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CCAA Annual Membership Meeting and Reception Held Saturday, May 2, 2015

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) held its Annual Membership Meeting and Reception in the Main Gallery of the Waldorf West Library from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. It was a fun, friendly and informative event, with over 50 CCAA members in attendance. CCAA members mixed and mingled, and enjoyed viewing the beautiful artworks on display from our current spring show. Light refreshments were served, with music provided by Greg Nichols on piano.

Arts Alliance President Robert Rausch and Committee Chairs presented brief reports on accomplishments of the past year. The following slate of nominees was elected by the membership to serve as the new CCAA Board of Directors:

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

Immediately following the election, a brief installation ceremony for the new CCAA Board of Directors for FY 2016 - FY 2017 was led by Diane Rausch, CCAA Past President. The new Board of Directors will take office on July 1, 2015, for a two-year term of office.

"Buzzing By" by Cecelia Dunay, Charles County Artist
The Scholarship Committee then introduced our CCAA Arts Scholarship recipients for 2015, and the students gave brief presentations on their various areas of interest in the arts and future plans.

Immediately following the business meeting, the public joined the members for the "Meet the Artists" Reception to honor the 40 artists currently displaying their art in the spring show at the Waldorf West Library. We were delighted with the large turnout of over 100 people!

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, Renée 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.

Thanks to the CCAA Directors, Members, Volunteers and Artists for making this annual event a big success!
Hail and Farewell
Cindy Johnson, CCAA Treasurer/Secretary

Cindy Johnson retires from the CCAA Board of Directors, after 15 years of service to the Arts Alliance. Thank you, Cindy, for your dedication and hard work in promoting the Arts in Charles County!

Meet the New CCAA Board of Directors

Ten CCAA members were sworn in as the new Board of Directors for the term beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Congratulations to the new Directors!

Meet the Artists in the Spring 2015 Art Show
At Waldorf West Library

Not pictured: Free Akins, Patricia Biles, William Gibson, Deborah Green, Lonnie Harkins, Kylus Harris, Chez Jackson, Janice Jones, Vicki Marckel, Debra Moorehead, Jamie Oliver and Pat Troiani.
**Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows**

**Exhibits Run Through July 2015**

**Jan Garland**
Charles County Commissioners Gallery

Jan Garland creates 2-D displays of characters, scenes, thoughts and emotions with glue, and torn bits of tissue paper or cut plastic bags with an emphasis on recycled materials. She uses recycled tissue paper from gift boxes and bags, and with a little glue and water, they become images. Plastic bags from products and stores are used in the same way and help save the landfill from the potential toxic breakdown that is harmful to the environment.

Jan has been chosen for multiple juried shows, including the Maryland Park and Planning "Memories From All Directions," the Bowie City Hall "Belair at Bowie," as well as the Charles County Arts Alliance, National Park Service and the Thomas Stone National Historical Site "Habre de Venture: Dwelling Place of the Arts."

Most recently, Jan's art has been chosen for display at the House of Delegates Office Building in Annapolis, the Department of Environmental Resources, and the Montpelier Arts Center.

The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Jan's art is available for purchase. She can be reached at jangarlandart@yahoo.com.

**Nick and Bob Kutchi**
Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery

Nick Kutchi is a photographer and full time Architectural Engineer who learned how to take photographs from his dad Bob and two older brothers. He was given a camera at the age of 4 and has been taking photographs ever since.

Bob Kutchi is a retired teacher with a passion for travel and photography. He was able to pass on the enjoyment of travel and photography to his three sons by taking them on many cross country trips. Bob always ensured that he taught his sons everything he knew about photography and made sure that they always had a camera of their own to allow them to grow the photographic eye.

In 2009, Nick and Bob decided to share their vision of the world around them by creating KutchiStudios. They have participated in juried art shows throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania. They are members of the Charles County Art Alliance and The Unique Boutique Art Guild. Visit KutchiStudios.com for more information.

The Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.

Nick's and Bob's art is available for purchase. They can be reached at nick@kutchistudios.com.
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.

As of this writing, 41 artists vendors will be on hand, offering jewelry, paintings, photography, woven baskets, wood puzzles, barnwood decorations, fine yarns, ornaments, coasters, hand-knitted shawls, ceramic sculptures, painted glassware, pottery, hand-painted signs, wooden bowls and plates, children's books, Native American items, and more. Food will be plentiful, with eight vendors selling Thai food, New Orleans style selections, Maryland stuffed ham and chicken salad sandwiches, jerk chicken, half smokes, fries, funnel cakes, kettle corn, flavored peanuts, shaved ice cones, lemonade, sodas and water.

