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Email the information to us at 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.

"Maryland Arts Day 2015" in Annapolis a Great Success!

Arts Alliance Joins Over 400 Statewide Arts Advocates



On February 10, members and friends of the Charles County Arts Alliance braved the frigid weather and trekked to Annapolis for Maryland Arts Day 2015. This is the annual statewide gathering of arts advocates showing their support for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED).

Maryland Arts Day is presented each year by Maryland Citizens for the Arts (www.mdarts.org), in which we are a proud member. This year's keynote speaker was truly inspiring and amazing: Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Dr. Hrabowski spoke on the critical importance of the arts in education, in the human soul, and in human rights. He shared his own personal childhood story of joining Dr. Martin Luther King in Birmingham, Alabama, and the essential role music played in elevating his spirit while in jail. Dr. Hrabowski received a standing ovation from the attendees.

This year's event brought together over 400 arts advocates statewide to speak to our Maryland state legislators about our concerns over the Governor Hogan's proposed budgets for the MSAC. Specifically, the Governor proposed a 5% cut to the MSAC's current FY 2015 budget, and another 5% cut to next year's FY 2016 budget. Since the MSAC is the primary funding source for the county arts councils in Maryland (including us!), these proposed budget cuts are quite real, and if implemented, will be experienced directly by all 23 counties and Baltimore City.

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President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, we have most certainly enjoyed a “Winter Wonderland” the past few weeks, even though some folks just cannot wait until spring is sprung. Even during this frosty period, the CCAA has continued to move forward in its ongoing mission to serve the citizens of Charles County and to support and expand the arts in our region.

Earlier this month, we were very pleased that 11 CCAA Board members and friends attended Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis to encourage our elected officials to stand up and be counted in preventing a 5% cut to this year's, and next year's funding of the Maryland State Arts Council. They were able to reduce some of the expected cut this year, but the next year has not as yet been decided.

On a brighter note, Office Manager Judy Crawford and I recently made presentations to the Charles County Rotary Club (La Plata) and the Kiwanis Club of Waldorf. A presentation to the Waldorf Rotary was snowed-out (it will be rescheduled) and soon we will be with the La Plata Kiwanis Club. These presentations are designed to inform other community service organizations about the broad scope of our CCAA artistic activities, as we work to help people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

Further, our Gallery Committee has already begun preparation for its Spring Art Show at the Waldorf West Library, and has some 40 visual artists signed up. Our Scholarship application time has come to end, and soon the Scholarship Committee will begin its selection deliberations.

RIGHT NOW! All of our members have the opportunity to self-nominate themselves for a position on the CCAA Board of Directors for the next two years. Many of our current Board Members will be nominating themselves to return and help continue our work, and a few will be moving onward with our thanks for their work. We would welcome additional individuals who are leaders and want to help us grow and expand over the next few years.

So please submit your self-nomination by March 15 (see page 4 of this newsletter for details).

Of course we still have our Spring Art Show to present, our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting to convene, Scholarships to award, and an ArtsFest to produce before the end of our year on June 30. You will hear more about these events in next month's newsletter.

Stay warm, and look for spring to appear!

Robert

Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance



From left to right: Jerry Peuler, past Kiwanis District Governor; CCAA President Robert Rausch; CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford; and Terry Lane, immediate past President of the Waldorf Club, at the January 28, meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Waldorf.

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We were very pleased to meet in person with our Charles County state legislators: State Senator “Mac” Middleton, Delegates Sally Jameson, Edith Patterson, C.T. Wilson, and in addition, Anthony O’Donnell (Calvert County). We sincerely appreciate the time and attention they gave to hearing our concerns.

