

January 2015

## 2nd Annual Kris Kringle Christmas Market Another Big Success!

**Crowds Brave the Rain to Visit the Many Vendors and See Santa!**

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Rain could not keep away the hundreds of men, women and children who strolled through all the buildings at the Charles County Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 2014, during the 2nd Annual Kris Kringle Christmas Market. The Charles County Arts Alliance again hosted the "A Holiday Arts Faire" in the P.D. Brown Building, with 24 artist vendors offering their handmade works of art or literature for sale.

The public was entertained in the newly rebuilt Sheep Barn by a wide variety of music groups, and there was even a live nativity scene with sheep and Jasmine, the camel!

This event was a wonderful kickoff for the Holiday Season and a fun day for the whole family! Thanks to all of you for joining us, and Happy Holidays to you!



### Want to Promote Your Event With Us?

Email the information to us at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org) by the **third Friday of the month** for the newsletter, and **any Monday** for the *Arts Newsflash*. Please include "For Newsflash" or "For Newsletter" in the subject line of your email.

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Dear Members and Friends,

## **Holiday best wishes to all involved in the Charles County Arts Alliance!**

Over the past six months, we of the CCAA Board and many of our members have completed a large number of arts activities. We have participated in a Board retreat, five Board meetings and held two “Meet the Artists” public receptions. Along the way we also commemorated the War of 1812 British invasion at Benedict, set up and supervised the P. D. Brown Building during the Charles County Fair, and provided financial support for the music entertainment also presented at the Fair.

Next we held a grant workshop, convened a grant panel to evaluate applications presented to us by schools and nonprofit arts organizations, and approved and awarded over \$43,000 in grant funds at our Gala at Old Waldorf School.

Scholarship funds were raised at the Gala by way of a silent auction, as well as by the artist registration fees and artworks donated from those who participated in the Holiday Arts Faire, at the Kris Kringle Christmas Market in early December. Closing the first half of our operational year was an additional scholarship fundraiser, the “Holiday Fashion Show and ShopFest” held at Chico’s in Waldorf from which we received 10% of the sales between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, on December 13.

We still have another six months ahead of us with many more activities and challenges to meet as we continue to serve the citizens of Charles County.

May all of our Arts Alliance family have a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

*Robert*

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

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## 2nd Annual Kris Kringle Christmas Market and "A Holiday Arts Faire"





## Arts Alliance Opens its Ninth Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Winter Exhibit Runs Through March 27, 2015

**"Meet the Public" Reception on January 10, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**



The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new winter art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 37 artists and 54 works of art. The artworks are being displayed 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.

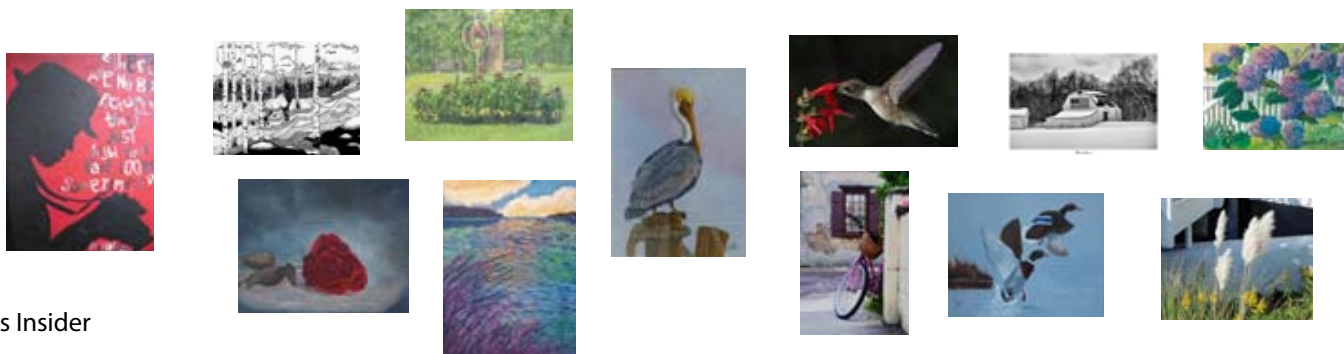
On Saturday, January 10, the Arts Alliance will host a **"Meet the Artists" Public Reception**, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to honor all the artists participating in this show. The public is invited to this event, and will have a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display throughout the Library. Most of the artworks are available for purchase; a price list is available at the Library's information desk.

