



The Arts Insider

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Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis is Coming!

Join Us and Hundreds of Arts Advocates Statewide

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

President's Conference Center East

Miller Senate Building

11 Bladen Street

Annapolis, Maryland

Please join us! The Charles County Arts Alliance invites you to trek to Annapolis with us on February 12 to demonstrate your support for the arts to the Maryland General Assembly!

We will be part of over 400 arts advocates from across the State of Maryland who will rally and meet with our local elected officials to express how important the arts are to us. We will stress how we, the citizens of Charles County, benefit directly from annual grant funding provided by Maryland State Arts Council.

On January 15, Governor Martin O'Malley introduced his eighth and final Maryland State Budget Request for FY 2015, and in that budget, public support for the arts reaches an all-time high in Maryland! He proposed \$3 million in additional funding available to Maryland's arts organizations. This will mean a record breaking \$19 million year for arts funding, with Maryland State Arts Council's total budget at \$17.1 million and \$2 million for special fund supplemental grants focused on organizational capacity building for arts organizations. Come thank Governor O'Malley for this budget (and years of leadership) as he receives the "Outstanding Leadership in the Arts Award."



NOW IT IS TIME TO ACT!

The registration for Maryland Arts Day is \$50 and includes parking and shuttle ride to the President's Conference Center, continental breakfast and lunch.

WE NEED A PACKED ROOM to demonstrate need and support! On-line registration closes February 7! For more information and to register, please go to <http://mdarts.org>.

Please contact the CCAA Office (301-392-5900), if you need a ride and would like to join our CCAA Board delegation going to Annapolis. Hope to see you there!



President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings and happy February! It would appear that 'Ole Man Winter has really made his entrance now – with snow, sleet, ice and extreme temperatures!

So this would be a great time to look forward to the warmer weather that always follows. Think about joining us or volunteering to help out the Charles County Arts Alliance with your time, talents, or presence at some of our upcoming events over the coming months:

- Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis (February 12)
- “Meet the Artists” Public Reception at Waldorf West Library (March 22)
- Celebrate La Plata Day (April 26)
- CCAA Annual Membership Meeting/“Meet the Artists” Public Reception at Waldorf West Library (May 3)
- ArtsFest 2014 (June 7, rain date June 8)

Please contact Judy Crawford, our Office Manager, or get in touch with Gale Kladitis, Diane Rausch, or me if you would like to join us or volunteer to help on any of these events.

As you can see, the CCAA is really on the move these days, and never takes a break for very long! Just last Saturday, January 25, your CCAA Board of Directors completed our annual CCAA Board/Staff Midwinter Retreat in Solomons. Over our seven-hour meeting, we reviewed our most recent successes and challenges, and renewed our efforts and planning for our future programs and activities over the coming months.

During the retreat, we evaluated our past programs of the first half of our fiscal year, with special emphasis on our *CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala* last November 2013, and our newest event, *A Holiday Arts Faire*, at the Kris Kringle Christmas Market in December 2013. We also reset our FY 2014 budget goals, initiated some new “best business practices” recommended by our auditor, finalized our scholarship plans and processes, and set some new standard operating procedures (SOPs) for several of our projects. In addition, we had an opportunity for some fun leadership/self-awareness training, team-building, and enjoying the warm fellowship and friendship of our other Board members. Throughout our seven-hour retreat, we also had the joy of watching a beautiful light snowfall all around us that day, and the warmth of a nice fire in the fireplace. And the chili, crab soup and s’mores were outstanding!

As we move into February, the coldest month of the year, please make sure that you stay warm, and think of the variety of ways that you may be able to offer help and serve the CCAA and your fellow arts supporters over the next few months. Please come out and give us a hand! We look forward to seeing you actively engage with us and our mission: to promote all the arts in Charles County!

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Robert K. Rausch
CCAA President

P.S. Next month we will be hearing from a different member of the CCAA Board of Directors!

