

Art in the Time of Covid

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Artists interpret the world, and right now it's a new and unfamiliar world we're living in. We're providing an opportunity for all of us to share our creative work inspired by this experience.

We are sending out periodic emails showcasing the covid-inspired work of Rappahannock artists and others in the community whose creativity has been stirred by these times.

The art takes different forms -- visual, written, video or audio -- but deals in some way with the new patterns of our everyday lives. If you would like to participate in this program or give us feedback, please contact newsletter@raac.org.

Ruthie Windsor-Mann



"For way over a year, I've wanted to develop a series of works in any medium based on anything inspired by the 12 acres on which I live. This work is about the land, nature, and the overall feeling that envelopes me as I work. COVID-19 has provided me the time to process it all and, for that, I am grateful."



"During COVID-19 I've finally established a page on my website called Twelve Acre Work and first up is a video I've made of photographs pertaining to what inspires my paintings."

Diane Gulick

"My covid-19 displaced daughter and her daughter take a break from telework and virtual learning to play hide-and-seek in an unfamiliar back yard.

My granddaughter hides under an umbrella.

She whispers to her mother not to worry that she is gone.

She juts out her little leg to reassure."



"The idea for my pandemic project came to me as I began long daily walks on solitary dirt roads throughout the local countryside.

I admired and photographed the springtime succession of native blossoms which presented themselves to me in their own time and in their own order.

Watercoloring many of these flowers followed. Pigments, brushes, water, and paper filled many solitary hours and provided good company throughout months of COVID-19 isolation.

This painting of dogwood is one of my best friends."

Joyce Harman



"Looking at the night sky is the way I unwind in the evening. The stars clear my eyes from the effects of the computer, the darkness prepares me to sleep. I usually take a walk and observe the sky before going to bed and I let my concerns out to be absorbed by the heavens. This image shows what I would like to do every night, take a cup of tea and sit at peace."

Joan Welsh

"Bob and I are very fortunate. The most tragic result of this pandemic for us has been that we can't hold our newborn grandson. But we hope it won't be long before he is snuggling on our shoulders."

Covid-19 has temporarily halted all our communal activities, but Art in the Time of Covid allows us to connect virtually. I have been using a lot of my lockdown time to create a Pandemic Songbook—new lyrics for familiar tunes. Here are two for you."

To the Tune of *Be Our Guest*, from
Beauty and the Beast

Disinfect

Disinfect! Disinfect!
It's the best way to protect
Wipe your countertops and
doorknobs
(But for Pete's sake don't inject!)

Wash your hands! Wear a mask!

To the Tune of *Yakety Yak*
by *The Coasters*

Covid Attack

Quit usin' GrubHub and DoorDash
Or you'll run out of spendin' cash
You're gonna need it so much
more
For shoppin' at the grocery store
Covid attack (we'll fight back)

Just finish cleanin' up the room
Where you'll be meetin' via Zoom

It is not too great a task
Just be careful where you're
treading
To prevent the virus spreading

When you go to the store
You must stand six feet or more
From whoever's next in line out of
respect

And when you've done your
shopping
Put on gloves, start mopping
Disinfect! Disinfect! Disinfect!

[Hear me sing it here!](#)

Get your pajamas out of sight
And make sure you're not in
backlight
Covid attack (we'll fight back)

You just put on your coat and hat
Your mask and gloves and your
Hazmat
And when you finish doin' that
You and your friends are safe to
chat
Covid attack (we'll fight back)

Don't think you're gettin' off the
hook
You know tonight's your turn to
cook
At seven sharp we'll go outside
And clap for our heroes worldwide
Covid attack (we'll fight back)

Covid attack, Covid attack
Covid attack, Covid attack
Covid attack, Covid attack
Covid attack, Covid attack
Covid attack (we'll fight back)

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