Nonstop music and dance performances on two stages will be provided by a Korean dance troupe and 8 music groups. Educational exhibitors and local authors autographing their books, and a Kid's Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects round out the variety of sights and sounds at ArtsFest!

For artists, exhibitors and food vendors: time is of the essence, so please register for your booth space today! **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!
World Premiere of "Haara" on May 18-19
New Music for Symphonic Band by Mary Coy Whitmore,
Composer and Lackey High School Graduate
Partnership of Charles County Arts Alliance / Charles County Public Schools

On May 18-19, 2015, a very special and rare event will occur in Charles County - the world premiere of a new musical work for symphonic band. The work is entitled, *Haara*, and was composed by Mary Coy Whitmore, a 2007 graduate of Henry E. Lackey High School.

"Haara" is the phonetic transcription of the Arabic word meaning "free," and this musical composition is being dedicated to the high school bands of Charles County, Maryland. The project was conceived and spearheaded by Alan D. Freeman, Director of Instrumental Music at Lackey High School, who was Ms. Whitmore's former band director. It was commissioned as the result of a special project grant awarded in 2013 by the Charles County Arts Alliance to the Charles County Public Schools. Work on this unique composition began during fall 2013, and was completed in May 2014.

Three world premiere concerts will take place at Charles County high schools over two evenings, with free admission at each:

- **Lackey High School:** May 18 at 6:30 pm
- **La Plata High School:** May 18 at 6:30 pm
- **North Point High School:** May 19 at 7:00 pm

Ms. Whitmore is a graduate of Henry E. Lackey High School (2007) and of St. Mary's College of Maryland (Bachelor of Arts in Music, 2011). She has performed both locally and internationally as a bassoonist and a singer. She began composing in 2009 during her undergraduate degree, and received several premieres, notably: *Muse: Two Contemplations for Horn and Piano* for the St. Mary's County Arts Council board of directors in 2010; and *Mirage* for Orchestra. The latter was performed at the 2011 season of the River Concert Series at St. Mary's College. Her former college composition mentors include David Froom, John Leupold and Robert Gibson. Her former music teachers in the Charles County Public Schools are James Kundreskas, Robert Rausch, Paul Donelly and Alan Freeman. After the completion of her Master of Music Composition degree this year at the University of Maryland, College Park, Ms. Whitmore will be continuing her studies there as a candidate for Doctorate of Musical Arts.

Alan D. Freeman, Ed.D., is the Director of Instrumental Music at Henry E. Lackey High School. He offers a positive assessment of the composition and the composer:

"*When Mary was a student at Lackey High School, she was already a terrific musician. She was a bassoonist but played multiple instruments. She was also an accomplished vocalist. She was in symphonic band, jazz band, marching band, choir and even sang lead in the school musical. Haara is her first composition for band. We are in rehearsals for the piece now. It's creative, original and dramatic. She already has an impressive command of the medium. I look forward to hearing the finished product and I hope this is only the first of many compositions to come.*"

For more information on the upcoming world premiere concerts of Haara on May 18-19, contact Dr. Freeman at Lackey High School at (301) 753-1753, or afreeman@ccboe.com.
Maryland Citizens for the Arts

General Assembly Adjourns: Arts Funding Restored!

At 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 13, the Maryland General Assembly adjourned SINE DIE! With the help of hundreds of nonprofit arts organizations and thousands of citizen advocates, Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) succeeded in convincing the Maryland General Assembly to reverse the $800,000 mid-year FY 2015 cut to the State arts grant, and to restore the proposed cut of nearly $1.4 million to the FY 2016 State arts budget.

These results represent a $2.2 million improvement in arts funding for the current and next fiscal years in comparison to the budget proposed in January. This also means that for FY 2016 Maryland will reach a new record level of support for the arts through the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC).

MCA is grateful for the leadership and support of the presiding officers, President Miller and Speaker Busch, Senate Budget & Taxation and House Appropriation committee and subcommittee chairs Sen. Kasemeyer, Sen. Madaleno, Del. McIntosh, Del. Proctor, Del. Jones, and Del. Barnes, as well as all the committee and sub-committee members responsible for these historic bipartisan actions.

MCA also thanks Governor Hogan and the leadership of the Department of Business and Economic Development for their encouragement, understanding, and appreciation of the importance of a strong arts sector in Maryland. We will continue to work with the Administration to ensure that Maryland supports and recognizes the critical role the arts play in an economically sound and culturally vibrant state.

