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April 2018

Calling All Arts Alliance Members!

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 12, 2018

Waldorf West Library

On Saturday, May 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, members of the Arts Alliance will meet at the Waldorf West Library’s main conference room (10250 O’Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603) for the annual Membership Meeting. This is your chance to get to know other members, catch up on what the Alliance has accomplished and has planned, and to meet the 2018 CCAA Student Scholarship Recipients and hear their presentations.

You will also have the opportunity to stroll through the library and tour the current art exhibition sponsored by the Arts Alliance. There are 52 works of art by 27 artists on two levels of the Library, showcasing some of the extraordinary talent in Charles County!

The agenda for this meeting would normally include an update of the CCAA Bylaws. At the mid-winter CCAA Board of Directors’ retreat, it was unanimously determined that no amendments were required. Thus the Bylaws effective on July 1, 2016, remain unchanged. They can be viewed on the CCAA website at https://charlescountyarts.org/bylaws.

Next year, the CCAA will conduct elections for all positions on the Board, including the offices of the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Information will be sent out inviting all members to consider volunteering to be on the Board and get directly involved in planning and promoting the Arts in Charles County.

If you are not a member, now is a good time to join and be part of the CCAA Team! See Page 8 for a membership form, or visit https://charlescountyarts.org to sign up.
President’s Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Arts Alliance,

Happy April!

I have to think that spring will happen sometime in the next 6 weeks and preferably before summer. Nonetheless, the CCAA is gearing up for some exciting events for all to enjoy. Start marking your calendars now in order not to miss anything!

We’re currently getting all of the vendors and acts ready to entertain you on June 9 at ArtsFest, at the La Plata Town Hall. And, you will even have a chance to sing out with our karaoke DJ!

Our Scholarship Committee is reviewing all the student applications to make their selections for the $1,000 scholarships. The recipients will be presented on May 12 at our annual membership meeting to be held at the Waldorf West Library.

One of my personal favorite activities coming up will be hanging all of the new art at the Community Bank of the Chesapeake on April 20. And, don’t forget our galleries at the Waldorf West Library, the Commissioners Building and the Medical Center in La Plata, and the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home! Southern Maryland has a treasure trove of talented artists!

And, please remember to stop by the CCAA booth at Celebrate La Plata on Saturday, April 28, and visit for a while. We love to meet our members and friends, and enjoy their company.

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

Gale S. Kladitis
President
The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer-Fall 2018 Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from June 2, 2018, to October 13, 2018. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional art on any subject for consideration (there is no submission fee). Non-members are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Waldorf West Summer-Fall 2018 Show" in the subject line. 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

Arts Alliance members 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 email. To be included in the show, art must be delivered on Saturday, June 2, 2018, between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, at the Waldorf West Library. All 2-dimensional artwork must be wired and ready to hang at the time of delivery.

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, 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 show.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts
ArtsFest 2018 is Coming!
Saturday, June 9, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Rain Date: Sunday, June 10

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 and we even will have Karaoke. So plan to bring your singing voice, take a mic and share your talent!

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

Best of Maryland Arts Education Festival

Friday, April 20, 2018

Mt. Vernon and Downtown Baltimore

AEMS is a proud partner of The Best of Maryland Arts Education Festival, presented by the Alumni of Maryland Schools Arts Programs (AMSAP). The festival is a day-long event celebrating arts education throughout Maryland. The festival begins at 11:00 a.m., and takes place throughout Baltimore City’s historic Mount Vernon district. The community will explode with creative energy when students, artists, educators, performers, administrators, faculty, and agency professionals gather to celebrate the impact of arts education in Maryland.

First Lady Yumi Hogan, Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh and Maryland Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Karen Salmon will kick off the festival at the Washington Monument at 11:00 a.m. Then students and Maryland alums will perform throughout the neighborhood from noon-5:00pm.

All events are free to the public.
Maryland State Arts Council

Poetry Out Loud: Celebrating Poetry in Maryland Schools

The words of great poets literally come to life in Poetry Out Loud (POL), a literary arts program created by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation. Through MSAC support, students across Maryland are enriched by this national arts education program that encourages the mastery of great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

The Poetry Out Loud (POL) Maryland State Finals were held March 10, 2018, in the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Auditorium at the Baltimore Museum of Art. This year’s Maryland State Champion is Cayla Turner, a senior at Indian Creek School in Anne Arundel County. She was among 9 finalists that were selected from more than 7,500 Maryland students in 13 counties that competed in the statewide POL competitions. This poetry recitation contest is co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and The Poetry Foundation, and administered by U.S. state arts agencies across the country. Total Maryland student participation has reached 124,000 since its inception over 13 years ago. The Maryland Poetry Out Loud competition is produced by the Maryland State Arts Council.

“Poetry Out Loud is such a great opportunity for kids because finding and reciting a poem they can relate to is so freeing!” exclaimed 2018 State Champion Cayla Turner. “Teenagers are able to more easily express themselves and show everyone how they feel and who they are in a unique way.” During the competition Cayla recited “Life in a Love” by Robert Browning, “The Song of the Feet” by Nikki Giovanni and “Discrimination” by Kenneth Rexroth.

Participation in POL offers students the opportunity to learn about their literary heritage, build self-confidence and improve their public speaking skills. The process begins in the fall when participating students select three eligible poems from the POL website, analyze and memorize them, and present the poems at their school competitions. In February each school winner moves on to regionals and, in March, at the State Finals competition, the participants are evaluated on physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, and overall performance.

"Poetry Out Loud provides a wonderful opportunity for young people to develop a relationship with poems that will continue the rest of their lives," said Chris Stewart, MSAC POL Director and Arts in Education Program Director. "Each year, as we travel around the state conducting regionals and meeting talented students and their dedicated teachers, we are reminded of and witness to the importance of creative expression and how this program empowers young people and gives them a voice."

"It is always inspiring to see students expand through the arts. This program offers the opportunity for students to apply personal experiences and meaning to poetry... to elevate the words off the page," stated MSAC Executive Director, Ken Skrzesz. "We thank and congratulate all the students, their teachers and parents for their commitment to this journey."

Registration for the next program opens in May 2018. For more information, visit http://www.msac.org/poetry-out-loud-pol.
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Sar Dar Aziz
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Kim Bowie-Hendricks
Nicole Brown
Jackie Bryant
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Youth
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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) ___________

□ Renewal  □ New Member

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

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Organization/Business (if applicable):

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Phone: ________________

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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

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

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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County, MD
# Master Calendar FY 2018

**2017**

- **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

**2018**

- **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

- **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**
  - **ArtsFest 2018**
  - La Plata Town Hall

- **Saturday, June 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**
  - **“Meet the Artists” Public Reception**
  - Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

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**Note:** Dates and times may be subject to change.
When something bad happens, you have 3 choices:
1. You can let it define you,
2. You can let it destroy you, or
3. You can let it strengthen you!