Our Charles County Arts Alliance delegation was joined by members of the St. Mary’s County Arts Council, and we made very strong showing as the “Southern Maryland Delegation.” See the great photo above! Thanks to the following Arts Alliance members and friends for donating a full day to demonstrate their strong support for the arts in Maryland: Robert Rausch, Diane Rausch, Lorina Harris, Kathy Jenkins, Roy Jenkins, Crystal Proctor, Natalie Proctor, Yvonne Medley, Robert Medley, Elisa Cruz and Judy Crawford.

Turn to pages 5-7 to read critical information about the current and future status of the Arts in Maryland.



Keynote Speaker Dr. Freeman Hrabowsk gave an inspiring presentation to a standing ovation.



Maryland Arts Day had a full house with record attendance.



Information on budget was shared during the slide presentations.



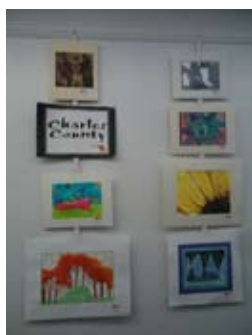
Senator “Mac” Middleton and Delegate Edith Patterson met with the Southern Maryland Delegation.



CCAA Past President Diane Rausch talks with Delegates Anthony O’Donnell and Sally Jameson.



The Southern Maryland Delegation met in the office of Delegate C.T. Wilson.



The “tunnel” connecting the State buildings displays art from local students.



Arts Alliance is Now Accepting Nominations for 2015 - 2017 Board of Directors

Deadline to Apply is March 15, 2015

Elections will be Held on Saturday, May 2, 2015

Do YOU want to PROMOTE the ARTS? The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) wants you! If you are a leader and want to help promote the arts in our county, nominate yourself to serve on the CCAA Board of Directors! CCAA is accepting self-nominations for the 3 Officers and 9 Directors of the CCAA for a two-year term of office, starting on July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. The 3 Officers are President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. All CCAA Board positions are volunteer.

All nominations for CCAA Board positions must be CCAA current members (dues paid) as of January 1, 2015. Please submit a typed brief written statement indicating: (1) why you are interested in serving on the CCAA Board, and what specific contribution(s) you wish to make; (2) your qualifications; and (3) which specific CCAA committee you are interested in leading or serving on. Send this written statement (not to exceed one page) to: info@charlescountyarts.org with the subject-line to read: Nomination for CCAA Board of Directors.

Here is what the CCAA Board job entails:

- Commit to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Charles County Arts Alliance.
- Commit to being a leader; CCAA Board positions are leadership positions.
- Commit the personal time required to:
- Attend monthly Board Meetings (12/year)
- Attend Board Retreats (2/year for full-day meeting), and participate in CCAA-sponsored cultural and membership events throughout the year.
- Serve on a "hands-on" Board; it is not an advisory group.
- Serve in a volunteer capacity; Board positions are not compensated.

Chair or serve on one CCAA standing committee:

- ArtsFest
- Budget, Finance and Audit
- Events
- Gallery
- Grant
- Membership
- Outreach and Marketing
- Scholarship

The CCAA Nominating Committee will accept all self-nominations via email through the deadline of Sunday, March 15, 2015. All nominations will be reviewed by the CCAA Nominating Committee. The final recommended slate of Officers and Directors will be forwarded to the CCAA membership by April 2, 2015, and will be presented for election at the CCAA Annual Membership meeting on May 2, 2015. Please note that nominations will not be accepted from the floor at this meeting. Thanks for your consideration!

MARYLAND *arts* DAY february 10, 2015

impact of maryland state arts council funding

Number of full-time equivalent jobs
generated by arts organizations:

12,000

Number of attendees at arts events
every year in Maryland:

7.6 million

Amount arts audiences in Maryland spent:

\$369 million

State and local tax revenues
generated from arts events annually:

\$45 million

Direct spending into the economy
from arts organizations:

\$605 million

Total annual economic impact of arts in Maryland:

\$1 billion

Amount generated in economic activity
for every \$1 in arts operating budgets:

\$3.21

Return to Marylanders and the State from a very
small investment in the Arts Council budget:

PRICELESS

Economic Impact Numbers as compiled by the Maryland Department of Business
and Economic Development for the Maryland State Arts Council, based on FY 2013 data.
www.msac.org

Maryland Citizens for the Arts, 3600 Clipper Mill Rd, #215, Baltimore, MD 21211
www.mdarts.org



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THE GOVERNOR'S P-20 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON ARTS EDUCATION IN MARYLAND SCHOOLS

Co-Chairs: Mary Ann Mears and Dr. Jack Smith

OVERVIEW

The Governor's P-20 Leadership Council convened the Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools in September 2013. Over the course of a year, the task force met to discuss potential recommendations on policy and regulation, curriculum and instruction, resource allocation, and professional development. The final report was unanimously approved by the P-20 Leadership Council in September 2014.

The task force report includes:

- An Executive Summary of the need and the work of the task force
- A set of ten recommendations, including rationale statements
- Strategies indicating actions for accomplishing the recommendations with an accompanying timeline identifying responsible entities and schedule
- Research on the impact of the arts on student achievement, including a bibliography of pertinent research
- Analysis of public input on arts education gathered from online, essay responses, and statewide regional forums
- Program data from schools and school system central offices

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A: Revise the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) to provide specific direction to local school systems in the consistent implementation of comprehensive fine arts programs in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts for all children at all grade levels.
- B: Establish a comprehensive, statewide data system that collects elementary, middle, and high school data on fine arts instruction.
- C: Establish a minimum per pupil funding allocation required for and dedicated to comprehensive fine arts programs in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts for all schools and for startup funding for new programs in those disciplines.
- D: Revise the Maryland State Standards for Fine Arts Education.
- E: Develop and/or align school system curriculum documents with the revised State Standards in Fine Arts.
- F: Provide central office leadership and support at the curriculum and instruction level so the fine arts have Maryland certified staff assigned supervisory responsibilities.

- G: Staff all fine arts classes with Maryland fine arts teachers who have the depth of knowledge and skills necessary to teach the courses to which they have been assigned.
- H: Ensure that instructional time in all arts disciplines is not replaced or removed to facilitate additional time in another subject area.
- I: Provide learning opportunities and resources for fine arts teachers to continue the development of skills needed to deliver a comprehensive fine arts program, for non-arts teachers to integrate the arts into their disciplines, and for leaders in school systems and in higher education to enhance their knowledge of effective arts education.
- J: Strengthen the quality of fine arts teacher preparation programs.

*** The final report of the task force can be found on the AEMS website, www.aems-edu.org, under Key Issues. ***



Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance

VISION

All Maryland public school students have equitable access to arts education so that they can learn and achieve in and through dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts.

MISSION

Increase student access to course in all art forms through purposeful actions.

- Promote and advocate for state, local, and national policies that strengthen arts education
- Communicate research and effective instructional practices in the arts with stakeholders in education, government, business, and the arts
- Support and celebrate outstanding leaders in arts education
- Provide learning opportunities for teachers of all art forms, teachers who integrate the arts into their disciplines, and teaching artists
- Provide technical assistance in the areas of curriculum development, instruction, school structures, and organizational outreach to stakeholders.

***AEMS staffed the task force and published the final report.
The final report will be a powerful platform for AEMS to continue to
advocate for and gain increased access to the arts for Maryland students.***

For more information about AEMS, please visit: www.aems-edu.org.

Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland Ward Virts Concert Series

Holly Roadfeldt, Piano,

Sunday, March 1, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus,

Building B, Room 104, 115 J.W. Williams Road

Free Admission; Donations Accepted



Holly Roadfeldt holds degrees in piano performance from the Eastman School of Music, Indiana University, and the University of Colorado in Boulder. As a soloist, she made her orchestral debut with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at the age of 13 and continues to be an active solo pianist and chamber musician performing standard and

eclectic recital programs in the United States, Europe, and Asia. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html>.