Maryland Local News

A Call to Arts!

Governor O'Malley's Leadership Council "Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools" Announces a Public Regional Forum in Charles County



**Thursday, February 6, 2014
5:00 to 7:00 pm
Thomas Stone High School
3785 Leonardtown Road
Waldorf, MD**

Attention arts education advocates in Charles County! Here's a rare opportunity to have your collective voices heard by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley! The Governor's Leadership Council "Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools" is coming to Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf on Thursday, February 6, for a regional forum to receive public input on arts education issues.

Co-chairing the statewide task force are nationally known sculptor and founder of Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance, Mary Ann Mears, and Dr. Jack Smith, Deputy Superintendent at the Maryland State Department of Education. Governor O'Malley's commitment to arts education is longstanding, and he has been recognized nationally with the prestigious Public Leadership in Arts Award. To continue Maryland's standing as a national leader in education, the Governor wants to ensure that all students have access to a quality education which includes the arts

In September 2013, Governor O'Malley's P20 Leadership Council established a statewide task force on arts education in Maryland schools. The task force is charged with making recommendations on policy, regulations, curriculum, instruction, professional development, and resources regarding students' Pre K-12 education in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts. The final report of the task force will be presented to the Governor and his Council in September 2014.

The 28-member distinguished task force includes school superintendents, university presidents, and state/county fine arts education specialists. The task force is emphasizing the critical need for broad community involvement by seeking public input to help inform their deliberations and recommendations. For more information about the task force, visit the website at www.aems-edu.org. Also, there is an online public comment questionnaire. Responses to the questionnaire will be open until 5:00 pm on February 10. To access the questionnaire, go to www.aems-edu.org/keyIssues/GovernorsTaskForce/PublicComments.html. Please email Alexa at amilroy@aems-edu.org, if you have any questions. If the Charles County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, the forum will be cancelled and rescheduled, if possible.

Please mark your calendars and join us on February 6! And please help us spread the word far and wide - feel free to forward this information to your colleagues, friends and neighbors. Show the Governor's Task Force that Charles County citizens strongly support all forms of arts education in our schools: music, visual art, drama and dance. We look forward to seeing you!

New Exhibition Opens at Waldorf West Library Gallery



Winter Theme is "Artist's Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance proudly presents the fifth public, multi-media art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library. Thirty-two artworks from local artists are on display until March 28, in the four separate gallery spaces on the two floors. Most of the artworks are available for sale directly from the artists after the show ends. A price list is available at the main desk in the Library.

Artists were invited to submit up to two pieces on any topic or medium. Gale Kladitis, CCAA Vice President and Chair of the Gallery Committee, stated, *"I look forward to seeing a great crowd at our next "Meet the Artists" Public Reception to be held on Saturday, March 22, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm."*

The nineteen artists chosen for the winter show are: Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Erin Doyle, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Don Faust, Jo Ann Gilhooly, Kylus F. Harris, Lorina Harris, Ingrid M. Hayes, Josh Hettel, Gordon R. Johnson, Belinda Hudnall Keller, Vicki Marckel, Jamie Oliver, Rebecca Polis, Annabel Lee Russell and Ashley Saldana.



For more information on the Waldorf West Gallery, the Charles County Arts Alliance and joining its membership, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900.

CCAA Hosts New Solo Artist Exhibitions

Two Locations in La Plata Now through March 2014



Charles Regional Gallery

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center



Commissioners Gallery

Charles County Government Building

Katie Traas



Katie is the creative development behind *Kate's Baby Paints*. She has been a member of the art world for 15 years, since her very first class. Katie graduated from McDonough High

School in 2003, and went on to attend East Carolina University, where she continued her studies in the Fine Arts, concentrating on Printmaking. During her senior year at East Carolina, Katie explored an entirely new technique of monotype, which became the inspiration for her senior thesis and artshow in 2008. After marriage and the birth of her son, Samuel, Katie launched a new business, "*Kate's Baby Paints*," creating paintings that were unique, fun, and would reach out to children, parents and grandparents. Katie currently is the General Manager with Golden Renaissance Jewellers in Waldorf. She can be reached at alloriginalpaints@gmail.com.

