



The Arts Insider

December 2019

In this Issue:

2019 CCAA Gala Recap
President's Letter
FY 2020 CCAA Grant Recipients and Gala Photo Album
Meet Angelica Jackson, CCAA Director
Meet Barbara Lord Graves, CCAA Director
Scholarship Applications Available!
CCAA Attends Maryland's First Lady's Art Gallery Reception
CCAA at Maryland ArtsLAB
Membership Listing
Membership Form
Master Calendar



CCAA Celebrates the Arts with a Southwest Fiesta!



From the left: A Southwest Fiesta at Old Waldorf School, CCAA Administrative Specialist Monique Walker at the registration table, and Mariachi El Rey.

40 Organizations Receive Grants Totaling Over \$76,000

With a record number of guests in attendance, the Charles County Arts Alliance held its annual Grantee, Membership and Public Gala to celebrate the arts and award grants to schools and nonprofit organizations. Held at the Historic Old Waldorf School, 21 schools plus the Charles County Board of Education, and 18 non-profit organizations received funds to support the arts in the County.

After the opening welcome by Diane Rausch, CCAA President Robert Rausch introduced the grant recipients, who gave a brief description of their arts programs.

In keeping with a southwestern theme, Mariachi El Rey entertained with lively music and the guests enjoyed appetizers and dinner by Chili's of Waldorf.

Three gift baskets were raffled, each filled with a large assortment of goodies, with Chris Zabriskie winning the "Tequila" basket, Jennifer Donnell won the "Margarita" basket, and Cindy Johnson took home the "Kahlua" basket. Congratulations to our 3 winners!

Thanks go out to the CCAA Board of Directors and volunteers for all their hard work with setup and take down, to Mariachi El Rey and Chili's for adding their southwestern flair, and to the generosity and support of the CCAA members and guests who came to celebrate with us. Everyone made the evening a big success!



From the left: Gift Raffle Baskets; Sangria Bar with CCAA Vice President Cindy Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer Ron Brown, and Director Diane Rausch.

Dear Members and Supporters of the CCAA,



WHEW!!!

It has been an extremely busy and exciting first half of FY 2020. We have had numerous activities, which have given us both responsibilities and opportunities to excel in our continuing goals to improve the breadth and depth of the Charles County Arts Alliance.

FY 2020 began with a Board meeting in July, a Board retreat in August and the Community Arts Development (CAD) and Arts in Education (AIE) grant applications being released in August as well. We spent five days at the County Fair in September managing the Fine Arts Exhibit in the P.D. Brown Building, with taking in and hanging the art, overseeing the judging and returning the art to the hundreds of our County's citizens who participated.

Board meetings were held in September, October and November, as well as the Grant Committee meeting to approve the applications for schools and nonprofit organizations. Also during this time, there were numerous visual art presentations and receptions held throughout our County and in Charlotte Hall at the Veteran's Home (St. Mary's County).

In November, the CCAA Membership and Grantee Gala was held at Old Waldorf School. This event was attended by 124 individuals, with grant recipients representing 40 schools and community arts organizations. At that time, over \$76,000 in matching grants were given out.

Planning has now begun to host our First Dance Performance Competition Program in February 2020 in Indian Head, and the first Poetry Out Loud Competition (in conjunction with the Charles County Public Schools) and Author's Symposium with the support of the Maryland Writer's Association and the Life Journeys Writers Guild, at Old Waldorf School in March 2020.

As you can tell, there has been a whirlwind of activities in the first part of our year, with many more to follow in the second half.

Come join us, and help us continue our efforts in bettering the growth of the arts in Charles County.

Sincerely,

Robert

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

Congratulations to the FY 2020 CCAA Grant Recipients!

Arts in Education Grantees

Archbishop Neale School
Arthur Middleton Elementary School
Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
Berry Elementary School
Charles County Board of Education
Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School
Dr. James Craik Elementary School
Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary School
Dr. Thomas L. Higdon Elementary School
Gale-Bailey Elementary School
Grace Lutheran Church and School
Indian Head Elementary School
J.C. Parks Elementary School
John Hanson Middle School
J.P. Ryon Elementary School
Malcolm Elementary School
Mary B. Neal Elementary School
Mary H. Matula Elementary School
North Point High School
St. Charles Children's Learning Center
St. Charles High School
Walter J. Mitchell Elementary School



Community Arts Development Grantees

Charles County Department of Aging and Human Resources
Charles County Freedom Landing
Charles County Public Library
Charles County Youth Orchestra
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Children's Voices of Southern Maryland
Christ Church, La Plata
College of Southern Maryland
College of Southern Maryland Foundation
Friends of Chapman State Park
Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities
Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
Life Journeys Writers Guild
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County
Nanjemoy Community Center
Port Tobacco Players
Steam Onward



Funding for the grants was provided through the Maryland State Arts Council and, in part, from the Charles County Charitable Trust. 🎨

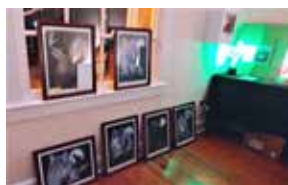
A Southwest Fiesta Album . . .



