

December 2015

Arts Alliance Awards \$45,000 in Grants at the Annual Grantee and Membership Gala Seven Schools and Fourteen Nonprofit Organizations Received Funding for FY 2016

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On Saturday evening, November 21, members of the Charles County Arts Alliance and the public came together for the Annual Grantee and Membership Gala. The Nichols Brothers delighted guests with his piano, sax and drum combo, Exquisite Catering Services provided a wide range of delicious food, guests had an opportunity to bid on over 120 items in the Silent Auction, and the Old Waldorf School provided the perfect background for a memorable evening of fun, fellowship and celebration of the Arts.

During the evening, Emily Ferren, Grant Committee Chair, awarded grants to seven Charles County Schools and 14 Nonprofit Organizations to enhance their arts programs. And the recipients are . . .

Community Arts Development:

Charles County Freedom Landing
Charles County Aging & Senior Programs
Charles County Public Library
Charles County Youth Orchestra
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Friends of Chapman State Park
Grace Brethren Church
Indian Head Center for the Arts
Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
Life Journeys Writers Club
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County
Nanjemoy Community Center
Port Tobacco Players

Arts in Education:

Archbishop Neale School
Grace Christian Academy
Henry E. Lackey High School
La Plata High School
St. Charles Children's Learning Center
Thomas Stone High School
Westlake High School



Dear Members and Friends,

The first half of our FY 2016 has been extraordinary! We have accomplished many artistic projects and have exceeded our projected participation in many of our events.

This year's "arts" intake at the County Fair was the largest ever, and our Waldorf West Library exhibitions continue to grow in the number of artists who enter their works for judging and are selected for presentation. We have opened a new gallery in partnership with the Community Bank of the Chesapeake (downtown Waldorf), displaying the works of over twenty of our artist members, and assisted Charlotte Hall Veteran's Home in setting up and opening their very own gallery that will be open to residents and artists from the entire Southern Maryland region. These many opportunities which benefit our visual artists are due to the leadership of our Vice President, Gale Kladitis.

We have completed our grant application selection process for FY 2016 with 7 schools and 14 nonprofit organizations receiving nearly \$45,000 in grant funds. These funds are matched by each school and organization, in order to present and enhance a broad variety of musical, theatrical, dance, visual art and literary events at venues that cover our entire county and involve hundreds of its citizens as presenters, participants or audience. Please read the article on our Gala on pages 1 and 3.

A new and unique partnership was created this year with Rotary – La Plata. The chapter purchased 100 of the 400 art boxes we donated to the Children's Aide Society for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade, and we helped to coordinate, receive and deliver over 1,100 dictionaries, to third graders at fifteen public and private schools. These have been long standing separate projects for each organization and our partnership has proved beneficial for both organizations. Thanks to Chapter President Jim Cook for his vision in helping to combine the resources and abilities of each of our organizations.

The second half of our operational year (the first half of calendar 2016), should prove to be just as exciting and rigorous for our members and the Board of Directors as the first half has been. We know that with the continued support of the citizens of Charles County, Charles County Government and the Maryland State Arts Council, we will complete our objectives for the improvement and expansion of the arts for our community and our region.

May each of you, your friends and families have a very blessed, safe and happy holiday season!

Robert

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

CCAA News

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The evening held some surprises for the guests. The adoption of "Lord Baltimore," the carousel horse hand-carved by the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, became official with a certificate presented by Burkey Boggs to CCAA President Robert Rausch. The horse will become a permanent member of the carousel to be located in the Southern Maryland area in the future.



Jim Dyson was the recipient of the gift basket, valued at \$450. Donations toward the basket go directly to the Student Arts Scholarship Program.

CCAA Past President Diane Rausch presented Carolyn Kalifa of Exquisite Catering Services with an honorary Corporate Membership for her exceptional service, dedication and artistry in supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance.



See the photos below for more highlights of the 2015 Gala. . .



See you next year at the 2016 Gala!

First Lady of Maryland Visits Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Art Gallery Officially Opens to the Public

On Tuesday, November 17, Charles County Arts Alliance members and artists attended a "Meet and Greet" Reception at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Home and officially recognize the grand opening of the new art gallery.

Sharon Mattia, Director of the Charlotte Hall Program, welcomed First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan, who addressed the guests and thanked the veterans for their service to the country.

Ms. Mattia gave a brief history of the Veterans Home and voiced her long-awaited desire to open an art gallery at the Home for local artists to display their works. After much research, Melissa Canada, the Veterans Home's Contract Support Coordinator, contacted the Charles County Arts Alliance and a partnership was formed. The Arts Alliance's Gallery Committee, headed by Gale Kladitis and Cindi Barnhart, reached out to local artists for submissions and 19 artists responded with 34 works of art.



