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March 19, 2015



ArtsFest 2015 is Coming!

Call for Artists, Authors, Exhibitors!

Saturday, June 13, 2015
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 14)
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street
La Plata, MD

First "Early Bird Discount" Ends **March 31!**

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 23rd annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, 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. We are pleased to be presenting ArtsFest for the fourth year in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

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.

Time is of the essence, so please register for your booth space today and save money! This year, we have two "early bird discounts" that end on March 31, and April 30. The final deadline for registration is May 31.

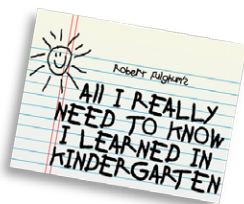
Click [HERE](#) to download the ArtsFest 2015 Registration Form for all visual and literary Artist Vendors (sales) and Nonprofit Organization Exhibitors (no sales).

Click [HERE](#) to download the ArtsFest 2015 Food Vendor Registration Form.

For more info or if you have any questions, please contact our CCAA Office at info@charlescountyarts.org, or call 301-392-5900.

PERFORMING ARTS [{top}](#)

Thomas Stone's Imagination Playhouse
All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten
Thursday - Saturday, March 19 - 21, 7:00 pm
Thomas Stone High School
3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf
Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$5 Students and Senior Citizens
Tickets Available at the Door, Beginning at 6:30 pm



Robert Fulghum's book has been adapted as a play about all the simple things people learn when they are young that carry over for one's whole life. The actors take on the roles of men, women, and children to depict stories of love, hope, and determination.

The tender scenes invite the audience to reflect on their past, present, and future while still making them laugh at the innocence of a kindergartener. For more information, call Ruby Duehring at 301-645-2601, or rduehring@ccboe.com.

Port Tobacco Players

Oklahoma

March 20 - April 12

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Family Musical) "Oklahoma.... where the wind comes sweeping down the plain" was the first collaboration by Rodgers & Hammerstein, and opened on Broadway in 1943. It's still just as lovable 70 years later. This classic musical, set in the Western Indian

territory in the early 1900s, tells the story of the handsome cowboy Curly and the winsome farm girl Laurey. Alas, the road to true love never runs smooth and in this classic, it is a bumpy

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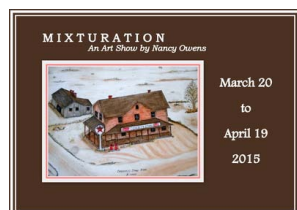


Bullock's Piano Salon

Complete Family Music Center—School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used

ride down a country road in a "Surrey with the Fringe on Top"! To order tickets, go to www.ptplayers.org or call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Grace Brethren Church
Cabin Fever Gospel Barn Dance
Saturday, March 21, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
13000 Zekiah Drive, Waldorf
Freewill offering will be taken



Enjoy an inspirational evening with Gospel music by Bluegrass Gospel Express, Cedar Run and Doofus. For more information, call 301-645-0407, or visit www.gracewaldorf.org.

Kids Crossing Productions
Open Auditions
Monday, March 23, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Waldorf West Library, Meeting Room B
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



KCP is developing a television series to be aired both locally as well as worldwide on their own YouTube channel. Designed for teens and "tweens," the sketch comedy show (with musical guests) will focus on positive values as kids cross over into adolescence, teaching them

about the responsibilities and challenges of getting older. Taping will occur on location at various settings. KCP is looking for 7-8 teens, ages 12-18, to be their core performers, as well as adults of any age for supporting roles. Singing and dancing experience a plus, but not mandatory. Prepare a funny one-minute monologue (it can be original or from a previously produced or published work). Forms will be available at the audition, but you can also download one in advance at www.kcptv.org. Please bring a photo with your form.

Port Tobacco Players
Auditions for all ages 14 and up
Monty Python and the Holy Grail
Monday - Tuesday, March 23 - 24, 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am
Callbacks as necessary, March 28, 12:00 noon,
and March 31, 6:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata

Singing and non-singing roles and featured dancing roles available. Prepare

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MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

A new musical *loosely* tipped off from the motion picture MONTY PYTHON and the Holy Grail

cappella or with recorded music. Cold readings will follow.

Dress comfortably and be prepared to move and play. For more information, contact Ann Marie Watson at amwatson77@gmail.com, or visit their website at <http://www.ptplayers.com/auditions.html>.

