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Gale Kladitis, CCAA President, addresses the members of the School Board.



The big "check" is presented to the Charles County Public School Music Department, with the Members of the School Board joining in.



The auditorium was filled with many people being recognized for various achievements.

Funds Benefit Band, Orchestra and Choir Students

On February 13, 2018, the Charles County Arts Alliance presented a check for \$4,950.00, to Dr. Kim Hill, Superintendent of the Charles County Public Schools, to fund a project that will bring in talented teachers, artists, and clinicians to work with middle and high school bands, orchestra and choirs. Making the presentation from the Arts Alliance was Gale Kladitis, President; Robert Rausch, Vice President; Ron Brown, Secretary-Treasurer, and Maryland State Arts Council Program Director Steven Skerritt-Davis.

Tim Bodamer, the Content Specialist for Fine and Performing Arts, will meet with the clinicians throughout the project to secure feedback that will lead to future training and instructional needs. He will also meet with teachers to discuss the effectiveness of the sessions and the benefits that the teachers and students have gained from the experience.

The clinicians will travel between schools and spend approximately 2 hours with each ensemble. The students are provided the opportunity to experiment with new techniques and concepts, and come away from the experience with newfound energy and inspiration. The added professional instruction will help the students gain insight and maximize their performance potential in the weeks leading up to a large ensemble performance assessment.

The preparation for the assessments will involve over 2,900 students and 36 teachers in 8 middle schools and 7 high schools. The clinics were held in February, with the assessments taking place on March 13 - 16, 2018.

The Arts Alliance plans to continue similar support to the Music Department next year.

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Arts Alliance.



Happy March to our members and friends of the Arts Alliance!

February was a very busy month for the Charles County Arts Alliance.

We presented a special Artists in Education Grant to the Charles County Board of Education Music Department to benefit the middle and high school orchestra, band and choir students; the final information was issued for the scholarship program with a deadline of March 9; the Events Chair is busy planning the annual membership meeting for

May 12; and the remainder of the galleries are now all displaying new shows!

Last month, the CCAA Board of Directors met in Solomons for our bi-annual retreat to plan the remainder of our fiscal year.

The cherry on the top for February was "Maryland Arts Day." The Governor announced that Maryland was number four per capita on arts spending and he would be happy to try and make us number one!

And, now we are getting ready for the annual Artsfest in La Plata on June 9. Mark your calendars so you will not miss out on the fun!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Charles County Arts Alliance.

Gale S. Kladitis President



Charles County Arts Alliance 2018 Scholarship Program is Open!



Deadline to Apply: Noon, March 9, 2018

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each public high school in Charles County who plans to continue studying the Arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Additionally, the PNC Foundation is sponsoring two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who demonstrate a financial need and plan to continue studying the Arts at a four year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Go to https://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships to download the CCAA Scholarship Application for High School Students or the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application for High School Students Meeting the Financial Need Requirements.

Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

Completed applications must be received in the CCAA office (not postmarked) by noon on March 9, 2018. Mailing address is PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695. Applications may also be hand-delivered to the CCAA Office at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com.

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New Art Show Opens at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home



Photo by resident Larry Velozo.



Calligraphy by Brenda Chin, Painting by Vicki Marckel.



Photo by resident Philip Lang.

69 Works of Art on Display by 36 Artists

In partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home opened a new public art gallery on January 31, 2018, currently showcasing 36 artists and 69 works of art - their largest exhibit to date! The gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway and will be on display through June 30, 2018.

The show's theme was "Artist's Choice" and includes works from: Julie Allinson, Shirley Andrews (a resident), Sar'där Aziz, Allan Canter, Jr., Sandy Carr, Suzanne Cassidy (a volunteer), William Cassidy (a volunteer), Dorothy Crown, Ceclia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Mike English (a resident), Penelope Gold, Roxana Gonzales, Doris Hall, Heather Heling, Jaden Hendricks, Gordon Johnson, Philip Lang (a resident), Addison Likins, Jim McDonald, Bill Meck (a resident), Julie Meisel, Constance Moore, Kathy Noel, Nadira Nunez, Philip Parry, Walter Pearsall (a resident), Magan Ruthke, Sharon Stapf (a volunteer), Dianne Shisler, Renae Thomas, Larry Velozo (a resident), Nancy Walcutt (a volunteer), Renu Whiteside, Belinda Wilburn, and David Zippi.

Here are some samples of the extraordinary works of art on display:



The Gallery can be viewed onlinie at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charlotte-hall-veterans-home-gallery or https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charlotte-hall-veterans-home-gallery. Most artwork is available for purchase; the E-Wing Security desk has a copy of the price list and artists biographies.

