On September 17, 1987, The Charles County Arts Alliance was founded and incorporated in the State of Maryland, "To stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of all the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, Maryland."

Since that time, the Arts Alliance has awarded over $850,000 in grants to schools and nonprofit organizations, given out thousands of dollars to high school seniors toward their arts education, and sponsored multiple free gallery spaces, where over 1288 works of art have been displayed at the Waldorf West Library since 2012.

Begun in 1992 as the first-ever countywide arts festival, the 27th ArtsFest was held this year at the La Plata Town Hall, featuring nearly 60 vendors, non-stop entertainment, children's activities, and food. Held the second Saturday in June, plans are now in progress to hold a 3-day ArtsFest weekend in 2020, beginning with the Friday night concert at the La Plata Town Hall, the arts festival on Saturday, and plein air painting at Mattawoman Creek Art Center on Sunday.

CCAA has partnered with the Charles County Government, Town of Indian Head, Town of La Plata, College of Southern Maryland, the Charles County Fair, Charles County Public Library, Charles County Children’s Aid Society, the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, and other organizations to bring the best of the Arts to the County. Discussions are now in progress with the County Government to establish an Arts and Entertainment District here, further expanding the opportunity for everyone to experience the Arts.

The Arts Alliance is grateful to the Maryland State Arts Council, the Charles County Charitable Trust, and the Charles County Commissioners (Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism) for their financial support of the Alliance and its programs. We also appreciate our members who give of their time and money to ensure the County is rich in all the arts: literary, visual, and performing.

The Arts Alliance looks forward to continue providing opportunities for growth, enjoyment, and well-being through the Arts in Charles County.
President’s Letter

Dear Members and Supporters of the CCAA,

As the hot summer months are receding, we look forward to the cooler temperatures of fall. During that time, the Charles County Arts Alliance begins to focus its efforts on supporting the Charles County Fair’s visual arts presentation and the judging of the local works of art in the P. D. Brown Building.

We have supported the County Fair in these volunteer efforts since 1997, and have given hundreds of hours to the taking in, supervising, and returning the visual art being presented by our citizenry. Additionally, we have begun, thanks to Fair Board Superintendent Gale Kladitis, to offer a first place People’s Choice Award of $50, and a $25 award for second and third places, in addition to the ribbons offered by the Fair. The Fair dates are September 12 - 15, 2019. Be sure to stop by the P.D. Brown Building, say HI to us, and vote for your favorite work of art.

As we move forward into the fall, we are encouraging arts and nonprofit organizations providing artistic events during the coming year to apply for Community Arts Development Grants. Please look on our website at https://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants for the application materials and the deadline for submissions.

Also, we would like to see an ever-increasing number of schools, both public and private becoming involved with our Arts in Education Programs. Applications for the regular AIE grants are also on our website; the Charles County Board of Education matching AIE grant applications are pending.

New programs for us that we are hoping to sponsor and promote in the near future are an Authors Seminar and book sale (middle thru high school) and our first ever “Dance Project.”

So, as we look forward to the coming year of CCAA activities, let us think about all that can be accomplished if we work together as a team for the Arts!

Sincerely,

Robert
Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

Save the Date!

The CCAA Annual Gala is Saturday, November 16, 2019, at Old Waldorf School! Plan now to attend this evening of food, music, and the presentation of the grants to the schools and nonprofit organizations. More information coming soon.
Applications are Now Being Accepted for Community Arts Development and Arts in Education Grants

Deadline to Apply for a CAD Grant is October 4, 2019
Deadline to Apply for an AIE Grant is October 31, 2019

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. Nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to $10,000; each school may request up to $800. Matching amounts are required, based on the amount of the request.

The awards will be presented to each recipient at the CCAA Annual Gala, to be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

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.

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Vicki Marckel's Art Now Featured in the James Senate Office Building

Senator Arthur (D-28), graciously requested the Arts Alliance continue decorating his office with art by local artists whose works depict life in Charles County. The first gallery, which ran from January 14 to June 17, 2019, featured art by Addison Likins. The new gallery displays works by Vicki Marckel, through May 2020.

Vicki began her artistic career on the farmlands of Defiance, Ohio, painting the local people and places. She has since studied art in Italy and the Netherlands. Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, Vicki became an educator, striving to create innovative lessons and pair them with field trips to galleries and museums in Washington, DC, and New York City.

Senator Ellis' office is located in the James Senate Office Building, 11 Bladen Street, Room 302, Annapolis, MD 21401.
Arts Alliance Provides "Back to School" Art Boxes to the Children's Aid Society for Students in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade

Walmart Staff assisted with the ordering and payment of 4,000 items: DeJsia Senior, Candis Dunbar, Ty Washington, Brett Jens, and Joyce Wright.

Thanks to all the helpers!

Delivered to the Children's Aid Society: Danielle Wilmoth, Janet Brett, Ron Brown, Robert Rausch, and Galen Hall.

Charles County Rotary Club Donates $500 to the Project

Each year, the Arts Alliance purchases supplies to fill 500 plastic boxes with crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, erasers, bottled glue, and scissors. This year, the Rotary Club of Charles County helped sponsor the project with the presentation of a $500 check from Rotary Club President Chris Zabriskie to CCAA President Robert Rausch.

All the supplies were purchased from the La Plata Walmart with the help of Ty Washington, Assistant Walmart Manager, then they were loaded up and taken to the CCAA office in La Plata. With the help of all the volunteers and staff, the boxes were completed in 90 minutes and delivered to the Charles County Children's Aid Society to be included with backpacks distributed to Charles County school children in grades K through 3rd.

