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The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 27th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, 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 eighth 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.

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

ArtsFest is sponsored in partnership with the Town of La Plata. Funding for this project was provided (in part) by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.







President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of the Arts Alliance,



A big thank you to all of you who came out for the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home's "Meet the Artists" reception on January 26. (See the article below, and copy and paste the following URL in your browser to see more photos of the reception by Taylor DeVille: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DEYiveFjMh3 kBHccQ5RJwyG6xCGHfF9d) It was a terrific day as we recognized the 40 artists whose works were on display through January 31, 2019.

Our delegation of folks from the CCAA is gearing up for the Valentine's Day visit to Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis. The proposed 2020 budget for the arts is very encouraging, and we will speak with our elected representatives to make sure it stays that way. It's a great day to let your voice be heard, and there is still time for you to join us.

We currently have a call out for artists to submit their works for the Waldorf West Library Gallery, and an invitation for high school seniors to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to study art in college.

Our membership meeting and election of officers will be coming up in May. Members, please consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors: it is rewarding work and you can help in the CCAA direction for the future. This may be your year to volunteer for an interesting and important mission.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Arts Alliance.

Gale S. Kladitis President

Walter Pearcell, center, accepts a certificate Saturday celebrating his contribution to the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home public art gallery from Gale Kladitis, President of the Charles County Art Alliance, right, and Sharon Murphy, Veterans Home Director. Pearcell, a U.S. Navy veteran who has lived in the veterans home since 2015, has always had a creative streak, and used to take aerial photographs during his service, his friend Beth Hopkins said. A self-taught painter, Pearcell also used to teach painting classes in Montgomery County. "When he found out residents could hang their artwork [here], that was a huge thing," Hopkins said. "It's his passion." Pearcell enjoys painting both landscape and portraits, including a Voguestyle portrait of his late wife Marie, donning a black beret, which currently hangs in the gallery, co-sponsored by the Charles County Arts Alliance.

 \sim Maryland Independent Online, February 1 , 2019



Photo by Taylor DeVille

CCAA News

Charles County Art Featured in the James Senate Office Building







Senator Arthur Ellis' Office Displays Works by Addison Likins

Visit the Annapolis office of newly elected Senator Arthur Ellis (D-28), and you will see 12 works of art by Charles County artist Addison Likins. Senator Ellis reached out to the Arts Alliance for help with decorating his new office with art reflecting life in Charles County. Addison's works were selected because of his vast portfolio of fine art prints depicting scenes around the county.

Addison is a James Madison University graduate who studied photography and film making at the University of Virginia graduate school. His photographs have appeared in many galleries and publications, and won numerous awards, with three of his photographs selected by National Geographic editors during the past two years.

Commenting on his selection, Addison stated, "Loaning a collection of my work to Senator Ellis has been an honor. At the request of Senator Ellis, the dozen images represent a wide-ranging, cross-section of Charles County, from the Oak Ridge Equestrian Park in the east to Chapman Park in the west, from Allen's Fresh in the south to the Waldorf Mall in the north. It is my hope that both the Senator and his constituents from Charles County will enjoy them for some time."

Senator Ellis wrote, "Thank you for loaning, delivering and hanging your beautiful artwork. The many visitors to my suite are mesmerized by their beauty."

Senator Ellis' office is located in the James Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen Street, Room 302, Annapolis, MD 21401.























New Solo Artist Show Opens at the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center







Dorothy Crown Featured Artist through April 17, 2019

The Arts Alliance opened its 22nd show at the Medical Center on January 15, featuring 31 works of art by Dorothy Crown.

Dorothy has lived in Charles County her entire life. She's been married for 57 years, and has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Although she always wanted to learn to paint, Dorothy just never really found time to pursue the arts: she was too busy working, keeping up the home and raising her family. Then one Christmas (after she had retired from her job), her husband gave her a paint set and supplies. He said he wasn't sure what to get her but knew that she had always dreamed of painting. That was the real beginning of her art career.



Although Dorothy has had no formal training in art, she has studied on her own. She claims the more you paint, the better you get. Doroth always said that what she lacked in talent she made up for in passion.

Dorothy continues to go to the Senior Center in Indian Head to paint once a week. This works for her because she still never finds time to paint at home. Dorothy emphasizes, "Remember, you're never too old to start and, most importantly, you must take the time to do so!"