First Lady Yumi Hogan addresses the guests and veterans.

Mrs. Hogan met with some of the Arts Alliance's artists and their artworks during her tour of the Gallery . . .



Gordon Johnson



From left to right: Sharon Mattia, First Lady of Maryland Yumi Hogan, Cindi Barnhart, Vicki Marckel, Gale Kladitis, and Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs George Owings, in front of the painting created and donated by Vicki Marckel.



Suzanne Cassidy



Bradley Johnson



Cecelia Dunay



Julie Meisel



William Cassidy



William Gibson

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SECRETARY

BG WARNER I. SUMPTER, USA (RET)
CHAIRMAN,
VETERANS HOME COMMISSION

SHARON MURPHY MATTIA
DIRECTOR,
VETERANS HOME PROGRAM

November 19, 2015

Charles County Art Alliance

P.O. Box 697
White Plains, MD 20695

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, the Maryland Veterans Home Commission, and the residents of Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, I would like to thank you and your team for your guidance, assistance and creativity throughout the opening of our new public art gallery. This has been a vision of mine for many years and you helped make that vision come alive. Most importantly, the gallery helps our residents feel more at home and improves their quality of life.

We sincerely appreciate your support and thoughtfulness.

Very truly yours,

Sharon M. Mattia
Director, Veterans Home Program

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"Serving Those Who Served"

Charles County Holiday Trail Friday, December 11 to Sunday, December 13

18 Historic and Cultural Sites Open to the Public



The Holiday Trail offers an opportunity to get into the holiday spirit while visiting county landmarks. Admission costs, dates, and times vary with location. All sites will have a donation box for non-perishable food items for the Southern Maryland Food Bank. For more information and a detailed schedule of each location, visit <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/coadmin/tourism/holiday-trail>.

Visit one of the featured locations for Holiday fun . . .

- Christ Church Old Durham Parish (8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy)
- Christ Church Port Tobacco Parish (110 Charles Street, La Plata)
- Friendship House (8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata)
- Historic La Plata Holiday Lights Walking Tour (305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata)
- Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theater (4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head)
- Kris Kringle Christmas Market (8440 Fairgrounds Road, La Plata)
- Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum (1000 Crain Highway, Newburg)
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center (2750 Sweden Point Road, Marbury)
- Maxwell Hall (17388 Teagues Point Road, Hughesville)
- Mount Aventine, Chapman State Park (3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head)
- Mount Carmel Monastery (5678 Mount Carmel Road, La Plata)
- Old Waldorf School (3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf)
- Port Tobacco Historic Village (8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco)
- Port Tobacco One-Room School House (7215 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco)
- Serenity Farm (6932 Serenity Farm Road, Benedict)
- Smallwood Retreat House (2750 Sweden Point Road, Marbury)
- St. Thomas Manor at St. Ignatius Catholic Church (8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco)
- Thomas Stone National Historic Site (6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco)



State News

Special Invitation for Maryland Artists and Arts Organizations *Bringing Creativity to the Classroom*



Four Regional Briefings sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Fine Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council and the Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance.

Register by Noon, December 3, for Each Location

1-Minute 1-Page 1-Link: Connect with Education Leaders in Your Region! Prepare a 1-Minute pitch about your work and a 1-Page Take-Away. The MSDE Fine Arts Office will share your link in electronic marketing. State Arts Standards Feedback!

Offer your professional guidance to the most recent draft of the new Maryland Fine Arts Standards

Opportunities to Teach Teachers!

Learn about upcoming job opportunities to lead MSDE-sponsored professional development!

Locations (Attend One or All!)

North - Thursday, December 10 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

215 Giles Street Havre De Grace, Maryland 21078

Howard, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford, Cecil

South - Monday, December 14 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Joe's Movement Emporium

3309 Bunker Hill Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Montgomery, St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's

East - Tuesday, December 15 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Academy Art Museum

106 South Street Easton, MD 21601

Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's

West - Friday, December 18 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

401 Museum Drive Hagerstown, MD 21740

Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Carroll, Frederick

Nearby parking is available at each session but will be limited. Please consider carpooling with other attendees from your area. For more information and to register, contact Emily.Cory@maryland.gov.

