What a Night! CCAA Celebrated Their 30th Anniversary with a Gala Performance!

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, Old Waldorf School was transformed into a "Pearls and Diamonds" sparkling banquet room for the celebration of the Charles County Arts Alliance’s 30th Anniversary, and Annual Grantee and Membership Gala.

The evening began with antipasti and dinner from Rucci’s and music by the Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret. CCAA Past President Diane Rausch welcomed all the guests to the Gala, and invited State Senator Thomas (Mac) Middleton to the stage to present a Resolution, followed by Charles County Commissioner President Peter Murphy who proclaimed November 2017 as "Charles County Arts Alliance 30th Anniversary Month."

CCAA President Gale Kladitis continued the program and introduced Grant Chair Robert Rausch to present the FY 2018 grant awards to 6 schools and 13 nonprofit organizations (see page 5).

Gale then surprised Robert and Diane Rausch with a presentation of Lifetime Achievement Awards for their continuing dedication and efforts to promote all the arts since the beginning of an arts alliance in Charles County 30 years ago.

During the evening, guests had an opportunity to participate in a silent auction and donate toward three gift baskets. All proceeds benefit the CCAA Arts Scholarship Program.

The remaining evening was devoted to dessert by Gerard and dancing to the music of the Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret.

Thanks go to the CCAA Board of Directors and volunteers for all their hard work with setup and take down, to all the guests who made the night a success, and to all the generous individuals and organizations who donated wonderful items for the Silent Auction!

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Dear Members and Friends of the Charles County Arts Alliance,

It has been a remarkable and busy year for all of us!

The Board hit the ground running, from the beginning of the 2017 calendar year, with:

• Opening 15 new gallery exhibits, including 8 solo artist shows
• Hosting 4 "Meet the Artists" Public Receptions
• Attending Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis
• Hosting 2 Paint Parties to raise funds for the Scholarship Program
• Awarding 8 student Arts Scholarships
• Conducting the Annual Membership Meeting and presenting the Student Scholarship Recipients
• Hosting the 25th Annual ArtsFest
• Conducting CCAA Board of Director retreats to strategize the future direction of the Alliance

• Assembling 500 "Back to School" art boxes for 3rd graders
• Assembling 500 Fair Bags full of promotional items and local information to hand to attendees at the County Fair
• Conducting Board of Director elections for the 2018 fiscal year
• Managing the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building during the Charles County Fair
• Publishing 52 issues of the weekly Newsflash and monthly newsletters
• And finally, hosting our Annual Grantee and Membership Gala to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Arts Alliance, raise funds for the Scholarship Program, and award $44,000 in grants to schools and non-profit organizations!

With the close of the year rapidly approaching, we reflect on what projects we will continue to pursue as well as new projects. This is the area where we really depend on our membership to make suggestions and participate or attend events.

Your participation helps us determine the direction we need to aim our focus. The more involved you become with any areas of the arts (performance, visual, literary), the stronger you make your Arts Alliance in the county and the State.

As your CCAA president, I welcome you to join us in 2018 as we celebrate the arts with a variety of events and activities. We can only thrive with your help!

Thank you and Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Gale S. Kladitis
President
Founder’s Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Charles County Arts Alliance,

It is amazing to realize that the adage “Time flies” is a reality. The past 30 years of the Charles County Arts Alliance have passed exceedingly quickly. In the spring of 1987, a small group of concerned citizens were worried about the future of the then Charles County Arts Council (CCAC). The council’s governance had been passed back-and-forth between the County Library and the County Recreation Department since 1972 and was no longer a viable organization. It was in July of that year that the Maryland State Arts Council received major funding which was to be passed on to the county arts councils. For Charles County, that meant an infusion of funding for the arts in the amount of $42,000 per year from $0 per year.

The new Board of the CCAC, totaling six members, determined that the old name must go! The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) was born and incorporated. The new officers set a schedule for monthly meetings, revived the defunct monthly newsletter and sought memberships in the “new” organization. This resulted in some fifty people joining up in the first three months.

It is the people that have helped the CCAA to become an organization recognized as the “umbrella for the arts” in Charles County over the past thirty years. There have been more than 200 individuals who have served on the Board of Directors in this timeframe, membership has grown four-fold (even with the transient nature of our county) and thousands of children, artists, performers and literary and cultural devotees have benefited from our Arts in Education and Community Arts Development grants. Many people have demonstrated their support and loyalty to the CCAA by being officers and members for many years. Cindy Johnson served as a treasurer for 13 years; it was my honor to serve as one of eight presidents for a total of 14 years as well as a member for 30 years; CCAA co-founder, Diane Rausch, was President for 9 years. Our current president, Gale Kladitis has a membership that goes back to 1972 and the original CCAC, thus making her the longest continuous member of our organization.