16-32 bars of a musical theater song. An accompanist is provided; bring sheet music in the correct key. No singing a

Port Tobacco Players Encore Kids

Auditions for the 2015 Season

Open to Children in 1st - 8th Grades

Tuesdays, March 24 and March 31, 6:30 pm

Port Tobacco Players Rehearsal Hall

508 Charles Street, La Plata (Entrance located behind the white fence off Kent Avenue)



Encore Kids! is being revitalized and re-imagined with a new vision and direction. The objective of the new curriculum will incorporate classes in music, voice, dance, acting and stage craft (make-up, costuming, set/props building) and will culminate in a full scale production on the main stage at Port Tobacco Players. To audition, prepare 16-32

bars of a musical theater style song that highlights vocal range and personality. For complete information on auditioning, visit www.ptplayers.com, or contact Ben Simpson at education@ptplayers.com.

College of Southern Maryland

Barbershop Extravaganza

Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Event



Southern Mix, directed by Paul Douglass, will be joined by professional ensembles for an afternoon of barbershop harmony.

Visit <http://csmd.edu/Arts/somix/index.html> or to reserve tickets, contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-

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Ballet Arts Academy
The Oscar HawkinsTalent Show
Saturday, March 28, 7:00 pm
3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf
Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children under 18



Tickets can be purchased at the Academy or online at www.balletartsacademy.org. For more information, call 301-932-4002, or email Dance@BalletArtsAcademy.org.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
For more information about events, workshops and discounts
for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go
to www.mattawomanart.org.

MCAC Friday Open Studio
Now through May 22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Free!



Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Bring your friends (both members and nonmembers). Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process!

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Spring Art Show
Mixturation
Featuring Art by Nancy Owens
March 20 - April 19
Reception: Sunday, March 22



CCAA members receive the monthly newsletter, **The Arts Insider**, on the first of each month.

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

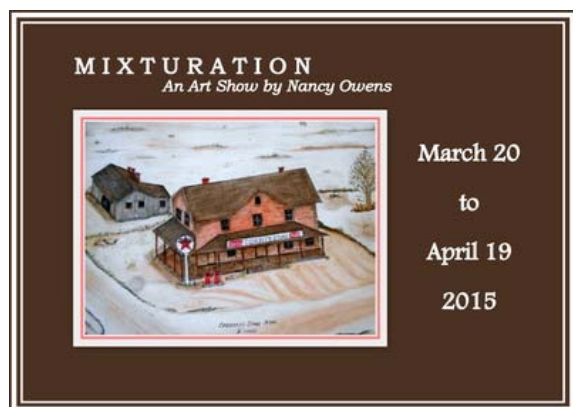
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Why Not Join Us Now?

1:00 - 4:00 pm



Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Workshops

Mini Intro to Zentangle®

Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Fee: \$15 (no early bird special)

\$5 Materials fee due to the Instructor

Instructor: Jill Smithson



This introductory class is for students wishing to take an advanced Zentangle® class, but have had no prior experience with Zentangle®. The Mini Intro will be held one hour prior to the advanced class, and you must pre-register.

Peek-a-Boo Zentangle®

Tuesday, March 24, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

\$10 Materials fee due to the Instructor, or \$5 for participants bringing their basic kit of Micron 01, pencil and tortillion

Instructor: Jill Smithson



Windows of Zen! Create window peek-a-boo cards with colorful pages of Zentangle® patterns adorning and inviting the viewer/recipient to open. This class will open you to new ways of sharing your Zentangle® art. Prerequisite: Zentangle® Foundational or Mini Intro.

Pastel Portraits

Monday, March 30, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

Model fee additional

Instructor: Andree Tullier (www.andreetullier.com)



This workshop will cover aspects of using hard and soft pastels to get an accurate likeness of a child. Instructor demonstration will offer a step by step approach. Anatomy, proportion and light and shade will be covered. Bring your own pastel supplies. Prior experience using soft pastels is a plus.