The show's theme was open to the artists and includes works from: Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Donna Capuano, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Betty Fuqua, Renée Fuqua, Jan Garland, Roxana Gonzales, Lonnie Harkins, Josh Hettel, Gordon Johnson, Deborah Ledbetter, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Leah Meyers, Pat Morrison, Jan Norton, Jason Powell, Ayanna Proctor, Cryz Proctor, Annabel Lee Russell, Spencer Russell, Wayne Russell, Christian Sams, Lee Anne Shontere, Shon Simpson, Paul Toscano, Pat Troiani, Shannon Wang, Neil Wilmoth, Gerry Wood and Sandra Wood.

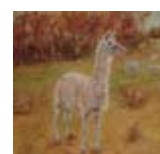
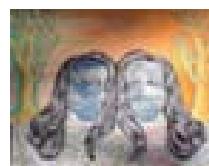
The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

For more information about this show and future exhibits, please contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

See the next page for more of the art on display now at the Waldorf West Library Galleries!



## More of the 54 Works of Art on Display at the Waldorf West Library Gallery's Winter 2015 Exhibit!





# Sneak Peeks at Upcoming Events

## From FY 2015 Arts Alliance Grant Recipients. . .

### Arts in Education

#### Archbishop Neale School

Music and Theater, January, April

#### Grace Christian Academy

*Beauty and the Beast*

March 12–13, 7:00 pm, March 14, 2:00 pm

#### Lackey High School

*Spring Concert*

May 18, 6:30 pm

#### J.C. Parks Elementary School

*National Symphony Orchestra "Young People's Concert II:  
Exploring Extremes"*

April

#### Malcolm Elementary School

*National Symphony Orchestra "Young People's Concert II:  
Exploring Extremes"*

April

#### St. Charles Children's Learning Center

*Cody and BJ*, Music and Drama

February 5; April 15, 30; May 11

#### Thomas Stone High School

*Park Jounq Sook Group of Potomac Maryland*,

February 5

*Lee Hee Kang Group*, April 23

#### Westlake High School

*Soul in Motion Players*, *Westlake School Chamber Choir*,  
*Westlake High School Jazz Ensemble*

Events and dates are based on the grant applications and are subject to change. Watch the **Arts Newsflash** for the latest information.

### Community Arts Development

#### Charles County Department of Community Services Aging & Senior Programs

Various music events and craft classes throughout the year. Go to <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/cs/aging/aging-and-senior-programs> for details.

#### Charles County Freedom Landing

Open House with music, songs, May 19 – 23

ArtsFest 2015, June 13

#### Charles County Public Library

Concerts, classes, demonstrations for all ages and interests throughout the year. Go to [www.ccplonline.org](http://www.ccplonline.org) for details.

#### Charles County Youth Orchestra

*Winter Concert*, January 26, 4:30 pm, Westlake High School

*Spring Concert*, May 18, 4:30 pm, Westlake High School

#### Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

*The Music of World War II*

March 14, 7:30 pm; March 15, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus

*An Evening of Bernstein featuring Chichester Psalms*

June 13, 7:30 pm, and June 14, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus

#### Friends of Chapman State Park

Open House throughout the year. Seasonal programs at Mount Aventine Manor House.

*The Historic West Wing*, April 12

*Art and Photography in the Park*, May 10

*Antebellum Tea*, June 7

*Music at the Manor House*, June 14

# Sneak Peeks at Upcoming Events

*Community Arts Development Grantee Events Continued from Previous Page*

## **Grace Brethren Church**

*Old Time Blues*, February 21

*Cabin Fever Concert*, March 21

## **Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation**

*Korean Lunar Festival*, February 7, Thomas Stone High School

*Asian & Pacific Islander Festival*, April 25, Westlake High School

*ArtsFest 2015*, June 13, La Plata Town Hall

## **Life Journeys Writers Club**

Workshops held throughout the year. Watch the *Arts Newsflash* for more details or go to <http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com>

## **Mattawoman Creek Art Center**

High School Show (*Seven Up*) - January 16–February 8

*Multimedia Open Show* - February 13–March 15

*MCAC Winter Tea* - March 1

*Mixturation*—Invitational show with Nancy Owens  
March 20–April 19

*Invitational Show with Bob Smith* - April 24–May 24

*MCAC 21st Annual Multimedia Juried Show*  
June 5, to July 5

*MCAC Summer Tea* – June 28

*Invitational Folk Art Show* – July 10–August 9

*Multimedia Open Show* – August 14–September 13

*Painting and Sculpture with Florals and Fun with Renee Nelson and Patricia Fecko* –September 18, to October 18

*MCAC Annual Multimedia Holiday Show*  
October 23, to December 13

*MCAC Holiday Tea* – November 22

Also look for the quarterly MCAC shows at the La Plata Branch of The Community Bank of the Chesapeake in La Plata, MD.

