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CCAA Annual Membership Reception and Meeting

On Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, members, friends and supporters of the Charles County Arts Alliance gathered for the CCAA Annual Membership Reception and Meeting, held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland.

During the opening social time, guests enjoyed refreshements while viewing the current art exhibit in the main gallery and on the second floor. The spring show, which runs through June 25, displays 55 works of art by 36 local artists.

Following the "meet and greet," attendees were treated to presentations by the 2016 CCAA Scholarship recipients:

Quinn Waltman - Lackey High School
Joshua Lewis - La Plata High School
Dezmond Covington - Maurice J. McDonough High School
Benjamin Busch - North Point High School
Cameron Reynolds - Thomas Stone High School

This is the year, CCAA members voted on the changes to the Bylaws as recommended by the CCAA Board. The revised Bylaws can be viewed online at http://charlescountyarts.org/bylaws.

See Page 3 for photos from the reception.
Dear Members and Friends,

Although it is said that “April showers bring May flowers.” What do May showers bring?

Well, maybe an opportunity to visit a few of the CCAA gallery spaces, or at least going online to our website for a virtual tour of our most recent visual art offerings helped you through the weekend? Maybe attending our Annual Membership Meeting held on Saturday at Waldorf West due to the “inclement” weather was a good choice for many of you?

We would like to thank all of our members who did attend on Saturday for showing their support for our Scholarship recipients, and the efforts of our Board of Directors who work diligently throughout the year for the continued improvement, encouragement and expansion of the arts in Charles County and beyond (such as the Veterans Gallery at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home). All that were present had a wonderful time and once again demonstrated their support for the organizational aspect of the CCAA.

To all of you I would encourage your participation in our 24th Annual Artsfest, on Saturday, June 11, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the La Plata Town Hall (raindate: June 12). This is our single most attended event. It will once again include over 50 artists and non-profit organizational displays, as well as music throughout the day provided by a dozen different and diverse performance groups. Don't forget that this is free and open to the public as a gift to our citizens and families. Two special “time travelers” will be present for our event in the persona of "Lord Calvert" and one of his "Trusted Advisors."

Make sure that whatever plans you consider for future activities that you include some form of the arts in your agenda. Without the arts it would be a dreary world indeed!

Robert

Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance
2016 CCAA Membership Reception and Meeting

CCAA President Robert Rausch

CCAA Student Representative Greg Kenney, Jr.

Congratulation to the 2016 CCAA Scholarship Winners: Joshua Lewis, Benjamin Busch, Dezmond Covington, Cameron Reynolds, and Quinn Waltman

Emily Ferren, Chair Grant Committee

Amy Jones, Chair Scholarship Committee

Gale Kladitis, Chair Gallery and Membership Committees

Diane Rausch CCAA Past President

CCAA News

May 2016

Gale Kladitis, Chair Gallery and Membership Committees

Diane Rausch CCAA Past President
Arts Alliance Opens New Spring Art Show and Hosts "Meet the Artists" Public Reception

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, the Arts Alliance hosted a reception to honor the 36 artists who currently have works on display for the Spring 2016 Art Show at Waldorf West Library. This is the 14th art exhibit displayed at Waldorf West Library since it opened in 2012. Robert Rausch, CCAA President and Janet Salazarm Charles County Public Library Executive Director, presented award certificates to the 12 first-time artists and gift cards to 24 returning artists.


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.

The next "Meet the Artists" Public Reception is Saturday, July 23, 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Waldorf West Library, to honor all the artists in the summer show.
ArtsFest 2016 Almost Here!
Saturday, June 11, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Rain Date: Sunday, June 12
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD

REGISTRATION DEADLINES EXTENDED TO MAY 15

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 24th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. This is our fifth year to present the festival in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

ArtsFest is our annual outdoor celebration of all the arts and artists - visual, literary and performing. It is our "free gift" to the citizens of Charles County and Southern Maryland, and there is no charge for the public to attend. It is a family-friendly, wonderful way to kick off the summer season! Great food and Southern Maryland specialties will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations.

Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2000 people each year. At last year’s ArtsFest, we presented non-stop music and dance performances on two stages, 50 artists and exhibitors on display, local authors autographing their books, and a Kid's Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year's ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year's!

Registration forms are available at www.charlescountyarts.org, or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.

See you at ArtsFest 2016!

Higher Standards

Southern Maryland Sound

Gretchen Richie
Henry Font, III, was born in Puerto Rico in July 1963. He earned his Eagle Scout Medal in 1981, and a Soccer scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering. Henry graduated from the University of Puerto Rico (Mayaguez Campus) in December 1987, with a Bachelor’s of Science, Mechanical Engineering.

Henry has resided in Charles County since 1988. He worked as a Test Engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, MD from January 1988 to May 1996. On June 1996, Henry became a Quality Engineer for the US Coast Guard’s Office of Acquisition’s, where he worked until February 2001.