The gallery is located at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Sunday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm with meal time (high traffic) around 7:30 am, 11:30 am, and 4:30 pm. Please follow the signs for the "D-Wing/State Office" entrance around back.

New Show Opens at Waldorf West Library Gallery



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Tisha Tyler, Marketing & Development Manager for the Charles County Public Library, described some upcoming opportunities at the Library.



Artists whose works are currently on display at the Waldorf West Library.



CCAA President Gale Kladitis welcomes all the artists and guests.

27 Artists and 50 Works are Featured through June 2, 2018

The Arts Alliance opened its 21st multi-media gallery in partnership with the Waldorf West Library on February 3, 2018, displaying 50 works of art, including sculptures, by 27 local artists. The theme was open to the artists and includes works by: Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Sar'där Aziz, Ruth Bailey, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Dorothy Crown, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Constance Moore, Kathleen Noel, Nadira Nunez, Josh Owen, Nancy Owens, Philip Parry, Dianne Shisler, Ernest Sinnes, Jim Waters and Warren Wilson.

On Saturday, February 24, the public had a chance to meet the artists and tour the gallery at a reception held to honor the artists participating in the show. CCAA President Gale Kladitis introduced the artists and presented each with a certificate (for first-time artists) or a gift card for Michael's (for those artists wo have been in more than one Waldorf West Gallery show).

Most of the works are available for purchase; the library's front desk has the contact information. The Gallery can also be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/waldorf-west-library-gallery-2.

The library has an extensive collection of books related to the history and appreciation of the visual arts; some of the books were on display at the reception.

Waldorf West Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603. The Library is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and closed on Sundays.



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ArtsFest 2018 Registration is Open! Saturday, June 9, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Rain Date: Sunday, June 10



La Plata Town Hall 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD Early Bird Registration Ends April 15

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 26th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. 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!

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations. Local commercial organizations are also invited to distribute information on their products and services, and a variety of great food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2,000 people each year. At last year's ArtsFest, we presented nonstop music and dance performances on two stages, 60 artists and exhibitors on display, food vendors, and a Kid's Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year's ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year's!

Registration forms are available at www.charlescountyarts.org, or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.

Southern Maryland Represented at Maryland Arts Day



CAA News

From the left: Ken Skrzesz, Maryland State Arts Council Executive Director; Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan, and April Nyman, Vice Chair for Maryland Citizens for the Arts.



From the left: Carol Eberly, Arts Council of Calvert County; Christine Bergmark; Evan Franklin; Nell Elder, St. Mary's County Arts Council; Rene Franklin, Arts Council of Calvert County; Cindi Barnhart, CCAA; Gale Kladitis, CCAA; and Mary Agnes Swann, Mattawoman Creek Art Center.

Delegation Urged Lawmakers to Support the Original FY 2019 Budget

Members of the Arts Alliance traveled to Annapolis on Thursday, February 22, 2018, to join with the 400-plus attendees at the annual Maryland Arts Day. This is the one opportunity to meet with follow arts enthusiasts to impress upon our lawmakers the urgency and necessity of a robust state-supported budget for the arts.

Honored with guest appearances by Maryland Goveror Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan, and several elected officials, attendees were encouraged to hear the support from the lawmakers that the Arts are recognized as vital to the economy and quality of life for Maryland's citizens.

Please see the following pages for more information, handouts and photos of this event. And, plan NOW to attend Maryland Arts Day in 2019! We need to keep the funding of the arts before our legislators and in the budget!



Opening Reception.

Governor Hogan is presented with the National Award for State Arts Leadership.



Sandy Oxx is this year's Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award recipient.



Keynote speaker was Adam Lerner, Director and Chief Animator of the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver.

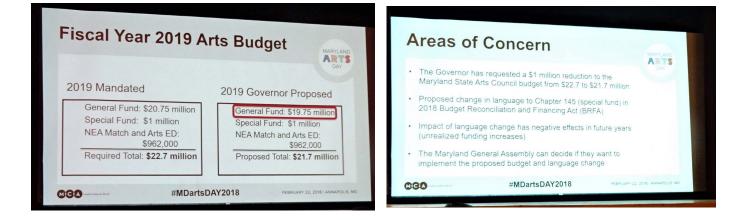
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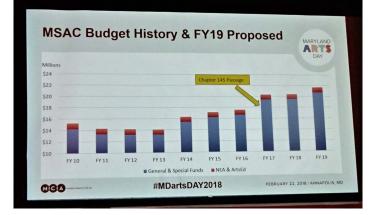
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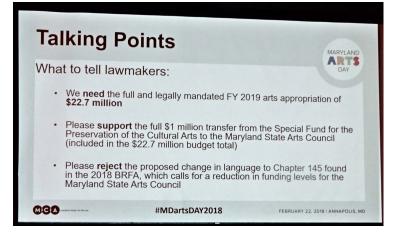


The issues addressed at Maryland Arts Day ...