In the weeks ahead, MSAC will clarify the sequencing and timing of the FY 2015 grant restoration.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) is a statewide arts advocacy organization, founded in 1977 to represent all Maryland artists and arts organizations of all disciplines. MCA works to increase public recognition and support of the Arts and the role they play in the quality of life and economic vitality of Maryland. MCA achieves this goal by advocating for the arts across the state and by promoting adequate public funding at the local, state and federal levels.

For more information, go to https://www.msac.org.
Southern Maryland Concert Band  
Saturday, May 2, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata  
$5 in advance, $7 day of concert  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

The Southern Maryland Concert Band (SMCB), under the direction of Michael Peerless, will continue its collaboration with CSM’s music program. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/MusicEnsembles.html.

College of Southern Maryland  
Ward Virts Concert Series  
Blue Mountain Ensemble  
Sunday, May 3, 3:00 pm  
Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multipurpose Room 104  
115 J.W. Williams Road  
Free Admission

Blue Mountain performs music from diverse style periods written for flute, bassoon, and piano, and also adapts repertoire for this colorful combination. Michael Burns (www.michaelburnsbassoon.com) is a Yamaha Artist and Professor of Bassoon at UNC-Greensboro. Carla Copeland-Burns (www.carlacopelandburns.com) is Instructor of Flute at UNC-Greensboro. For more information, go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html, or call the CSM Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland  
Music Student Honors Recitals  
Tuesday, May 5, 2:30 pm  
La Plata Campus Fine Arts Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata  
Free admission

Each semester, CSM’s private instructors in music select their best student musicians to perform in a public recital. These recitals feature a variety of styles from classical instrumental and vocal solos to contemporary vocal and guitar performances and represent the highest level of musicianship in the respective studios. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/MusicEnsembles.
Performing Arts

Henry E. Lackey High School
Cabaret Night
Thursday, May 7, Doors open 6:00 pm; Dinner & Entertainment 6:30 pm
3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head
Tickets: $12 Adult, $8 Student, $5 with CCPS Badge, Free for Children 4 and Under

The night features a family style spaghetti dinner with salad and desserts as well as students from chorus, band, orchestra and drama providing entertainment for the evening. Select pieces of art will also be on display by the talented students in Lackey’s Fine Arts Department. For more information visit http://lackeyarts.org.

Westlake High School
U.S. Navy Band
Friday, May 8, 7:30 pm
3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf
Free Admission

The United States Navy Concert Band, the premier wind ensemble of the U.S. Navy, presents a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions and modern wind ensemble repertoire. For more information, contact Mr. Bly at rbly@ccboe.com, or go to http://www.navyband.navy.mil.

Mount Aventine Manor House
Afternoon Tea
Sunday, May 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD
Donation: $30, Make Reservations by May 13

Enjoy an afternoon of food, live music, antique costumes and a mini Mount Aventine doll house. To make reservations, call 240-472-1384.

Island Music Company
May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Taylor Guitars Road Show
403 Charles Street, La Plata

Try playing the new acoustic Taylor guitars and enter to win one! Free admission, but you must register to enter the drawing. For more information, call 301-392-3960.

Port Tobacco Players
Much Ado About Nothing
May 22 - June 7
Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Tickets: $17 Adults, $14 Seniors (60+), Youth, Military

As the title suggests, there’s a lot of fuss over nothing in this Shakespeare comedy! Claudio and Hero fall in love and plan to get married, but the villainous Don John slanders Hero with false evidence.

Eventually, the truth is revealed, the marriage goes ahead as planned, the villain is caught, the audience is kept in stitches and all is well! For more information or to order tickets, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819.
Performing Arts

Free Outdoor Concerts at Two Locations!

**Thursdays - 7:00 PM**
O'Donnell Lake
10400 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

**Fridays - 7:00 pm**
La Plata Town Hall Lawn
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

The Sunset Concert Festival is a summer-long festival sponsored by The St. Charles Companies. Featuring a variety of local artists and musical genres.