In March of 2001, Henry moved to the US Coast Guard’s National Pollution Funds Center where he currently works as a Case Officer responsible for administering the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. In October of 2005 he deployed to the State of Louisiana as part of the Federal emergency response contingent to Hurricane Katrina. In response to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico BP Oil Spill (the first spill of national significance in US history), he deployed for a total of 18 months while serving at the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team's Command Post. From 2010 to 2014, Henry served as the US Coast Guard’s Case Officer tracking all the Federal Government’s expenditures of the oil spill cleanup response (which totaled nearly $1 billion).

In 2004, Henry became a diver and realized that wanted to share the beauty of our oceans through photography. It was then that the long training process began, allowing the realization of this dream. In 2005, he became an Advanced Open Water Diver; in 2006 a Master Diver, and in 2008, he became a Certified Dive master under the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Henry recently ventured into doing sports photography, which can be seen at FontPhoto.Photoshelter.com. Mr. Font can be reach at henryfont@verizon.net.

Both photographs were taken by Henry Font, III, while deep sea diving.
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home "Call for Artists" for the Summer Art Show

Theme is "Artists Choice"
Deadline to Submit: May 24, 2016

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Summer Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from June 16, 2016 to October 19, 2016. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing 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

Selections will be made by the Charlotte Hall Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified in early June. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home E-Wing Multi-Purpose Room, to honor all the artists participating in the summer show. And, you are invited to the "Meet the Artists" Reception on May 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to honor all the artists in the spring show!

For more information on the gallery please contact Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171 ext. 468, or VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.
As a child, Nadira loved drawing but as she got older, she suppressed the artistic side of her for a while as work and family became her priority. As years went by, Nadira discovered that she could no longer suppress her love of art.

One day, Nadira stopped by a craft store and purchased paint and brushes and started painting. At first, her paintings looked like they were done by a child but that never stopped her from pursuing her dream to express her imagination on canvas for everyone to see.

Nadira is a self taught artist, and some of her paintings are images from her imagination while others are from photos. Whenever Nadira travels, she looks at nature’s beauty and always imagines what a painting of what she sees would look like. She then puts it on canvas and makes it come to life.

Her greatest joy comes from people admiring her work and wanting to own a piece of her art. She has been told by many of her viewers that they imagine themselves being in the place they see on the canvas. They find tranquility in her paintings.

Painting is Nadira’s passion and the happiest time for her is spending time in her studio and allowing her imagination to expand onto a canvas. She hopes that her paintings will continue to bring joy to her viewers as she wishes to continue painting as long as it is possible.

The Medical Center Gallery can be viewed on line at www.charlescountyarts.org. Ms. Nunez’s art works are available for purchase; she can be reached at simplegirl451@yahoo.com.

The University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.
New Solo Artist Show Opens at the
Charles County Commissioners Gallery

Dr. Theresa Alo
Exhibit Runs through July 13, 2016

Theresa Alo graduated from Alfred University College of Ceramics in 1989 with a Bachelor’s in Fine Arts. Continuing her education, she graduated in 1994 from Gallaudet University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Deaf Education, from Trinity College in 1996 with her Administrative Degree, and from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2003 with an Educational Specialist Degree in Leadership.

In 2010, Dr. Alo completed her Doctoral Degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland University, contributing to the field of Arts Education through her research entitled "The Effect of Visual Arts Education on At-Risk Students’ Critical Thinking Skills and the Maryland English II High School Assessment," where she uncovered empirical evidence of the value of visual arts education.

Dr. Alo has always created her own artworks, but with her education completed, she is now concentrating on new bodies of work that are reflections of her life experiences. Her goal is to have the viewer experience similar emotions that she encountered through the piece of art.

Dr. Alo has been employed with the Charles County Board of Education for the past 27 years as a high school arts teacher. She currently holds the position of Fine Arts Department Chair at North Point High School in Waldorf, Maryland. Additional artworks can be viewed on her website at theresa-alo.com, and the Commissioners Gallery can be viewed online at www.charlescountyarts.org. Dr. Alo’s works are available for purchase; she can be reached at terrialo@hotmail.com.

The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Gravity

Tumble

1960s
Without looking too far, you can see and enjoy area residents’ artistic contributions to Southern Maryland coursing through the area, much as the various rivers, creeks and streams do. They provide a perspective on life as it has been and is now.

The Community Bank of the Chesapeake (which was started by Leo Middleton in 1950 as Tri-County Building and Loan) has made local art even more accessible by featuring a new exhibit in four Southern Maryland branches (and one branch in Virginia) every quarter. Started in 2014, the program showcases art chosen by the Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Charles County Arts Alliance, Calvert County Arts Council, St. Mary’s County Arts Council and Fredericksburg (Virginia) Center for Creative Arts. Exhibits are displayed at the bank’s home office in Waldorf, as well as branches in La Plata, Prince Frederick, Charlotte Hall and Lexington Park. Nell Elder, director of the St. Mary’s County Arts Council, notes that her group partnered with the bank in 2014 at the Charlotte Hall branch. The Color & Light Society of Southern Maryland has since taken over the management of that branch under the sponsorship of the Arts Council. “We now manage the newly designed branch in Lexington Park,” says Elder.