Nancy Owens

Nancy is a native of La Plata, Maryland, graduating from La Plata High School. After retiring in 1990 from the Naval Base in Indian Head, she felt the need to do something artistic and took classes in and did quilting and machine embroidery designs for ten years. Moving on to new areas of interest, Nancy decided to learn how to paint and took classes from various local groups and national organizations in oil, acrylics, watercolor, and pen and ink. A highlight of her artistic endeavors was to create an ornament for the 2004 White House Christmas Tree and attend the dedication ceremony in the White House Blue Room. Nancy has also painted ornaments for the Library of Congress and an interpretation of Romaine Brooks "*La Baronne Emile D'Erlanger*" ca. 1924 hanging in the Renwick Gallery for The Gallery's Holiday Tree. Nancy can be reached at nancypaints@verizon.net.



All the artworks at both locations are available for sale, directly from the artists!



Katie Traas' Art at the Charles Regional Gallery



Nancy Owens' Art at the Commissioners Gallery



Arts Alliance "Call for Artists"



Deadline to Submit is February 10!

Theme is "Artist's Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring Artshow, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, from April 1 to June 27, 2014. The Library, located at 10405 O'Donnell Place in Waldorf, consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two artworks on any subject to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as low-resolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

Entries must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration.

A "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held on May 3, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery to honor all the artists who participated in the spring show!

For more information on the Waldorf West Gallery, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900.

CCAA Accepting Applications for Gallery Committee Several Volunteer Positions Open



Interested in Visual Arts? The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is accepting applications for several volunteer openings on its Gallery Committee. CCAA manages multiple gallery spaces in Charles County, including the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery, the Commissioners Gallery in the Charles County Government Building in La Plata, and four separate gallery spaces in the Waldorf West Library. The Gallery Committee is a working committee and will require a degree of dedication.

What Does the Gallery Committee Do? The committee sets the exhibition schedule for CCAA galleries, chooses the artists and/or themes for exhibits, acts as liaison between artists and the CCAA, and assists in the installation of artworks.

Do I Qualify? The only requirements are that you love art, you are willing to volunteer as part of a team, and that you are a member of the Charles County Arts Alliance.

How Do I Apply? Please send an email to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com with "Gallery Committee Application" in the subject line. Include your name, contact information, hours available and a brief paragraph about your interest in serving on the CCAA Gallery Committee.

Contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900 or info@charlescountyarts.org to get more information about joining the Arts Alliance.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Maryland Federation of Art and the
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts
Present**

***Success as an Artist Seminar*
Saturday, February 9
10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

This is the original business and marketing seminar for emerging artists, designed to give practical information and advice towards a successful fine arts career. All of the information and resources provided are useful to artists working in all media, including painting, sculpture and photography. The presenter, Catriona Fraser, has given the "Success as an Artist" seminar to hundreds of DC area artists, curators, teachers and other arts professionals since August of 1999. The issues covered and discussed are not based on theory, but grounded on actual experience. Cost: \$85 MFA and MHCA members, \$100 nonmembers. Includes lunch. Go to <http://www.mdfedart.com> for more information and to register. Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts is located at 801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD 21401. Phone 410-263-5544.



Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, MD



***Paint Annapolis*
June 23-29**



Paint Annapolis is a four-day juried *plein air* (painting outside rather than in a studio) painting competition held June 23-29, 2014, that brings to Annapolis painters from across the United States.

For 12 years it has been a premier event, bringing artists and patrons of the arts together to share in the spirit of the energy and vibrancy of outdoor painting. The event is designed to explore in paint the special colonial architecture, marine atmosphere and overall energy of Maryland's capital city - home to families, business, colleges, and maritime activities. Join the Anne Arundel County Arts Council, the Mid Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, the USNA Alumni Association and numerous individuals in sponsoring this event.

