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October 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Annual Grantee and Membership Gala

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, the Arts Alliance will hold its Grantee and Membership Gala, from 6:00 to 10:00 pm, at the beautiful Old Waldorf School, 3074 Crain Hwy, Waldorf, MD 20601.

This is our annual event to recognize the schools and nonprofit organizations receiving Arts Alliance grants to enhance their arts programs, along with an opportunity to meet fellow CCAA members and support the CCAA Scholarship Program! There will be delicious, heavy hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction, and delightful musical entertainment by the Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret.

Watch the Newsflash for more details and ticket information and plan now to attend this important community event!

Charles County Fair Brings Out the Crowds Again This Year!

The wonderful end-of-summer weather encouraged thousands of visitors to attend the 93rd Annual Charles County Fair, held September 15-18, 2016, at the County Fairgrounds. As in the past, the Charles County Arts Alliance managed the fine arts exhibit in the P.D. Brown Building. Over 400 works of art in all types of media and from all ages of artists were on display. The Alliance also gave out 500 Arts Bags filled with goodies supplied from local businesses and organizations.

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On Saturday, September 10, the Alliance stuffed 500 Arts Bags to hand to Fair-goers.

Thank you, CCAA Directors Gale Kladitis, Bill Adams, Cindi Barnhart, Ron Brown, Cecelia Keller, and Joseph Wimberly, and our volunteers Se’Viona Barnes, Eve Bonney, Rebekah Bonney, Miriam Bonney, Vannie Morocco, Mary Wheeler and Matthew White who helped stuff 500 Arts Bags for the Fair!

And, thanks to the organizations who donated their promotional materials: Alice Ferguson Foundation, Archbishop Neale School, Boston’s Restaurant and Sports Bar, Bullock’s Music, Charles County Government/Tourism, Charles County Literacy Council, Charles County Public Library, Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, Christ Episcopal Church, College of Southern Maryland, Hooks and Hangers, James Brewster and “Uncle Rocky” and “Officer Jack,” Life Journeys Writers Guild, Mattawoman Creek Art Center. Ms Georgia’s Creative Arts Academy, Music Teachers Association of Charles County, Port Tobacco Players, Primerica, Quality Printers, Schubert Singers, Spring Dell Center and The Southern Maryland Carousel Group.

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The Arts Alliance was thrilled to sponsor Amanda Clements as a candidate for Queen Nicotina. Amanda is a senior at Henry E. Lackey High School, with a passion for dance and education. She plans to study psychology after graduation, to become a social worker or children’s psychologist.

Many thanks to the CCAA Board, staff, and volunteers who helped with the check-in, hanging, meet-and-greets, and returning the works of art to the artists!

See you next year for the 2017 Charles County Fair!
Arts Alliance Opens New Fall Art Show at Waldorf West Library
Exhibit Runs through January 7, 2017

Reception Held Saturday, October 1, to Honor All the Artists in the Show

The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new fall art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 33 artists and 52 works of art. This is the 16th Alliance-sponsored art exhibit at Waldorf West since the library opened in 2012. The artworks will be displayed through January 7, 2017, in four separate gallery spaces which include the main conference room on the first floor, and two study rooms and wall space in the Fiction Section on the second floor. The gallery can also be viewed at http://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/waldorf-west-library-gallery-2.

On Saturday, October 1, 2016, the Arts Alliance hosted a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to honor all the artists participating in this show. The public was invited to this event, and had a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display throughout the Library. Mary Lilly, with the Charles County Garden Club created floral interpretations of selected art and light refreshments were served. See Page 5 to view the results of "art enhancing art."

The show's theme was open to the artists and includes works from: Beverly Adams, Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Michael Anderson, Sar'dar Aziz, Cynthia Ruth Bailey, Benjamin Butler, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Brenda Chin, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Debbie Grafton, Kenneth Graves, Deborah Harkins, Lonnie Harkins, Gordon Johnson, Alie Badarah Koroma, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Ivette Marcucci, Kathleen Noel, Jan Norton, Nadira Nunez, Allen Price, Dianne Shisler, Ernest Sinnes, Alexander Wanda and Joyce Wilson. Most of the artworks are available for purchase; the Library's information desk will have copies of the price list.

