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Arts Alliance Hosts "Meet the Artists" Reception Winter Art Show Opens with 30 Artists and 50 Works of Art



Artists in the Winter Show at Waldorf West Library



On Saturday, January 16, 2016, the Arts Alliance hosted a reception to honor the 30 artists who currently have works on display for the Winter 2016 Art Show at Waldorf West Library. This is the 13th art exhibit displayed at Waldorf West Library since it opened in 2012. CCAA Vice President and Gallery Chair Gale Kladitis presented certificates to the seven first-time artists and gift cards to the 23 returning artists.

The theme was open to the artists and includes 50 works of art by artists: Ibrahim Badru, Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Sar'där Aziz, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Donald Faust, Henry L. Font III, William Gibson, Roxana Gonzales, Debbie Grafton, Deborah Harkins, Lonnie Harkins, Gordon Johnson, Amelia Jones, Charles Jones, William Jones, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Julie Meisel, Nancy Owens, Lee Anne Shontere, Ernest Sinnes and Mary Sokol. The exhibit is on display through April 2.

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. See page 4 for more photos from the reception.

Currently, there is a "Call for Artists" for the spring show (see page 5) for more details. The next "Meet the Artists" Public Reception is Saturday, April 9, 2016.

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Like many of you, Diane and I "battled" the most recent snow, took pictures of nature's icy beauty and hoped for a warming trend. However, we and nobody else anticipated a 60 degree January 31! So after all the confusing weather events, it was off to Arizona for a planned trip to visit Mom and get away from all the "arts stuff" for awhile.

This weekend I will be attending the Cochise Cowboy Poetry and Music Gathering in Sierra Vista. This event presents western poets and student poetry contest winners as well as musical entertainment by groups like Tumbleweed Rob and the Southwest Junction, Miss Devon & the Outlaw, and Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers. Our eastern musical groups don't have the last word in interesting names, so it seems.

In Tucson next week for the next additional week is their annual "International Gem and Jewelry Show" that has been going on since 1967. The city itself boasts over 16 museums and professional galleries, as well as organizations like the Contemporary Art Society, Central Tucson Gallery Association and the Tucson Pima County Arts Council Affiliated Galleries.

Rounding out my stay in southeastern Arizona will be a trip to Bisbee, a mining town turned antique store and artists' gallery haven, and to Tubac (established 1752), a town "Where Art and History Meet" for its Festival of Arts, February 10 - 14.

I wasn't really able to get away from all that "arts stuff," but my understanding of the arts will have been enriched by these experiences. So, why don't you make some plans to attend a gallery, historical event or stage performance in the near future and enhance your own understanding of the arts?

Robert

Robert K. Rausch President, Charles County Arts Alliance

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In Memoriam Robert "Bob" John Kutchi April 12, 1941 - January 23, 2016

Bob was an educator for 35 years with the Prince George's County Board of Education and St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School in Bryans Road, Maryland. He retired from teaching, but continued his passion for travel and photography. Being a teacher allowed him and his wife to travel across the country during the summer months to not only take in the natural beauty of the United States in person, but also capture its beauty through photography along the way. 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.

Bob felt that the eye is a beautiful thing in that it allows us as human beings to be able to enjoy the natural wonders and beauty in the world that is all around us. He and his son, Nick, had a passion for photography that came from the desire to share their vision with others. Their hope was that the viewer will be able to evoke a personal connection to the subject matter and immerse themselves in the reality of that moment the photo was taken.

In 2009, Nick and Bob decided to share their vision of the world around them by creating KutchiStudios. Together, they participated in juried art shows throughout Maryland and Pennsylvania. Bob and his wonderful talent will be greatly missed.



Nick Kutchi, left, and Bob Kutchi displayed their art at the Alliance's Medical Center Show from April to July 2015.



Stormy Waters by Bob Kutchi



Photos from the "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, January 16, 2016















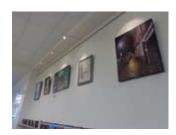






















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Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Spring Art Show at Waldorf West Library



Deadline to Submit is February 18, 2016

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from April 4 to June 25, 2016. 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 by early March. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, April 9, 2016, 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 spring show.

For more information about the Gallery, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org. $5 \mid$ Arts Insider



New Solo Artist Show Opens at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery Ruth Esther Greenlee

Ruth Esther Silver was born January 8, 1922, in Bridgeton, NJ. Her mother died giving birth to Ruth, and her father was nearly age 60 when she was born. Ruth studied drawing and painting at Bridgeton Senior High School until she graduated in 1941. She wanted to attend art school, but her father expected Ruth to remain home as his caregiver. When World War II was declared, Ruth cared for her father, tended the family Victory Garden, and looked after her father's honeybee hives. After the war ended, Ruth's father died, and she married a high school classmate and sailor in the US Coast Guard. Ruth's daughters were born so Ruth spent the 1950s, like many women at the time, as a full-time homemaker. Although her interest in painting never wavered, her time was not her own.