Artists apply now! Submissions are due by March 5. Go to <http://www.mdfedart.com> for complete registration instructions, schedule of events, deadlines, fees and awards information.

June 24-26: Juried artists will paint around Anne Arundel County and Annapolis

June 27: "Dueling Brushes" – a 1.5 hour "quick draw" that is open to artists of all ages and abilities

June 27: Evening reception for artists and sponsors

June 28: Public reception and awards ceremony

Submissions Juror Ned Mueller is a Master Painter and signature member of the Oil Painters of America. He is also a member of Plein Air Painters of America, Northwest Rendezvous Group, California Art Club, Northwest Pastel Society, American Society of Marine Artists and the Puget Sound Group of Northwest Painters. He is one of the founders of the Washington Plein Air Painters and the Puget Sound Art League.

Performing Arts

Port Tobacco Players

Death by Chocolate

January 24 - February 9



DEATH
by Chocolate
by Paul Freed

This is a mystery/comedy! Members of the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort are

dropping like flies, including famed chef Edith Chiles! On the eve of the grand re-opening, this is not the best advertisement! It's up to John Stone, the newly appointed manager, to find the cause and the murderer. Delightfully sarcastic and cynical, Stone finds himself teaming up with Ed Parlor, mystery writer and amateur sleuth, in a wacky race against time. The clues point to a sinister box of chocolates, and the suspects include all the outlandish characters working for the resort. Combining all the elements of classic murder mysteries with a scathing satire of today's health crazes. To order tickets, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or order online at <http://www.ptplayers.com>. Port Tobacco Players Theater is located at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

Port Tobacco Players

Auditions for *Cyrano*

February 1 at 1:00 pm

February 4 and 6 at 7:00 pm

All roles are open; 8 men and 1 woman are needed. Come prepared for cold readings from the script and lots of movement. This is an ensemble piece and some actors will be required to play multiple roles. Stage combat training is not required.



For more information, visit the website at <http://www.ptplayers.com>. The Theater is located at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD.

College of Southern Maryland's Cause Theatre Presents

ReEntry

by Emily Ackerman and KJ Sanchez
at Prince Frederick, Leonardtown, and La Plata Campuses

February 6 at 7:30 pm (PRIN)

February 7 at 8 pm (LEON)

February 13 at 7:30 pm (LAPL)

February 14 - 15 at 8:00 pm (LAPL)



Tickets are \$5 for all ages, production may not be suitable for younger audiences. An unflinching look at the lives of Marines getting ready for

and returning from combat, *ReEntry* is a docudrama exploration of the relationships between Marines and the civilians they fight for overseas and must contend with when they return home. Honest, moving, and surprisingly funny, this play is based entirely on interviews with Marines and their families. This production contains strong adult language and content. To order tickets, contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7828.

The Prince Frederick (PRIN) Campus is located at 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

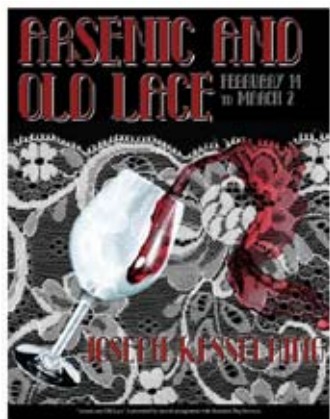
The Leonardtown Campus (LEON) is located at 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650-1758.

The La Plata Campus (LAPL) is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD 20646-0910.

Performing Arts

The Newtowne Players Three Notch Theatre Presents *Arsenic and Old Lace*

February 14 to March 2



Meet the charming and innocent ladies who populate their cellar with the remains of socially and religiously "acceptable" roomers, the antics of their nephew who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt, and the activities of the other nephew. Celebrate the opening of the show with a glass of wine and

dessert with your valentine on Friday, February 14. Visit their website at <http://www.newtowneplayers.org> for more information. Three Notch Theatre is located at 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD.