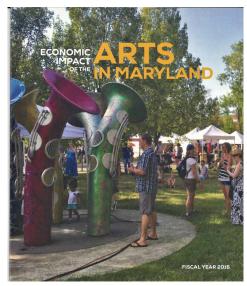




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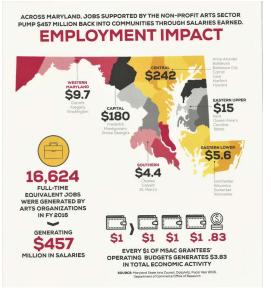


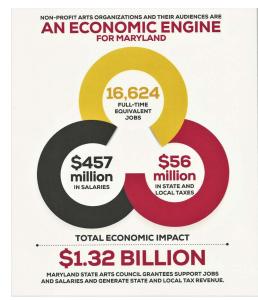
















Governor Larry Hogan, First Lady Yumi Hogan Attend Maryland Arts Day Governor Receives National Award for State Arts Leadership

ANNAPOLIS, MD – Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan today attended Maryland Arts Day, which is held yearly at St. John's College in Annapolis. Organized by Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA), Maryland Arts Day is an opportunity for arts advocates to meet with state officials about the critical role of the arts in supporting Maryland's culture and economy.

During the event, the governor received the 2018 National Award for State Arts Leadership which was presented by Americans for the Arts and the United States Conference of Mayors.

"The arts play a vital role in Maryland, including educating and encouraging creativity in our children, helping to maintain our quality of life, and contributing to our economy," said Governor Hogan. "The First Lady and I have a deep connection to the arts and remain committed to promoting the arts in our state. I am honored to receive this award."

Since taking office, Governor Hogan has been a strong supporter of the arts. In Maryland, the arts sector is a \$1.32 billion industry, which includes artists and art organizations. The governor has proposed record funding of \$21.7 million in FY 2019 for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), which provides grants, technical assistance, and other support services, for the arts.

"As an artist and teacher, I understand how important the arts are in our daily lives," said the First Lady. "Art gives all of us a way to communicate with each other and has the ability to heal. I am grateful for all of our hard working supporters and volunteers who raise awareness and advocate for the arts in Maryland. We need to continue to support our local museums, art organizations, and our local artists to give them the ability to showcase their talents and ensure this community continues to thrive."

The arts are a powerful economic engine in Maryland, accounting for more than 16,000 full-time jobs that generate \$457 million in salaries, according to an FY 2016 MSAC economic impact report. Spending by the 304 Maryland arts organizations supported by MSAC generated \$56 million in state and local tax revenue, and returned \$3.83 in total economic activity for every dollar invested by the state in the arts.

During FY 2017, through its flagship Grants for Organizations and Community Arts Development Programs, MSAC awarded operating grants totaling nearly \$17 million to non-profit organizations across the state, including grants to the local arts councils. In addition, MSAC's Arts in Education Program reached more than 120,000 students through performances and workshops in 559 Maryland schools.



Arts and Vibrant Communities By Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz

More than 400 arts advocates came to Annapolis this week for Maryland Arts Day to speak with one voice: an investment in the arts is an investment in a vibrant community.



I could not agree more. At a time when the arts could seem like a luxury, their value to our quality of life and economic vitality is greater than ever.

More than 6,900 people work in 1,744 arts-related creative businesses in Baltimore County alone. Statewide, the arts provide jobs for over 14,500 people, with over \$1.16 billion in economic impact.

There's well-documented evidence that arts education helps students learn, stay in school, and think, see and hear in new ways.

Low-income Baltimore City Public Schools students who participated in an arts-related summer academic program from Young Audiences avoided summer learning loss and, in many cases, gained ground on their national peers in standardized testing, according to evaluations.

Regardless of socioeconomic status or school district, 3rd graders who participate in high-quality music programs score higher on reading and spelling tests, according to a study published in Advanced Cognitive Psychology.

Students who study art are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and three times more likely to be awarded for school attendance, according to The President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

The arts enrich our lives.

As part of an exhibition at the Asian Arts & Culture Center at Towson University, visitors were asked to share their thoughts around this idea: "People around the world create art in order to _____." Here are just a few of the more than 200 responses.

Have fun. Be creative. Maintain sanity. Teach. Believe. Inspire. Open minds to new ideas. Unite communities. See the world in a different way. Share life stories and testimonies. Relax. Live fully. Connect.

At a time when having a good connection usually means having good Wi-Fi, the arts make the case for human connections.

It is a case worthy of our full support.



Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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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!

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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 10, 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** United Way House, La Plata

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- 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, 11:00 am 5:00 pm <mark>ArtsFest 2018</mark> 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.

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