## **Music Teachers Association of Charles County**

*Sonatina Festival, Concert of Winners*

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm, Christ Church, La Plata,  
*Scholarship Competition*

Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Christ Church, La Plata

## **Nanjemoy Community Center**

*Raging Reptile Show*, January 26

*Valentine's Dance*, February 6

*Hometown Band and Spaghetti Dinner*, March 21

*Super Magic Man*, April 2

## **Port Tobacco Players**

*Super Hero Sanitarium*, January 3

*The Dixie Swim Club*, January 16–February 1

*Winnie the Pooh and the Birthday Tail*, February 7–8

*Oklahoma*, March 20–April 12

*Much Ado About Nothing*, May 22–June 7

Encore Kids Patriotic Show, throughout the year

All these events are funded in part by the Charles County Arts Alliance. A total of \$5,225 was awarded to the Arts in Education recipients (schools), and \$37,950 was granted to 13 nonprofit organizations for Community Arts Development.

Events and dates are based on the grant applications and are subject to change. Watch the *Arts Newsflash* for the latest information.



# CCAA and State News

## Charles County Arts Alliance 2015 Scholarship Program is Open!

**Deadline to Apply is February 28, 2015**



Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each high school in Charles County and one graduating student from the College of Southern Maryland, who

plan to continue studying the arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university, leading to a career in the arts.

The completed application and all required documentation must be postmarked by noon, February 28, 2015, and mailed to CCAA, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695. For more information, send an email to [scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com](mailto:scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com) or click here to go to the CCAA website to download an application. Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their high schools' College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

The Charles County Arts Alliance was founded in 1987 with the goal of stimulating, promoting, encouraging, and providing recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD. For 27 years the Arts Alliance has worked towards this goal by providing a variety of events, workshops, and services designed to help Charles County artists and arts organizations succeed and thrive, including: the ArtsFest countywide festival, school and community grants, and the management of three public art galleries.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

**Maryland Arts Day**  
**Tuesday,**  
**February 10, 2015**  
**9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Miller Senate Building**  
**11 Bladen Street**  
**Annapolis, MD**



**Early Bird Registration: \$25 until January 30;  
\$50 from January 31 to February 6**

Keynote Speaker is Freeman A. Hrabowski, III.



Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski, President of UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992, is a consultant on science and math education to national agencies, universities, and school systems. Named one of the 100 Most Influential

People in the World by TIME (2012) and one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report (2008), he also received TIAA-CREF's Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence (2011), the Carnegie Corporation's Academic Leadership Award (2011), and the Heinz Award (2012) for contributions to improving the "Human Condition."

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking, and shuttle ride to the President's Conference Center at the Miller Senate Building.

Following the morning speakers and information session, the main purpose of the day will be to discuss with lawmakers the importance of a strong arts community to the economic and cultural vitality of Maryland. Maryland Arts Day needs your participation! For more information, go to <http://www.mdarts.org>.



## Maryland State Arts Council The Maryland Cultural Data Report



The nonprofit arts industry in Maryland has a \$1.07 billion annual economic impact in our state. How do we know?

Because all MSAC grantee organizations submit their financial data to the Maryland Cultural Data Project (MDCDP) each year.

The MDCDP then generates a report that is submitted to the MSAC along with each grant application from an organization or County Arts Council. In turn, the MSAC tracks and measures the annual economic impact of the arts in Maryland, releasing a comprehensive report each year. The report shows legislators and other stakeholders in Maryland that the arts mean jobs and business across our entire state.

Maryland CDP is a required part of Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) Grants for Organizations (GFO) Track I and Track II applications, and Community Arts Development (CAD) applications. Now operating in 12 states and DC, the Cultural Data Project is an emerging national standard that gathers reliable data on arts and cultural organizations to provide consistent, reliable, comprehensive data on arts and culture in Maryland and nationally.

