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**PURCELLVILLE ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TOWN'S SECOND ANNUAL
PURCELLVILLE ARTISAN TOUR
NOVEMBER 2 & 3, 2019 FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM**

PURCELLVILLE, VA, October 28, 2019—Local artisans will put out the signature yellow welcome banners on Saturday, November 2 and Sunday, November 3, 2019 for the second annual Purcellville Artisan Tour. Members of the Loudoun County Artisan Trail who are located in Purcellville will open their studios, art-related venues, agri-artisan businesses as well as Points of Interest spots from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for demonstrations, tours, and pre-holiday sales. The Purcellville Arts Council will sponsor Trail member Alex Carr's art exhibition in Town Hall, a Point of Interest destination on the Loudoun County Artisan Trail. Town Hall will be open both days so that visitors may see the current art exhibition of Carr's 47 paintings as well as enjoy refreshments.

Visitors on the tour will find live music, special offers, art demonstrations, and artwork for sale. The Purcellville Train Station will also be open, hosting three guest artists (Anne Stine, Deb Morrow, and Angela Giraldi). Purcellville Artisan Tour maps and brochures will be available at all stops on this year's tour and at The Franklin Park Performing Arts Center. There are additional artisan sites on the tour including those that feature 2-D artwork, sculpture, jewelry and ceramics by artists Alice Power, Brian Kirk, Carmen Barros Howell, Dana B. Thompson, Geoff and Lori DeMark, DeSantis Designs, and Hunt Country Jewelers. New to the tour this year is the Purcellville Art Gallery as an artisan venue. In addition to all of the artwork, there are six agri-artisans that will feature lavender products, wool products, wine, beer and mead: Belly Love Brewing Co., Blooming Hill Lavender Farm, 868 Estate Vineyards, Old 690 Brewing Co., Dragon Hops Brewing, Shepherds Corner Farm, and Stone House Meadery.

The Loudoun County Artisan Trail officially launched in September 2017 with its slogan, Eat. Drink. Art. and with the release of the map featuring over 135 sites. Artisans Center of Virginia worked with a core group of Loudoun County art organizations, economic development committees and other art councils to form one of many connected trails throughout the state that feature artisans and oyster trails. Artists' studios, agri-artisan farms, breweries, wineries, restaurants, and points of interest are all located on the county-wide trail. This will be the second open door tour by Purcellville members of the Loudoun County Artisan Trail.

For more information, visit www.purcellvilleartisanatour.com, <http://artisantrailnetwork.org/index.php/trail/loudoun-county-artisan-trail>, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/purcellvilleartisanatour.

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.

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