College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre

The Emperor's New Clothes

Friday, March 6, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

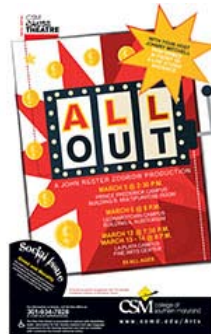
Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors, \$5 Youth (High School and Below)



The kingdom of Glump has been taxed to abstraction ever since their emperor became a pampered clothes horse with a lack of taste! The emperor and his family are so busy mismatching their wardrobe,

the rest of the kingdom is in a shambles. Enter two con artists who devise an ingenious plan for fleecing the emperor. Based on the tale by Hans Christian Andersen. For more information and to order tickets, contact the CSM Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or to www.csmd.edu/Arts.

College of Southern Maryland *All Out*



Thursday, March 5, 2:30 pm
Prince Frederick Campus,
115 J.W. Williams Road

Friday, March 6, 8:00 pm
Leonardtown Campus, 22950
Hollywood Road

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center,
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8:00 pm
La Plata Campus, Business and Industry Building (BI), Room 103, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 All Ages, Production may not be suitable for younger audiences.

The stage is set for a television game show, but it's to be a game that goes to the essence of morality today. To what extremes will the contestants go to win a prize of \$100,000? The show begins as a typical, enthusiastic, laugh-it-up contest. Then, peeling away layer by layer the exteriors of the various contestants, the sometimes debasing price of success begins to be revealed. For more information and to order tickets, contact the CSM Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu. call 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html>.

La Plata High School International Championship High School A Cappella Mid-Atlantic Finals

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 pm

6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students



La Plata's a cappella group, Unplugged, will compete against nine other high schools for the Mid-Atlantic region finalist position. All first-place winners advance to the final event scheduled for April 17, in New York City. For more information, go to <http://www.freshtix.com/events/ichsa-mid-atlantic-2015>.

Performing Arts

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Spring 2015 POPS Concert

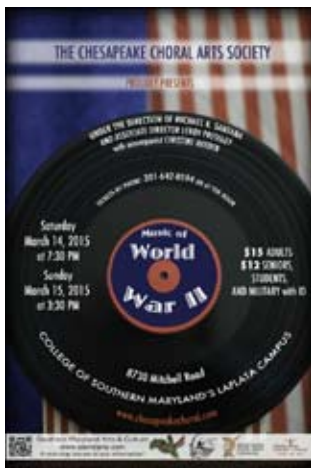
Music of World War II

Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 15, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Students and Military with ID



To commemorate the 75th anniversary of WW II, *The Music of WW II* concert will feature fun and familiar music, including *Apple Blossom Time*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, *White Cliffs of Dover*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, and *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*. Also featured are some of the Choral Arts Society's own talented individuals and small groups with special

solos, duets and ensemble numbers. Tickets can be purchased at the door (cash/check only), online at www.chesapeakechoral.com, or by calling 301-642-0594.

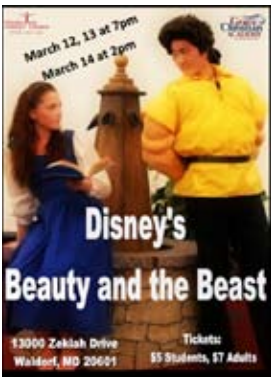
Grace Christian Academy *Beauty and the Beast*

Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm

13000 Zekiah Drive, Waldorf

Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$5 Children and Seniors



This timeless musical is a delight for all ages. Children are invited to wear their favorite prince or princess costume and get their picture taken with Belle and her friends on any of the nights. For more information, call Melissa Burdin at 301-645-0406, or go to <http://www.graceknights.org>.

Port Tobacco Players *Oklahoma*

March 20 - April 12

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

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



(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 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.

