ArtsFest 2017  
Saturday, June 10, 
11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Rain Date:  Sunday, June 11  
La Plata Town Hall  
305 Queen Anne Street,  
La Plata, MD  
Early Bird Registration for Vendors Ends April 15

Registration is ongoing for the 25th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. This is our sixth year to present the festival 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!

Original art and hand-made items that will be on display and available for purchase include clay sculptures; woven baskets; clay ornaments; quilts; scarves and scarf jewelry; steampunk jewelry; jewelry made from beads, shells, pearls, crystals, wood, and leather; painted wineglasses; hand-dyed yarns; watercolor, pencil, acrylic and oil paintings; hand-carved wooden bowls; stained and fused glass; pottery; notecards and much, much more!

Local authors of children's and adult books and comics have already reserved spaces. The Port Tobacco River Conservancy and the Southern Maryland Carousel Group will be on site with updates on their projects.

There will be non-stop entertainment on both sides of the Town Hall, and lots of food for purchase!

Vendors, exhibitors, displayers: register NOW and let the community see and enjoy your works and services. Registration forms are available at www.charlescountyarts.org, or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.
CCAA Had Fun at Paint Party II
Fundraiser held at Boston's to Benefit the CCAA Scholarship Program

Fun and fundraising joined for an evening of creativity as 13 enthusiastic adults and youth gathered at Boston's Restaurant in Waldorf, to create their own painting of "Northern Lights," led by the multi-talented teacher and artist Vicki Marckel. Donning hospital gowns, the group followed the step-by-step directions of Miss Markel and all were pleased with their own version of the painting.

Every year, the Arts Alliance offers $1000 scholarships to eligible graduating students from each of the seven public high schools in Charles County. The proceeds from this Paint Party funded over half a scholarship.

Thanks, again, to Victoria Oleksek, Special Events Coordinator, for allowing the Arts Alliance to hold the fundraiser at Boston's Restaurant, and for donating a portion of the evening's dinner receipts to the Scholarship Fund.

The Alliance plans to hold future Paint Parties - so watch the Newsflash for the latest news.
The Arts Alliance, in partnership with the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, opened a new exhibit on March 10, 2017. Forty-two works of art by 23 artists will be on display until July 14. This is the first show in 2017, and the sixth exhibit at the Waldorf Branch Bank.

The theme was open to the artists and includes works by: Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Sang Jin Choi, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Florence Foster, Renee Fuqua, Penelope Gold, Richard Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Billie Harley, Lorina Harris, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Kathleen Noel, Nia Olabesi, Joshua Owen, Dianne Shisler, Ernest Sinnes, Joanne Van Brunt and David Zippi.

The gallery can be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/community-bank-of-the-chesapeake-gallery.

Most of the artworks are for sale, directly from the artist. The Bank will have the contact information.

The Bank is located at 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601. Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Hosts
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception

In partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home honored the 37 artists and 55 works of art currently on display for their spring show. The gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD.

The show’s theme was "Artist’s Choice" and includes work from: Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Michael Anderson, Shirley Andrews (a resident), Anne Buffington, Sue Cassidy, Bill Cassidy, Sang Jin Choi, Cecelia Dunay, Stu Geisbert, Penny Gold, Richard Gold, Roxana Gonzales, Arianna Harley, Jaden Hendricks, Gary Jameson, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Joanna Macauley, Bill Meck (a resident), Kathy Noel, Jonathan Nordstrom, Nadira Nunez, Nia Olabesi, Joshua Owen, Nancy Owens, Walter Pearsall (a resident), Ashley Radano (CHVH Volunteer Director), Dianne Shisler, Ernest Sinnes, George Skypeck, Michelle Tirrell, Joanne Van Brunt, Nancy Walcutt, Jennifer Ward, Ronald Webb, and Joseph Wolf. Most artwork is available for purchase; the E-Wing Security desk has a copy of the price list and artists biographies.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is Maryland’s only long-term care and assisted living facility specifically for Veterans and their eligible spouses. Hours are: Monday-Sunday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please follow the signs for the "State Office" entrance around back.

The next show opens on April 20 and runs through October 18, 2017.
This is Election Year for the Arts Alliance!
Members will Vote on the Next Board at the May 13 Meeting

On Saturday, May 13, the Arts Alliance will hold its Annual Membership Meeting at Waldorf West Library, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Elections for the 2017-2019 Officers and Board of Directors will be held. The public was invited to submit self-nominations and members are eligible to vote for the candidates.

The current slate of officers is:

- President - Gale Kladitis
- Vice President - Robert K. Rausch
- Secretary/Treasurer - Ronald Brown
- Past President - Diane Rausch
- Director - Bill Adams
- Director - Joseph Wimberly

During the meeting the 2017 Student Arts Scholarship winners will give presentations in their various fields of artistic studies.

More information will be published in the May newsletter, so stay tuned . . .

