ArtsFest 2015 is Coming!
Calling all artists, authors, and exhibitors!

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.

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

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

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President’s Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope that you are ready for spring, even if it seems to be a bit late in appearing! I have just returned from southeastern Arizona where spring is in full force. There is a green hue to the desert flora and temperatures ranged from 75 to 84 degrees.

This past Saturday, March 28, I attended the Southwest Indian Art Fair at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson. There were over 200 artisans selling their handmade jewelry, paintings, sculptures, bead work, musical instruments and weavings. Featured artist for the Fair was Master Weaver Barbara Teller-Ornelas, Navajo. The day was beautiful with clear blue skies and perfect temperatures for walking amidst the many booths and tables of art works.

Additional activities included a fashion show of traditional and contemporary street wear and accessories. There were hoop, walk tab and basket dancers as well as traditional and bird singers. Featured performers were Grammy nominees Tony Duncan and Darren Yazzie, nationally renowned flutist and guitarist. Within the first two hours, there were at least 1000 people in attendance at this 22-year-old event, honoring the artistic works of Native Americans representing the Navajo, Cheyenne, Tohono O’odhan, Apache, Zuni, Hopi, Yaqui and other First Nations. I believe that events such as this demonstrate that art and culture have a universal appeal, and are a necessary part of the human experience.

I hope that on Saturday, June 13, many of you, and hundreds more will attend and enjoy the artistic diversity of our own Southern Maryland artisans and performing artists at ArtsFest 2015, being held at the La Plata Town Hall, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Come and be part of ArtsFest 2015!

Robert
Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

Photos of the Southwest Indian Art Fair by Robert K. Rausch
Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2000 people each year. At last year’s ArtsFest, we presented nonstop music and dance performances on two stages, nearly 60 artists and exhibitors on display, local authors autographing their books, and a Kid’s Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year’s ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year!

Time is of the essence, so please register for your booth space today and save money! The next "Early Bird Discount" ends on April 30. The final deadline for registration is May 31.

Registration forms for Artists, Exhibitors and Food Vendors are available online at www.charlescountyarts.org.

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

Hope you will join us at ArtsFest 2015!

**CCAA BOARD ELECTIONS ARE COMING!**

**Annual Membership Meeting on May 2, 2015**

Thanks to everyone who submitted self-nominations to serve on the new Board of Directors of the Charles County Arts Alliance for the two-year term that begins on July 1, 2015, and ends on June 30, 2017.

The CCAA Nominations Committee met on March 16, 2015, to consider all nominations, and is pleased to recommend the following slate of candidates for formal election during our upcoming CCAA Annual Membership Meeting, to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library:

- President: Robert Rausch
- Vice President: Gale Kladitis
- Secretary/Treasurer: Vacant
- Director: William Adams
- Director: Ronald Brown
- Director: Emily Ferren
- Director: Lorina Harris
- Director: Kathleen Jenkins
- Director: Amelia Jones
- Director: Cecelia Keller
- Director: Vicki Marckel
- Director: Vacant

The CCAA Bylaws state that the Board of Directors is comprised of the three (3) Officers, the Past President, plus up to nine (9) Directors. The Past President is not an elected position, and thereby serves as Chair of the Nominations Committee. Any vacant positions may be filled by the new Board of Directors after it takes office on July 1, 2015.
Arts Alliance Opens New Spring Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Show Runs through June 26, 2015

You Are Invited!

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new spring art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 40 artists and 59 works of art. The artworks are 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, May 2, the Arts Alliance will host a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, from 3:00 to 4:30 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; the Library's information desk has copies of the price list.

The show's theme was open to the artists and includes works from: Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Sue Belmore, Patricia Biles, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Reneé Fuqua, William Gibson, Roxana Gonzales, Deborah Green, Lonnie Harkins, Kylus Harris, Lorina Harris, Josh Hettel, Chez Jackson, Gordon Johnson, Janice Jones, Mary Kercher, Addison Likins, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Julie Meisel, Leah Meyers, Constance Moore, Debra Moorehead, Pat Morrison, Jamie Oliver, Nancy Owens, Cryz Proctor, Brandon Romero, Spencer Russell, Wayne Russell, Lee Anne Shontere, Shon Simpson, Pat Troiani, Shannon Wang, Jennafer Williams and Amy Julianne Young.

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

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more info on the Arts Alliance and becoming a member, contact the Alliance at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.
Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Summer Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Deadline to Submit is April 30!

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from June 29 to September 25, 2015. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. Selections will be made by the Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified at a later date in June.

On Saturday, July 11, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the summer show.