College of Southern Maryland Ward Wirts Concert Series Presents Timothy Hudson, Trumpet

Prince Frederick Campus
Building B, Room 104
February 16, 3:00 pm
FREE Admission!

Timothy Hudson is a Yamaha performance artist, Summit recording artist, and artist/teacher of trumpet. As a performer, Mr. Hudson has been a member of professional orchestras in the U.S. and abroad under world-class conductors including Lorin Maazel, Yoel Levi, Leonard Slatkin, James DePreist, Mariss Jansons, Skitch Henderson, and Enrique Bátiz. He has held the principal trumpet position with the Knoxville Symphony (TN), Chamber Orchestra of



Timothy Hudson

Northern New York, New England Philharmonic, and Symphony Orchestra of the State of Mexico. Mr. Hudson is the founding member and director of the Carolina Brass. For the past twenty years, Mr. Hudson has backed up pop/jazz artists such as Ray Charles, The Temptations, Manhattan Transfer, Neil Sedaka, Tony Bennett, Kenny Rogers, The Moody Blues, Kenny G, Chuck Mangione, Marvin Hamlisch, Dizzy Gillespie, and many others. The campus is located 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center

***Elephant's Graveyard* By George Brant**

**February 20, 27 at 7:30 pm
February 21-22 at 8:00 pm
February 28-March 1 at 8:00 pm**

\$15 adults, \$12 military/
seniors/youth



Elephant's Graveyard is the true tale of the tragic collision of a struggling circus and a tiny town in Tennessee, which resulted in the only known lynching of an elephant. Set in September of 1916, the play combines historical fact and legend, exploring the deep-seated American craving for spectacle, violence, and revenge. To order tickets, contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7828. The La Plata Campus is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD 20646-0910.

Performing and Literary Arts

Tantallon Community Players of Fort Washington, Maryland

August Wilson's *Seven Guitars*

AUGUST WILSON'S
SEVEN GUITARS



February 21, 22, 23, 28

March 1, 2

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays at 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$15 Adults,

Students and Seniors are \$12

The "1940s" installment of August Wilson's Pittsburgh Cycle explores one African-American man's fight for his own humanity, self-understanding and self-acceptance in the face of personal and societal ills. Described as "part bawdy comedy, part dark elegy and part mystery," *Seven Guitars* is another Wilson masterpiece. To order tickets, go to <http://tantalloncommunityplayers.ticketleap.com>.

Auditions for *Annie*

February 25 and 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm



Auditions for *Annie*: The Musical will be held at Harmony Hall Regional Center on Monday, February 24th and Tuesday the 25th from 7:00-9:00 pm. Additional

callbacks will be held as needed on Wednesday the 26. Harmony Hall Regional Center. Please prepare 16 bars (about a verse) of a musical theater song not from the show.

The show dates are May 23, 24, 30, 31, and June 1, 6, 7, and 8. The Theater is located at 10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744, in the John Addison Concert Hall. For more information, visit <http://www.tantallonplayers.org>.

Charles County Public Library Winter Reading Program Presents *Wind into Winter @ Your Library*



Sign up for games, storytime, movies, different activities every day! The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children from 18 months to 18 years. For more information and to sign up, go to <http://www.ccplonline.org> or call 301-645-1395.

Life Journeys Writers Club

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist!

February 12, 19, 26,

at 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place,

Waldorf, MD 20603



These workshops, led by local author/journalist Yvonne J. Medley, are fun, intense with private editor consultations and there's food! There is a registration fee and limited space, so register early. Bring at least two pages of your work.

