Did you know in 1987: Aretha Franklin was the first female inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Vincent van Gogh’s *Sunflowers* sold for $39.9 US million (This sale made records for tripling the record for an auctioned painting.), and August Wilson won the Pulitzer Prize in drama for his play *Fences*? Did you know on September 17 the Charles County Arts Alliance turns 33?

Happy Birthday to us! The Arts Alliance was created “to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of all the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, Maryland.” 33 years later this mission remains constant with over $900,000 in grants awarded to schools and nonprofit organizations, thousands of dollars given to high school seniors toward their arts education, and multiple CCAA-sponsored free gallery spaces, showcasing the breadth of talented visual artists in the county. Even with the Covid-19 pandemic bringing the world to a standstill and new and milestone events being canceled, the Arts Alliance remained vigilant in moving to digital platforms.

Even amidst the many changes of 2020, the Arts Alliance will always “promote all the arts.” Beginning September 1, the office has reopened, Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Only one staff person is present per day and all visitors must make an appointment. The Board of Directors’ upcoming retreat will finalize our fiscal year 2021 programmatic calendar. Members are encouraged to stay connected to the Arts Alliance’s social media platforms for announcements and deadlines regarding virtual programs and the Community Arts Development grant program.

The Arts Alliance extends its gratitude 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. We also appreciate our members who give their time and money to ensure the county is rich in all the arts: literary, visual, and performing. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for growth, enjoyment, and well-being through the arts in Charles County, virtually and in-person.
Dear Members and Friends,

Summer is nearly over and the fall will bring an unusual bunch of “new normals” to deal with due to the Covid-19 virus that still plagues our region and country. Even with the opening of Stage Three here in Maryland, we have a long way to go before our daily lives resume what they used to be.

The various changes in our Charles County Arts Alliance year include no P.D. Brown Gallery at the County Fair Grounds in September, extended display time frames for our current galleries, delay of our Community Arts Development (CAD) grant application due date until November, and no Gala at Old Waldorf School this year. The new programs include the preparation of 1,000 “art boxes” for needy students in partnership with the Board of Education, the continuation of Arts in Education (AIE) programs rescheduled from last spring, as well as new virtual AIE programming directed to all of our county schools, a special Charles County Children’s Aid Society program scheduled for December, a Restart and Complete program for CAD and AIE programs that were canceled last spring and participation in Maryland State Art Council’s Poetry Out Loud competition in the spring.

We have continued to increase our media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, as well as expanding our YouTube presentations beyond our twice weekly Flashback Gallery Tours, to featuring our current scholarship recipients and creating a weekly musical presentation in partnership with the Charles County Youth Orchestra. Who knows what new opportunities await us in the “virtual world.”

Our wish for all of you is that you, your family, and friends stay healthy and that we will be able to meet again at the ArtsFest in June of 2021.

Sincerely,

Robert
Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance
**FY 21 COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT CYCLE LETTER OF INTENT**

The CCAA is committed to supporting the Arts in Charles County! Non-profit organizations are invited to complete our CAD Letter of Intent form for General Operating and Special Program grants, in preparation for the FY 2021 grant cycle.

Click [HERE](#) to complete the form today!

**LOI FORMS DUE**

**September 11, 2020**
Submit via email to: info@charlescountyorg

**FY21 APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

**September 25, 2020**

For more information, visit our website at [www.charlescountyarts.org/programs/grants](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/programs/grants)
New Gallery Opens at the
Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Waldorf Branch

After weeks of extended and delayed shows across the county, the gallery opened August 14 with 41 works by 22 artists. This is the 15th art show in partnership with the Community Bank of the Chesapeake.

Artists featured in the exhibit include: Norma Baretinic, Monika Barilla, Judy Burch, Holly Dilatush, Draya, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Michelle Evans, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Patricia Harrington, Carl Harris, Renee Jefferson-Copeland, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Ivette Marcucci, Julie Meisel, Joshua Owen, Stephanie Ritchie, Frank Roth, Dianne Shisler, and Evan Thorne.

Most of the art is available for purchase. The bank’s lobby hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to view the gallery in person. Remain mindful of the bank’s in-person, Covid-19 policies, including wearing a mask at all times, social distancing, and presenting valid identification before entering the building. The address is 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, 20601. The gallery can also be viewed online at charlescountyarts.org/galleries/community-bank-of-the-chesapeake-gallery.

Show Runs through January 8, 2021
THANK YOU!

Member participation has led the way in two recent initiatives: August membership discounts and the Arts Interest Survey. Membership renewals and feedback from Charles County’s arts community are vital to the CCAA’s growth and continued success. Thank you for your support!
Stay up to date with the latest programs, opportunities, and resources from the MSAC and its partnering organizations. Check out the list below. For more information, visit [www.msac.org](http://www.msac.org).

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Congratulations!

The CCAA extends its congratulations to MSAC Folklife Apprenticeship winners from Charles County, Ralph and Dennis Zotigh. The apprenticeship involves the sharing of traditional arts skills from a master artist to a learner artist during a one-year teaching period. The master artist and apprentice team will focus on Native American powwow singing. As part of their work, they will also participate in a photo shoot and recorded interview to document their activities. For more, information click here.

Regional Arts Summits are back, and this year, they are virtual! Attend the southern Maryland summit for statewide updates from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), arts content-specific breakout groups, community sharing, and more – with options to connect with MSAC staff during daytime virtual office hours!

MSAC’s Regional Arts Summits will be held virtually from 4:00PM - 6:30PM on Tuesdays beginning September 15 through October 20, convening artists and arts organizations from varying regions of the state. The southern Maryland summit October 13, 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Visit the MSAC for the schedule, session descriptions, and to register. Please visit the MSAC website.
Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

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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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