After her daughters went to college in the 1970s and her husband retired, Ruth was finally able to take private art lessons with local artists in South Jersey. In classes, she visited and painted many *plein aire* landscapes in the South Jersey region. Winter visits to New Hampshire presented opportunities for Ruth to paint in the White Mountains.

When her older daughter's family moved to Maryland, Ruth visited frequently. Admiring the beauty of Southern Maryland, she sketched, photographed and took detailed notes of landscapes and Maryland motifs to complete additional paintings. After the death of her husband, Ruth moved to Maryland in 2004 to live with her daughter and son-in-law. By 2005, Ruth was no longer able to paint since glaucoma and macular degeneration had diminished her eyesight. But those problems did not keep her from her desire to be an artisit. In 2012, she was thrilled when one of her paintings, *Maryland Stew*, was selected for the Charles County Arts Alliance's Juried Art Show at the Thomas Stone National Historic Site Visitor Center.

Although Ruth's love for painting was a dream deferred most of her life, she pursued her dream until her death, July 28, 2014, at the age of 92. This tribute art show is dedicated to Ruth's perseverance, artistic passion, and talent.

The exhibit is on display through April 2016. 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.



Fall Grasses



Brass Pitcher Still Life



Barn and Boat Greenwich, New Jersey

New Solo Artist Show Opens at the Charles County Commissioners Gallery Addison Likins

Addison Likins, a Charles County Resident since 1990, has been a photographer for 45 years since he took photographs as editor of the Ferrum College Newspaper in 1969, and became a full time professional photographer and journalist the next year for the Daily News Record in Harrisonburg, Virginia, while attending James Madison University. He later became a High School English and Journalism teacher where he, among his other duties, taught classes in photography. He also took additional photography and film making classes at the University Of Virginia Graduate School during that time.

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Addison became a Science Center Specialist at the Owens Science Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, and editor of the Science Report for the Prince George's County Public Schools. During the following 11 years, he provided writing and photography support for science activities in the school system as well as designing and building science exhibits with

his small staff as documented both in the *Washington Post* and *Washington Times*. Also, in that period, one his photographs was published as a cover photograph for the *Science and Children Magazine*, and he was a member of the Laurel Art Guild, Maryland, as a sculpture and fine art photographer.

Following his stint at the Owens Science Center, he took a 24 year hiatus from photography as a manager and Senior Analyst for Prince George's Schools, retiring in 2011. In October of 2014, Addsion took up his passion for art again. During the ensuing year, he has shown his work in the Waldorf West Gallery on four different occasions, once in the Chesapeake Bank Gallery in Waldorf, and in the Holli Pop Gallery in La Plata, Maryland. He has had two center photo spreads published in the Mensa Bulletin during 2015, and a photograph published in the Department of Natural Resources' winter 2016 Magazine and in their 2016 Calendar as a second place winner in their 2015 photo contest.

Addison is a graduate of James Madison University, attending Ferrum College, and graduate schools at the University of Virginia and University of Maryland. He also received training at the Exploratorium in San Francisco, Ca. and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. He lives in La Plata, Maryland, is married to Hortencia Likins, and has two sons, Carlos Likins, a graduating senior at Salisbury University and Jacob Likins, a junior at La Plata High School. Addison can be reached at addison.likins@gmail.com.

The exhibit is on display through April 2016. The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.



Sunset at the Docks



Drum Point Lighthouse Beacon



El Rey Del Sol



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home and Charles County Arts Alliance Host "Meet the Artists" Public Reception First Art Show Honors 19 Artists



The hallways were buzzing with residents, staff and the general public eager to meet the talented artists behind the gallery on their Assisted Living dining hallway. Despite the postponement of the reception, nearly every artist was able to attend on Saturday, January 30, 2016, accompanied by friends and family. The gallery has brought life to the halls and brings a unique and beautiful touch for the residents to enjoy.



Senator Mike Miller with Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs staff Dinah Sigmon (left), Melissa Canada (middle), and Director Sharon Mattia (right)

Artists spent much of the show sharing techniques and stories behind their work. Many residents shared their admiration with the artists while guests enjoyed finger foods and music. The show's theme is "Maryland Landscapes" and includes work

from: Sar'där Aziz, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Fanny Cramer, Cecelia Dunay, Stuart Geisbert, III, William Gibson, Doris Hall, Bradley Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Julie Meisel, Nadira Nunez, Nancy Owens, Ella Radano, Lee Anne Shontere, Paula Williams, and Neil Wilmoth.

The Crossroads of Hughesville Garden Club added a wonderful touch to the show with floral interpretations of 5 pieces of art. A nice surprise came just before the end of the show when Maryland State Senate President Mike Miller joined the reception. Senator Miller spent time with each artist, took photos and purchased a piece before leaving.



