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The Arts Insider

CCAA Celebrates the Arts with a Southwest Fiesta!

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: 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

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 MSEd 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

With opening remarks by Ken Skrzesz, 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.
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.

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!

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Monique Walker

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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 Pearl of Southern Maryland Community Charities Life Journeys Writers Guild
Maryland Writers’ Association - Charles County Chapter
Minnawamoke Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County, Inc.
Nanjemoy Community Center
Port Tobacco Players
Sagepoint Senior Living Services
Southern Maryland Carousal Group
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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
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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
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- □ 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 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.
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No winter lasts forever,
no spring skips its turn.

~ Hal Borland