



May 2021



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On Saturday, May 15, the CCAA will hold its Annual Membership Meeting virtually via Zoom from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. During the meeting the new FY 2022 - 2023 officers and directors will be presented and the Arts Teacher of the Year winners will be honored. Thank you to everyone who submitted their votes for the new term of CCAA Executive Board Officers and Directors. The election results are included in the newsletter.

The 2021 CCAA Arts Scholarship recipients will also be recognized and each student will give a brief presentation in the area of their artistic pursuit. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to highly-qualified and talented graduates from each of Charles County's seven public high schools and St. Mary's Ryken High School (Charles County residents only) pursuing an arts-related major at a four-year college or university. It is a competitive program and the CCAA extends its congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Henry E. Lackey High School – Camryn Huntley
- La Plata High School – Cole Schubert
- McDonough High School – Cassie Murphy
- North Point High School – Andrew Fink
- North Point High School – Jordan Johnson
- Thomas Stone High School – Makayla Moore

Dear CCAA Members and Friends,



Our CCAA staff Monique and Mary “hit a homerun” with the YouTube production of our newest program: The Southern Maryland Banjo Projects. This presentation was also aired in St. Mary’s County, Maryland Citizens for the Arts, and through the Charles County Public Schools. If you have missed this outstanding program, be watching our newsflash and Constant Contact advertising for the encore of “The Banjo Project” later this month. Also, this month we will air the third installment of our Theatre Education Directors Roundtable series on May 16 at 6:00 pm entitled *Blocking Situations and Challenges*.

We have had an outstanding response to our FY 22-23 Officers and Directors balloting with over 80 of our membership participating. Catch the results inside our Arts Insider.

Coming up on May 15th at 2:00 pm will be our virtual Annual Membership Meeting during which we will have reports from our various committee and panel chairs and discuss our “Second Friday Program” and the Southern Maryland Banjo Projects.

Closing out our meeting will be the announcements of our Arts Teacher of the Year Awards and the recipients of our Scholarship Awards for FY 21.

We look forward to continuing much of our virtual programming, as well as resuming “in person” activities in the year ahead, and we look forward to seeing many of you again as the pandemic recedes and we return to normal.

Continue to stay safe and do everything you can to remain healthy in the months ahead. 🍀

Sincerely,

Robert

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

In order to meet the Arts Insider deadline the results below reflect the votes for the Presidential race only. The CCAA felt the membership would be interested in knowing these results and will release the remaining numbers in a separate email prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

Thank you! ☺


Charles County Arts Alliance
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Election Ballot for 2021-23 Officers and Board of Directors

Total Votes 83

Vote for President (one only):

<input type="checkbox"/> Finn Coy-Gresavage	<i>17</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert K. Rausch*	<i>65</i>
<i>No Vote</i>	<i>1</i>

Vote for Officer (one each):

<input type="checkbox"/> Vice President: Cindy Johnson*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary/Treasurer: Ronald Brown*	

Immediate Past President: Gale Kladitis* *(no vote required)*

Vote for Directors (vote for eight):

<input type="checkbox"/> Johnathon Clinkscales*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Joselle Gilpin	
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Graves*	
<input type="checkbox"/> William (Bill) Graves*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Keith Linville*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lew McIntyre*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Medley	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diane Rausch*	

All ballots must be received by no later than May 1, 2021, and mailed to:

Cindi Barnhart
CCAA - Election Monitor
7880 Estevez Road
La Plata, MD. 20646

Each return envelope must have a return address (either hand written or pre-printed mailing label) in order to be counted.

Certified as true and accurate on 5/1/2021 by:

**denotes incumbent*

Cindi Barnhart - Election Monitor 

Gale Kladitis - Board Member & Membership Chair 

Arts Teacher of the Year

The Arts Teacher of the Year award is a new CCAA program and honors an Elementary, Middle, and High School teacher in a creative discipline who exemplifies excellence in arts education. The program acknowledges 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.

The award was created in collaboration with the Charles County Board of Education's Fine and Performing Arts Office in response to how COVID-19 has forever changed the creative community. Teachers, artists, and their industries have been greatly impacted – doors have closed on schools, libraries, galleries, and performance spaces around the world. The pressure to adapt has been felt by many, but none more acutely than arts educators. Each winner receives a total of \$1,000 to support themselves and their program.