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Arts Alliance Hosts the County Arts Agencies of Maryland

Representatives from Over 20 Counties Met at Waldorf West Library

The County Arts Agencies of Maryland (CAAM) is a nonprofit, statewide assembly of Arts Councils, established to foster, promote and develop skills, and to advocate for arts funding and other needs of the arts communities in Maryland. The Charles County Arts Alliance, along with 22 other Arts Councils plus Baltimore City, are members of CAAM, united to further the mission. On Wednesday, March 18, the Charles County Arts Alliance was honored to host over 20 Directors from CAAM at the Waldorf West Library for the quarterly meeting. CCAA President Robert Rausch welcomed CAAM members to Charles County.

John Schratwieser, Executive Director for Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA), shared some good news by reporting that the state budget looks encouraging for arts funding in FY 2016, and he thanked everyone for their advocacy efforts. The Maryland General Assembly's 2015 session ends on April 13, with hopes that the FY 2015 budget reduction will also be restored.

Mary Ann Mears, Founder of Arts in Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS), provided copies of the Executive Summary of the Final Report of the Governor’s P-20 Leadership Council Task Force on Arts in Education in Maryland Schools. (See page 8 of this newsletter for the list of their recommendations.) To read the full report, go to www.aems-edu.org.

CCAA Vice President and Gallery Committee Chair Gale Kladitis described the three galleries that the Art Alliance supports, and displayed one of the books the Alliance maintains with the artists’ bios and photos of their art.

All who attended the meeting complimented the Arts Alliance on the location and splendid display of art, and appreciated their hospitality, as well as the beauty of Charles County.
The Arts Alliance is pleased to kick-off its first public outreach event of 2015 by attending Celebrate La Plata Day on April 25. Hope to see you there! We will have a tent filled with information on the CCAA and how to become a member, how to participate in ArtsFest 2015 being held at the La Plata Town Hall on June 13, how to participate in the three galleries that the Arts Alliance supports, and how you can support and promote the arts in Charles County!

Free Family Fun! Face Painting • Art Activities
Craft Vendors • Magic Show • Moon Bounce
• Pedal Cars • Refreshments for Sale from Local Favorites!

La Plata Police Department Open House
Stop in to take a tour of the station, located at 101 La Grange Avenue.

Entertainment Schedule

Front Stage
• Nanjemoy Creek Environmental Education Center – 12:15 - 12:50 pm
• High Energy Magic of Speed – 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm
• Recycle Art Contest Winners Announcement - 2:40 pm

West Lawn/Concert Stage
• Visit the Family Fitness Zone on the West Lawn!
  ◊ 12:15 - 12:30 pm- Zumba demonstration by College of Southern Maryland
  ◊ 12:35 - 12:50 pm- Bootcamp demonstration by World Gym La Plata
  ◊ 12:55 - 1:10 pm - Acroyoga demonstration by Live Out Loud Yoga
  ◊ 1:15 - 1:30 pm - Cross Fit demonstration by Coal Road Cross Fit
• 2:00 - 2:50 pm - Bucket List Band
• 3:00 pm - Cheer on the La Plata Bed Races teams has they race down La Grange Avenue

For more information, go to http://www.townoflaplata.org.
The Governor's P-20 Leadership Council Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools Recommendations

Recommendation 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.

Recommendation B: Establish a comprehensive, statewide data system that collects elementary, middle, and high school data on fine arts instruction.

Recommendation 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.

Recommendation D: Revise the Maryland State Standards for Fine Arts Education.

Recommendation E: Develop and/or align school system curriculum documents with the revised State Standards in Fine Arts.

Recommendation F: Provide central office leadership and support at the curriculum and instruction level so the fine arts have Maryland certified staff assigned supervisory responsibilities.

Recommendation 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.

Recommendation H: Ensure that instructional time in all arts disciplines is not replaced or removed to facilitate additional time in another subject area.

Recommendation 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.

Recommendation J: Strengthen the quality of fine arts teacher preparation programs.
Performing Arts
Charles County High Schools Spring Productions

Westlake High School
Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical
Thursday - Saturday, April 16 - 18, 7:00 pm
3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf
Tickets: $8 Adults; $7 Senior Citizens; $6 Students

The musical celebrates the life and music of Ellie Greenwich, well known for teenage pop songs during the 1960s. For more information, call 301-645-8857.

St. Charles High School
Once Upon a Mattress
Friday, April 17, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 18, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm
5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf
Tickets: $8 General Admission; $6 Students, Senior Citizens, Military, and Thespians

The show is a musical comedy that was written as an adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale The Princess and the Pea. The story follows Princess Winnifred and her desire to marry Prince Dauntless the Drab. His mother, Queen Agravain, creates a test for all princesses interested in marrying her son and the princess has to comply. Call 301-753-2090 for more information.

North Point High School
Into the Woods
Thursday - Friday, April 16 - 17, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 18, 1:00 and 7:00 pm
2500 Davis Road, Waldorf
Tickets: $8 General Admission; $5 Students and Senior Citizens

The musical is inspired by the Grimm Brother’s fairy tales Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack and the Beanstalk. Call 301-753-1759 for more information.