According to Diane Hicks, assistant vice president and marketing manager for Community Bank, the idea of featuring local artists started when they remodeled the La Plata branch. “Our new design provided a lot of open wall space and great lighting. As we pondered what to do with that space, we came up with the idea of displaying local art. As a community bank we liked the idea of featuring community pieces,” says Hicks.

Hicks explains, “Each show opens with a two-hour reception with the artists (and friends and family), members of the specific arts organization, bank officials (and maybe some clients), and others who are instrumental in helping hang the show. They mingle over little finger foods, with the banking and arts community learning more about each other and what they have in common. Usually, the reception is in the evening,” says Hicks, but the bank is planning to open it to the community, and may change the event to a Saturday afternoon or some other time that will be convenient to area residents. The shows run for about twelve weeks, with a new show starting each quarter. Prices range from $50 to several thousand dollars per piece.

Each branch has a list of pieces in the current exhibit, including the artist’s name, price and contact information. Several pieces have been sold, and the bank bought a photo of shore birds by Priscilla Catterton that’s now hanging in their Annapolis lending office.

Gale Kladitis, vice president of the Bank Branches Out to Art Community

Story by Judy Colbert

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Local artist Christina Allen reads from her two illustrated books, “Momma Tree” and “A Micro-Chip on my Shoulder: A True Story of a Little Poult,” at Community Bank.

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Charles County Arts Alliance, an organization with as many as 200 members, says the partnership with the bank has proven beneficial to everyone. They may choose three dozen works of art from two dozen artists. A side of the exhibit that’s not seen by the public is the submission process (via digital files) and paperwork involved in such shows.

“Some artists are artists,” says Kladitis, but they don’t know how to do this “business” side of the business. The Alliance posts all the works on their website, so if you see a piece you like, then decide to buy it but it’s no longer on display at the bank, you can still find it. Similarly, if you like the style and medium an artist uses and you want something a little different, you have a way to contact the artist.

“It’s a wonderful collaboration with the bank,” says Bob Carpenter, executive director of the Arts Council of Calvert County. “It’s an opportunity for our artists to have a place to showcase their art. Community Bank is wonderful to deal with.” Carpenter requests submissions, and it’s first come, first selected. “They don’t have to belong to the Arts Council to be included.”

Nia Olabesi, a musician, songwriter and visual artist working in mixed media acrylic whose work was recently included in a Calvert County show, says, “It’s wonderful to see the pieces and it’s really wonderful that they let us put our art there.”

She notes that she isn’t a bank customer, but she’s thinking about opening an account there.
Hogan Administration and General Assembly act to increase funding, bolstering Maryland arts sector

Baltimore (April 15, 2016) - Demonstrating his continued commitment to the arts in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan’s proposed increase in the fiscal year 2017 appropriation for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) budget was approved by the General Assembly during the 2016 Legislative Session.

MSAC encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts by supporting artists and arts organizations, ensuring all citizens have access to art experiences, communicating the value of arts in shaping distinctive cultural identities and cultivating creative placemaking contributing to economically thriving and robust communities.

"The arts sector is a fundamental part of Maryland’s economy and delivers a $1 billion impact with $49 million generated in state and local revenues," said Department of Commerce Secretary Mike Gill. "We are fortunate to have First Lady Yumi Hogan as a champion of the arts and leadership that understands the power of art as a vital part of every citizen's life while creating exciting cultural opportunities in our communities."

Governor Hogan's General Fund appropriation of $17.4 million includes a $700,000 increase over MSAC's FY 2016 budget. The passage of Senate Bill 377 and House Bill 451 regarding the redistribution of the Special Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Arts, plus an additional $900,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts and other private funds, result in a record-setting $20.3 million in FY 2017 funding for MSAC.

"On behalf of MSAC, I’d like to express our deep appreciation to Governor Hogan, First Lady Yumi Hogan, and the Maryland General Assembly for their support, and to Maryland Citizens for the Arts for its ardent advocacy. Collectively their actions will greatly impact Maryland’s arts sector," said MSAC Chair, Carol Trawick. "We are fortunate to have such strong legislative support for the arts, from our citizens who value and engage with the arts, and our partners and grantees, whose work enriches the people, places and innovative spirit of our state."

This funding will significantly affect hundreds of Maryland arts organizations and programs, community development grants for local arts councils, arts education programming for Maryland students, and other MSAC programs.

An agency of the Maryland Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Maryland State Arts Council grantees generate $1 billion in economic activity and support more than 12,155 jobs and $49 million in state and local tax revenue. Source: Economic Impact of the Arts in Maryland: FY2014. For information, call (410) 767-6555 or TTY (410) 333-4519.
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Charles County Government Office of Tourism  
Charles County Public Library  
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society  
Friends of Chapman State Park  
Friends of the Old Waldorf School  
Indian Head Center for the Arts  
Life Journeys Writers Guild  
Mattawoman Creek Art Center  
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Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!
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!

Member 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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Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
May 2016

It is spring again! The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart.

~ Rainer Maria Rilke

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