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The CCAA wants to share your creative work!

**Send your pre-recorded performance
(2 minutes or less) to**

info@charlescountyarts.org

by

April 2

Rather do it LIVE?

**Send all the details to the address above
and join us on Zoom to perform on**

April 9 @ 7:00 PM



Here are the members running for CCAA Board of Directors!

FOR PRESIDENT:

Robert K. Rausch (incumbent)

- Music Educator for 35 years in Charles County, PG County, and North Carolina (retired).
- Founder and current President of the CCAA, Founding Board Member of Old Waldorf School, and past conductor of the Southern Maryland Concert Band.
- Volunteer, member, performer, stage/tech crew, and director for Newtowne Players, Port Tobacco Players, Tantallon Community Players, St. Mary's College, College of Southern Maryland, Capital Fringe, and Hexagon since

Finn Coy-Gresavage

- Award-winning makeup artist, licensed esthetician, transgender diversity educator, and variety performer in Charles County, Washington DC, Baltimore, and Tokyo, Japan.
- Current Marketing Director for We Thr3e Queens Virtual Productions, Member in good standing of the Association of Skin Care Professionals and the CCAA (both under a former name).
- A lifetime of performing, makeup design, and stage crew experience at the College of Southern Maryland, St. Mary's College, Chesapeake Jazz Ensemble, Indian Head Center for the Arts, The British Players, Twisted Knickers Burlesque, Tokyo Closet Ball, and the largest woman-produced, woman-run variety showcase in Japan's history.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Cynthia Johnson (incumbent, unopposed)

- Worked for the developers of St. Charles and is currently a Community Manager in Charles County.
- Current Vice-President and former Secretary-Treasurer of CCAA; Founding Member of Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association; Board Member and Past President of Port Tobacco Players.
- Performed in countless plays and directed productions at Port Tobacco Players, Hard Bargain Players, and the Black Box in Indian Head.

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Ronald G. Brown (incumbent, unopposed)

- Member of the History faculty and later Division Administrator at the College of Southern Maryland for 40 years (retired).
- Current member and Secretary-Treasurer of the CCAA, current President of the Charles County Heritage Commission, and current President the Historical Society of Charles County.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR:

Johnathon Clinkscales (incumbent)

- Former Chief of Staff for Maryland Senator Arthur Ellis and reporter/photographer for *Maryland Independent* newspaper; starting new marketing career with MedStar Health in March 2021.
- Advocated for and helped submit important legislation for Charles County and the State of Maryland at large (via the Maryland General Assembly); established relationships with county/state leaders as well as community members during tenure with *Maryland Independent*.
- Published author/visual storyteller for both digital and print media; editor/advisor/mentor for aspiring filmmakers and playwrights as part of local non-profit writers' group.

Barbara Graves (incumbent)

- Early start in the Arts – visiting the National Art Museum weekly as a child and performing with the Ballet Petite of Washington.
- Instructor of Ballet for children and adults at Harmony Hall Art Centre for 27 years.
- Member of Port Tobacco Players, Port Tobacco Art Guild, Hard Bargain Players, and Tantallon Community Players.

William “Bill” Graves (incumbent)

- Graphic Designer in the printing and publishing industry for 58 years (retired).
- Current member of the CCAA Board of Directors and Indian Head Center for the Arts.
- Over 40 years of involvement in the Southern Maryland theatre community.

Keith Linville (incumbent)

- Worked in Computer Security for the United States Post Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Department of Defense for 36 years (retired).
- Member, Producer, Director, Stage Manager, Actor, Board Member and former President of Port Tobacco Players since 1999; Maryland Master

Naturalist who volunteers with the American Chestnut Land Trust and serves on their Outreach and Membership Committee.

- With CCAA: La Plata Arts and Entertainment District Working Group, ArtsFest 2021, Community Arts Development Grant Committee, Arts Scholarship Committee, Theatre Directors' Roundtable Planning Committee.