Life Journeys Writers Club presents

A Poetry Writing Workshop

Saturday, February 15, at 2:30-4:40 pm

Waldorf West Library

Free to the Public! Facilitated by Poet Malcolm J. Young, author of *Wake Up and Think!*

For more information, email emeddle@aol.com, call 301-705-8972, or go to their website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Literary Arts

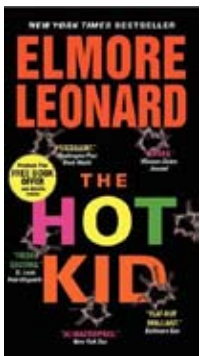
Book Discussion Groups



Every month
Charles County
Public Libraries
offer book

discussions for adults. Anyone interested in joining may call 301-934-9001.

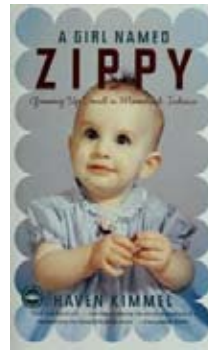
Waldorf Book Discussion Groups (P.D. Brown Library) The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864, or email mruess@ccplonline.org. The P.D. Brown Library is located at 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD 20602.



February 1: *The Hot Kid* by Elmore Leonard. In *The Hot Kid*, Elmore "Dutch" Leonard breaks new ground with a fast-paced, multifaceted tale of Prohibition-era crime, told from multiple perspectives that reflect the unexpected shifts of allegiance in this turbulent time. Set against a backdrop of speakeasys and shootouts, fast cars and even faster women, this stirring tale recounts a

time when life was cheap on both sides of the law. The story unfolds in Oklahoma, featuring the exploits of four "hot kids" -- young lawman Carl Webster, bad-seed oilman's son Jack Belmont, glamorous gun moll Louly Brown, and true-crime journalist Tony Antonelli.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the P.D. Brown Library. Call 301-645-2864 or email lclark@ccplonline.org for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.



February 5: *A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana* by Haven Kimmel. Haven's memoir describes her childhood growing up in the 1960s in the small town of Mooreland, Indiana. The title is taken from the author's nickname "Zippy" which her father gave her to describe her zipping around the house.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group will meet at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email PhyllisFrere@ccplonline.org for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.



February 6: *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* by Ben Carson, M.D.

In 1987, Dr. Benjamin Carson gained worldwide recognition for his part in the first successful separation of Siamese twins joined at the back of the head. The extremely complex and delicate operation, five months in the planning and twenty-two hours in the execution, involved a surgical plan that Carson helped initiate. Carson pioneered again in a rare procedure known as hemispherectomy, giving children without hope a second chance at life through a daring operation in which he literally removed one half of their brain. Raised in inner-city Detroit by a mother with a third-grade education, Ben lacked motivation. He had terrible grades and a pathological temper threatened to put him in jail. But Sonya Carson convinced her son that he could make something of his life, even though everything around him said otherwise.

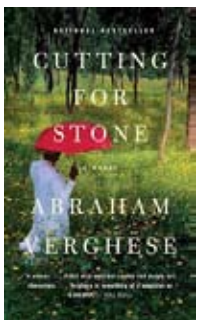
Literary Arts

Waldorf West Library's *Chicks for Lit* Book Club is just for women and those who love to read books by and about women. The Club meets on Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:00 am. Pre-registration is required; log into the Library's event calendar at <http://www.ccplonline.org/news/bookdiscussion.html> or call 301-645-1395. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.



February 8: *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath. This extraordinary work chronicles the crack-up of Esther Greenwood: brilliant, beautiful, enormously talented, successful - but slowly going under, and maybe for the last time. Step by careful step, Sylvia Plath takes us with Esther through a painful month in New York as a contest-winning junior editor on a magazine, her increasingly strained relationships with her mother and the boy she dated in college, and eventually, devastatingly, into the madness itself. The reader is drawn into her breakdown with such intensity that her insanity becomes completely real and even rational, as probable and accessible an experience as going to the movies.

