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



*CCAA Past President Diane Rausch receives the Resolution from Senator Middleton.*



*Old Waldorf School sparkled with "Pearls and Diamonds."*



*Charles County Commissioner President Peter Murphy presents the Proclamation to CCAA Past President Diane Rausch.*

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!

# President's Letter

*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





## *"Diamonds and Pearls" Photo Album*



*Robert and Diane Rausch receive Lifetime Achievement Awards.*



*A trio of Past and Present CCAA Presidents: Diane Rausch, Gale Kladitis 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



### Korean Art, Food and Culture Shared at Old Waldorf School

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.



Hand-crafted paper floral arrangements and art decorated Old Waldorf School.



Charles County Commissioner President Peter Murphy and CCAA President Gale Kladitis are served tea prepared during the ceremony.



Tammy Lee Pantages enjoys the delicious selections of Korean delicacies.



## 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



Adam Lerner, Keynote Speaker

For more information, call Maryland Citizens for the Arts at 410-467-6700.



## Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

### 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 Kladitis  
Port Tobacco Players  
Joseph Wimberly

### Business

ChameleonJohn  
Community Bank of the  
Chesapeake  
Golden Renaissance Jewellers  
Joson Fine Jewelry & Home  
Boutique

### Arts Patron

Century 21 New Millennium  
Realtors  
Edward L. Sanders Insurance  
Agency, Inc.

### Arts Sponsor

Jennifer Cooper, Go-DIVA!  
Productions, Inc.  
Michael & Anne Creveling  
William F. Eckman  
Brad & Linda Gottfried  
Linda Dent & Stephen Mitchell  
Peter F. Murphy  
Wayne Russell  
Dianne & Don Shisler  
Lucretia Dewey Tanner  
Kate & Chris Zabriskie

### Arts Activist

Allan Canter, Jr.  
Sang Jin Choi  
Nancy Hannans  
Amelia Jones  
John & Lucy Snell

### Family

Richard & Margery Coppola  
Gina and George Durgin  
Lorina Harris  
Paul & Christine Hill  
Cynthia & Zeke Johnson  
Lori Joseph  
Greg Kenney, Jr. & Family

Paul Lagasse  
Sue and Chloe Lateulere  
Ursula Lawrence  
David & Susannah Lynch  
Peggy & Norman Palmer  
Andrea Renfroe  
John & Mary Lou Rutherford  
Jenete & Jeff St. Clair  
Mark G. Walker  
Amy Tarleton and Scott Wilmoth  
and Family  
Chancy & Sandra Wood

### Individual

Beverly Adams  
Frederick Allen  
Debora Almassy  
Dr. Theresa Alo  
Sar'dar Aziz  
Karl-Peter Bernard  
Amy Blessinger  
Justin Bowie  
Kim Bowie-Hendricks  
Rebecca Caudill  
Syanne Centeno  
Kathy Cooke  
Danelle Danzy  
Becca Dean  
Sonia De Phillip  
Michael Douglas  
Florence Foster  
Roxana Gonzales  
Kenneth Graves  
Mark T. Hayes  
Christine Hill-Gomes  
Barbara Hufford  
Nichelle Alston Jones  
Cecelia Keller  
Kate Kimble  
Vicki L. Marckel  
Ivette Marcucci  
Lena Masterson  
Julie A. Meisel  
Sandi Middleton  
Kathleen L. Noel  
Nadira Nunez  
Jennifer Pinto  
Randall L. Soileau  
Suzannah Sulek  
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  
Geary Fisher  
Julia F. Gaff  
Sheila L. Geisert  
William Gibson  
Penelope H. Gold  
Richard Gold  
Sally Marie Goldsmith  
Joyce Williams Graves  
Patti Gyorda  
Doris J. Hall  
Billie L. Harley  
Patrise Henkel  
Sally Hopp  
Charles F.M. Hughes  
Nick Hurysh  
Renée Jefferson-Copeland  
Mary Ann Jenkins  
William Jones  
Gordon Ray Johnson  
Maryann Karimi  
Mary Kercher  
Martha Lane  
Phillip Lang  
Ellen Lewis  
Addison Newton Likins  
Beverlie Ludy

Dianne E. Lyon  
Roy M. Maier  
Mary Mangino  
Jim McDonald  
Henry McPherson  
William Meck  
Connie Miller  
Constance E. Moore  
John P. Mowrey  
Bob Navarra  
Rudolph Nielsen  
Jan Norton  
Mary Jo O'Neil  
Nancy Owens  
Marie C. Parham  
Shirley A. Perez  
Sandy Rohde  
Patricia Seaquist  
Kay Simkins  
Ernest Sinnes  
Dorothea H. Smith  
Roger E. Smith  
Jill Smithson  
Doris Terry  
Glenn Thompson  
Paul Toscano  
Joanne Van Brunt  
Carolyn A. Vaughn  
Lawrence Velozo  
Jim Waters  
Ron Webb  
Warren Wilson

### Youth

Jaden Hendricks  
John Javier  
Joshua Owen  
Kavante Reeves  
Michelle Young



# CCAA Membership Form



*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.*

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **New Member**

Name (exactly as you want it to appear in print):

Organization/Business (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail

### Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ArtsFest Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Committee              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance/Audit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Marketing Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events Committee               | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office Work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery Committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/IT Support         |

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info@charlescountyarts.org

# Master Calendar FY 2018

2017

2018

- ☒ Monday, July 10, 7:30 – 9:30 p,  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Monday, July 17, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
"Meet the Artist" Public Reception  
Charles County Commissioners Gallery
- ☒ Saturday, July 22, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Monday, August 7, 7:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Saturday, September 9, 9:00 – 3:00 pm  
CCAA Summer Retreat  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Wednesday, September 13, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Mandatory CAD Grant Training  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Wednesday - Sunday, September 14 – 17  
Charles County Fair  
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- ☒ Friday, September 22, 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
Nonprofit Community Network Fair  
College of Southern Maryland, BI Room 113E
- ☒ Monday, October 2, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
Mandatory AIE Grant Training  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Saturday, October 28, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☒ Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting  
Waldorf West Library
- ☒ Monday, November 6, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☒ Saturday, November 18, 6:00 – 10:00 pm  
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala  
Old Waldorf School
- ☒ Monday, December 4, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata

- ☐ Monday, January 8, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Saturday, February 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
CCAA Winter Retreat  
Solomons, MD
- ☐ Thursday, February 22, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Maryland Arts Day  
St. John's College, Annapolis
- ☐ Saturday, February 24, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Monday, March 5, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
United Way House, La Plata
- ☐ Monday, April 9, 7:30 – 9:30 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
Waldorf West Library
- ☐ Saturday, April 28, Noon – 4:00 pm  
Celebrate La Plata!  
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Saturday, May 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
- ☐ Thursday, June 7, 7:00 pm  
CCAA Board Meeting  
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Saturday, June 9, 11: am - 5:00 pm  
ArtsFest 2018  
La Plata Town Hall
- ☐ Saturday, June 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception  
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

# Arts Insider

## December 2017

### Board of Directors

**Gale S. Kladitis** – *President*

**Robert K. Rausch** – *Vice President*

**Ronald G. Brown** – *Secretary/Treasurer*

**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!



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