Lewis McIntyre (incumbent)

- Graduate of the United States Naval Academy; 20 years as Naval Aviator, retired Commander; 30 years as an engineer serving the aviation community.
- Voluminous technical writing for 50 years, in and out of uniform. Author of two books, one of which has earned three awards. Gave four presentations on Roman Maritime Trade in the Indian Ocean (related to one of the above books), most recently to the National Maritime Historical Society in New York.
- Member of the Maryland Writers' Association and Vice-President of the Maryland Writers' Association – Charles County Chapter.

Diane Rausch (incumbent)

- Member of Senior Executive Service (SES for the past 22 years at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, where she has worked for over 40 years in negotiating/managing international programs and directing NASA's external advisory committees.
- Co-Founder, Past President, and current Director of CCAA; Founder and Past President of Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation; Co-Founder and Past President of Southern Maryland Concert Band.
- Performed as a bassoonist for many years with Southern Maryland Concert Band and Moravian Music Festivals and as a chorister with numerous community choruses and church choirs, performed onstage with Tantallon Community Players, and spearheaded *Arts Vision 2020*, a three-year grassroots community effort that produced the first ever *Strategic Plan for All the Arts in Charles County, Maryland* – covering music, visual art, drama, dance, and literature. Plus, a lifetime of arts projects and arts participation as an enthusiastic leader, team member, and supporter!

Joselle Gilpin

- Resident of La Plata, MD since 1996, Budget and Financial Manager and Analyst at Pax River (retired).
- Lifetime of creativity as a choir member in school and member of her Temple choir in Alexandria. "Theatre Mom" when her daughters were in La Plata High School theatre productions, Port Tobacco Players (PTP), and Hard Bargain Players. Serves on the Board of Directors and play-reading committee at PTP and directed and stage-managed five shows there.
- Avid quilter who spends quite a bit of time at the local quilt shop "Material Girls" who have been very generous in their donations of fabrics to PTP.

Robert Medley

- Retired military (Navy) and training analyst for the Department of Defense.
- Former member and current Chair of Life Journeys Writers Guild
- "My role in and love for the literary arts, as well as my appreciation for all the arts, I believe puts me in a positive position to offer valuable input to CCAA to find ways to keep the arts on the front burner of our communities. One of the specific contributions I wish to make is to work to support CCAA's commitment of inclusion – not only in its ranks, but also making appreciation and participation in the arts accessible to all. This is especially due to the invaluable power the arts can play to relieve emotional stressors due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic (and its inevitable aftermath)."

Performing Arts

Friday Night Concert Series

Join the CCAA and CCYO students and

faculty for an evening of music every Friday night at 6:00 PM on the CCAA YouTube Channel.

This week: CCYO alum Andrew Kivrak (viola) and Alptug Kaynar (piano) perform "Nihavent Longa" by Kemari Kevser Hanim, adapted by Mehmet Efe-Serkan Sonmez.

Be sure to subscribe to our channel for a new Friday Night Concert every week.



Andrew Kivrak, viola

Alptug Kaynar, piano

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CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

For Students Ages 10 - 18

Session 1: July 6-10; Concert July 10

Session 2: July 13-17; Concert July 17

Session 3: July 20 -24; Concert July 24

ONLINE AND AT THE ALICE FERGUSON FOUNDATION, ACCOKEEK, MD

CCYO members (all ensembles): \$40/session. Non CCYO members: \$50/session

Audition is required for non-CCYO applicants

For application information and more details:

charlescountyyouthorchestra.org/chamber-music-festival



MID-ATLANTIC OVERNIGHT DRUMSET CAMP

July 25 - 30, 2021 ▪ Age 12-18

LOCATION

Hard Bargain Farm, Accokeek MD

COST

Overnight: \$850 (all meals included)

Commuter: \$600 (lunch meal included)

Instruction for all levels Beginner - Advanced

Reserve your spot prior to online registration!