La Plata High School
The Wizard of Oz
Thursday - Saturday, April 30 - May 2, 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm
6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata
Tickets: $10 Adults; $5 Students

The play follows Dorothy, a young girl from Kansas, who finds herself in a strange place, the Land of Oz, after a tornado comes through her town. During the performances, the La Plata student actors will be joined by students from Mary H. Matula, T.C. Martin and Walter J. Mitchell Elementary Schools. Call 301-934-1100 for more information.
Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland Presents . . .

Latin Music Festival and Concerts
La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road

Friday, April 10
8:00 pm, Concert
Tickets: $5 in Advance; $7 Day of Concert

Saturday, April 11
5:00 pm
Free Salsa Workshop and Buffet, featuring Hispanic and American Food

Tickets: $5 in Advance; $7 Day of Concert

Latin Ensemble Ritmo Caché
Leonardtown Campus
Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 pm
Building A, Auditorium, 22950 Hollywood Road
Tickets: $5 in Advance; $7 Day of Concert

The Festival features performances by Ritmo Caché and a guest professional group. Ritmo Caché performs again at the Latin Ensemble Concert. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/LatinEnsemble/index.html for more information.

Ward Virts Concert Series
Jeremy Koch, saxophone; Yu-Hsuan Liao, piano
Sunday, April 12, 3:00 pm (Doors open 2:30 pm, seating is limited)
Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multipurpose Room 104
115 J.W. Williams Road
Free Admission

Koch, left, an active saxophonist, chamber musician and teacher, has been a member of the United States Air Force band since 1998. A native of Taipei, Taiwan, Yu-Hsuan Liao received her Master’s and Doctoral Degrees of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a piano soloist, collaborative artist, and music educator. For more information, contact rfleming@csmd.edu, 443-550-6011, or http://csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html.

12th Annual Jazz Festival
Friday - Saturday, April 17 - 18, 8:00 pm
La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Theater
8730 Mitchell Road
Tickets: $5 in Advance; $7 Day of Concert

The Friday concert features the Randy Runyon Trio. Saturday’s concert spotlights the North Point High School Jazz Ensemble, with The Randy Runyon Trio, CSM’s Solid Brass Big Band Ensemble and guest performer Matt Harris. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7828, for more information.
Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland
Renaissance Festival
April 23-26
La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Free Admission!

Two full-days of activities and entertainment as CSM presents its third Renaissance Festival!

Renaissance festivals are popular throughout the country because they instantly propel visitors back to a time when lords ruled and peasants pleased, and they did so in the language and costumes of Shakespeare.

Prepare thyself to revel with master revelers at CSM’s Renaissance Festival, where pleasures of the ear and eye reigneth!

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 pm
Choral Concert, Featuring Music of the Renaissance
Admission: $5 in advance; $7 the day of the concert

Friday, April 24, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 25, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm
*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Written by William Shakespeare
Admission: $10

All other activities, musical performances, face-painting, games, etc., will be on the lawn in front of the FA Lobby. Activities are either free or priced by the vendor.

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 26, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

- Art, Crafts, and other Vendors
- Food
- Weaponry Demonstrations

For more information, call 301-934-7828, or go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/renaissancefestival.html.
Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland Barbershop Concert
Monday, April 20, 7:30 pm
Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multipurpose Room, 115 J.W. Williams Road
Tickets: $5 in Advance; $7 Day of Concert

Southern Mix, under the direction of Paul Douglass, presents an evening of harmony and fun.

Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or http://csmd.edu/Arts/somix/index.html.

College of Southern Maryland Chorale Concert
Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
$5 in Advance, $7 Day of Concert

CSM’s Chorale, under the direction of Krystal McCoy, is a mixed choir of women’s and men’s voices that performs a variety of styles, including traditional and modern choral music, gospel music, contemporary popular music, and historical styles such as the madrigal. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/Choir/index.html.

Life Journeys Writers Club Dinner Theater
The Prison Plumb Line, the Play
Tuesdays, April 14 and 21
Doors open at 7:00 pm; Dinner served at 7:30 pm; Showtime: 8:00 pm
The Mexico Restaurant, 10598 Crain Highway, White Plains
Cost: $25

Five women in prison, five chances for change. The Prison Plumb Line, the novella, is based on Medley’s twenty years of volunteerism (Bible studies and Writing Workshops) in Correctional Facilities for men, women and youth. For more information call 407-970-1550 or 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com, or go to www.prisonplumbline.com.