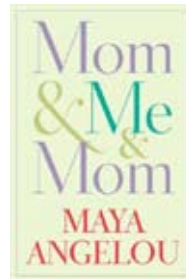
La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email Phyllis Frere at pfrere@ccplonline.org for more information. The Library is located at 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.



February 13: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. Marion and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon at a mission hospital in Addis Ababa. Orphaned by their mother's death in childbirth and their father's disappearance, bound together by a

preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution. An unforgettable journey into one man's remarkable life, and an epic story about the power, intimacy, and curious beauty of the work of healing others.

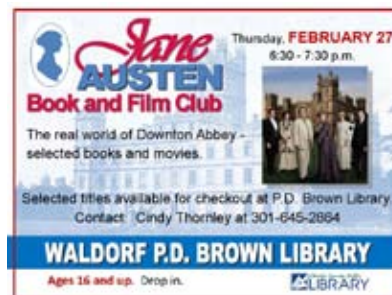
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group will meet on the third Wednesday in December from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Contact Lena Cox at 301-375-7375 or email lcox@ccplonline.org for more information. The Senior Center is located at 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640.



February 26: *Mom and Me and Mom* by Maya Angelou. The story of Maya Angelou's extraordinary life has been chronicled in her multiple bestselling autobiographies. But now, at last, the legendary author shares the deepest personal story of her life: her relationship with her mother.

The Jane Austen Film and Book Club
Thursday, February 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD



Come and discuss the real world of Downton Abbey! Selected books and movies are available at the library. For more information, contact Cindy at 301-645-2864.

Visual Arts

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Annual Six Picks through February 9



It's time to come out to the Art Center and admire the work of our talented high school students from each of our 6 Charles County High Schools.

It's TEA TIME!

Sunday, February 2

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Our Winter Tea Party takes place during the Six Picks High School Exhibit on Sunday, February 2, 2014 from 1- 4 p.m. and as always it is free (though donations are always appreciated). Come enjoy tantalizing tidbits of food while sipping tea and engaging in conversation with friends (old and new). Admire the artwork of our local high school students and shop in our gift shop as well. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! No reservations needed.



Water Work Invitational Show

February 14 to March 16

Opening Reception: Sunday, February 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Featuring works with a water theme by MCAC Members Barbara Stepura, Sally V. Parker, and Lynn Mehta.

Located in Smallwood State Park in Marbury, Maryland, the Art Center is open Fridays - Sundays from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm for exhibit visitors. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.mattawomanart.org>.

Southern Maryland Carousel Group



The Southern Maryland Carousel Group's seven carvers and 20 artists have completed the 50 animals and chariots required for the full three-ring carousel they are building.

They are now working on the rounding boards. If you would like to come visit the animals at their shop at the Davis Building, 313 East Charles Street, La Plata, contact Burkey Boggs, 301-934-1366, or Melvin Williams, 301-934-8063, to schedule an appointment. Individuals and groups are welcome.

Their adoption program is one of the keys to their success. Eighteen animals and two chariots have been adopted out thus far. Animals, rounding boards, band organ, and other major pieces of the carousel are ready for adoption. Adoptions are available to individuals, organizations, and businesses. Plaques will be placed so the public will know who adopted each piece. They also have a brick paver program for individuals and organizations. This is a great opportunity to promote the arts and advertise your business or organization.



Some of the animals are currently on display at the Newburg Welcome Center; the County Government Building; County First Banks in La Plata, Waldorf, and New Market; La Plata Town Hall; Charles

County Court House; Crazy 4 Ewe Yarn Shops in La Plata and Leonardtown; Carousel Clothing Store in Waldorf Festival Way; Dr. Samuel Mudd House; and the Old Line Bank in La Plata's Baldus Building.