Congratulations to the first-ever Charles County Arts Alliance's Arts Teacher of the Year winners: Christine Chinault – Malcolm Elementary School, Zoe Smith – Mattawoman Middle School, and Jana Heyl – McDonough High School. The winners will be acknowledged at this year's Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, May 15, 2021. 🎉



Christine Chinault
Malcolm Elementary School



Zoe Smith
Mattawoman Middle School



Jana Heyl
McDonough High School

CONGRATULATIONS!

ICYMI (In Case You Missed It)

CCAA 2nd Fridays - April



The April edition of 2nd Fridays offered a potpourri of disciplines representing the creative spirit of Charles County. Click [here](#) to see the full program.

2nd Fridays will take a hiatus for the summer, returning in September with a new look, new programs, and a new name. Be sure to subscribe to the [CCAA YouTube](#) channel (Charles County Arts Alliance) to receive notifications on all CCAA Youtube content.

STEAM Enrichment Night at Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School

On Tuesday, April 20, the CCAA attended the Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy STEAM Enrichment Night. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. This “drive-through” event distributed interactive presentations, arts, and other educational materials to students and their families. CCAA Board President Robert Rausch and Administrative Specialist Mary Whitmore (Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy ES Alum) presented materials alongside the school’s Special Area Teachers and other community partners. A special thanks to Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Art teacher Rachel Proctor for extending the invitation and an opportunity to engage with the Nanjemoy community. ♡



New Gallery Opens at the Charles County Commissioners Buliding

30 Artworks by Carl Harris on Display through July 13, 2021

Carl F. Harris was born in Annapolis, Maryland. As a child living in Annapolis history was all around him. He was always fascinated about the history people spoke about and always enjoyed the historical stories his grandfather told him. History continuously sparks his curiosity and that curiosity has brought Carl to where he is today. He learned through art to share the beauty of history.

Prior to moving to Waldorf, Carl retired from the Montgomery County School system. One Christmas his daughter bought him etching tools, knowing how he loves to tinker around with tools. This gift started a whole new life for him. He started taking pictures of historical spots in Maryland and simply began his etching career. Every piece of art has a story and he tries to capture that story. It is through etching that Carl can share history with others.



The Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646. Gallery hour are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The Gallery may also be viewed online at <https://www.charlescountyarts.org/galleries/commissioners-gallery-2/> 📄



The Southern Maryland Banjo Projects

Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 pm The Southern Maryland Banjo Projects presented its inaugural panel discussion on the CCAA YouTube channel. The discussion was a convergence of history, music, and common goals to educate, bring awareness and visibility to the American banjo's West African roots and its connection to southern Maryland. Click [here](#) to watch it.

The program was a huge success and continues to gain traction with almost 300 views. The Charles County Arts Alliance extends a hearty thank to the community partners and individuals that helped make this program a success: Stephen Barkley (SMBP creator), Thun-Duh Movie Productions, Charles County African American Heritage Society, the National Association of American African Dance Teachers, Target - La Plata, Dan Belson, Andrew Blumhardt, Chris Dudley, Karyn Molines, and Gary Pendleton.



Panelists from left to right: Kristina Gaddy, Pete Ross, Charles "Chuck" Perryman (Moderator), Byron Thomas, and David Wooldridge

Be on the look out for more Southern Maryland Banjo Projects programs and events! 🎵



Left to right: Gary Pendleton, Karyn Molines, Kristina Gaddy, Pete Ross, Mary Whitmore, Monique Walker, Chuck Perryman, Byron Thomas, David Wooldridge, Target - La Plata Volunteers, Stephen Barkley, and Chris Dudley

Check out CCAA Programs Happening in May

THEATRE DIRECTORS INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE

vol. 3

The CCAA's Theatre Directors Interactive Round Table returns,
led by Tony Award-winning director A. Lorraine Robinson.

This session will focus on

Blocking Situations and Challenges

Participants should bring a problem scene for the group to
consider while discussing blocking strategies.

All are invited to participate in this event!

May 16, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Moderated by **A. LORRAINE ROBINSON**



A native of Charles County. Winner of a Tony Award for
Excellence in Theatre Education. Co-founding/Artistic Producing
Director of MuseFire Productions. Senior Director of Artistic
Programs at Sitar Arts Center in Washington DC.

Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited!

Click Here to register for free!