Maryland Art Place and Maryland State Arts Council

Juried Exhibition Open Call

Maryland Art Place, 218 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Join or update your Registry Profile at <https://www.msac.org/user/> before December 6 to be Considered



This January, Maryland Art Place (MAP), in partnership with the Maryland State Arts Council

(MSAC), will host a state wide juried exhibition curated by Gamynne Guillotte from the Baltimore Museum of Art to highlight the wide range of artist and artwork featured on the Maryland State Artist Registry. The exhibition will take place from January 21 - March 26, 2016, at the Maryland Art Place in Baltimore. To be considered for the exhibition, you must reside in Maryland, be on the Maryland Artist Registry, and have updated your bio, statement and uploaded at least one work by December 6, 2015. Artists may add up to 6 images, sound or video files (3 minutes max of sound or video will be viewed per artist). Artists must have at least one image to appear on the Registry. When adding artwork, users are required to include size, dimensions and titles. If selected for the exhibition, the work must be available throughout the duration of the show from January 21 - March 26, 2016. For questions or help creating your Registry Profile, contact Paul Shortt: paul@mdartplace.org.

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Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland Celebrates the Arts in December!

For ticket information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts>

Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Tickets: \$5 in Advance,
\$7 Day of Concert

Barbershop Chorus Concerts

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 pm, La Plata Campus

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Friday, December 11, 8:00 pm, Leonardtown Campus,
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tickets: \$5 in Advance,
\$7 Day of Concert



Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concerts

Friday, December 4, 8:00 pm, Prince Frederick Campus,
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Saturday, December 5, 2:00 pm, La Plata Campus
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Tickets: \$5 in Advance,
\$7 Day of Concert

Dance Ensemble

The Magical Sounds of Winter

Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance,
\$7 Day of Concert



Music Student Honors Recitals

Thursday, December 10, 2:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



Latin Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance,
\$7 Day of Concert



Ward Virts Concert Series

Brian Ganz, Piano

Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multi-purpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road

Prince Frederick



Free Admission

Performing Arts

Port Tobacco Players

A Christmas Carol

Now Through December 20

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult, \$15 Senior (60+)/Youth (to 18)/Military



As miserly old Ebenezer Scrooge falls asleep in his dingy quarters on Christmas Eve, three ghosts appear, each revealing to Scrooge the wrong doings of his life and what will happen if he continues in his evil ways. This adaptation with musical elements will be the highlight of your holiday season. Get your tickets now - Holiday shows will sell

out! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit <http://www.ptplayers.com>.

Port Tobacco Players

Auditions Open for Ages 16 to 75

Hairspray

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 pm

Possible Callbacks, Saturday, December 12

PTP Main Stage, 508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one

desire -- to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Auditions will consist of singing, dancing, and cold reading from the script. Prepare 16 to 32 bars of a Broadway style song and arrive with sheet music. No songs from the show. No a cappella auditions and no recordings of music. Performance dates are April 1 - 24, 2016. Contact the producer, Laurie Mudd, at randlmudd@gmail.com, for more information.

The Newtowne Players

It's a Wonderful Life: Radio Play

December 4 - 20

Friday, 8:00 pm

Saturday, 3:30 and 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior (65+), Military, Student; \$10 Children (12 years and under)



This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. For more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

Music Teachers Association of Charles County

Carols and Cookies Recitals

Saturday, December 5, 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Christ Church

112 East Charles Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public

(Snow Date: Saturday, December 12, Grace Lutheran Church, 1200 Charles Street, La Plata)

Hear familiar carols and melodies of Christmas, Hanukkah and the season on piano, flute and violin. For more information, visit <http://mtacc.org/event/carols>.



Performing Arts

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

A Rutter Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 6, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior, Military, Student



The concert will include the performance of two masterworks of John Rutter. Gloria, composed in 1974, is a celebration of Christmas with "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to People of Good Will." For more information, go to <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com> or call 301-642-0594.

Dr. Samuel Mudd House

14th Annual Victorian Christmas

Saturday - Sunday, December 5 - 6, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

3725 Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Road, Waldorf

Admission: \$8 Adult, \$2 Children

The house will be decorated in the fashion of the period and open for self-guided tours. There will be music, refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a Civil War soldier re-enactors camp. For more information, call 301-274-9358, or visit <http://drmudd.org>.



Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 6, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Port Tobacco Marina Restaurant

7536 Shirley Boulevard, Port Tobacco

Tickets in Advance: \$15, at the Door: \$20



In addition to breakfast, tickets include crafts, cookie decorating and your picture with Santa! For more information, contact Burkey Boggs at 301-934-1366, or visit <http://somdcarousel.com>.