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Erin Wiersma

Liminal Territories

Now through March 20

College of Southern Maryland, Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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. In these new drawings, she seeks to address the liminal within her work to reconnect with the performance of making, seeking a confluence between the spiritual and material aspects of being. In doing so, she cultivates a sense of mutual seeing

and revelation in the process of creating. 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 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>.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Gallery

Annual Juried Student Exhibition

April 8 - May 4

Artwork Submission Dates: March 25 - April 1

Award Reception: April 14, 2:30 pm

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

Paintings in broad brush strokes, photos in captivating focus, and sculptures molded with playfulness are among the types of artwork



"Gas Station" by Katharina Fleming, 2014 Faculty Purchase Prize

showcased each spring as part of the College of Southern Maryland's Annual Juried Student Exhibition presented in the Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery. Artist Laurel Kukazewski will be the Juror for

this year's exhibit. For more information, call the box office at 301-934-7828 or go to <http://csmd.edu/Arts>

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Sandy Scales Seminar

Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 6860 Crain Highway, La Plata

\$65 One Day, \$125 Both Days (Tutorial Packets additional charge)



Talented, experienced, decorative painting teacher Sandy Scales will teach Maureen McNaughton's Jamaican Hibiscus and Doctor Bird as well as Floral Medley and Flutterbyes. Both use traditional and contemporary

strokes plus vivid colors to create spectacular artwork. Tutorial packets can be downloaded from the designer's website, www.MaureenMcNaughton.com, or ordered from SMDP for an additional small printing fee. To register, contact: Southern MD Decorative Painters at LearnToPaint@outlook.com, or call D. Williams at 240-298-6474. For more information and to view photos, go to www.smdpaint.org.

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

BookNuts BookStore

BOGO Clearance Sale!

4459 Crain Highway, White Plains

Store Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, Tuesday through

Saturday; 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, Sunday and Monday



BookNuts BookStore is closing its doors on April 7. All books are buy one-get one free! That's 50 cents a book! There are over 15,000 books in the store, in all genres. For more information, visit their website at BookNutsBookStore.com, or call 301-836-6236.

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.
Celebrates the Literary Arts!

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Call 301-705-8972 for Location Information



Come to the LJWC's *Nuts and Bolts Gathering* and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more. Members, bring your works to read. Visitors, come check us out, network and critique.

Write on Saturdays - with a Twist!

March 28, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Location information provided with registration

Registration Fee: \$59.99

Deadline to Register: Friday, March 20

REGISTER NOW!



Dedicate just one Saturday to electrify your passion - to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Bring your works in progress. Expect to write, critique and edit. Gain invaluable writing, publishing and promotional tips, with time to create.

Ten writers maximum. The session also

features on-site line and content editing from a professional editor. Refreshments provided throughout the day, and includes lunch.

Write on Wednesdays - with a Twist!

April 8, April 15, April 22

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Location information provided with registration

Registration Fee: \$59.99

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 27

REGISTER NOW!



An intimate setting conducive to expanding your prose! Register online through [PayPal](#) or contact Yvonne Medley at emeddle@aol.com.

For more information about the workshops, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com, or go to www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Read Across America Month

Take the 30/30 READING CHALLENGE

You could win a Kindle Fire!

Open to K-12 students enrolled in a Maryland public school



During March 2015, read at least 30 minutes for 30 days to celebrate Read Across Maryland Month. Read with family, friends or by yourself and post your favorite reading experience. Your submissions make you eligible for a random

drawing to win a Kindle Fire.

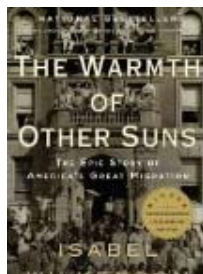
[Click here](#) to download the 2015 Reading Log. To learn more, view the [30/30 Reading Challenge flyer](#).



Adult Discussion Book Groups

Writers of Color Book Club

Note time and location change! A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of the African diaspora who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at alternating locations. The March meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register for the next discussion. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



March 24: ***The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*** by Isabel Wilkerson. Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America.

Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves. Both a riveting microcosm and a major assessment, *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.

March 25: ***The Husband's Secret*** by Liane Moriarty. "My darling Cecilia, if

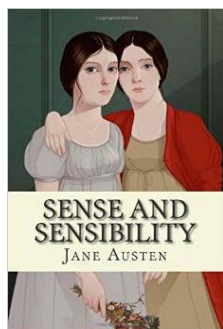


you're reading this, then I've died. . ." Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret, something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter

while your husband is still very much alive! Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses, and ultimately ourselves.