With the dedication of people like those mentioned above and many others, the CCAA has promoted opera, ballet and theater for the enjoyment of our citizens, hosted the longest running outdoor arts festival in the region (25 years), and provided thousands of dollars for hundreds of artistic events covering visual and performing arts, as well as literary and cultural activities. None of our accomplishments would have been possible without the support of our office managers, the most outstanding of which is our current Office Manager, Judy Crawford.

As we close this calendar year, reflecting upon the past, but looking to the future, it is the wish of our Board of Directors that all our members and their families, and indeed all our county’s citizens have a blessed, safe holiday season.

Thank you for the honor to serve,

Robert Rausch
Founder

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"Diamonds and Pearls" Photo Album

Robert and Diane Rausch receive Lifetime Achievement Awards.

A trio of Past and Present CCAA Presidents: Diane Rausch, Gale Kluditis and Robert Rausch.

And the winners of the Gift Baskets . . .

Sandi Middleton

Yuliya Strongovska and Lucy Bullock (with Byx Bullock)

And the Cake and Bubbly!!!
Congratulations to the FY 2018 Arts in Education and Community Arts Development CCAA Grant Recipients!

**Arts in Education Grantees**

- Archbishop Neale School
- Grace Christian Academy
- Henry E. Lackey High School
- J.C. Parks Elementary School
- La Plata High School
- St. Charles Children's Learning Center

**Community Arts Development Grantees**

- Charles County Government – Department of Community Services / Aging & Senior Programs
- Charles County Freedom Landing
- Charles County Public Library
- Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- College of Southern Maryland
- College of Southern Maryland Foundation
- Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
- Life Journeys Writers Guild
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center
- Music Teachers Association of Charles County
- Nanjemoy Community Center
- Port Tobacco Players
- Steam Onward
Arts Alliance Recognized at the 12th Annual Korean American Cultural Arts Festival

On Sunday, November 12, 2017, CCAA President Gale Kladitis was welcomed to Korea Art & Soul, the Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation's (KACAF) annual event that advances the Foundation's mission of creating strong bonds between Korean-Americans and American communities through exposure of Korean culture and art to the general public.

Tammy Lee Pantages, KACAF Chairwoman and President of the Korean American Association of Southern Maryland (KAASM), had invited the Arts Alliance to participate in the opening ceremony. During her presentation, Gale highlighted some of the projects sponsored by the Arts Alliance and added:

The mission of the Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation is to sponsor annual events that expose American audiences to the artistic elements of more than 5,000 years of Korea’s cherished cultural heritage.

To this end the KACAF has presented 8 Lunar Festivals, 8 Asian/Pacific Festivals, 9 Korean-American Cultural Arts Festivals as well as fashion shows, art exhibitions, educational workshops and performances.

The continuing efforts of this organization to share the culture of Korea are self-evident, as they build a Korean Cultural Arts Center in Waldorf, Maryland. These types of events are the very things that the Arts Alliance supports and encourages, and makes us proud to partner with KACAF with grant funding, and their participation in our annual ArtsFest.

Thank you, Tammy Pantages and the Board of the KACAF, for your enduring efforts towards your mission. We, in the Charles County Arts Alliance, look forward to continuing the relationship that has been established with the Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation.

A tea ceremony, drumming performance, Korean appetizers and paper flower making opportunities, while surrounded by the incredibly intricate and colorful Korean art and flower arrangements, made for an enchanted evening of cultural exchange.
Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day: Embracing Reinvention

Thursday, February 22, 2018
8:15 am to 2:00 pm
Miller Senate Building
11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Registration is Open! Visit http://mdarts.org/maryland-arts-day-registration

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state and Baltimore City, this statewide 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.

At Maryland Arts Day, you spend the day networking with colleagues from around the state, all while learning about the arts advocacy process. After a networking breakfast, participants will gather for the morning session which includes greetings from lawmakers, presentation of the Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award, a keynote speech featuring Adam Lerner, and a state budget overview. After all of this great information, you will be prepared with talking points and best practices for meetings with your legislators.

The next portion of the day will be meetings in your county delegation rooms with your legislators. Guided by the county arts council directors that represent your district, you will have an opportunity to tell legislators about the importance of the arts in Maryland, and specifically your community. Follow the talking points given you in the morning and share the great stories about the impact of the arts in your community!