Send student Name, Age, City & State to:
somardrummers@gmail.com

Got questions? Send us an email



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



*Mattawoman Creek
Art Center*



**Call to Artists:
27th Annual Open Juried Show**

Friday, April 23 - Sunday, May 30

Mattawoman Creek Art Center is seeking artists to exhibit their artwork.

Overlooking the scenic Mattawoman Creek, within Smallwood State Park in rural Charles County, our spacious cathedral-ceiling gallery provides a lovely setting for displaying your artwork.

This show is:

Open to all artists, both MCAC members and non-members
Accepts all forms, styles, and media (within [allowed size and weight limits](#))
Offers artists the opportunity to display and sell up to 3 pieces of their artwork
Includes a reception that is free and open to the public
Has prize money totalling \$1,000.00

MCAC is open with COVID-19 protocol in place to keep our artists, members, and visitors safe.
We require face masks and social distancing and limit the occupancy of the building.
Receptions are held on the lawn so visitors can be seated in small family groups without masks.
We cannot provide food, but will provide tables and chairs so visitors can bring a picnic.
Visitors in masks are admitted into the gallery in small numbers to safely see the artwork.

The juror for this show is **Dr. Margaret Dowell**, a well-respected art professor at the College of Southern Maryland and co-founder of AdditionAndArt.org.

The reception is **Sunday, May 16, 1:00 - 4:00**, with a rain date of Sunday, May 23.
The Juror will present the awards starting at 2:00.

Please consider displaying your artwork in this show!
Detailed [Calls for Entry](#) are posted on www.MattawomanArt.org

CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2nd Quarter Virtual Art Show

Elementary School Exhibit
Middle School Exhibit
High School Exhibit



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

Yesterday's Gallery:



Flashback Gallery Tour Schedule for April:

- Sunday, April 4: CBTC Waldorf, May - August 2016
- Wednesday, April 7: **Betty Fuqua** @Commissioners Gallery, Winter 2015
- Sunday, April 11: Waldorf West Library, Summer 2015
- Wednesday, April 14: **Pat Troiani** @ UM Charles Regional, Summer 2014
- Sunday, April 18: Veterans Gallery, January - June 2018 (Part 1)
- Wednesday, April 21: CBTC Waldorf , Fall - Winter 2016
- Sunday, April 25: **Nadira Nunez** @ Commissioners Gallery, Fall 2017
- Wednesday, April 28: **Jan Garland** @ Commissioners Gallery, Spring 2015



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 Carl Harris
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 May 21, 2021
Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays
3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf MD 20603

For more information about CCAA sponsored and supported galleries, contact our office at 301-392-5900 or info@charlescountyarts.org

Literary Arts



Check the Calendar

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

← Click this button to register.

A Message from Life Journeys Writers Guild:

We're Keeping our Social Distance, and nurturing Healthy and Literary Relationships!!! While we're hoping 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 2021! Email info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org or Call 240.427.LJWG (5594) for details.



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 to be added to our mailing list to receive our Zoom meeting links.

Community, Heritage, & Cultural Arts

Discover Southern Maryland: Online Battle of the Bands

April 30 - May 7, 2021

Watch on [Facebook](#)

[Click here](#) to sign your band up!



Become an MSAC
Teaching Artist.
[Click here](#) to apply via
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MSAC is accepting applications for the Creativity Grant!

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

See what's happening now: Arts Education in
Maryland Schools by checking their [newsletter!](#)

The Clark Hulings Fund is offering Digital Learning Built for Artists!
Register [here](#) to access these professional development courses.



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

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 email georgia@thethinkingkid.org to register.



Professional Development Opportunities with MSAC:

Learn how the Maryland State Arts Council is working to advance the arts in our State.

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Community Senior Centers
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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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CCPL is excited to announce a new partnership with Hoopla Digital. Hoopla is a category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and comics. With Hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream, and download free dynamic content with your library card. And the best part: there are no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month, All content is accessible via Hoopla's mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com.

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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**