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The Purcellville Arts Council Announces Artwork Exhibit by Mark V. Walker

Purcellville, VA, November 25, 2020—The Purcellville Arts Council is pleased to feature photography by Mark V. Walker through December 31, 2020 in Purcellville’s Town Hall. Meet the artist virtually with a video recording of an interview and discussion of the photographs that are on display at Purcellville Town Hall. Watch the interview online on the [Purcellville Arts Council](#) page of the Town website. The public is welcome to view the show during regular Town Hall office hours (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., except holidays). Face coverings are required to enter Town Hall.

Mark V. Walker is local fine art and commercial photographer specializing in landscape, architecture, and portraiture photography. The collection of twelve framed fine art photographs at Town Hall capture natural scenes and architectural subjects from the greater Washington D.C. region, including monuments on the National Mall, Great Falls Park, and Harpers Ferry. The exhibit highlights Walker’s unique artistic style, which produces vivid and organic images with striking contrast, pronounced geometry, and nuanced textures.

Walker’s early photography aimed to capture and reproduce the natural form and beauty in the world exactly as he observed it. Whether a Patagonian glacier field, an ancient Mayan ruin, a Moorish architectural design in Spain, or a Hawaiian coastline lava flow, Walker sought to share scenes from around the world using still imagery. As his artistic style evolved, it moved from reproductive to transformative, from a precise observation to a creative vision infused with candor, depth, and feeling.

His work has received recognition from nationally recognized periodicals, routinely showcases on corporate websites, and is on display in personal galleries from San Francisco to New York City. His images have recently featured in the Purcellville Art Gallery, and were selected as part of the 2020 Western Loudoun Artist Studio Tour. Walker is currently working on a photobook documenting of all the U.S. National Parks. He has visited 28 of the 61 parks, including Yellowstone, Death Valley, Yosemite, Carlsbad Caverns, and Redwood Forest, and he is looking forward to a journey to Alaska. Walker’s portfolio can be found on his website at www.markwalkerphotography.com.

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 ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. 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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