The Cultural Data Project (CDP)'s mission is to strengthen the national nonprofit arts and cultural sector by collecting and disseminating comprehensive, high-quality longitudinal data that supports fact-based decision-making in three key ways:

- It helps arts and cultural organizations improve their financial management and services to their communities.
- It enables researchers, advocates and policy makers to better tell the story of the sector's assets, contributions and needs.
- It helps grantmakers more effectively plan for and evaluate their individual and collective grantmaking activities.

The CDP impacts the cultural community in the following ways:

- Individual arts and cultural organizations improve their financial and operational capacity to serve their constituents better.
- Fact-based information advances learning and exchange among the cultural sector, policymakers and civic leaders.
- Funders plan for and evaluate their individual and collective grantmaking activities more effectively.

The CDP was operated by The Pew Charitable Trusts until 2013, and is now an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a national board of directors and governance structure.

To view the report, go to Maryland Cultural Data Project at <http://www.mdulturaldata.org>.

## Maryland Citizens for the Arts Needs Your Support!

With the 2015 General Assembly Session fast approaching, MCA is asking for your help! Together we have achieved great things for the arts in Maryland. But there are uncertain times ahead. Combined deficits are now approaching \$1 billion and our new Governor and the members of the General Assembly have some tough choices to make.

Maryland's arts sector is strong. We support small businesses all over the state and help to drive the economy. In fact, in FY 2012, the state's \$13.2 million investment supported more than 12,700 jobs and returned \$48 million in state and local tax revenue - talk about a "return on investment!"

We know we cannot do this without you. Please consider making a gift today. We have a lot of work to do. Every dollar raised helps us make the case for continued strong public investment in the arts!



Participants at ArtsLAB 2014



Emerging Arts Advocates Steering Committee

Your contribution helps us to:

- Support hundreds of arts organizations and artists across the state
- Advocate for funding and support for the entire arts sector
- Facilitate capacity building within the arts sector
- KEEP THE ARTS STRONG IN MARYLAND!

Your donation is 100% tax deductible. Maryland Citizens for the Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of Maryland.

To donate, go to <http://mdarts.org> and click on "get involved" and "Donate."



## Paint Annapolis

### is Now Open for Entry!

International Plein Air Painting Competition and  
Exhibition

June 8-14, 2015

Hosted by Maryland Federation of Art

18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401

Entry Deadline: February 22, 2015

Awards total \$10,000

Paint Annapolis is a five-day juried *plein air* painting competition held June 8-14, 2015, that brings to Annapolis *plein air* painters from around the world. For 14 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 and a former capital of the United States home to families, business, colleges, and maritime activities.

To enter, visit the website at [http://www.mdfedart.com/pages/paint\\_annapolis.php](http://www.mdfedart.com/pages/paint_annapolis.php) and click on "Enter Paint Annapolis."





# Performing Arts

## Port Tobacco Players *Super Hero Sanitarium*

Saturday, January 3, 3:00 and 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$7 Children



(Comedy) Lois Lancaster is a big-city journalist writing about the current state of mental health facilities. Her research takes her to a hospital populated with a unique group of quirky inmates who imagine they are crime-fighting superheroes. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the *Foundation for Heroes* who encourages children to believe in themselves, fulfill their dreams and

overcome obstacles while lifting their spirits and being supportive of their unique needs. For more information and to order tickets, go to <http://www.ptplayers.com>, or call 301-932-6819.

## Port Tobacco Players *The Dixie Swim Club*

January 16 - February 1

Fridays - Saturdays 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

Tickets: \$17 Adults; \$14 Seniors (60+), Military, and Youth (to 18)

(Comedy) Five Southern women, whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team, set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. *The Dixie Swim Club* focuses on four of these weekends - a hilarious and touching comedy about friendships that last forever. For more information and to order tickets, go to <http://www.ptplayers.com>, or call 301-932-6819.

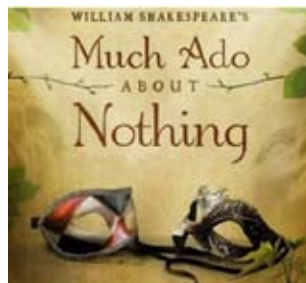


## Port Tobacco Players Auditions for William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*

Saturday, January 17, 10:00 am

Monday, January 19, 7:00 pm

Callbacks, if necessary, Wednesday, January 21  
Main Stage, 508 E Charles Street, La Plata



One of Shakespeare's best loved comedies follows Prince Don Pedro and his officers, Benedick and Claudio, as they arrive in Messina after a successful battle. Auditions will consist of a monologue and cold readings from the script.

