



## *hope re-imagined!*

August 2020 eNewsletter

### *In This Issue!*

**'Staring Down Stigma'** around mental health and substance use disorders is an important way to give a voice to those and their family members who are suffering in silence.

In this issue, we highlight the work of Anne Arundel County residents and organizations committed to eliminating the stigma that so often discourages those who need and can benefit from our help and support.

## **Staring Down Stigma** *...through Memoir*



### **Jessie Dunleavy:** **Educator, Mother, Advocate**

"This isn't a memoir about addiction,"  
It is one person's story, but it relates  
to all human rights."

She writes to honor him and then to  
share all she learned. Her loss,  
channeled into making a difference."<sup>1</sup>

Ms. Dunleavy is an Annapolis native,  
former educator, and has been a  
[guest contributor to the Arundel  
Lodge eNewsletter.](#)

### **Color My Dreams in Ink:** **A Son's Unbelievable Solitude,** **A Mother's Unending Quest** *by Jessie Dunleavy*

"Born different, a boy struggles; his mother fights.

Her relentless quest for an appropriate education and  
needed health care is followed by their shared battle  
for his life...A mother's passion for her son's equal  
rights, and her unshakable belief in his potential, seep

through the pages as does her coming to terms with her own flaws."

"This isn't a memoir about addiction," said Jeanne Dunleavy. It is one person's story, but it relates to all human rights."



The boy's poetry—undiscovered in his lifetime—is intertwined, distinguishing his story and depicting an inner life otherwise unknown.

From the discovery of a drug that provided relief to the pure hell of addiction—exploited, humiliated, punished—and from homelessness and jail cells ,to rehab and a wander lust fueled by the relentless quest to belong, his young manhood is full of heartache but also of grit, resilience, and the capacity to love and forgive and the will to keep fighting against the odds.

The pages recount the journey of an individual, but the message is universal: human rights, a principle too easily sidestepped, even negated, for the vulnerable. By inspiring sensitivity for those who are different, compassion for those whose battles arise from uncontrollable circumstances rather than faults of character, this story shines a light on the human toll of the war on drugs and drives home the urgency for drug policy reform.

<sup>1</sup>Submitted by [Jessie Dunleavy](#)

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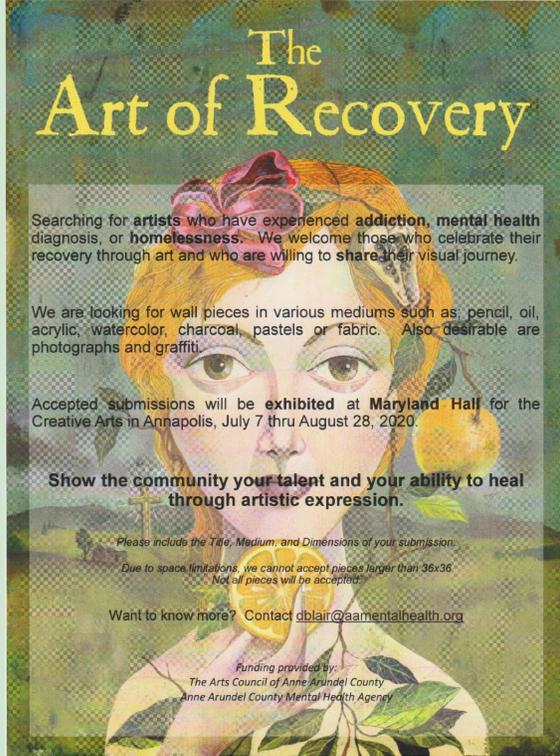
[Click here](#) to learn about or donate to the [Marcus Youth and Family Center at Arundel Lodge](#) services and support for children ages 3-17 and their families.

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## Staring Down Stigma *...through the Visual Arts*

Open Eye Gallery  
at ARUNDEL LODGE

Dania Blair, the Care Coordinator at **Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency**, recently invited the artists of [Arundel Lodge's Open Eye Gallery & Studio Program](#) to participate in a new exhibition, The



Art of Recovery, at Maryland Hall's Chaney Gallery.

Ten works by [Arundel Lodge artists](#) were selected for the show, which is now available online for viewing through the end of August 28. ([Click here](#) for a virtual tour of the collections.)

Ms. Blair hopes to create an art reception in the fall, circumstances permitting, to allow visitors to view the artworks in person. Stay tuned for updates!

All works are for sale, and the **Chaney Gallery** is forgoing its usual commission. All proceeds from the sale of our artists' work come back to the Lodge, with 80% to the artist, and 20% to replenish new art supplies.

For more information about the [Arundel Lodge Open Eye Gallery](#) or you are interested in purchasing one of these works, (see selected works below) contact:

**Corinna Woodard, Art Director**, [cwoodard@arundellodge.org](mailto:cwoodard@arundellodge.org)



Panda Family



Untitled



Tree of Life

**Staring Down Stigma  
...through Giving**

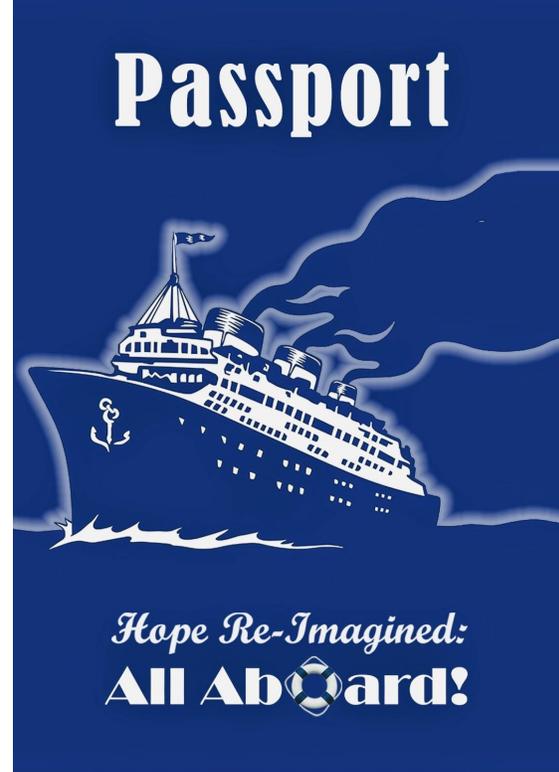
**2020 Hope  
Re-imagined:  
All Aboard!**

*This year's gala has  
been re-imagined to a  
virtual event!*

Aloha!

The Hope Re-imagined: ALL ABOARD! event benefits children, adults, and families struggling with mental health and substance use disorders.

Proceeds from this event will help Arundel Lodge continue to serve the most vulnerable of our community.



Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 7-8:30 pm to bid on fabulous items, watch live entertainment and enjoy a few surprises from the comfort of your living room! You can lei on your couch and relax or hula the night away!

More details will be available soon, so mark your calendars for a great night and a great cause. Whether we gather in person or join together virtually, our goal is to raise awareness, eliminate stigma, and make a difference in our community. Your partnership and participation allow us to provide life-saving treatment to all members of our community, many of whom could not otherwise afford it.

**Sponsorships are still being accepted through August 10 and will be acknowledged on mailed invitations and all other advertising.** (Those sponsorships received after August 10 will be acknowledged on advertising going forward from the date they are received.)

**For more information about sponsorships and donations or if you have any questions, opportunities please reach out to** Mary Henry, Director of Development and Marketing at 443-433-5900 or [mhenry@arundellodge.org](mailto:mhenry@arundellodge.org)

*Mahalo!*

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