Arts Alliance Assembles Back-to-School Art Boxes

September 2018

Supplies Benefit Kindergarten through 3rd Grade Students

On Thursday, August 9, with the help of 19 volunteers, the Arts Alliance created 500 Back-to-School art boxes to deliver to the Children's Aid Society. The boxes contain safety scissors, #2 pencils, colored pencils, crayons, glue bottle, glue sticks, and erasers, and will be combined with backpacks and distributed to children in kindergarten through 3rd grades.

This project was partially funded by the Charles County Charitable Trust and the Walmart Foundation, and all the supplies were purchased at the La Plata Walmart. Thanks are due to Store Manager Kim Swann, for ordering the 4,000 items, and to Department Manager Quintina McAllister for assisting with pickup.

Many thanks also to the helpful hands that made quick work of this project: CCAA President Gale Kladitis, Vice President Robert Rausch, Secretary-Treasurer Ron Brown, Honorary Board Member Cindi Barnhart; members and Alliance supporters: Jim Crawford, Faith Crawford, Luke Crawford, Gina Durgin, Mary Fenton, Addison Likins and Mike Windsor. And a special round of applause to the volunteers from the Spring Dell Center: Training Specialists Shelby Dunlap and Linda Markham, and Brandon, Charlie, Devonta, Katie, Ronald and Vaughn.

All the boxes were loaded up and delivered to Carol Worthington at the Children's Aid Society.

Photo left to right: Robert Rausch, Carol Worthington, and Ron Brown.
President’s Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Arts Alliance,

Many thanks to all the fantastic volunteers who helped with the Art Boxes. Because of your help, we were finished in record time and I hope you saw your picture in the Maryland Independent.

Now, onward to the new adventures in September when all the kids look forward to a terrific school year.

We have Fair bags to assemble and a P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building to get ready for intake on Wednesday, September 12, and judging on Thursday, September 13. We have lots of volunteer spots available. Should you find yourself with a few spare hours to help out, we can certainly find something enjoyable for you to do. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you when you visit the Fine Arts Building at the Fair.

And, please save the date for the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on Saturday, November 17, at the Old Waldorf School! We will have entertainment, refreshments, and recognize all the grant recipients!

Gale S. Kladitis
President

Charles County Fair

September 13 - 16, 2018

Please stop by the P.D. Brown Building during the Fair and enjoy the hundreds of art works on display. View the photography, paintings and drawings by local residents of all ages. Bring the family and pick up one of our Fair bags while they last. See you at the Fair!
Arts Alliance Awards Seventh Arts Scholarship

Funds will Advance the Study of the Visual Arts

Kavante Reeves-Barham from Lackey High School is the second recipient of the PNC Bank Foundation Scholarship awarded through the CCAA. He earned a grade point average of 3.04 and served as the Vice-President of the National Arts Honor Society. One of his goals is to become a painter and he has done much in his high school years to provide a solid foundation to achieve that goal.

Kavante has entered his works in various exhibits, including the Mattawoman Creek Art Center, the Charles County Government Building and the Board of Education, the American Youth Month Exhibition, College of Southern Maryland, the Steny Hoyer Art Competition, and the Charles County Art Fair in 2017 where he placed fourth. This winter, he will travel west to begin his degree program in Media Art at The Art Institutes in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Congratulations and best wishes from the Arts Alliance!

Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open!

Grant Application Deadlines:
Community Arts Development - October 1, 2018
Arts in Education - October 31, 2018

Over the past 31 years, the Charles County Arts Alliance has awarded more than $750,000 in grant funding to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to support activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Last year, the Arts Alliance provided nearly $49,000 in funding to 20 nonprofit organizations and schools. This has helped enhance our county’s arts and culture, and inspire our fellow residents to explore the diverse arts community and arts offerings present in our own backyard.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. Schools may request up to $500, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to $7,000.