From the left: CCAA Director Diane Rausch welcomed guests, followed by CCAA President Robert Rausch introducing each grant recipient, with CCAA Secretary/Treasurer Ron Brown (far left) presenting the checks.



The Silent Auction offered a wide variety of bid items .



And the evening continued with food, fun, and music . . .



Meet Angelica Jackson

Joined the CCAA Board of Directors For FY 2020-2021

Angelica Jackson is honored to join the Charles County Arts Alliance Board of Directors. Having formerly attended Berry Elementary and Mattawoman Middle Schools, Angelica is a long-time resident of Charles County. She is excited about the liveliness of the arts in the region as a result of the works of CCAA and other long-standing arts organizations.



Ms. Jackson has had a variety of careers including founding a global education non-profit organization, recognized in *The Huffington Post* and *Black Enterprise*; performing on stages and schools up and down the east coast as an award-winning musical theatre actress and



teaching artist; working in programming and operations for both the public and private sectors; and as a champion for women and birthing parents in the tech-startup industry. She currently works for a national English Language Arts curriculum development organization, where she manages large partnership implementation across the country. Ms. Jackson is most proud to announce that she is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Phoenix International School of the Arts (PISOTA), a fine and performing arts school embedded within an internationally-acclaimed curriculum cultivating rural scholars to be global leaders, artists, and culture keepers. PISOTA is poised to be Charles County's first global arts, tuition-free public charter school opening fall 2021.

No matter the medium of work, Angelica is relentless about using her expertise in project/program management, design thinking, the arts, and entrepreneurship to embolden isolated and vulnerable populations.

Ms. Jackson completed her BA degree in Anthropology (Global Culture and Commerce) and Drama at the University of Virginia and went on to complete her MEd in Education Entrepreneurship at the University of Pennsylvania as a means to research, design, pilot, and publish a global education curriculum for secondary schools with extremely limited resources. She is a huge proponent of arts integration into the common core and human-centered leadership which leads to her volunteership with the NAACP Charles County branch national ACT-SO program as a performing arts coach. According to the Via Survey of Character Strengths, her top 5 are: Love of learning, perspective, forgiveness, gratitude, and fairness.



Welcome, Angelica, to the CCAA Board of Directors!👏

Meet Barbara Lord Graves

Joined the CCAA Board of Directors For FY 2020-2021



Barbara Lord Graves took ballet instructions at Fokine's School of Dance along with tap dancing from Jimmy Mulroes' Dance Studio. Her stage experience includes 40 years in dance and regional theatre, and appearing in and choreographing 20 productions. She has performed *The Diary of Adam and Eve* by Mark Twain on TV/ Cable. For the community, Barbara choreographed a local high school production of *Grease*, and instructed Thomas Stone's football team in the art of ballet during the summer of 1989.

Barbara was the lead female in *Love Letters* at Alice Ferguson Hard Bargain Farm, *Hot L Baltimore*, *Amy in Company*, danced a dream sequence in *Oklahoma*, and was Eliza in *Small House of Uncle Thomas (King and I)*. She has performed professionally at USO shows at Andrews Air Force Base. In addition, Barbara has been the adult ballet dance instructor incorporating Russian and Cecchetti Methods with Stress Release Techniques at Maryland National Park and Planning Commission Arts Center for the past 25 years. For 30 years, Barbara taught pre-ballet and children's ballet.

As a child, Barbara performed at the Lisner Auditorium under Fokine's School of Dance and was a member of the Ballet Petite of Washington, a children's ballet company that performed around the Metropolitan Area including the Cherry Blossom Festival, Jewish Community Center, and Gallaudet College.

Welcome, Barbara, to the CCAA Board of Directors!☺

Scholarship Applications for 2020 Are Now Available Online!

Deadline to Apply is March 6, 2020



Every year, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards a \$1,000 scholarship 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.

Applications are available now, the deadline to apply is March 6, 2020. Visit <https://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships> to download an application. Students can also obtain copies from their career counselors.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.☺

2019 Fall Student Artwork Exhibition on Display at the House of Delegates Gallery Space in Annapolis through March 1, 2020



MSAC Executive Director Ken Skrzysz.



Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan.



Poetry Out Loud Winner Grace Knor.

With opening remarks by Ken Skrzysz, a welcoming message from Maryland's First Lady Yumi Hogan, and a recitation from the Poetry Out Loud winner Grace Knor, the reception held on November 6, 2019, was another success! Forty-four works of art from students throughout Maryland were selected for the fall exhibit. In addition to the gallery, guests were entertained by the String Ensemble of Walter Johnson High School. Below are some photos from the reception and more can be viewed at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/mdgovpics/sets/72157711680023077>.



Maisie Cowan, 4th grade student at Malcolm Elementary School, poses with her art and art teacher, Christine Chinault.



Abstract Guitar, Mixed Media, by Chelsea Jozsa, Charles County.

Your artwork is an expression of your genuine self. Each brush stroke or click of a camera is an act of portraying your thoughts as you see fit. In other words, you alone have the control to create your special identity through your artwork.

I will never forget those moments when I had the opportunity to share all my hard work and passion for art with others. In my role as an artist and as a First Lady, I wanted to give others that same opportunity to share the fruits of their labor and feel the pride in their work. This gallery is meant to be a free space for all our young artists. It is a chance to share your skills, your passion, and your dreams, and to find connection with others artists just like you.

It is my sincerest wish that this gallery serves as an inspiration and hope for our young artists to believe in themselves and follow their dreams.

-First Lady Yumi Hogan



Music provided by the String Ensemble of Walter Johnson High School.



Left, high school winner Connor Holochwest, Somerset County; above, elementary school winner Andrew Mitchell, Dorchester County.



All the student participants and their art teachers.



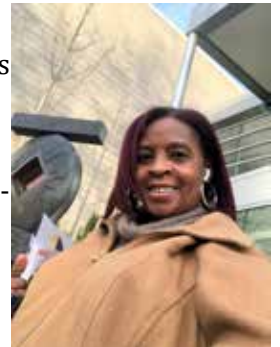
CCAA Attends Maryland ArtLAB Held in Columbia, Maryland



Monique Walker Networks with Area Artists and Art Councils

On November 22, 2019, Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) Administrative Specialist Monique Walker attended, ArtsLAB 2019, presented by the Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA). ArtsLAB is a professional development symposium and travels to different parts of Maryland each year.

This year's location was The Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center, on the campus of Howard County Community College, and the topic was Arts Ecosystem. Artists, arts professionals, advocates and more, attended Breakout Sessions and networked throughout the day. New connections were made, and old ones reignited, as everyone explored what Maryland's Arts Ecosystem looks like on local and statewide levels, and how to use the information shared at ArtsLAB for continued growth and enhancement.



Each Breakout Session was presented by highly skilled and experienced leaders from across the state. Presenters offered a unique perspective into their experiences, allowing attendees to consider new applications to integrate in their respective communities. The Breakout Sessions topics were: Self-Marketing and Development, Legal, Arts Organizations and Artists; and Arts Education/Advocacy.

In addition to networking with arts stakeholders from across the state, highlights of the event included the keynote presentation by Terri Allen, Executive Director of Coalition of African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA), along with vocal selections by CAAPA's Co-Founding Director, Pamela Simonson and a closing performance by the Howard Community College Dance Department.

This was Monique's first time attending ArtsLAB and she looks forward to integrating all the information she acquired to help enhance the Arts Ecosystem of Charles County.



Breakout Sessions from the left: Legal, Arts Organizations and Artists, and Self-Marketing and Development.

For more information about Maryland Citizens for the Arts or the Maryland ArtsLAB, visit <https://mdarts.org/events/artslab-2019>.

Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

Platinum Circle

Charlotte & Abbott Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

Corporate

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
Stephen & Linda Dent Mitchell

Business

Golden Renaissance Jewellers
Joson Fine Jewelry & Home
Boutique

Arts Patron

Edward L. Sanders Insurance
Agency, Inc.
Lucretia Dewey Tanner

Arts Sponsor

Bill & Susan Adams
Century 21 New Millennium
Realtors
Jennifer Cooper, Go-DIVA!
Productions, Inc.
Gina & George Durgin
Keith Linville
William & Dianne Shisler

Arts Activist

Nancy Hannans
Cynthia & Zeke Johnson
Joseph Wimberly

Family

Jessica Andreas
Angelique Berry
Burkey & Margaret Boggs

James Brewster
Allan & Brenda Canter
Suzanne & William Cassidy
Richard & Margery Coppola
William F. Eckman
Arthur & Rosalind Ellis
Donald D. Faust
Ellen Flowers-Fields
Glenn & Ursula Lawrence
Susannah & David Lynch
Roy M. Maier & Jimmie
Roberts

