Charles County Arts Alliance Hosts "Paint Party" to Benefit Our Arts Scholarship Program
Monday, January 9, 2017, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Join Us at Boston's Restaurant
(across from Waldorf West Library)
10440 O'Donnell Place
Waldorf, MD 20603

Non-Refundable Scholarship Donation is $35
RSVP Deadline: January 5, 2017
Snow Date: Monday, January 23, 2017

Our "Thank You" for your tax-deductible scholarship donation entitles you to attend our Paint Party.

Lorina Harris of ArtSmart Studio in Bryans Road, will lead our Paint Party. Bring your favorite quote as inspiration for your unique work of art.

All supplies are provided for you, and you get to keep your masterpiece!

100% of your donation goes to the CCAA Arts Scholarship Program and is tax-deductible. And join us for dinner, too! Boston's has also agreed to donate a percentage of your food and beverage (non-alcoholic) purchases made between 4:00 and 9:00 pm.

There are two ways to donate: 1) Use PayPal by going to www.charlescountyarts.org; or 2) Mail a check to CCAA, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695, no later than January 3, 2017.

Ring in the New Year with your own artistic masterpiece!
Call 301-392-5900 for more information.
CCAA News

Arts Alliance Opens New Art Show at the Waldorf West Library
Exhibit Runs Through April 8, 2017

You Are Invited!
"Meet the Artists" Reception on Saturday, January 14, 2017
2:00 - 4:00 pm

On Monday, January 9, 2017, the Arts Alliance will open its 17th art show at the Waldorf West Library. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For the first time, the Arts Alliance will display 3D art with sculptures by Dr. Theresa Alo.

The theme was artist’s choice and includes 55 works of art by artists:  Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Cynthia Ruth Bailey, Cindi Barnhart, Mary Blumberg, Benjamin Butler, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Sang Jin Choi, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Roxana Gonzales, Deborah Harkins, Lonnie Harkins, Chez Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Alie Badarah Koroma, Ursula Lawrence, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Ivette Marcucci, Constance Moore, Nia Olabesi, Nancy Owens, Dianne Shisler, Ernest Sinnes and David Zippi.

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, the artists will be honored at a public reception, held in the first floor conference room. You are invited to join in the celebration, view the works throughout the Library, and share in the refreshments.

The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information about the Gallery, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.
Arts Alliance Opens New Solo Artist Show
at the Charles County Government Building
Featured Artist is Renée Fuqua
Exhibit Runs From January 11 - April 12, 2017

Renée Fuqua is a long time resident of Southern Maryland. Her family moved to St. Mary’s County in the 70s to a remote family-owned island in the Potomac River. She made her forever home in Charles County in 1979 and lives in a waterfront community in Newburg, Maryland.

Renée's hunger to create spectacular wildlife and seascape paintings was nurtured by a life lived on the Potomac River. Her father’s passion for the familiar sounds of Osprey, the aromatic scent of the “nation’s river” and the gentle lapping of waves on the sandy beaches were contagious. "The river was his life, his vocation and his Tara!” Renée hopes to continue this legacy in the creation of original art that captures the soul and spirit of Southern Maryland.

"As a realism painter, I love the atmosphere of a well composed painting when it actually looks like a painting and not necessarily a photograph. My paintings are built upon my strong belief that there is beauty and art in everything. I use oil paint with traditional techniques including wet-on-wet and dry-brush blending, scumbling and glazing.

"I enjoy painting landscapes, seascapes, still life, wildlife and more. I am drawn to what I see in my mind as a strong composition when I’m studying my photographs or real life. My paintings are inspired by an inner quest to achieve a dynamic painting. The strategy is generally to study the photograph or scenery until I see what I want to capture in the painting. Each layer develops into a more defined painting until not one more brush stroke will add anything to the piece.”

If you are interested in her works, Renée can be reached at reneefuquaartist@gmail.com.

The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
Arts Alliance Opens New Solo Artist Show
at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
Featured Artist is Sar'där Aziz
Exhibit Runs From January 12 - April 13, 2017

Sar'där was born in a small village in Pakistan in 1971. He studied painting at the Lahore Arts Counsel in 1995, and began painting professionally. Sar'där's style was impressionist, using oil and pastels. He made a comfortable living off his painting for several years before returning to school to study multimedia and graphic design. Sar'där also studied photography and filmmaking and became one of the most predominate directors in Pakistan, due to his skill with capturing lighting and movement.

In 2007, Sar'där relocated to the United States and settled in the DC Metro Area. For three years, Sar'där absorbed the new beauty and culture and combined it with his continued in-depth study of light and movement.

In 2010, Sar'där painted his first painting since coming to the United States, “Desire.” In the years that followed, he continued to paint and refine this new style and finished his new painting series "DC Accents" and is now working on his next portrait series.

"As an immigrant, I came to Washington, DC, as an outsider, but the friendly nature of the city soon made me feel at home, more at home then I ever felt anywhere else. I was entranced by the beauty of the city, which reveals itself in different ways in every season throughout the year. The graceful spring, when flowers drip from trees like a paradise. The chilly fall, when rains reflect in the streets. The heat of the summer and the cold snow in the winter. I love the contrast of the beautiful Potomac River, the stateliness of the monuments and the international architecture of the city, but most of all, I love the people. The great diversity of people who live in and visit this great city. This is what I tried to capture in my 'DC Accent' painting series.