Dorothy states, "I've developed a love for painting still life and especially for painting dogs. I long to become a better painter of people (a work in progress). The most important thing I keep in mind to grow my talent is to focus on continually learning to see through the eyes of an artist (lights, shadows, colors, etc.). I'm proud to say that since I began painting approximately 15 years ago, I've won numerous awards and, once at the Charles County Fair, I won Best in Show! I am so glad that I took the time to follow my dreams!"

The Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours are daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Dorothy's art can also be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/charles-regional-medical-center.







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CCAA News

David Zippi Featured Artist at the Charles County Commissioners Gallery







Exhibit Runs Through April 10, 2019



The Charles County Arts Alliance opened its 21st art exhibit at the Commissioners Building on January16, displaying 20 works of art by David Zippi.

A Western Pennsylvanian native, David Zippi has had a strong interest in art since he was a young child. After further developing his skills in high school, he decided to study art in college. In 1975, he received a B.S. Degree in Art Education from Edinboro State College in Edinboro, PA, and also holds a Masters Degree in Education from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

In 1977, David began his 34 year career as a high school art teacher at his Alma Mater. Due to the economic turmoil in the Pittsburgh area at that time in 1978, he moved to Charles County, MD, where he taught art at McDonough High School for 33 years. David was also

the painting instructor and Department Chair for over two decades there. He retired in 2010 and is now able to paint on a regular basis.

In 1993, David was recognized by the Charles County Board of Education for "Exemplary Service, and in 1997, was recognized by the Maryland Art Education Association for "Outstanding Service" in the field of Art Education. Since 1990, David has taken painting courses regularly at "The Art League" in Alexandria, Virginia. His works have been exhibited at the North End Gallery in Leonardtown, and at Mattawoman Creek Art Center in Charles County.

David considers himself a "colorist" and in the past 33 years has omitted black from his color palette. As far as style goes, he is a "contemporary realist."

As an "acrylic painter," the vast majority of David's works are landscapes because of his love of the tranquil effect that a beautiful or captivating outdoor scene often has upon us. His paintings are meant to entice the viewer to gaze, meditate and escape their everyday concerns. His goal when painting a landscape is to produce "a world where the sun is always out."

The gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. David's art can also be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/commissioners-gallery-2.







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New Art Show Opens at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home









Exhibit Runs through June 30, 2019

On February 4, a new art exhibit opened at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, displaying 80 works of art by 43 artists. This is the 9th show presented in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance.

The theme was open to the artists and includes works by: Cynthia Ruth Bailey, David Boarman, Anne Buffington, Allan Canter, Jr., Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Teresa Cowley, Dorothy Crown, Allen Dulaney, Cecelia Dunay, Jason Dunning, Gina Durgin, Nora Eicholtz, Renee Fuqua, Penny Gold, Sally Marie Goldsmith, Roxana Gonzales, Doris Hall, Ron Hammans, Gayle Howe, Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Gordon Johnson, Robert Kyle, Philip Lang, Addison Likins, Victoria Lohn, Jim McDonald, Bill Meck, Julie Meisel, Judy Miller, Constance Moore, Eileen Moser, Margaret Neal, Kathy Noel, Joshua Owen, Walter Pearsall, Ella Radano, Dianne Shisler, Sharon Stapf, Paul Toscano, Joanne VanBrunt, Nancy Walcutt, and Belinda Wilburn.









The Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is Maryland's only long-term care and assisted living facility specifically for Veterans and their eligible spouses. The gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining hallway at 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20659. Hours are: Monday-Sunday, 10:00am to 8:00pm. A sneak peek is included on this page; the entire gallery will also be available for viewing online at http://www.charhall.org/content/art and http://www.charhall.org/content/art.

For more information, contact: Angela Quade at 240-577-7003 or veteranshomeart@charhall.org.

















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Charles County Arts Alliance 2019 Scholarship Program is Open!



Deadline to Apply: Noon, March 8, 2019

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to one outstanding graduating senior from each of the seven public high schools in Charles County who plans to major in the Arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Go to https://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships to download an application or contact the CCAA Office for assistance. Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

Complete applications must be submitted via US Postal Mail to the CCAA Office, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695, in sufficient time to be received **(not postmarked)** by noon, March 8, 2019. 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, or email info@charlescountyarts.org or ronbrown990@gmail.com.



Maryland Citizens for the Arts Maryland Arts Day

Thursday, February 14, 2019
8:15 am to 2:00 pm
St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland
Park and Get the Shuttle at the Navy-Marine Corps
Stadium



Registration - \$40 per Person

Visit https://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.

