

This exhibit is the Mason Dixon Quilt Professional Network’s 10th professional quilt challenge which was to make a continuous, no-binding quilt depicting the sea. The quilts show sunken treasure, large and small marine life, toxic sea vents, pollution, Jonah and the whale, mermaids, and a snorkeling granny. The Mason Dixon Quilt Professional Network is an organization that supports, promotes, and encourages quality professional quilt services and acts as a resource for members to market their talents. Members include quilt artists, teachers, designers, authors, judges, appraisers, hand/machine quilters, and notion/tool manufactures.

The first floor corridors of Town Hall have a gallery-caliber hanging system which creates and opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work. Art exhibitions in Town Hall ensure that all members of the public have access to art. The Purcellville Arts Council is accepting submissions for future shows. All artwork is decided upon for suitability by an outside jury. Please send inquiries to the Town of Purcellville, attention: Arts Council at arts@purcellvilleva.gov.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

###