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*Photos: Postcard from Leigh Marget, back of LM postcard; postcard from Chery Dyer*

**SEND US YOUR POSTCARD!**

Let the future know what you experienced! Tell us how the coronavirus or recent protests and other events have affected your life. The Laurel Historical Society and the Laurel Arts Council have created The Postcard Project to document how the events of 2020 have affected people's lives. Send a postcard – or tell us. Responses will become part of the LHS' permanent collection and will be part of an online gallery.

You can make your own postcard or pick up a postcard in the Virtual Lobby at the Laurel Municipal Center on the Laurel Historical Society's display case. The Municipal Center is located at 8103 Sandy Spring Road. Postcards should be 4"x 6". See <https://pe.usps.com/businessmail101?ViewName=Cards> for specifications. Answer the following question and send it in! **How has your life been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and protests for racial justice?**

The LHS has already gotten responses, including Laurel artist Leigh Marget, who has sent postcards and who has been inspired by these times and send the LHS some of her images. Notes Ms. Marget "Since the pandemic, I have worked in my home studio every day. Stories on the news of racial tension & violence inspired me to create portraits of Americans - of all races. Americans are making the best of the new normal." See attached postcard images and some of her artworks

Please send the postcard to:  
The Laurel Museum  
817 Main Street  
Laurel, MD 20707

If you prefer not to mail the postcard, you may drop it through the Laurel Museum's mail slot (in the EXIT door) or leave it in the drop off boxes at the Laurel Armory Anderson & Murphy Community Center (422 Montgomery Street) or DiPietro Community Center (7091 Cypress Street.)

The City of Laurel Arts Council encourages and invests in the visual arts, performing arts, and arts education; coordinates the display of art in public places throughout the City; and works to create a vibrant arts community that enriches the quality of life for the residents of Laurel by promoting the arts and providing arts programming. The Laurel Arts Council is a volunteer committee established by the City of Laurel.

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The Laurel Historical Society preserves and promotes the history and cultural heritage of Laurel Maryland. Founded in 1975, it operates the Laurel Museum and has an extensive collection of Laurel related items in its collection, many of which can be viewed online, including its current exhibit: "Unpacking Laurel's Past: 150 Years on Display". The John Brennan Library is also available for researchers. The LHS is located at 817 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland. For current hours during the Covid-19 pandemic and for further information visit [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org) or contact [info@Laurelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@Laurelhistoricalsociety.org). ##