Town of Plata

Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 6, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

From the lighting of the Christmas Tree and Chanukah Menorah, to the arrival of Santa Clause, enjoy an afternoon of fun activities and crafts, carriage rides, story time, music and a sing-along. For more information and a detailed schedule of events, go to <http://www.townofplata.org> and click on Events.



Flute Choir of Southern Maryland *Music of Christmas and the Holidays*

Saturday, December 12, 3:30 pm

Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place

Free and Open to the Public



Enjoy traditional flute arrangements and music that's a "little bit different!" For more information, contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.

Performing Arts

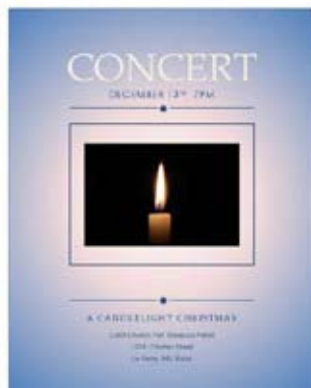
Candlelight Christmas Concert **Christ Church**

Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm

112 Charles Street, La Plata

Free Admission

The concert features carols old and new, traditional and nontraditional with unusual settings of familiar tunes. Artists include Tak Mato, clarinet; Dennis Murphy, violin; Lucy Snell, flute; Sue Davis, soprano; Michael Peerless, baritone; and Eileen Peerless, piano. For more information, call Christ Church at 301-392-1051.



Mount Aventine ***Antebellum Christmas***

Saturday - Sunday, December 12, 13

Noon - 5:00 pm

Chapman State Park

3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head

Suggested Donation: \$5 per Vehicle



Traditional decorations, live music, fresh greens, gift shop, mansion tours, food, antique dresses, mini-Mt. Aventine display, crafts and more. For additional information, go to www.friendsofchapmansp.org or www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com.

Hickory Dickory Dark Productions ***A Dickens of a Mystery***

Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$12.00

It's Christmas time in Victorian London, and you are invited to attend Fred and Edwina Sawyer's annual party. But what's become of dear old Uncle Ebenezer Scrooge, who was magically transformed just one year ago into someone who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge?" Join some of Charles Dickens' most beloved characters and help Sherlock Holmes solve the case! Visit www.HickoryDickoryDark.com for more information.



Indian Head Center for the Arts ***Almost, Maine***

December 18 - 20

Friday - Saturday, December 18 - 19, 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 20, 3:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

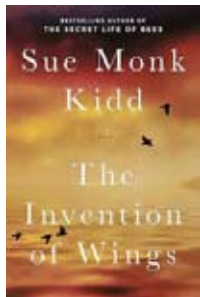
Tickets: \$15



Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States, it's almost in Canada. And it almost doesn't

exist. One cold, clear Friday night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, found, and confounded. And life for the people of Almost, Maine will never be the same. *ALMOST, MAINE*: It's love. But not quite. For more information, go to <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org>.

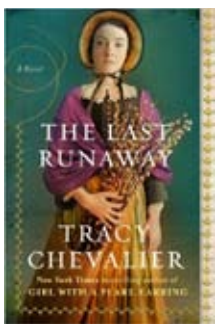
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Call 301-934-9001 for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.



December 3: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke'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. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

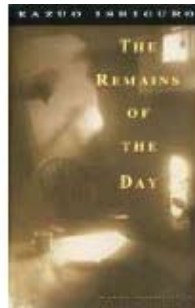
Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



December 4: *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier. Ohio 1850. For a modest English Quaker stranded far from home, life is a trial. Untethered from the moment she leaves England, fleeing personal disappointment, Honor Bright is forced by family tragedy to rely on strangers in an alien, untamed landscape. Drawn into the

clandestine activities of the Underground Railroad, a network helping runaway slaves escape to freedom, Honor befriends two exceptional people who embody the startling power of defiance. Eventually she must decide if she too can act on what she believes in, whatever the personal cost.

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.



December 5: *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro. *The Remains of the Day* is a profoundly compelling portrait of the perfect English butler and of his fading, insular, postwar England world. At the end of his three decades of service at Darlington Hall, Stevens embarks on a country drive, during which he looks back over his career to reassure

himself that he has served humanity by serving "a great gentleman." But lurking in his memory are doubts about the true nature of Lord Darlington's "greatness" and graver doubts about his own faith in the man he served.