Newtowne Players Picnic by William Inge
April 17 - May 3
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:30 pm
Tickets: $15 General Admission; $12 Seniors, Military, Students; $10 Children 12 and Under
Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD

Emotions ignite when a handsome drifter arrives in a small Kansas community on the morning of their Labor Day picnic. Set in a small town in 1950s Kansas, Picnic details the lives of “ordinary” Americans, from hopeful widows and embittered spinsters to idealistic teenagers and restless wanderers. For more information, go to http://www.newtowneplayers.org or call 301-737-5447.
College of Southern Maryland
Connections Literary Readings
Poet/Author W.D. Ehrhart
Friday, April 3, 7:30 pm
Leonardtown Campus, Building A, Auditorium
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Tickets: $3 in advance; $5 at the event; or $3 with CSM Student ID; Free for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members (with military ID)

W.D. Ehrhart is one of the best-known poets and memoirists to come out of the Vietnam War. The influence of Ehrhart’s encounter with the Vietnam War can readily be seen in his writing, but though he is known primarily as a “Vietnam War poet,” in fact his subject matter ranges widely; his poems also reflect his respect for nature, his love of friends, his active engagement with the world around him, and his consternation at the human condition. W.D. Ehrhart is appearing as part of CSM’s 50th anniversary commemoration of the Vietnam War. For more information, call 301-934-7864, or Connections@csmd.edu, or go to www.csmd.edu/connections.

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.
Big Quarterly Gathering
Saturday, April 18, 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Waldorf West Library
10405 O’Donnell Place, Waldorf
Free Admission

Come out and enjoy the networking, a guest speaker, food and a celebration of your passion in the Literary Arts!. For more information, call 301-705-8972, or go to www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

College of Southern Maryland
Connections Literary Readings
Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps and Author/Poet Fred Foote
Friday, April 24, 7:30 pm
La Plata Campus, LR Building (Library), Room 102, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: $3 in advance; $5 at the event; or $3 with CSM Student ID; Free for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members (with military ID)

Award-winning writers and veterans Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps (left) and Dr. Fred Foote will read from their works and 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.

La Plata Public Library Book Bazaar
Saturday, April 11, to Saturday, April 18
Lower Level, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Friday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Members Only Day: Friday, April 10

Become a Member on the spot, and get 5 free books! Hundreds of books, audiobooks, and movies for sale at bargain prices! For more information call 301-934-9001 or visit www.ccplonline.org.
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 every month. Call 301-934-9001 for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

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." 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 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.

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 discover a boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own—with devastating results.

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.

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

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.

Writers of Color Book Club meets bi-monthly at the alternating locations. May’s meeting is at Waldorf West Library, 10405 O’Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

May 21: *Till You Hear from Me* by Pearl Cleage. Just when it appears that all her hard work on Barack Obama’s presidential campaign is about to pay off with a White House job, thirty-five-year-old Ida B. Wells Dunbar finds herself dealing with her outspoken father, the Reverend Horace A. Dunbar, Atlanta civil rights icon; and childhood friend and smooth political operator Wes Harper, also in town to pay a visit to the Reverend Dunbar, his mentor.

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.
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.

Visual Arts

Intro to the Art of Painting on Silk
Wednesday - Thursday, April 15 – 16
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fee: $210 members / $220 nonmembers
Instructor: Diane Tuckman, www.iteachsilkart.com

You will learn the basic silk painting techniques and vocabulary, painting eight technical pieces that you will be able to take home. The techniques taught are stretching, diluting, resisting, spotting, salting, double loading, wet-on-wet, fabric setting and more. Materials used during the workshop are included in the cost. Bring latex gloves. No art experience is necessary to take this workshop.

China Painting for Beginner and Intermediate Students (6 sessions)
Tuesdays, April 21 – May 26, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fee: $180 members / $210 nonmembers
Supplies Fee of $95 Paid to the Instructor ($30 off registration if received by April 6)
Instructor: Brenda Bush

The beginning student will learn the process and techniques of painting on fine china (porcelain). The intermediate student will have a refresher class and then a specialized class on the application of liquid gold (both bright & roman gold) to unpainted pieces of china. Firing of the china is included in the price.

Watercolor on Yupo
Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fee: $40 members / $50 nonmembers
Instructor: Jung Lea Smith (www.jungsmith.com)

Yupo is a slick, nonabsorbent surface for painting. The water in the paint evaporates instead of soaking into the paper, which leaves interesting puddles, watermarks & very vibrant colors with transparent watercolors. Users of Yupo appreciate that one can wipe off the paint to get back to the original white which also allows for more experimentation. One can paint abstracts or add realistic focus areas. Bring your watercolor supplies.

College of Southern Maryland
Tony Hungerford Memorial Gallery
Annual Juried Student Exhibition
April 8 - May 4
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 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/HungerfordGallery.html.
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April 2015
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- 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

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Welcome, April! Welcome, Spring!

if you watch how nature deals with adversity, continually renewing itself, you can't help but learn.

— Bernie Siegel MD

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