The monologue should be between 80 - 160 words, you may use a printed copy of your monologue on stage during your audition. Performance dates are May 22 to June 7, 2015. For additional information, contact the producer at [migraine\\_boy98@hotmail.com](mailto:migraine_boy98@hotmail.com).

## Kids Crossing Productions and Grace Lutheran Church Call for Actors, Writers, Musicians, and Stage Production Assistants

Open auditions for actors on Sunday - Monday  
January 18 - 19, 2015, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Grace Lutheran Church. Room 116  
1200 Charles Street, La Plata

Actors, make-up artists, writers, costumers, graphic artists, musicians and stage crew are needed to produce a new sketch comedy television series that will air locally. For more information, details on the cast and applications, go to [www.kcptv.org](http://www.kcptv.org).



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## The Newtowne Players Auditions for William Inge's Classic Drama *Picnic*

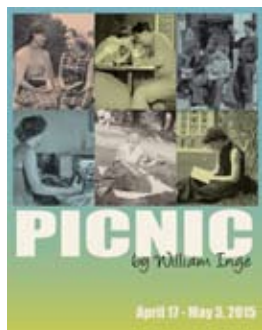
Thursday, January 22, 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 24, 10:00 am

Callbacks, January 24, 1:00 pm

Lobby of the Newtowne Players

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Play synopsis: Emotions ignite when a handsome drifter arrives in a small Kansas community on the morning of their Labor Day picnic. Auditions will generally consist of cold readings from the script where your ability to act and take directions will be evaluated. Show Dates: April 17 – May 3, 2015. For detailed information

about the characters, go to their website at [www.newtowneplayers.org](http://www.newtowneplayers.org) or call 301-737-5447.

## College of Southern Maryland Open Auditions:

Monday - Tuesday, January 26 - 27  
6:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Open auditions for ages 10  
and up for:

### • All Out

Performances will take place between March 5 and 14, 2015. Prepare a one-minute monologue. For more details, please contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu).



## College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre

*Adult American Males* by Graham Gordy

Thursday, January 29, 2:30 pm

Prince Frederick Campus, 115 J.W. Williams  
Road

Friday, January 30, 8:00 pm

Leonardtwn Campus, 22950 Hollywood Road

Thursday, February 5, 7:30 pm

Friday - Saturday, February 6 - 7, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 all ages, production may not be  
suitable for younger audiences.



Four all-American, hard-drinking, tough-talking guys make a surprising discovery.

This production contains strong adult

language and content. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit [www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html](http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html).

## College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre *Treasure Island*

Friday, January 30, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 31, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors, \$5 Youth

*Treasure Island* is the story of a stunning yarn of piracy on the tropical seas. At the center of it all are young Jim Hawkins, a 14-year-old boy who longs for adventure, and the infamous Long John Silver, who is a complex study of good and evil, perhaps the most famous hero/villain of all time. For more information and to order tickets call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit [www.csmd.edu/Arts](http://www.csmd.edu/Arts).



# Literary Arts



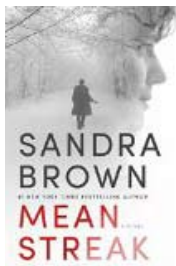
## Book Discussion Groups

**Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group** meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864.

**January 3: Self-Selected Poetry.** Share a favorite poem or two with the group. Original compositions are welcomed.



**Waldorf West Library's Chicks for Lit Book Club** meets on Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:30 am. Log into the Library's event calendar at <http://www.ccplonline.org/news/bookdiscussion.html> to pre-register, or call 301-645-1395. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.



**January 3: *Mean Streak* by Sandra Brown.** Dr. Emory Charbonneau, a pediatrician and marathon runner, disappears on a mountain road in North Carolina. By the time her husband Jeff, miffed over a recent argument, reports her missing, the trail has grown cold. Literally. Fog and ice

encapsulate the mountainous wilderness and paralyze the search for her. While police suspect Jeff of "instant divorce," Emory, suffering from an unexplained head injury, regains consciousness and finds herself the captive of a man whose violent past is so dark that he won't even tell her his name. She's determined to escape him, and willing to take any risks necessary to survive. Combining the nail-biting suspense and potent storytelling that has made Sandra Brown one of the world's best loved authors, *Mean Streak* is a wildly compelling novel about love, deceit, and the choices we must make in order to survive.

**Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club** meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



**January 7: *Momma Makes Up Her Mind: And Other Dangers of Southern Living* by Bailey White.** Welcome to the unique world of Bailey White. Her aunt Belle may take you to see her bellowing pet alligator. Her Uncle Jimbuddy may appall you with his knack for losing pieces of himself. Most of all, you may succumb utterly to the charms of Bailey's mama, who will take you to a juke joint so raunchy it scared Ernest Hemingway, or tuck you into her antique guest bed that has the disconcerting habit of folding up on people while they sleep.

**Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group** meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Call 301-934-9001 for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.



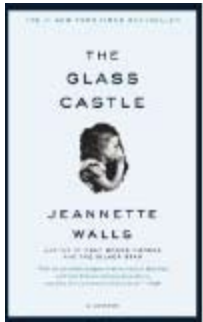
**January 8: *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir* by Reyna Grande.**

The 2014 One Maryland One Book selection. Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years in this story of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries. As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to "El Otro Lado" (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother at last returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father. Funny, heartbreaking, and lyrical, *The Distance Between Us* poignantly captures the confusion and contradictions of childhood, reminding us that the joys and sorrows we experience are imprinted on the heart forever, calling out to us of those places we first called home.



# Literary Arts

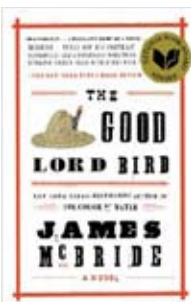
**La Plata Book Discussion Group** meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month. To join call 301-934-9001. The Library is located at 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.



**January 8: *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls.** Jeannette Walls grew up with parents whose ideals and stubborn nonconformity were both their curse and their salvation. Rex and Rose Mary Walls had four children. In the beginning, they lived like nomads, moving among Southwest desert towns, camping in the mountains. Rex was a

charismatic, brilliant man who, when sober, captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and above all, how to embrace life fearlessly. Rose Mary, who painted and wrote and couldn't stand the responsibility of providing for her family, called herself an "excitement addict." As the dysfunction of the family escalated, Jeannette and her brother and sisters had to fend for themselves, supporting one another as they weathered their parents' betrayals and, finally, found the resources and will to leave home.

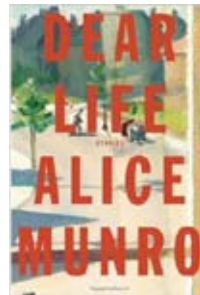
**Writers of Color Book Club** meets bi-monthly at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



**January 22: *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride.** Henry Shackleford is a young slave living in the Kansas Territory in 1857, when the region is a battleground between anti- and pro-slavery forces. When John Brown, the legendary abolitionist, arrives in the area, an argument between Brown and Henry's master quickly turns violent.

Henry is forced to leave town—with Brown, who believes he's a girl. An absorbing mixture of history and imagination, and told with McBride's meticulous eye for detail and character, *The Good Lord Bird* is both a rousing adventure and a moving exploration of identity and survival.

**Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group** meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Call 301-375-7375, more information. The Senior Center is located at 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640.



**January 28: *Dear Life: Stories* by Alice Monroe.** Alice Monroe illumines the moment a life is forever altered by a chance encounter or an action not taken, or by a simple twist of fate that turns a person out of his or her accustomed path and into a new way of being or thinking. Suffused with Munro's clarity of vision and her unparalleled gift for storytelling, these

tales about departures and beginnings, accidents and dangers, and outgoings and homecomings both imagined and real, paint a radiant, indelible portrait of how strange, perilous, and extraordinary ordinary life can be.

**The Jane Austen Film and Book Club** meets six times a year on the last Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. For more information, call at 301-645-2864.



**January 29: *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.** First published in 1818, *Persuasion* was Jane Austen's last work. Set in Somersetshire and Bath, the novel revolves around the lives and love affair of Sir Walter Elliot, his daughters Elizabeth, Anne, and Mary, and various in-laws, friends, suitors, and other characters. While

essentially a touching love story, Austen nonetheless expresses her profound concerns about the pressures and choices facing the young women of her day.

# Literary and Visual Arts

## Life Journeys Writers Club *Big Quarterly Gathering*

Saturday, January 17, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Come to network, get informed, inspired and come to hear great reads and critiques! Find out what the LJWC is all about!