The day will close with a networking lunch back in the Miller Senate Building to meet with your colleagues and discuss everything you have learned and experienced at Maryland Arts Day. This is also a great opportunity to let others know all of the fantastic things you have going on at your organization or with your artwork.

Schedule:
8:15 am  Registration and Networking Breakfast
9:00 am  Opening Remarks and Greetings from Elected Officials
9:30 am  Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award Presentation
9:45 am  Keynote Address – Adam Lerner, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver
10:15 am  Budget Realities and Legislative Talking Points
10:45 am County Delegation Coordination
11:45 am  Legislative Visits
1:00 pm  Lunch and Networking
1:50 pm  Maryland Arts Day Wrap-Up
2:00 pm  Buses Depart to Stadium Parking

For more information, call Maryland Citizens for the Arts at 410-467-6700.
Platinum Circle
Charlotte & Abbott Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch
Walmart

Gold Circle
Ron & Marti Brown
Bert & Emily Ferren
Renée Fuqua
Roy & Kathy Jenkins
David & Nikole Smith

Silver Circle
Bill & Susan Adams
Andy & Jessica Dixon
Gale Klaiditis
Port Tobacco Players
Joseph Wimerly

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Lorina Harris
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Lori Joseph
Greg Kenney, Jr. & Family

Individual
Beverly Adams
Frederick Allen
Debora Almassy
Dr. Theresa Alo
Sar dár Aziz
Karl-Peter Bernard
Amy Blessinger
Justin Bowie
Kim Bowie-Hendricks
Rebecca Caudill
Syanne Centeno
Kathy Cooke
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Roxana Gonzales
Kenneth Graves
Mark T. Hayes
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Dwayne Alistair Thomas
Karin R. Thomas

Non-Profit Organization
Charles County Fair, Inc.
Charles County Public Library
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Friends of Chapman State Park
Indian Head Center for the Arts Life Journeys Writers Guild
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County Inc
SagePoint Senior Living Services

Southern Maryland Carousel Group
Southern Maryland Decorative Painters
Town of Indian Head
Town of La Plata

Senior
C. Ruth Bailey
Cindi Barnhart
Denise Ann Bell
Susie Bender
John T. Blakeney
Burkey & Margaret Boggs
Lloyd S. Bowling, Sr.
George M. Brooks
Joyce Brooks
Rose Burroughs
Judith E. Cabos
Denise A. Calisti
Suzanne Cassidy
William Cassidy
Carol Charnock
Martha Knight Clements
Ellen Conyers
Joyce S. Cooksey
Carol Corbett
Jim Crawford
Judy Crawford
Dorothy Crown
Frank M. Culhane
Evelyn Dashiell
Cecelia Dunay
Patricia Duncan
Michael English
Gale Y. Euchner
Donald D. Faust
George Fisher
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William Gibson
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Richard Gold
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William Jones
Gordon Ray Johnson
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Mary Kercher
Martha Lane
Phillip Lang
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Addison Newton Likins
Beverlie Ludy

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Michelle Young

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Connie Miller
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Roger E. Smith
Jill Smithson
Doris Terry
Glenn Thompson
Paul Toscano
Joanne Van Brunt
Carolyn A. Vaughn
Lawrence Velezo
Jim Waters
Ron Webb
Warren Wilson

Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!
CCAA Membership Form

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
• 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!

Membership Categories (check one):

☐ Platinum Circle - $500
☐ Gold Circle - $250
☐ Silver Circle - $150
☐ Arts Patron - $125
☐ Arts Sponsor - $100
☐ Arts Activist - $75
☐ Family - $50
☐ Individual - $30
☐ Senior (60+) - $20
☐ Youth (under 18) - $10

Business & Nonprofit:

☐ Corporate - $500
☐ Business - $250
☐ Nonprofit Organization - $75
☐ Other (Donations) ___________

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

☐ ArtsFest Committee
☐ Budget/Finance/Audit Committee
☐ Scholarship Committee
☐ Events Committee
☐ Gallery Committee
☐ Grant Committee
☐ Membership Committee
☐ Outreach/Marketing Committee
☐ Administrative/Office Work
☐ Technical/IT Support

Charles County Arts Alliance
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www.charlescountyarts.org / 301-392-5900
info@charlescountyarts.org

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD.
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Gale S. Kladitis – President
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Diane Rausch – Past President
Bill Adams – Director
Joseph Wimberly – Director

Cindi Barnhart – Honorary Board Member
John Javier – Student Intern

Judy Crawford – Office Manager & Newsletter Editor

Snowflakes are one of nature’s most fragile creations, but look what they can do when they stick together!

December 2017