Performing and Literary Arts

College of Southern Maryland *Barbershop Extravaganza*

Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts (FA) Building,
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. For more information, visit <http://csmd.edu/Arts/somix/index.html>. To reserve tickets, contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-7828.

Ballet Arts Academy The Oscar Talent 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.

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



Beginning March 1, 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.

Go to <http://www.readacrossmaryland.org> for more details and to download the 2015 Reading Log.

Local Author Charles Long Winner of Mom's Choice Gold Award *Momma Tree*

Charles County author and pastor, Charles Long, recently won a Mom's Choice Gold Award for his children's book, *Momma Tree*. *Momma Tree* is a life-affirming story about a young girl and her mother as they learn about nature and life. The book was illustrated by well-known local artist, Christina Allen.



To find out more about the award, visit www.momschoiceawards.com, and search for "Momma Tree." The book can be purchased through Mom's Choice Awards Store, Amazon, or (best of all) through Charles Long directly (www.mommamtreebook.com).

For more information, contact Charles Long at longcharlesm@gmail.com.

Literary Arts

**College of Southern Maryland
Connections Literary Readings
Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps
and Author/Poet Fred Foote**
Friday, March 6, 7:30 pm
La Plata Campus, Center for Business and
Industry (BI), Room 103, 8730 Mitchell Road
Tickets: \$3 in Advance; \$5 at the Event; \$3 with
CSM Student ID



Award-winning writers and veterans Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps (left) and Dr. Fred Foote will discuss their time in the U.S. military and how it has influenced their literary writing. For more information, call 301-934-7864, Connections@csmd.edu, or go to www.csmd.edu/connections.

Charles County Public 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>.

**Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.
*Nuts and Bolts Gathering***
Saturday, March 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Contact LJWC for Location Details
Free Admission



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. Come and learn what we do, how we do it, and learn how you can become a member of the LJWC, Inc.

Write on Saturdays - with a *Twist!*
March 28, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Location Details will be Given after
Registration.

**Registration: \$59.99. Deadline to Register is
March 20**



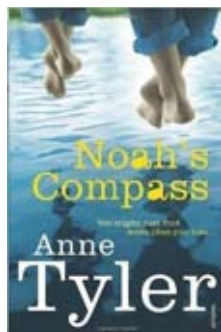
Dedicate just one Saturday to electrify your passion - to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. This workshop features refreshments throughout the day, and includes lunch. SExpect to write, critique and edit. Accrue invaluable writing, publishing and promotional tips - and precious time to create. Ten writers maximum. The Session features on-site line and content editing from a professional editor. For more information and to register, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com, or go to the website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Literary Arts



Book Discussion Groups

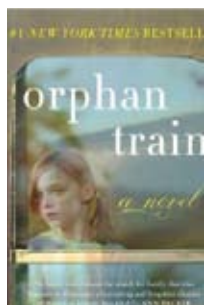
Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



March 4: *Noah's Compass* by Anne Tyler. Liam Pennywell, who set out to be a philosopher and ended up teaching fifth grade, never much liked the job at that run-down private school, so early retirement doesn't bother him. But he is troubled by his inability to remember anything about the first night that he moved into his new and spare condominium on

the outskirts of Baltimore. His effort to recover the moments of his life that have been stolen from him leads him on an unexpected detour. What he needs is someone who can do the remembering for him. What he gets is . . . well, something quite different.

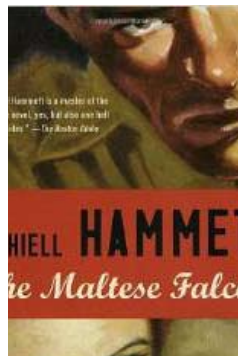
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Call 301-934-9001 for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.



March 5: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and

Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

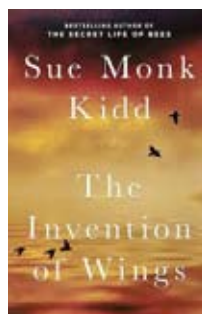
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864.