- **May 21** - U.S. Navy Band Country Current
- **May 28** - Sara Grey
- **June 4** - Eric Scott
- **June 11** - U.S. Naval Academy Band Electric Brigade
- **June 18** - John Lewis
- **June 25** - Lynn Hollyfield
- **July 9** - Anthony Swampdog Clark
- **July 16** - Jennifer Cooper
- **July 23** - Sin Miedo
- **July 30** - Marguerite
- **August 6** - Donegal X-press
- **August 13** - U.S. Navy Band Commodores
- **August 20** - U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact
- **August 27** - Tomorrow’s Time

Bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Concessions are available near the back of the parking lot. A play area for children, the Kids’ Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

- **May 22** - 25th Hour Band
- **May 29** - Federal Brass, U.S. Army Field Band
- **June 5** - Franklin Square Band
- **June 12** - Four of a Kind
- **June 19** - U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters
- **June 26** - Drivin’ Muzzy
- **July 3** - Paul Thomas and MWB
- **July 10** - Sara Gray Band
- **July 17** - U.S. Naval Academy Band Electric Brigade
- **July 24** - Roadhouse
- **July 31** - The Lucky Few
- **August 7** - 257th Army Band
- **August 14** - U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact
- **August 21** - Eric Scott Band
- **August 28** - Southern Maryland Concert Band
- **September 4** - Dance Party with Elite Beatz Entertainment & Chesapeake Country Cruizers
- **September 11** - Dr. Phill’s Big Band
- **September 18** - U.S. Navy Band The Cruiser
- **September 25** - John Luskey Band

For more information on the performers, go to http://www.stchalresmd.org and click on Events and Summer Concert Series.
Performing Arts

Tantallon Community Players

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

May 22, 23, 29, 30, 31; June 5, 6, 7
Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:00 pm
Harmony Hall Regional Center
10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington
Tickets: $15 Adults; $12 Students, Seniors (60+);
$10 Groups of 10 or more

Follow this classic tale of betrayal and forgiveness through the lands of ancient Egypt! The Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers is brought to life through vibrant song and dance in this delightful family musical. For more information and to order tickets, go to www.tantallonplayers.org.

Charles County Youth Orchestra

Free Masterclass
Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
North Point High School
2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

The guest clinician, Olivia Gutoff, will work with students on how to prepare for auditions. All interested students are welcome to observe, though only CCYO/Encore Strings students will be invited to perform. No reservation is necessary to observe, but please contact Anne Marie Patterson at annempatterson@aol.com if you would like to perform in the masterclass. For more information, go to www.ccyo.com.

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Open Mic Night
Friday, May 29, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Come out and showcase your musical talent, or just come to enjoy music from your local musicians. Whether they are originals or covers, we are looking for all styles of music. All we ask is that you keep the music suitable for family listening. Snacks and coffee will be provided. For more information, call 240-349-2953.

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Ward Virts Concert Series

Holly Roadfeldt, Piano
Sunday, May 31, 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

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 has performed standard and eclectic recital programs in the United States, Europe, and Asia. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html.
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.

May 2: The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe. During her treatment for cancer, Mary Anne Schwalbe and her son Will spent many hours sitting in waiting rooms together. To pass the time, they would talk about the books they were reading. Once, by chance, they read the same book at the same time—and an informal book club of two was born. A profoundly moving memoir of caregiving, mourning, and love—The End of Your Life Book Club is also about the joy of reading, and the ways that joy is multiplied when we share it with others.

May 7: A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway. Written when Ernest Hemingway was thirty years old and lauded as the best American novel to emerge from World War I, A Farewell to Arms is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the looming horrors of the battlefield-weary, demoralized men marching in the rain during the German attack on Caporetto, and the profound struggle between loyalty and desertion, this gripping, semi-autobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its inexorable sweep.

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.

May 6: Every Last One by Anna Quindlen. Anna Quindlen creates an unforgettable portrait of a mother, a father, a family, and the explosive, violent consequences of what seem like inconsequential actions. Every Last One is a novel about facing every last one of the the things we fear most, about finding ways to navigate a road we never intended to travel, to live a life we never dreamed we’d have to live but must be brave enough to try.

Waldorf West Library’s Chicks for Lit Book Club 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.

May 9: The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton. It is 1866, and Walter Moody has come to stake his claim in New Zealand’s booming gold rush. On the stormy night of his arrival, he stumbles across a tense gathering of 12 local men who have met in secret to discuss a series of unexplained events. Moody is soon drawn into a network of fates and fortunes that is as complex and exquisitely ornate as the night sky. Richly evoking a mid-nineteenth-century world of shipping, banking, and gold rush boom and bust, The Luminaries is at once a fiendishly clever ghost story, a gripping page-turner, and a thrilling novelistic achievement.
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.

May 14: *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can’t help but mull the same question. When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn’t have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave—"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"—wasn’t about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

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.

May 27: *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon. The year is 1945. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach—an "outlander"—in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of Our Lord . . . 1743. Hurled back in time by forces she cannot understand, Claire is catapulted into the intrigues of lairds and spies that may threaten her life, and shatter her heart.