Lucy Caton, floral interpreter for art by Neil Wilmoth (not pictured)



Sardar Aziz, artist (right), with Kathy White-Thorne, floral interpreter



Senator Mike Miller with floral interpreter Lynn Wineberger



Lynn Wineberger, floral interpreter for art by Nadira Nunez (not pictured)



Paula Williams, artist, with Doug Vogel, floral interpreter



Not pictured: Lee Ann Shontere, artist, and Joyce Rose, floral interpreter

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Nonprofit Community Networking Fair Provides Platform for Arts Alliance and 15 Other Groups



CAA News

On Friday, January 29, 2016, CCAA Board Member Emily Ferren and CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford presented the mission, goals, and programs of the Charles County Arts Alliance to other nonprofits and the general community during the Nonprofit Community Networking Fair held at the Waldorf West Library.

This event, sponsored by the Charles County Public Library, provided an opportunity for the Arts Alliance and 15 other nonprofits to describe their outreach and grant programs.

The other nonprofits included: ARC of Southern Maryland, Calvert Library, Charles County Public Library, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Corina Higginson Trust, Leadership Southern Maryland, Maryland Insurance Consumer Education, People's Law Library & Charles County Courthouse Law Library, Maryland State Library Resource Center/Enoch Pratt Free Library, Nonprofit Institute, People for Change Coalition, United Way of Charles County, University of Maryland Extension Charles County, Maryland Relay and Community Foundation of Southern Maryland.

The Arts Alliance made many new contacts and was able to "spread the word" about the Alliance and the multitude of arts-related events in Charles County!









Maryland Citizens for the Arts Maryland Arts Day Wednesday, February 17, 2016 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. John's College Mellon Hall, Francis Scott Key Auditorium 60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD



Cost: \$50 - Deadline to Register is February 12

Registration Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Parking at the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium and Shuttle to St. John's College

Go to http://mdarts.org/news_events/maryland-arts-day-2016/ to register.

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 400 participants, representing every county in the state, this state-wide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland. Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and the impact they have on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.



Keynote speaker, Navasha Daya is a singer, songwriter, producer, performing arts curator, certified holistic wellness practitioner, and spiritual and cultural arts activist. In 2010 along with educator/musician/organizer, Fanon Hill and two youth mentees, Navasha co-founded the Youth Resiliency Institute (YRI), a social benefit organization that is dedicated to inspiring realization of the authentic self in children, youth, and young adults in Baltimore, Maryland. Navasha currently serves on the GBCA Programming Committee and is a member of the Baltimore Arts Education Coalition Steering Committee.

Schedule:

8:15 am	Registration/Networking Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks and Greetings from Elected Officials
9:30 am	Sue Hess Arts Advocate of the Year Award Presentation
9:45 am	Keynote Address: Navasha Daya
10:15 am	Budget Realities and Legislative Talking Points
10:45 am	County Delegation Coordination
11:45 am	Legislative Visits and Lunch

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Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Governor Hogan Proposes Record Funding for the Arts in Maryland!



In his Fiscal Year 2017 budget proposal released on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, Governor Larry Hogan proposed a record \$20.3 million in funding for the arts in Maryland.

MCA is extremely pleased that the Administration fully adopted its proposal to grow the General Fund Appropriation by designating the \$2 million Special Fund for the Preservation of Cultural arts as an enhancement to the base arts grant. Not only did the Governor fund the transfer for FY 2017, he will also be submitting legislation that will make this move permanent, thus setting a new base for Arts funding in the future.

There is much work to be done to ensure that these proposals are adopted by our friends and supporters in the Maryland General Assembly, and we will need every voice we can gather to help make this possible. So take a moment now to register for Maryland Arts Day on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at St. John's College Key Auditorium in Annapolis.

Here are the facts:

- FY 2016 Appropriation = \$16.7 million
- FY 2017 Appropriation = \$17.4 million (1994 Arts Stabilization Bill formulaic increase of 4.2%)
- FY 2017 Special Fund = \$2 million
- New Legislation directs the Special Fund money to the General Fund Appropriation permanently

If we are successful during the 2016 General Assembly Session, then –combined with the critical match from the National Endowment for the Arts (approximately \$600,000), and about \$300,000 of interagency funding – the 2017 Budget for the Maryland State Arts Council will be \$20.3 million!

For more information on the arts programs in Maryland, go to www.msac.org.



Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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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
- 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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			Thu, Jun 9, 7:00 – 9:00 pm <mark>CCAA Board Meeting</mark> La Plata Town Hall
			Sat, Jun 11, TBD ArtsFest 2016 La Plata Town Hall

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Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

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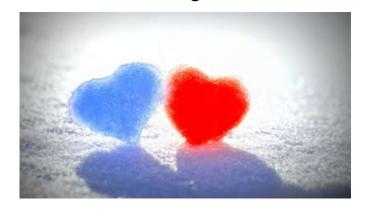
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The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough is love.

~ Henry Miller



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