Go to https://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants to download the applications.
For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.
New Art Exhibit Opens at the Community Bank of the Chesapeake

On August 24, the Arts Alliance opened the 10th art show in partnership with the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Waldorf Branch. The shows have attracted a lot of attention and have allowed the many talented artists to display and sell their works.

The subject for this show was open to the artists and includes 63 works by 34 artists. Please take time to stop by and view the works by: Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Ruth Bailey, Denise Bell, Angelique Berry, David Boarman, Nicole Brown, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Monic Coppedge, Dorothy Crown, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Doris Hall, Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Ivette Marcucci, Jim McDonald, Julie Meisel, Judy Miller, Rudolph Neilsen, Joshua Owen, Dianne Shisler, Jill Smithson, Nancy Swenson, Jacqueline Thomas, Ernestine Ware, Reginald Ware, Cristy Young and David Zippi.

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

Below are some photos of the gallery; the full exhibit can be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/community-bank-of-the-chesapeake-gallery.
Arts Alliance Hosts FREE Photography Classes

Suzanne and Bill Cassidy, Teachers with Cameras, led the Classes.

Instruction Covered All the Basics to Professional Display

Ever want to take those award-winning photos and show them off to your friends? Those who attended the Photography I and II classes held on July 31 and August 14, and again on August 23 and 30, learned all they needed to know to capture, print and display their photos for judging at county fairs and submitting them for gallery shows. The classes as promoted in the Newsflash, were open to the public and, thanks to the generous offer from Bill and Suzanne Cassidy, were provided at no cost to the registrants.

Both Bill and Sue Cassidy are retired teachers (Bill as a second career after working for the government for thirty years), and both have a passion for photography, particularly nature photography. Bill has a degree in professional photography from Rochester Institute of Technology, making him the true photographer of the pair. Sue has been involved in picture-taking only since the digital revolution.

Both love to travel and to see beautiful places, and also love to capture the things they see in photographs. They have had two successful shows of their photos in a small gallery in Baltimore, and participated in many art and craft shows in Maryland, Virginia, and Georgia with their work.

When, after retirement, they decided to put their thousands of photos to some use, their daughter suggested they turn it into functional art—and their small business, Teachers With Cameras (visit teacherswithcameras.com), was born. They now put their creative talents into creating ceramic and glass coasters, trivets, cutting boards and other objects that can be used daily, and also appreciated for their uniqueness and beauty.

The Arts Alliance is grateful to have the Cassidys volunteer their time and talents to share their expert knowledge and experience with the members and friends of the Arts Alliance. Thanks to the Cassidys and everyone who participated in the classes!
Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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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
- 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.

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Master Calendar FY 2019

2018

- Saturday, July 14, 1:00 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Summer Retreat
  Solomons, MD

- Monday, July 16, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
  "Artists without Limits" Public Reception
  Charles County Commissioners Gallery

- Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  Photography I Class
  United Way House, La Plata

- Monday, August 6, 7:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Tuesday, August 14, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  Photography II Class
  United Way House, La Plata

- Thursday, August 23, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  Photography I Class
  United Way House, La Plata

- Thursday, August 30, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
  Photography II Class
  United Way House, La Plata

- Monday, September 10, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Wednesday - Sunday, September 13 – 16
  Charles County Fair
  Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

- Monday, October 8, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Saturday, October 27, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  "Meet the Artists" Public Reception
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- Monday, November 5, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
  November 17, 2018
  Old Waldorf School, Waldorf

- Monday, December 10, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

2019

- Saturday, January 12
  CCAA Winter Retreat
  TBD

- Monday, February 11, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Monday, March 11, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Monday, April 8, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  United Way House, La Plata

- Saturday, April 27, Noon – 4:00 pm
  Celebrate La Plata!
  La Plata Town Hall

- Saturday, May 11, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
  CCAA Annual Membership Meeting
  Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

- Wednesday or Thursday, June 5 or 6, 7:00 pm
  CCAA Board Meeting
  La Plata Town Hall

- Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
  ArtsFest 2018
  La Plata Town Hall

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
By all these lovely tokens,
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

~ Helen Hunt Jackson