Jane Austen Book & Film Club

Meets six times a year from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, on the last Thursday of the month at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, with your library card number to place a copy of the book on reserve for you.



March 26: ***Sense and Sensibility*** by Jane Austen. *Sense and Sensibility* was Ms. Austen's first published work when it appeared in 1811 under the pseudonym "A Lady." A work of romantic fiction, better known as a comedy of manners, the novel is set in southwest England, London and Kent, between 1792 and 1797, and portrays the life and loves of the Dashwood sisters, Elinor and Marianne. The story follows the young

ladies to their new home, a meager cottage on a distant relative's property, where they experience love, romance and heartbreak. The philosophical resolution of the novel is ambiguous: the reader must decide whether sense and sensibility have truly merged.

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.



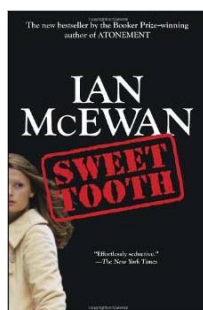
April 1: ***Whistling Past the Graveyard*** by Susan Crandall. In the summer of 1963, nine-year-old Starla Claudelle runs away from her strict grandmother's Mississippi home. Starla's destination is Nashville, where her mother went to become a famous singer, abandoning Starla when she was three. Walking a lonely country road, Starla accepts a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a

white baby. Now, on the road trip that will change her life forever, Starla sees for the first time life as it really is--as she reaches for a dream of how it could one day be.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more

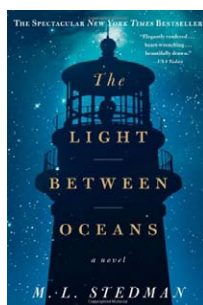
information, call 301-934-9001.



April 2: ***Sweet Tooth*** by Ian McEwan. Cambridge student Serena Frome's beauty and intelligence make her the ideal recruit for M15. The year is 1972. The Cold War is far from over. England's legendary intelligence agency is determined to manipulate the cultural conversation by funding writers whose politics align with those of the government. The operation is code named "Sweet Tooth." Serena, a compulsive reader of novels, is the perfect candidate to infiltrate the literary circle of a promising young writer named Tom Haley. At first, she loves the stories. Then she begins to love the man. How long can she conceal her undercover life? To answer that question, Serena must abandon the first rule of espionage: trust no one.

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group

Note: Date Change for April! Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, and reserve a book with your library card.

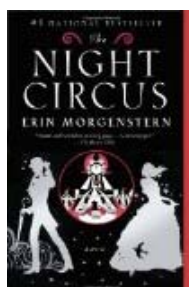


April 11: ***The Light Between Oceans*** by M.L. Stedman. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, this childless couple discovers a boat has washed

up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own--with devastating results .

Chicks for Lit Book Club

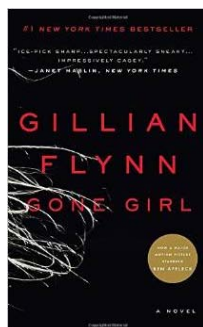
Meets on Saturdays from 10:30 - 12:00 noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD. Pre-registration is required; click [here](#) to register for this discussion. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



April 11: ***The Night Circus*** by Erin Morgenstern. The circus arrives without warning. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and it is only open at night. Behind the scenes is a fierce competition between two young magicians, Celia and Marco. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a game in which only one can be left standing. Events are set in motion with dangerous consequences, leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the

balance.

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group
Note Date Change for April! Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



April 23: **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn. On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Is her husband a killer? Where is the wife? With her razor-sharp writing and trademark psychological insight, Gillian Flynn delivers a fast-paced, devilishly dark, and ingeniously plotted thriller.

Charles County Library Schedule For March and April



Get a copy of the [March/April](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-934-9001 or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.

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Nanjemoy Community Center



The Nanjemoy Community Center offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to

fulfill the needs of the Nanjemoy community for all ages from

tots to senior adults. For details of all events, get a copy of their [March](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [March](#) and [April](#) editions of **The Scoop**, Charles County's Senior Center News.

The Center is located at 4375 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662. For more information, call 301-246-9612, 301-934-5423, 301-753-1647, or click [here](#) to go to their website. The Center is open Monday and Wednesday - 8:30 am - 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's underserved population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.

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