

*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.*



### Join Us!!! Membership Form

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- Gold Circle - \$250
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- Please contact me regarding volunteering!

Founded in 1987, the CCAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization and as such, all donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The CCAA is sponsored in part by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Charles County Government, membership dues, and donations.

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# How Does the CCAA Make a Difference?

Recognized since 1987 by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) as the official arts council of Charles County, Maryland, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) serves as the "umbrella" organization for promoting all the arts in Charles County.

## Americans for the Arts, Member

The CCAA is a member of Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading organization for advancing and advocating the arts and arts education.

## ArtsFest

This festival is the CCAA's signature countywide/regional event held on the second Saturday of June each year. It is a unique outdoor festival that celebrates all the arts in Charles County - music, visual art, drama, dance, and literature. Live performances take place throughout the day, as well as artist demonstrations, hands-on art for children, artwork for sale and commission, storytellers, book signings by local authors, special events, great Southern Maryland food, and fun for all ages!

## Arts Grants

The CCAA annually awards two types of grants (Community Arts Development and Artists In Education) to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County, Maryland. Over \$30,000 is allocated annually for CCAA grants.

## Arts Insider E-Newsletter

The CCAA's monthly newsletter keeps members informed about arts happenings in and around Charles County. It is available either electronically or in print

## Arts Newsflash E-News Update

The CCAA's weekly e-news update each Thursday keeps members informed about arts events, shows and performances coming up each weekend and beyond.

## Arts Scholarships

Each year, the CCAA offers a \$1,500 college scholarship to a highly talented, highly qualified graduating senior deserving students of county high schools to help further their educations leading to careers in the arts.

## Arts Vision 2020 Strategic Plan

The CCAA spearheaded and published the first-ever long term strategic plan for all the arts in Charles County, Arts Vision 2020. In 2008, it was formally presented to the Charles County Commissioners in a public meeting widely attended by the local arts community, and was adopted unanimously by the Commissioners. Arts Vision 2020 contains 34 recommendations, and implementation efforts are ongoing.

## "Back to School" Art Boxes

The CCAA annually assembles "art boxes" filled with a wide variety of art supplies, and distributes these to elementary children in Charles County in partnership with the Children's Aid Society. In 2019, the CCAA donated 500 Art Boxes

## Community Arts Agencies of Maryland, Member

The CCAA is a member of the County Arts Agencies of Maryland, comprised of representatives of Maryland's 23 county arts councils and Baltimore city.

## Charles County Fair

The CCAA assists in supervising the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building at the annual Charles County Fair in September. Each year, hundreds of local artworks are exhibited and judged.

## Comprehensive Planning and the Arts

The CCAA advocated and worked closely with the Charles County Government to ensure that a discussion of the arts was included in the 2016 Charles County Comprehensive Plan, and is participating in the implementation process currently underway.

## Cultural Events

The CCAA sponsors special cultural events of its own and builds arts partnerships with other Charles County nonprofit organizations to enhance the quality of life for local citizens.

## Economic Impact of the Arts

The CCAA works with the state and county governments to focus attention on the important role of the arts in economic development and tourism. In FY 2018, the arts in Maryland generated over \$1 billion in total economic impact, a 3:1 return on investment, and over 16,000 jobs.

## Free Gallery Exhibit Spaces

The CCAA promotes local visual artists and exhibit their artworks at four locations: The Charles County Government Building, the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, and the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. In addition, the CCAA presents these four locations as "virtual art galleries" on its website to provide additional public access online to its current shows. There is no charge to display, and no commission is required. Artists interested in exhibiting their artworks should contact the CCAA for more information.

## Membership Gala and Events

The CCAA hold a membership gala, receptions and meeting each year to celebrate the arts and provide networking opportunities to strengthen the Charles County arts community.

## Maryland Arts Days in Annapolis

The CCAA attends this annual event to promote state support of the arts and arts education.

## Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Member

The CCAA is a member of Maryland Citizens for the Arts, a leading voice for the arts community in Maryland, serving the arts through advocacy, education and outreach.

## Website

The CCAA's website ([www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org)) provides timely information on our organization and our many arts programs, projects, activities, events and local news. Check it out by scanning our new QR code with your smartphone!