Writers of Color Book Club meets bi-monthly at alternating locations. The December meeting will be held at Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

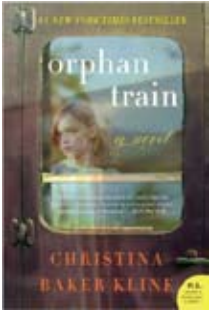


December 10: *Only the Strong* by Jabari Asim. Against a 1970s backdrop of rapid social and political change, *Only the Strong* portrays the challenges and rewards of love in a quintessential American community where heartbreak and violence are seldom far away. With prose that's sharp, humorous, and poetic,

author Asim skillfully renders a compelling portrait of urban life in the wake of the last major civil-rights bill. Massive change is afoot in America, and these characters have front-row seats.

Literary Arts

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

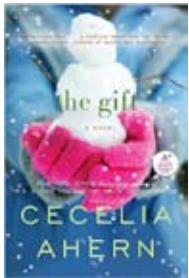


December 10: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions

and memories, Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life--answers that will ultimately free them both.

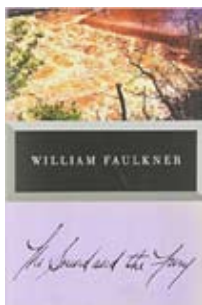
Potomac Book Discussion

Meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 am - noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



December 12: *The Gift* by Cecelia Ahern. The Gift is a magical, fable-like Christmas story of Lou Suffern, a successful executive frustrated by the fact that he spends more time in the office than with his doting wife and two young children.

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



December 16: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America--majestic mountains, silent forests, sparkling lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go.

And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces you to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way--and a couple of bears.

College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Readings *Literary Magazine Publication Reading*

Friday, December 4, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus

Center for Business and Industry (BI Building)

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room (Room 103)

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: FREE

Contributors to the Fall
2015 "Connections"

Literary Magazine will
read and discuss their
published works. For more

information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series/index.html>.



The Life Journeys Writers Club *Sixth Annual Holiday Celebration*

Saturday, December 5, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Martini's Lounge

10553 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Tickets: \$30 (Group Discounts Available)



Enjoy seven stage performances, performance reads, comedy, music, Today Show raffle, cash prizes and more! Come out to be entertained, encouraged, and to support the Life Journeys Writers Club in its quest to uplift the vibrant talent in our

literary and performing arts community. For more information, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com or visit www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Visual Arts

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place

Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and

Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

MCAC FRIDAY OPEN STUDIO

Fridays, Now through December 11

11:00 am - 3:00 pm



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

MCAC HOLIDAY SALON

Multimedia Holiday Art Show

Now through December 13

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00 am to 4:00 pm



Local artists offer items such as paintings, photographs, glass, pottery, jewelry, woodwork, fabric art, baskets, note cards and much more! All for sale in time for Christmas!

National Gallery of Art

Picture This!

Stuff of Everyday Life: Material Culture in the Italian Renaissance

Tours for People with Low Vision and Who are Blind

Wednesday, December

23, and Saturday,

December 26

Tours meet at 1:00 pm

in the Rotunda of the

West Building and Last

About an Hour

6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,

Washington, DC (use the Constitution Avenue or

Madison Drive entrances for easiest access to

the Rotunda)



Picture This tours incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art. For more information or to receive web links to works that will be described on the tour in advance, contact Lorena Baines at access@nga.gov.

gov or 202-842-6905. Verbally described tours are also available by request with 3 weeks' notice by e-mailing access@nga.gov.



Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

Platinum Circle

Charlotte & Abbott Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

Gold Circle

PNC Bank
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Nanjemoy Community Center
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Group
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Painters
Southern Maryland Jazz
Orchestra
Town of Indian Head
Town of La Plata

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CCAA Membership Form



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

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
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- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

☐ **Renewal**

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- ☐ Silver Circle - \$150
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Master Calendar **FY 2016**

2015

- ☒ Sat, Jul 11, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Summer Retreat
Swan Point Yacht & Country Club
- ☒ Sat, Jul 18, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artist" Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- ☒ Sat, Aug 29, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting and Social
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☒ Wed, Sep 9, 7:00 pm
Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop
Unite Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Wed - Sun, Sep 16 – 20
Charles County Fair
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 3, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Sat, Oct 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sun, Oct 11, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
La Plata Fall Festival
La Plata Town Hall, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Oct 31, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Sat, Nov 21, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
Old Waldorf School

2016

- ☐ Sat, Jan 16, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, Jan 30, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Mid-Year Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- ☐ TBD
Maryland Arts Day
Annapolis
- ☐ Sat, Feb 20, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Mar 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Mar 19, 10:30 am
CCAA Scholarship Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Apr 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Sat, Apr 9, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Sat, May 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting
TBD
- ☐ Sat, May 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Thu, Jun 9, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Sat, Jun 11, TBD
ArtsFest 2016
La Plata Town Hall

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~Hal Borland



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