March 7: *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shopworn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man name Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of

Dashiell Hammett's coolly glittering gem of detective fiction, a novel that has haunted three generations of readers.

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.



March 12: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimké, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimké household. The Grimké's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she

is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

Literary Arts

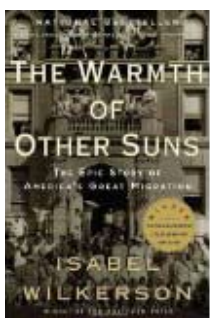
Waldorf West Library's Chicks for Lit Book Club
New time and location! Saturdays, 10:30 am to 12:00 noon, at the Potomac Branch, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. Log into the Library's event calendar at <http://www.ccplonline.org/news/bookdiscussion.html> to pre-register, or call 301-375-7375.



March 14: *All Fall Down* by Jennifer Weiner. Allison Weiss got her happy ending: a handsome husband, an adorable little girl, a job she loves, and a big house in the suburbs. But when she's in the pediatrician's office with her daughter and a magazine flips open to a quiz about addiction, she starts to wonder whether her use of prescription pills is becoming a

problem. *All Fall Down* is the story of a woman's slide into addiction and the struggle to find her way back up again. With a sparkling comedic touch and tender, true-to-life characterizations, this tale of empowerment and redemption is Jennifer Weiner's most poignant, timely, and triumphant story yet.

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.



March 24: *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Pulitzer 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

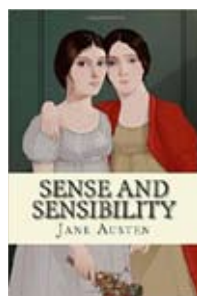
1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Both a riveting microcosm and a major assessment, *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, 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 pm. Call 301-375-7375, more information. The Senior Center is located at 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640.



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.

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.



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.

Visual Arts

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Spring Events

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.

Winter Tea - Sunday, March 8

1:00 - 4:00 pm



Enjoy tea and treats while visiting the Gallery and Gift Shop! Free admission, donations accepted.

Focusing on the Hummingbirds in Your Own Backyard

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

Instructors: Bill Cassidy & Marilyn Wockley



For amateur photographers interested in learning techniques and secrets for producing quality photos of hummingbirds and enjoying it. It will include: setting up a hummingbird habitat, using creative staging equipment, and learning tricks to make the photography process easier.

Bring your cameras and camera manuals. Tripods are useful but not required.

Three-Dimensional Fiber Art: Basketry

Sundays, March 15, April 19, May 17

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuition: \$10 / Fees: \$159 (Includes All Materials)

Instructor: Pamela King



Information about basket uses and forms, materials, and methods will be discussed. Three baskets will be completed over the three sessions: Jeremiah basket, a potato basket, and a Cherokee style comb basket. The

workshop is hosted by Mattawoman Creek Art Center, but registration is through the College of Southern Maryland. Register at www.csmd.edu/Go/Register.

Mini Intro to Zentangle®

Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 am - 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®.

Peek-a-Boo Zentangle®

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

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

Materials fee due to instructor: \$10 for entire kit or \$5 for participants bringing their basic kit of Micron 01, pencil & 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. . 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.



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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!

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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 3, 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 28, 7:45 – 8:45 am
Kiwanis Club of Waldorf 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
- ☐ Wed, Mar 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Kiwanis Club of La Plata 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 County Arts Agencies of Maryland Meeting
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, Apr 4, 10:30 am
CCAA Scholarship Committee Meeting
Jenkins' Home
- ☐ Thu, Apr 9, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Apr 25, 12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm
Celebrate La Plata Day
La Plata Town Hall, 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
- ☐ Wed, Jun 10, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, Jun 13, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, (Rain Date: Sun, Jun 14)
ArtsFest 2015
La Plata Town Hall

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March is a tomboy with tousled hair,
a mischievous smile, mud on her
shoes and a laugh in her voice.

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