A hearty THANKS goes out to all the volunteers, and CCAA Board Members and staff who helped assemble these boxes: Cindi Barnhart, Burkey Boggs, Margaret Boggs, Ron Brown, Carol Charnock, Judy Crawford, Renée Jefferson-Copeland, Marty Kersey, Gale Kladitis, Leroy Pressley, Robert Rausch, Joni Rooney, Neala Rooney, Teagan Rooney, Monique Walker, Chris Zabriskie, and Thomas Zabriskie, plus all the helpers from the Spring Dell Center: Alice, Carolyn, Charlie, Jayla, Jennifer, Katie, and Nichol. The Arts Alliance appreciates your support in our community outreach program!
New Gallery Opens at the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Waldorf Branch

Show Runs through December 27, 2019

The gallery opened on August 23, with 39 works of art by 21 artists. This is the 13th art show in partnership with the Community Bank of the Chesapeake.

Artists featured in this exhibit include: Beverly Adams, Cynthia Ruth Bailey, Chantel Buck, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Dorothy Crown, Rainy Daye, Cecelia Dunay, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Renée Jefferson-Copeland, Gordon Johnson, Philip Lang, Addison Likins, Ivette Marcucci, Julie Meisel, Chuck Morse, Elizabeth Novack, Toni Poe, Dianne Shisler, and Reginald Ware.

Most of the art is available for purchase. Stop by the Bank Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm to view the gallery; the address is 3030 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601. The Gallery can also be viewed online at https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/community-bank-of-the-chesapeake-gallery.
CCAA Attends Congressman Steny Hoyer's Reception Recognizing Winners of the Fifth District Art and App Competition

Congressman Steny Hoyer greeted the winners and all the guests at his Fifth District Art and App Competition Reception held at the Waldorf West Library on August 20, 2019. CCAA Past President Gale Kladitis introduced the Congressman, who then spoke on the importance of the arts and congratulated the students for "their hard work and enthusiasm to create."

The annual Congressional Art Competition provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of high school students in their districts. Since 1982, the competition has involved hundreds of thousands of students, and the winners have had their pieces hung in the Capitol complex for a year to be seen by the many visitors from across the country who come to the Capitol and by Members of Congress every day. Each year, Congressman Hoyer sends letters to all the high schools in the Fifth District announcing the High School Arts Competition. This year's panel of judges included CCAA's Gale Kladitis and Cindi Barnhart.

Amber Fanelli, a senior at Chopticon High School in St. Mary's County, won first place with her piece titled "La Jolla Rocks," which is now displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex. Amber commented that winning this competition "confirmed my ability and I can do more to reach people and show them untouched nature in its true beauty."

The winners of the Congressional App Challenge were also recognized, with Destini Brown of Gwynn Park High School taking first place with her app titled, "How Are You Feeling?"


2nd Place: "Igbo Royalty" by Munachiso Nwachukwu
1st Place: "La Jolla Rocks" by Amber Fanelli
3rd Place: "Movie Mania" by Gray Hall

L-R: App competition winners: Austin Wilson, Destini Brown, and Stephen Zack; Congressman Hoyer; Art competition winners: Gray Hall, Munachiso Nwachukwu, and Amber Fanelli.
Platinum Circle
Charlotte & Abbott Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

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Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Gold Circle
Ron & Marti Brown
Andy & Jessica Dixon
Bert & Emily Ferren
David & Nikole Smith
Chris & Kate Zabriskie

Silver Circle
Michael & Anne Creveling
Roy & Kathy Jenkins
Gale Kladitis

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Non-Profit Organization
African American Heritage Society of Charles County
Charles County Department of Community Services
Charles County Fair, Inc.
Charles County Public Library
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Friends of Chapman State Park
Ivy and Pears of Southern Maryland Community Charities
Life Journeys Writers Guild
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County, Inc.
Nanjemoy Community Center
Port Tobacco Players
Sagepoint Senior Living Services
Southern Maryland Carousel Group
Southern Maryland Decorative Painters
Town of Indian Head

Senior
Ruth Bailey
Norma Baretinic
Elsie Barnes
Cindi Barnhart
Susie Bender
Karl–Peter Bernard
Burkey & Margaret Boggs
Virginia Bridges
Rose Burroughs
Judy E. Cabos
Martha Knight Clements
Dorothy Crown
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M. Evelyn Dashiel
Holly Dilatush
Jack Dennis
Cecelia Dunay
Patricia Duncan
Gale Y. Euchner
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Richard Gold
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Doris J. Hall
Billie Harley
Patricia P. Harrington
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Barbara Hufford
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Arnold Hurley
Renée Jefferson–Copeland
Mary Ann Jenkins
Gordon Ray Johnson
Mary Kercher

Youth
Kayla Berry
David G. Boorman
Ja'Leana Graves
Jaden Hendricks
LaKayla James
Sidney Marie Maynard
Gaviendra Morrison
Joshua Owen
Kaylee Tappen

Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!
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!

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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2019

Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Wednesday, July 17, 5:30 pm
Artists without Limits’ Public Reception
Charles County Commissioners Gallery

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Summer Retreat
Solomons, MD

Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Thursday – Sunday, September 12 – 15
Charles County Fair, P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, October 19, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Meet the Artists Public Reception
Waldorf West Library

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, November 16, 6:00 – 10:00 pm
CCAA Annual Gala
Old Waldorf School, Waldorf

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

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Saturday, January 11, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, February 15, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Meet the Artists Public Reception
Waldorf West Library

February TBD
Maryland Arts Day
Annapolis, MD

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

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

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Friday through Sunday, June 12 – 14
ArtsFest Weekend
La Plata Town Hall and Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
September 2019

Knowledge will give you power, but character respect.

~ Bruce Lee