Henry McPherson
Leighann Owens
Norman & Peggy Palmer
John & Mary Lou Rutherford
John & Lucy Snell
Mark & Dawn Walker
Chancy & Sandra Wood

Individual

Beverly Adams
Frederick L. Allen
Debra Almassy
Dr. Theresa Alo
Monika Faust Barilla
Amy Blessinger
David Boarman, II
Brent Bovell
Justin Bowie
Kim Bowie-Hendricks
Alison Brooks
Jackie Bryant
Johnathon Clinkscales
Judy Crawford
Danelle Danzy
Janice Elliott
Roxana Gonzales
Barbara L. Graves
William M. Graves
Olga Herrera
Angelica Jackson
Linda Jones
Lori Joseph
Fitsum Lakew
Holly Leymeister
Dianne E. Lyon
Vicki L. Marckel
Julie A. Meisel
Sandi Middleton
Judith Miller
Nadira Nunez
Jennifer Pinto

Cynthia Snyder
Monique Walker

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 Pearls of Southern
Maryland Community Charities
Life Journeys Writers Guild
Maryland Writers' Association -
Charles County Chapter
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 Baretincic
Cindi Barnhart
Susie Bender
Virginia Bridges
Rose Burroughs
Judy E. Cabos
Martha Knight Clements
Carol Corbett
Dorothy Crown
Frank M. Culhane
M. Evelyn Dashiell
Jack Dennis
Holly Dilatush
Cecelia Dunay
Patricia Duncan
Nora Eicholtz
Gale Y. Euchner
Geary Fisher
Gwendolyn A. Fleming
Penelope H. Gold
Richard Gold
Sally Marie Goldsmith

Joyce Williams Graves
Doris J. Hall
Gary Hammack
Billie Harley
Bernadette Harmon
Patricia P. Harrington
Sally Hopp
Barbara Hufford
Charles F.M. Hughes
Arnold Hurley
Renée Jefferson-Copeland
Mary Ann Jenkins
Gordon Ray Johnson
William Jones
Mary Kercher
Robert Kyle
Carl Lancaster
Philip L. Lang
Addison Newton Likins
Beverlie J. Ludy
Colin Mably
Mary Mangino
Karen McIntyre
Lew McIntyre
Connie Miller
Constance E. Moore
Margaret S. Neal
Kathleen L. Noel
Jan Norton
Mary Jo O'Neil
Nancy Owens
Marie C. Parham
Shirley A. Perez
Jerome E. Peuler, Jr.
Sandy Rohde
Dorothea H. Smith
Roger E. Smith
Jill Smithson
Nancy Swenson
Ruth A. Thomas
Evans Thorne
Paul Toscano
Carmella Davis Watkins
David Zippi

Youth

Kayla Berry
Ja'Leana Graves
Jaden Hendricks
Joshua Owen
Cali Quade



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
- \$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.

Renewal

New Member

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

Organization/Business *(if applicable):*

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ArtsFest Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance/Audit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Marketing Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/IT Support |

Charles County Arts Alliance
P.O. Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695
www.charlescountyarts.org / 301-392-5900
info@charlescountyarts.org

Master Calendar **FY 2020**

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

2020

- Saturday, January 25, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
CCAA Mid-Winter Retreat
Waldorf West Library
- Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata
- Thursday, February 13, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm
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.

Arts Insider

Board of Directors

Robert K. Rausch – *President*

Cindy Johnson – *Vice President*

Ronald G. Brown – *Secretary/Treasurer*

Gale S. Kladitis – *Past President*

Bill Adams – *Director*

Johnathon Clinkscales – *Director*

Barbara Lord Graves – *Director*

Bill Graves – *Director*

Angelica Jackson – *Director*

Keith Linville – *Director*

Lew McIntyre – *Director*

Diane Rausch – *Director*

Cindi Barnhart – *Honorary Board Member*

Judy Crawford – *Administrative Director*

Monique Walker – *Administrative Specialist*

December 2019



*No winter lasts forever,
no spring skips its turn.*

~ Hal Borland

www.charlescountyarts.org

info@charlescountyarts.org 301-392-5900

Office Hours: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Street Address: 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646



P.O. Box 697

White Plains, MD 20695



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/charlescoartsmd>

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER: www.twitter.com/CharlesCoArts

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/charlescountyartsmd>



Charles County
Charitable Trust