Applebee's of La Plata Celebrates Local Activities
Wall Art Promotes ArtsFest as one of La Plata's Highlight Events

The next time you dine at the Applebee's located at 10 Shining Willow Way in La Plata, please notice the large wall art at the back of the restaurant. Thank you, Applebee's, for recognizing the contribution ArtsFest makes to the community!
Arts Alliance Spreads the Word at the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's "Jazz, Arts & Literary Café"

Members of the Tri-County Maryland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held a "Jazz, Arts, and Literary Café" at Thomas Stone High School on March 18. Authors, dancers, visual artists, and musicians shared their talents with participants.

Kathleen Jenkins, Charles County Arts Alliance Board member, was among the speakers invited to share information about the programs offered by the CCAA. Kathy was especially excited by the warm reception and strong interest the attendees expressed for the Arts Alliance and commented:

"I was honored to present with such a talented group of artists, musicians, and authors."

Thank you, Kathy, for sharing the mission of the Arts Alliance with a new community of artists!
Plans Forming for the Benedict Gateway Project
Construction has begun to Upgrade Land and Facilities

Ron Russo with RAR Associates Development Corporation, headquartered in North Beach, is leading a project to create an artists community at Benedict as part of the Benedict Gateway Project. His company has been focusing on the Benedict area for the past two years by purchasing $1.1 million dollars in properties including 22 acres adjacent to Route 231.

The project will include residential and commercial properties and have a village green for outdoor events. Additionally, a 3,500 sq. ft. structure is under construction which will become the Studios at Benedict. The building will have 7 individual studios on the second floor and a large open space on the first floor for resident artists to display and sell their works.

This project has the potential to create an "Arts and Entertainment District" in Charles County. For more information about the company, visit rarassociates.com.

Some facts about the town of Benedict (from https://destinationsouthernmaryland.com/war-of-1812/benedict):

At Benedict one can visit the town where over 4,000 British troops landed and camped before marching to Washington. Nearby is Maxwell Hall, a restored home said to have been used by the British during their occupation of Benedict. According to local legend, two British soldiers are buried at Oldfields Chapel. The gravestone of Henry Canter reminds us of another legend where Henry was able to retrieve his horse from the British by sneaking up near the British encampment at night and whistling for it.

Mr. Russo will have a booth at ArtsFest on June 10, so please plan to stop by and discuss the proposal to create an artists community at Benedict.
Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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Debora Almassy
Dr. Theresa Alo
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Patricia Biles
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Kim Bowie-Hendricks
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Billie L. Harley
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Vicki L. Marckel
Ivette Marcucci
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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County, MD
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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All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

Charles County Arts Alliance
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Master Calendar **FY 2017**

### 2016

- **Sat, Jul 9, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm**
  - **Summer Retreat**
  - Solomons Landing, Solomons

- **Tue, Jul 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Charles County Commissioners Gallery

- **Sat, Jul 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- **Thu, Aug 25, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Wed, Sep 7, 7:00 pm**
  - **Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop I**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Sat, Sep 10, 1:00 pm**
  - **Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop II**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Sat, Sep 10, 2:00 am – 4:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Wed - Sun, Sep 15 – 18**
  - **Charles County Fair**
  - Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

- **Sat, Sep 24, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall

- **Sat, Oct 1, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- **Thu, Oct 13, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Fri, Oct 21, 12:00 noon**
  - **FY 2017 Grant Applications Due**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Sat, Oct 29, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Grant Committee Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Sat, Nov 5, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Sat, Nov 19, 6:00 – 10:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala**
  - Old Waldorf School

- **Wed, Dec 7, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Executive Committee Meeting**
  - Pomfret, MD

### 2017

- **Mon, Jan 9, 4:00 – 9:30 pm**
  - **Scholarship Fundraiser and Paint Party**
  - Boston’s Restaurant, Waldorf

- **Wed, Jan 18, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Executive Committee Meeting**
  - Pomfret, MD

- **Sat, Jan 28, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Winter Retreat**
  - Solomons Landing, Solomons

- **Sat, Feb 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- **Wed, Feb 8, 7:30 – 9:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Executive Committee Meeting**
  - Pomfret, MD

- **Tue, Feb 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**
  - **Maryland Arts Day**
  - St. John’s College, Annapolis

- **Tue - Wed, Mar 7 - 8, 7:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Play Auditions**
  - Old Waldorf School

- **Sat, Mar 11, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - United Way House, La Plata

- **Mon, Mar 20, 4:00 – 9:30 pm**
  - **Scholarship Fundraiser and Paint Party**
  - Boston’s Restaurant, Waldorf

- **Sat, Mar 25, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall

- **Sat, Apr 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - Waldorf West Library

- **Sat, Apr 29, Noon – 4:00 pm**
  - **Celebrate La Plata!**
  - La Plata Town Hall

- **Sat, Apr 29, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artist” Public Reception**
  - Old Waldorf School

- **Sat, May 13, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Annual Membership Meeting**
  - TBD

- **Thu, Jun 8, 7:00 pm**
  - **CCAA Board Meeting**
  - La Plata Town Hall

- **Sat, Jun 10, 11: am – 5:00 pm (Rain Date: Sun, Jun 11)**
  - **ArtsFest 2017**
  - La Plata Town Hall

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Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
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~ Thomas A. Edison