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.
Art Enhances Art
Floral Interpretations by Mary Lilly Partner with Selected Art for the Waldorf West Library Gallery
"Meet the Artists" Reception
New Solo Artist Show Opens at the Charles County Commissioners Building

Featured Artist is Ernest Sinnes
Show Runs Through January 11, 2017

Ernest Sinnes, born in Brooklyn, New York in 1944, has resided in New York; Stockbridge, Massachusetts; Eugene, Oregon; Plymouth, Pennsylvania; Alexandria, Virginia; Waynesboro, Virginia; and Waldorf, Maryland. Ernest has traveled extensively in Peru, Colombia, and Italy, with visits to England and Mexico and has studied with Clifford Chieffo, Ted Melpolder, Jimilu Mason and Bill Pounds.

Ernie’s works show inspiration from his personal travels from the Andes of South America and ruins of Mexico to the city streets of Rome and Florence Italy. His skilled hand does not just look abroad however, as he has also painted scenes of small town and rural America in its truest form.

Having lived in the D.C area for over 50 years, Ernie has been an ever current presence in the art world of both Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland. His works have hung in galleries, special exhibits and local businesses and adorn the walls select of homes throughout the United States.

Working in oils and acrylics, one critic described “Ernest’s art looks how a place feels, it transports you to a sensory experience, that is, standing in front of a mountain range, or feeling the sun on a hot Cuzco street.”

Ernie’s outlook is “People have been painting and decorating their surroundings (and perhaps themselves) for at least forty thousand years. This must speak to an aspect of the human psyche which seems an attempt to alter our environment beyond the utilitarian in manners which please, excite or inform us. My connection to this urge is feeling impelled to paint, which allows me to meld memories, sensations and ideas into a material, colorful form. Although the execution of a work is largely a disciplined, intellectual effort, I feel the basic impulse more akin to visceral rather than conceptual.”

Ernie’s art can be viewed online at http://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/commissioners-gallery-2. He can be reached at erniesinnes@comcast.net.

The Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
A Western Pennsylvania native, David Zippi has had a strong interest in art since he was a young child. After further developing his skills in high school, he decided to study art in college. In 1975, he received a B.S. Degree in Art Education from Edinboro State College in Edinboro, PA.

In 1977, he began his 34 year career as a high school art teacher at his Alma Mater. Due to the economic turmoil in the Pittsburgh area at that time, in 1978 he moved to Charles County, MD where he taught art at McDonough High School for 33 years. David was also the painting instructor and Department Chair for over two decades there. He retired in 2010 and is now able to paint on a regular basis.

In 1993, David was recognized by the Charles County Board of Education for "Exemplary Service," and in 1997, he was recognized by the Maryland Art Education Association for "Outstanding Service" in the field of Art Education. He also holds a Masters Degree in Education from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

David has taken painting courses regularly at "The Art League" in Alexandria, Virginia, since 1990. He is currently an exhibiting artist at "North End Gallery" in Leonardtown, MD, and at Mattawoman Creek Art Center in Charles County, MD. His work can also be seen at various juried art shows in Maryland.

David considers himself a "colorist" and in the past 30 years has omitted black from his color palette; as far as style goes, he is a "contemporary realist."

An acrylic painter, the vast majority of David's works are landscapes because of his love of the tranquil effect that a beautiful or captivating outdoor scene often has upon us. His paintings are meant to entice the viewer to gaze, meditate and escape their everyday concerns. His goal when painting a landscape is to produce "a world where the sun is always out."

David's art can be viewed online at http://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charles-regional-medical-center. He can be reached at dhzippi@verizon.net.