For more information, contact Burkey W. Boggs at 301-934-1366 or burkeyboggs@verizon.net

Visual Arts

Cox Art Center 32 Cox Road Huntingtown, MD

Cox Art Center now offers Community Lectures, a series of free to very low cost talks and demonstrations by exceptionally knowledgeable people in their field. The Center is pleased to present this series as a means of providing enlightenment and entertainment in the arts. We believe you will find your investment of time to be worthwhile as we travel through art history, art processes and art creations. Space is very limited - registration required. Light refreshments served. Call 410-535-0014 or visit <http://coxartcenter.com/home>.



Sunday, February 16, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm



Are you a knitter? Interested in learning? Create a knitted cap for people on chemotherapy. Completed caps will be donated to the Infusion Center at Calvert Memorial Hospital. Chemo-Cap Knit-in will be lead by Nancy

Donley. Cost: Free. Registration Not Required.

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 to 9:00 pm "Exploring Japanese Ceramics"

Join Ray Bogle for this free talk and demonstration. Watch Ray create a ceramic piece and, weather permitting, create a Raku art cup. The Cox Art Center offers many courses in all mediums of art. Go to <http://coxartcenter.com/classes> to view the list of upcoming classes.



Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center Presents *DYSTOPIAS*

Now through March 14



"Marionette," Colleen Rudolf

**Gallery Talk and Reception:
February 4, 12:00 pm**

Curated By Yikui Gu

Featuring the artwork of Elisa Asenbaum, Yikui Gu, Skirmantas Pipas, Colleen Rudolf, and Thomas Stuck

Arthur Danto, the New York art critic, has referred to the contemporary art world as a "*Pluralism*," a world in which, with qualification, anything goes. This is a world where photo-realistic paintings may stand next to abstract expressionist works, or interactive installation may be adjacent to works of political satire. As artists, this is what we have inherited. A world without clearly defined hierarchies, artistic movements, or prevailing trends. Without the need to adhere to particular schools of thought, we have been liberated to process the experiences around us, and synthesize that with our own inner experiences. This has resulted in a fragmented view of the world, creating and highlighting the dysfunctions both without and within. We have created our own perfect little dystopias.

The Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery is located at the La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center and is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information, go to the website at <http://www.csm.edu/Arts/HungerfordGallery.html>.



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The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100% tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
- CCAA Arts Newsflash weekly E-update of arts events
- 20% off regular prices at Hot Licks Guitar Shop in Waldorf
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie's Frame Shop in La Plata
- \$1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
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- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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2013

- ☒ Sat, Jul 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
New CCAA Board Member Orientation
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Jul 20, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Summer Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☒ Sat, Aug 10, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Wed, Aug 28, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
CAD Grant Workshop
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Sep 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Wed-Sun, Sep 11 – 15
Charles County Fair
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Sep 21, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Sat, Sep 28, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
"Mind Your Business" Free Legal/Financial Seminar
Waldorf West Library
- ☒ Sat, Oct 12, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sun, Oct 13, 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
La Plata Fall Festival
La Plata Town Hall
- ☒ Sat, Oct 19, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
Waldorf West Library
- ☒ Sat, Oct 26, 2:00 – 6:30 pm
"Celebrate Charles" FallFest
Regency Stadium, Waldorf
- ☒ Sat, Nov 9, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Nov 23, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Fri, Dec 6, 4:00 – 9:00 pm
Sat, Dec 7, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
"A Holiday Arts Faire" - Kris Kringle Christmas Market
2013 Charles County Holiday Trail
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

- ☒ Sat, Dec 14, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

2014

- ☒ Sat, Jan 25, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Midwinter Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☐ Thu, Feb 6, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Governor O'Malley's Leadership Council
"Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools"
Public Regional Forum
Thomas Stone High School, Waldorf
- ☐ Sat, Feb 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Wed, Feb 12, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Maryland Arts Day
Annapolis
- ☐ Mon, Mar 10 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Mar 22, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, Apr 12, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Apr 26, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Celebrate La Plata Day
La Plata Town Hall, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, May 3, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting and Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 3, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 17, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Jun 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, Jun 7, 12:00 – 6:00 pm
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~ Linda Ellerbee



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