College of Southern Maryland Spring 2015 Connections Magazine Readings

Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm
La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry (BI), Room 103, 8730 Mitchell Road
Free Admission!

Contributors to the Spring 2015 Connections Literary Magazine will read and discuss their published works.

Connections Literary Magazine is a regional journal published twice a year that features poems, stories, artwork and photography of Southern Maryland. Also included in each issue is featured material from visiting authors. For more information, go to http://www.csmd.edu/Connections/readings.html.

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.

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Life Journeys Writers Club
Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist!
May 6, 13, and 20, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Fee: $59.99

Dedicate just three Wednesdays in May to electrifying your passion, to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Sessions I & II feature light fare; Session III includes dinner. For more information and location, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, emeddle@aol.com, or go to www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Life Journeys Writers Club
Nuts and Bolts Gathering
Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Gaithersburg Book Festival
Children's Village
Gathersburg City Hall Grounds
31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD
Free Admission and Parking

Meet the authors, poets and songwriters. There will be book signing sessions and workshops. This is your opportunity to meet and learn from published authors. Go to on www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org for the complete schedule of events. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, emeddle@aol.com, or go to www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

2015 Chesapeake Bay
Waterfowl Arts Show
May 15 - 16
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds
42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown

Friday, May 15
Reception, 6:00 pm
$75 Advance Tickets Required

Saturday, May 16
Live Auction Begins at 8:00 am
Art Show and Activities, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Admission: $5 per Person, 12 and under Free

For the ninth straight year, world class wildlife art, antique duck decoys, delicious wild game, local wines, and retriever dogs come together in southern Maryland for a fun-filled weekend, with something for everyone. The event kicks off Friday, May 15, with a Cattails and Cocktails reception and auction in recognition of the show's 2015 featured carver, renowned Maryland decoy carver, President of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group and carousel animal maker, Burkey Boggs. On Saturday, the day begins with a live auction of the decoys, followed by retriever and decoy demonstrations, decoy competition, cooking demonstrations, workshops, and a "meet the artists." For more details and a schedule of events, go to http://www.cfsomd.org/waterfowlshow.html.
Simon Schama’s *Power of Art: Rembrandt*  
**Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 pm**

Renowned art historian Simon Schama explores the power and passion of art, focusing on Rembrandt. Born to a family of millers in Leiden, Dutch Republic (now the Netherlands), in 1606, Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn left university at 14 to pursue a career as an artist. Despite being known as a portrait painter, Rembrandt used his talent to push the boundaries of painting. This direction made him unpopular in the later years of his career as he shifted from being the talk of the town to becoming adrift in the Amsterdam art scene and criticized by his peers.

**Romanticism Revisited**  
**Invitational Show by Robert Wayt Smith**  
**Now through May 24**  
**Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

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**Mattawoman Creek Art Center**  
5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658  
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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**Sunday Movie & Dessert**  
**Free movie & a special treat!**

**Acrylics on Canvas**  
**Thursday, May 7, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Fee: $40 Members / $50 Nonmembers**  
**Space is Limited!**  
**Instructor: Peter Ulrich**

In this workshop, you will paint a subject of your choice, e.g., a landscape, cityscape, or seascape from your photo or a still life of your own making. Support will be either stretched canvas or canvas-on-board. Steps and topics include: toning the support, some thoughts on composition, sketching with the brush, color mixing, under-painting, use of acrylic medium, keeping the brushes and paints wet, alla prima technique, working from dark to light values, achieving an impressionistic effect and varnishing the finished painting. Some drawing and painting experience in any medium is suggested. For a detailed list of materials, please check Workshops at www.mattawomanart.org.

**Encaustic**  
**Monday, May 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Rain Date: Monday, May 18**  
**Fee: $40 Members / $50 Nonmembers**  
**Materials fee is $10 or less.**  
**Instructor: Pat Spradlin**

Expand your painting experience by trying the ancient art of encaustic painting in wax. This workshop will introduce the techniques of this media, which includes beeswax melted to a fluid state on a hot palette and painted, drawn or dripped onto panels. The instructor will provide panels and materials, but bring your palette knives, old white bristle brushes and ideas.
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  "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  
  United 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 – 2:30 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  
  Old Waldorf School

- Sat, May 2, 3:00 – 4:30 pm  
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- Tue, May 12, 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm  
  Waldorf Rotary Club Presentation  
  Waldorf West Library

- 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

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
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