For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972.



## Charles County Library

Take advantage of the wonderful, informative classes and workshops offered at the Library! Events and activities for all ages!

Libraries are located at:



### La Plata Branch

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

Phone 301-870-3520

### Potomac Branch

3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive  
Indian Head, MD 20640

Phone 301-375-7375

### P.D. Brown Memorial Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD 20602

Phone 301-843-7688

### Waldorf West Branch

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603

Phone 301-645-1395

Library 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.

## College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Erin Wiersma

*Liminal Territories*

January 26 - March 20

Gallery Talk on Thursday, January 29, 5:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Erin Wiersma's current work explores what exists beyond the edges of the surface, beyond the image itself. The results are pieces that could be perceived as ganglions of tiny alien veins and capillaries or other micro organic systems, mapping explicit gestures and patterns. They may also be



"Examen, 11/20/2013"

perceived as minute diagrams of synapses or of the myriad of complex activity going on constantly in the universe and within us. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/HungerfordGallery.html>.

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center High School "Seven Up" Art Show January 16 to February 8

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658



A showcase of the best works of art students from the seven Charles County public high schools. The Gallery and Gift Shop are open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information, call 301-743-5159 or go to [www.mattawomanart.org](http://www.mattawomanart.org).



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# CCAA Membership Form



*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, MD.*

*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 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!

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **New Member**

### Membership Categories (check one):

- ☐ Platinum Circle - \$500
- ☐ Gold Circle - \$250
- ☐ Silver Circle - \$150
- ☐ Arts Patron - \$125
- ☐ Arts Sponsor - \$100
- ☐ Arts Activist - \$60
- ☐ Family - \$40
- ☐ Individual - \$25
- ☐ Senior (60+) - \$15
- ☐ Youth (under 18) - \$10

### Business & Nonprofit:

- ☐ Corporate - \$500
- ☐ Business - \$125
- ☐ Nonprofit Organization - \$60
- ☐ Other (Donations) \_\_\_\_\_

Name *(exactly as you want it to appear in print)*:

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# Master Calendar FY 2015

2014

- ☒ Sat, Jul 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Thu, Jul 17, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
Old Waldorf School, Waldorf
- ☒ Sat, Aug 2, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
CCAA Board Summer Retreat  
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☒ Thu, Aug 28, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat-Sun, Aug 30-31  
Celebrate Charles! March from Benedict: War of 1812  
Serenity Farm, Benedict, MD
- ☒ Wed - Sun, Sep 10 – 14  
Charles County Fair  
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Tue, Sep 16, 7:00 pm  
Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop  
Unite Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Thu, Oct 9, 7:30 - 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 25, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Thu, Oct 30, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Nov 15, 7:00 – 10:00 pm  
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala  
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Wed, Nov 19, 7:30 – 8:30 am  
La Plata Rotary Club Presentation  
The Greene Turtle, La Plata
- ☒ Fri, Dec 5, 4:00 – 8:00 pm  
Sat, Dec 6, 9:00 am – 8:00 pm  
"A Holiday Arts Faire" - Kris Kringle Christmas Market  
2014 Charles County Holiday Trail  
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Dec 13, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Holiday Fashion Show and ShopFest  
Chico's of Waldorf
- ☒ Thu, Dec 18, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata

2015

- ☐ Sat, Jan 10, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Wed, Jan 14, 7:45 – 8:45 am  
Waldorf Kiwanis Club Presentation  
Comfort Suites, Waldorf
- ☐ Sat, Jan 31, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
CCAA Board Mid-Year Retreat  
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☐ Tue, Feb 10, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Maryland Arts Day  
Annapolis
- ☐ Thu, Feb 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Tue, Feb 17, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
Waldorf Rotary Club Presentation  
Waldorf West Library
- ☐ Wed, Mar 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
La Plata Kiwanis Club Presentation  
The Greene Turtle, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Mar 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Wed, Mar 18, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
CCAA Hosts CAAM Meeting  
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☐ Tue, Mar 31, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Scholarship Committee Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Apr 9, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, May 2, 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 2, 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Thu, May 14, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Jun 11, 7:30 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, Jun 13, 12:00 – 6:00 pm  
(Rain Date: Sun, Jun 14)  
ArtsFest 2015  
La Plata Town Hall

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

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January 2015

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