The Medical Center is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Hosts "Meet the Artists" Reception

On Saturday, September 24, 2016, the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home hosted a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception to honor all the artists participating in the Home's fourth art show. Teresa Grimes with the Hughesville Garden Club created a floral interpretation of Nancy Owens' *Thirsty Blue Birds*. Tyler Alo provided the musical entertainment with her playing the cello and light refreshments were served.

The theme was "Artists Choice" and includes works by: Theresa Alo, Shirley Andrews (a resident), Anne Buffington, Sue Cassidy, Bill Cassidy, Trish Clark, Fanny Cramer, Dorothy Crown, Cecelia Dunay, Greg Ford, Rita Fox, Penny Gold, Roxana Gonzales, Gordon Johnson, Alie Koroma, Ursula Lawrence, Addison Likins, Willie Lowry (a resident), Bill Meck (a resident), Kathy Noel, Jonathan Nordstrom, Nadira Nunez, Joshua Owen, Nancy Owens, Ashley Radano (CHVH Volunteer Director), Ernest Sinnes, George Skypeck, and Nancy Walcutt. The art can be viewed online at http://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charlotte-hall-veterans-home-gallery, as well as more photos of the reception at http://www.charhall.org/content/art.

Most of the art is available for purchase. The Information Desk in the dining hall will have the artists’ contact information.

The Gallery is located in E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.
Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch
"Call for Artists"

Theme is "Artists Choice"
Deadline to Submit is October 20, 2016

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their fifth art show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from November 18, 2016 - March 10, 2017.

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 waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line.

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

The artists will be notified in early November after the Gallery Committee meets and makes their selections. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang when delivered to the Bank.

Beginning January 1, 2017, all artists participating in the CCAA-managed galleries must be current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.
Eight Artists Needed for Four Quarterly Shows in 2017

Deadline to Submit is October 16, 2016

The Charles County Arts Alliance hosts art exhibits in the Charles County Government Building Commissioners’ Gallery, and the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, both in La Plata, MD. Submissions from current members of the Arts Alliance will be accepted for each location by October 16, 2016, for the four quarterly shows in 2017.

Arts Alliance members are invited to submit 15 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, and reference 2017 Solo Artist Show in the subject line of your email.

Entries must include:

- Artist’s name
- Artist’s 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

Alliance members who have previously shown in these galleries are invited to submit new work for consideration.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.
Maryland Citizens for the Arts
ArtsLab 2016

Citizen Artists: Arts Professionals and Civic Engagement
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Chesapeake Arts Center
194 Hammonds Lane, Brooklyn Park, Maryland 21225
Cost: $15 per person; $12 per person for groups of 3 or more from one organization
(registration includes lunch)

ArtsLAB was created by MCA to provide a space for the nonprofit arts sector to come together to address concerns facing their field. Seating for ArtsLAB is limited and spaces fill up quickly.

Schedule:
9:30   Welcome
9:40   Overview of the Day
9:45   Speakers
      Saida Agostini & Hannah Brancato: FORCE
      Connie Brantner: Quilter
      Lady Brion: Spoken Word Artist
      Kurt Kolaja: Filmmaker
      CJay Philip: Dancer
11:00  Interactive Panel Discussion
12:00  Networking Lunch Break
12:45  Workshop Breakouts - "Using Your Art for Civic Engagement"
2:00   Reconvene, Idea Presentations, Panel Feedback
2:55   Closing Remarks

Visit http://mdarts.org/news_events/artslab-2016 for more information and to register.
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 Newflash 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.

Charles County Arts Alliance
P.O. Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695
www.charlescountyarts.org / 301-392-5900
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

☐ **Sat**, Dec 10, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
   **CCAA Board Meeting**  
   United Way House, La Plata

### 2017

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

☐ **Sat**, Jan 28, TBD  
   **CCAA Winter Retreat**  
   TBD

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

☐ **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  
   **CCAA Board Meeting**  
   La Plata Town Hall

☐ **Sat**, Jun 10, TBD  
   **ArtsFest 2017**  
   La Plata Town Hall  
   (Rain Date: Sun, Jun 11)

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Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all.

~ Stanley Horowitz