If you are interested in his works, Sar'där can be reached at sardar.artwork@gmail.com.

The Medical Center is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
Mt. Aventine Celebrates Christmas with Historical Traditions
Music, Nature Walks and Refreshments Add to the Festivities

On December 10 and 11, 2016, The Friends of Chapman State Park, an Arts Alliance grant recipient, hosted “Christmas at Mt. Aventine.” This was their third annual event as part of the Charles County Holiday Trail.

CCAA Board Member Emily Ferren and her husband, Bert, spent an afternoon there. They were “pleasantly surprised at the amount of time, effort, and detail required to celebrate a traditional Christmas in the 1800s.”

Emily and Bert were greeted by young ladies in period costume. Then they were treated to fine refreshments, and a detailed and descriptive tour by the knowledgable volunteers. Next stop was an ornament station managed by Carrie Staples (a local author), followed by entertainment from the Hand Bell Choir of Good Samaritan Church.

Mt. Aventine, once owned by the Chapman family, was also owned by the daughter of a Hungarian count and an American heiress. Margit Sigray Bessenyey purchased and retained the property from 1954 until her death in 1987. For more information on Chapman State Park and Mt. Aventine, visit their website at http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org.
Maryland Arts Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. John's College
Mellon Hall, Francis Scott Key Auditorium
60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD

Registration for Maryland Arts Day 2017 is now OPEN!
Early Bird Registration: $25 per Person until February 3
$40 per Person February 4 - 10
Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking and free shuttle to St. John's College

Join hundreds of arts advocates in Annapolis as we raise our voices in support of public funding for the arts. This year will be extra special as MCA celebrates its 40th Birthday!

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state, this state-wide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland.

Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and the impact they have on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.

Go to https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/MarylandCitizensfortheArts/OnlineRegistration.html to register.

Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan was a guest speaker.

CCAA met with elected officials at Maryland Arts Day 2016.
Back row left: Delegate Edith Patterson, Barbara Boshon, Vicki Marckel, Senator Thomas (Mac) Middleton, Robert Rausch, Kathy Jenkins, Amy Jones, Roy Jenkins.
From row: Cindi Barnhart.

Musical entertainment was provided by Key Note Speaker Navasha Daya.
Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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January 2017
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 on certain items 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
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

Membership Categories (check one):
- Platinum Circle - $500
- Gold Circle - $250
- Silver Circle - $150
- Arts Patron - $125
- Arts Sponsor - $100
- Arts Activist - $75
- Family - $50
- Individual - $30
- Senior (60+) - $20
- Youth (under 18) - $10

Business & Nonprofit:
- Corporate - $500
- Business - $250
- Nonprofit Organization - $75
- Other (Donations) ___________

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

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Master Calendar FY 2017

2016

☑ Sat, Jul 9, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
  Summer Retreat
  Solomons Landing, Solomons

☑ Tue, Jul 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
  "Meet the Artist" Public Reception
  Charles County Commissioners Gallery

☑ Sat, Jul 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

☑ Thu, Aug 25, 7:30 – 9:30 p,
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Wed, Sep 7, 7:00 pm
  Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop I
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Sat, Sep 10, 1:00 pm
  Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop II
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Sat, Sep 10, 2:00 am – 4:00 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Wed - Sun, Sep 15 – 18
  Charles County Fair
  Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

☑ Sat, Sep 24, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall

☑ Sat, Oct 1, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

☑ Thu, Oct 13, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Fri, Oct 21, 12:00 noon
  FY 2017 Grant Applications Due
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Sat, Oct 29, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
  CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Sat, Nov 5, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☑ Sat, Nov 19, 6:00 – 10:00 pm
  CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
  Old Waldorf School

☑ Wed, Dec 7, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Executive Committee Meeting
  Pomfret, MD

2017

☐ Mon, Jan 9, 4:00 – 9:00 pm
  Scholarship Fundraiser (Dinner Proceeds)
  Boston’s Restaurant, Waldorf

☐ Mon, Jan 9, 7:00 – 9:30 pm
  Paint Party Scholarship Fundraiser
  Boston’s Restaurant, Waldorf

☐ Sat, Jan 14, 2:00 am – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

☐ Wed, Jan 18, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Executive Committee Meeting
  Pomfret, MD

☐ Sat, Jan 28, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
  CCAA Winter Retreat
  Solomons Landing, Solomons

☐ Sat, Feb 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☐ Tue, Feb 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
  Maryland Arts Day
  St. John’s College, Annapolis

☐ Sat, Mar 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☐ Sat, Mar 25, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall

☐ Sat, Apr 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

☐ Sat, Apr 22, 2:00 am – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

☐ Sat, May 13, 2:00 am – 4:00 pm
  CCAA Annual Membership Meeting
  TBD

☐ Thu, Jun 8, 7:00 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  La Plata Town Hall

☐ Sat, Jun 10, TBD
  ArtsFest 2017
  La Plata Town Hall

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
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January 2017

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~ Mandy Hale

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