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:

St. John's College, Key Auditorium

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 – Stephanie Ybarra, Baltimore Center Stage

10:15 am Budget Realities and Legislative Talking Points

Delegation Rooms, Lowe House Office Building

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



Keynote Speaker Stephanie Ybarra

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

STATE News

High School Students Participate in the Steny Hoyer Congressional Art Competition Awards Presented at the Port Tobacco Courthouse



Pictured, left to right: Jay Lilly, President, Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco (SRPT); Students Lora Penkert, Thomas Stone High School; Trayevon Johnson, St. Charles High School, Emma Hollyfield, North Point High School; Fatemeh Hosseini, DuVal High School, and Rabiatu Ladan, DuVal High School; and Stefanie Barone, Director of Constituent Services, Southern Region District Office of Congressman Steny Hoyer

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nation-wide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.

Students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

The 37th Congressional Art Competition showcased the artistic talent of high school students from the Fifth District, which includes Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and parts of Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. Representatives from the Fifth District reviewed each submission and selected one piece to display at the U.S. Capitol, while the other works will be displayed in Congressman Hoyer's Greenbelt and White Plains offices.

The 2019 competition is currently open to all high school-age students, including those home-schooled. Please see the next page for submission details or visit https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition for more information.



From the 2018 Awards Ceremony, back row, left to right: David Lassman, SRPT Board of Directors; Kellie Hinkle, Charles County Government Chief of Tourism; Joyce Edelen and Linda Talley, SRPT Board of Directors; front row, left to right: Stefanie Barone, Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office; Jay Lilly, SRPT President; Mary Fenton, SRPT Board of Directors; Congressman Steny Hoyer; Gale Kladitis, Charles County Arts Alliance President; Paul Fenton, SRPT Board of Directors; and Betsy Bossart, District Director, Congressman Steny Hoyer's office

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The Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery", encourages high school students who reside in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District – which includes Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel to participate in the Annual Congressional Art Competition for a chance to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Through the annual Congressional Art Competition, Members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts. The winner of each district competition earns a display space in the main corridor connecting the House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol – a walkway through which millions of visitors to the Capitol travel each year.

For general information about the competition, please contact Ms. Stefanie Carey Barone at 301-843-1577 or by email to: Stefanie.Carey@mail.house.gov or visit:
https://hoyer.house.gov/high-school-art-competition/
To obtain the competition guidelines online, visit this address:
http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition/

All artwork must be delivered to one of Congressman Hoyer's district offices located in White Plains or Greenbelt by April 17, 2019.





~2018 Winner, Children's Blocks, Fatemeh Hosseini



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CCAA Membership Form



Performing · Visual · Literary

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
- \$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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			Scholarship Committee Events Committee		Outreach/Marketing Committee Administrative/Office Work
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All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

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Master Calendar FY 2019

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$\overline{\checkmark}$	Saturday, July 14, 1:00 – 9:30 pm CCAA Summer Retreat Solomons, MD	V	Saturday, January 12, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm CCAA Winter Retreat United Way House, La Plata
V	Monday, July 16, 6:00 – 7:30 pm "Artists without Limits" Public Reception Charles County Commissiosners Gallery		Monday, February 11, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata
$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Tuesday, July 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Photography I Class United Way House, La Plata		Thursday, February 14, 8:15 am – 2:00pm Maryland Arts Day Annapolis, MD
V	Monday, August 6, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata		Monday, March 14, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata
\checkmark	Tuesday, August 14, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Photography II Class United Way House, La Plata		Monday, April 15, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata
V	Thursday, August 23, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Photography I Class United Way House, La Plata		Saturday, April 27, Noon – 4:00 pm Celebrate La Plata! La Plata Town Hall
V	Thursday, August 30, 6:00 – 8:00 pm Photography II Class United Way House, La Plata		Saturday, May 11, 2:00 – 4:00 pm CCAA Annual Membership Meeting Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery
V	Monday, September 10, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata		Wednesday or Thursday, June 5 or 6, 7:00 pm CCAA Board Meeting La Plata Town Hall
V	Thursday - Sunday, September 13 – 16 Charles County Fair Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata		Saturday, June 8, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm ArtsFest La Plata Town Hall
V	Monday, October 8, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata		
$\overline{\checkmark}$	Saturday, October 27, 2:00 – 4:00 pm "Meet the Artists" Public Reception Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery		
$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Monday, November 5, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata		
$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	November 17, 6:00 – 10:00 pm CCAA Annual Gala Old Waldorf School, Waldorf		
V	Monday, December 10, 7:30 pm CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata		

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

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Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

~ Scott Adams



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