

Charles County Arts Alliance



Arts Newflash

February 4, 2021

Serving the Community for 33 Years

**Welcome to our
Newest CCAA
Members!**

- Joselle Gilpin



**Thank You for
Your Continued
Support!**

- Dianne Lyon
- Shirley Ann Perez
- Southern Maryland
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NOMINATIONS CLOSING TOMORROW!

The CCAA Arts Teacher of the Year Award is a brand-new program that seeks to honor an Elementary, Middle, and High School teacher in an arts discipline who exemplifies excellence in arts education. The objective of the program is to honor three of Charles County's hardworking arts educators with the recognition and financial support they deserve, as they guide their students despite continuing uncertain and stressful circumstances.

Nominations may be self-submitted, or submitted by the teacher's current or former students, parents of those students, the teacher's professional colleagues, or a school administrator.

Submit your Nomination by February 5



COVID-19: Relief & Support for Artists

Performing Arts



2nd Fridays: *When and Where We Enter - In Words and In Truth*

Join the CCAA for a panel discussion on the Arts, Social Justice, and the role of Race in Charles County, featuring original poetry by St. Charles High School students.

Panelists include:

- **Angelica Jackson**, co-founder and Executive Director of [Phoenix International School of the Arts](#) in Charles County
- **Yvonne J. Medley**, founder of [Life Journeys Writers Guild](#).

Tune in on our [YouTube Channel](#) **February 12 at 7:00 PM** and the second Friday of every month for a new Lecture/Performance Series.

INDIAN HEAD CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Talent Search

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A Message from the College of Southern Maryland:

Campuses will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to allow for some in-person student services in a carefully-regulated basis.

The College of Southern Maryland has announced that **the campus will remain in Remote- or Restricted Operations mode through MAY 21, 2021**. For more information, visit the College's [website](#).

Visual Arts

Yesterday's Gallery:

Last Sunday's Gallery:



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
Various Artists
July 2019 - January 2020



Commissioners Building
"Artists Without Limits"
Summer 2016

Revisit CCAA's past galleries with our Flashback Gallery Tour! Check out the [playlist](#) on our YouTube channel. New videos every Sunday and Wednesday at noon.



[Gallery Submission Guidelines](#)

CCAA-Supported Galleries

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home *TEMPORARILY CLOSED*

Open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm daily
E-wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall MD

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Charlotte Hall Branch

Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday;
Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
30165 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall MD

CCAA-Sponsored Galleries

Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show with Gordon Johnson
Open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays
200 Baltimore Street, La Plata MD 20646

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center *TEMPORARILY CLOSED*

Solo Show with Josh Owen
Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm daily
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata MD 20646

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf Branch

Multi-Artist Show through February 19, 2021
Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays
3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf MD 20603

Literary Arts

"The Hill We Climb" by National Youth Poet Laureate **Amanda Gorman**



Born and raised in Los Angeles, Amanda Gorman began writing at only a few years of age. Now her words have won her invitations to the Obama White House and to perform for Lin-Manuel Miranda, Al Gore, Secretary Hillary Clinton, Malala Yousafzai, and others. Amanda has performed multiple commissioned poems for CBS This Morning and she has spoken at events and venues across the country, including the Library of Congress and Lincoln Center. She has received a Genius Grant from OZY Media, as well as recognition from Scholastic Inc., YoungArts, the Glamour magazine College Women of the Year Awards, and the Webby Awards. She has written for the New York Times newsletter *The Edit* and penned the manifesto for Nike's 2020 Black History Month campaign. She is the recipient of the Poets & Writers Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award, and is the youngest board member of 826 National, the largest youth writing network in the United States. In 2017 UrbanWord and the Library of Congress named her the first ever National Youth Poet Laureate in the United States.



The Charles County chapter of the Maryland Writers' Association provides support to aspiring and established writers in all aspects of the craft, including basic writing, editing, beta readers and critiques, publishing and marketing. We also set up periodic book signing events, though these are largely on hold due to the pandemic. Our monthly meetings cover where we all are on our literary journey, guest speakers, upcoming events, and opportunities for submission. Our chapter meets virtually the third Wednesday of each month, with a critique group from 6PM to 7PM, followed by a business meeting, speakers and writing prompts from 7-8:30PM. E-mail [Lewis McIntyre](mailto:LewisMcIntyre) to be added to our mailing list to receive our Zoom meeting links.



Notable Author for February: **Rachel Carson**



Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing about nature like Rachel Carson. Using up to 100 words write about the natural environment or your encounter with the natural environment. [Submit your Fun With Words response by February 25](#) and receive a MWA Fun With

Words submission certificate. Selected responses will be published with next month's article.

A Message from Life Journeys Writers Guild:



We're Keeping our Social Distance, and nurturing Healthy and Literary Relationships!!! While we're hopeful to return to the Waldorf West Library and other venues in the future, we are here for you, Virtually!!!! Inquire about our special Writing Workshops, held monthly, and our Literary Events throughout 2020!

Email info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org or Call 240.427.LJWG (5594) for details.



Though library branches remained closed to the public, lots of virtual programs are available!

Click the button below to register.

[Check the Calendar](#)



Call for Stories: Women in the Arts

Deadline: Ongoing

[Send your Ideas](#)

The MSAC is seeking stories about women in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Year of the Woman" in the subject line. For more information, click [here](#).

Call for Stories: Entrepreneurship in the Arts

Deadline: Ongoing

[Send your Ideas](#)

The MSAC is seeking stories about entrepreneurship in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Entrepreneurship in the Arts" in the subject line. For more information, click [here](#).

Community, Heritage, & Cultural Arts



See what's happening now at MSDE by checking their [newsletter!](#)



FEDERAL RESOURCES FOR CREATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FREE WEBINAR

February 9, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. Eastern

National Assembly of
State Arts Agencies
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VIRTUAL MARYLAND ARTS DAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

[Click Here](#) to register for Maryland Arts Day!
Maryland Arts Day is presented by Maryland Citizens for the Arts.

The Underground Railroad: Network to Freedom

The State of Maryland Office of Tourism invites you to "explore Underground Railroad sites in all of Maryland's regions to become familiar with personal stories of escape from this tumultuous era in our nation's history" - including [Camp Stanton](#) in Hughsville, right here in Charles County!

Check out [Maryland's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Guide](#) to get started on your journey.



The Thinking Kid is a live online academy for kids, ages 6-17, offering a wide range of fun [after-class clubs](#) and [virtual field trips](#). Classes meet in real time, so students can engage in discussions, ask questions, and participate in activities while being seen and heard by their online classmates!

Please visit [The Thinking Kid](#) online or

Class Catalog by Age:
7-9 9-11 11-13 13-15

email georgia@thethinkingkid.org to
register.

**MSAC is accepting applications for
the Creativity Grant!**

Click [here](#) for the Guidelines and
Application Process.



Community Senior Centers

Get The SCOOP on What's Happening!



**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE:**

All Senior Centers and the Nanjemoy
Community Center are closed to
participants. All scheduled activities,
classes, and programs for older adults are
canceled. For more information, visit the
Charles County Government [website](#).

Charles County Public Library



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category-creating service that partners with
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provide online and mobile access to
thousands of movies, TV shows, music,
eBooks, audiobooks, and comics. With
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or phone
301-392-5900
no later than the Monday before your
event.

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's under-served population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.

**CCAA Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**