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CCAA May Programs (con't)

Chuck Perryman dives deeper into the West African connections of the American banjo with guest Amadou Kouyate. Click [here](#) to watch its premiere Friday, May 14 at 7:00 pm. 🎧



**SOUTHERN MARYLAND
BANJO PROJECTS**

Interview with Amadou Kouyate
Friday, May 14 @ 7:00 PM

The graphic features two portraits side-by-side. On the left is Chuck Perryman, a white man with short brown hair, wearing a dark grey blazer over a light blue button-down shirt, with his arms crossed. On the right is Amadou Kouyate, a Black man with a short afro, wearing a straw boater hat with a brown band, a white shirt, a purple patterned bow tie, and a brown vest. The background of the portraits is a blurred outdoor scene with green foliage. At the bottom right, there is a small white icon of a person with arms and legs raised.



The Maryland State Arts Council and its collaborating partners regularly offer a variety of resources, programs, and funding opportunities. Listed below are a few highlights. Information is updated weekly in the CCAA's Arts Newsflash.

You can also view the Maryland State Art Council's May [Newsletter](#) and visit www.msac.org.

Opportunity	Description	Date/Deadline	More Infomation
MSAC Programs	Funding, Resources, and Professional Development	Ongoing	www.msac.org/programs
MSAC Professional Development	Free Online Professional Development	Ongoing	https://www.eventbrite.com/o/maryland-state-arts-council-17190128438
MSDE Fine Arts Office - Professional Learning	Maryland Center for Creative Classrooms	Ongoing	www.msdefinearts.org/about-mc3



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Roberts
Henry McPherson
John & Mary Lou Rutherford
John & Lucy Snell
Joshua and Mary Whitmore

Individual

Paige Ackelson

Debora Almassy
Dr. Theresa Alo
Monika Faust Barilla
David Boarman, II
Brent Bovell
Justin Bowie
Kim Bowie-Hendricks
Alison Brooks
Destiny Brown
Nicole Brown
Draya Bryant
Johnathon Clinkscales
Finn Coy-Gresgraves
Michelle Evans
Melissa Hatcher
Olga Herrera
Barbara Hufford
Rebecca L. Hutchinson
Angelica Jackson
Linda Jones
Dianne E. Lyon
Kristi Machemer
Ivette Marcucci
Vicki L. Marckel
Julie A. Meisel
Nadira Nunez
Donna Pyles-Robinson
Nolan Solomon
Beverly Taylor
Monique Walker

Non-Profit Organization

African American Heritage
Society of Charles County
Charles County Fair, Inc.
Charles County Public Library
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Friends of Chapman State Park
Ivy and Pearls of Southern
Maryland Community Charities
Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors
Life Journeys Writers Guild
Maryland Writers' Association -
Charles County Chapter
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association
of Charles County, Inc.
Neighborhood Creative Arts
Center
Port Tobacco Players
Southern Maryland Carousel
Group
Southern Maryland Decorative
Painters

Senior

Ruth Bailey
Norma Baretincic
Cindi Barnhart
Susie Bender

Judy Burch
Rose Burroughs
Carol Y. Charnock
Brenda Clayburn
Martha Knight Clements
Carol Corbett
Dorothy Crown
Holly Dilatush
Cecelia Dunay
Patricia Duncan
Nora Eicholtz
Donald Faust
Geary Fisher
Gwendolyn A. Fleming
Joselle Gilpin
Sally Marie Goldsmith
Barbara Lord Graves
Joyce Williams Graves
William M. Graves
Doris J. Hall
Gary Hammack
Patricia P. Harrington
Sally Hopp
Arnold Hurley
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Mary Kercher
Robert Kyle
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Shirley A. Perez
Sandy Rohde
Frank Roth
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Kathryn Simkins
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Roger E. Smith
Jill Smithson
Nancy Swenson
Evans Thorne
Paul Toscano
Ernestine Ware
Reginald Ware
Carmella Watkins
Chancy Wood
Sandra Wood

Youth

Ja'Leana Graves
Sky Ann Hall
Jaden Hendricks
Joshua Owen

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CCAA Membership Form



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.

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
- ☐ Arts Sponsor – \$100
- ☐ Arts Activist – \$75
- ☐ Family – \$50
- ☐ Individual – \$30
- ☐ Senior (60+) – \$20
- ☐ 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.

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **New Member**

Name (exactly as you want it to appear in print):

Organization/Business (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ArtsFest Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance/Audit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Marketing Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office Work |
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Master Calendar FY 2021

2020

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and
Monday, September 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
CCAA Summer Retreat
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Saturday, September 19, 9:00 am – Noon
Art Box Assembly
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

Friday, November 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - Music, *Special Guest: Carly Harvey*
YouTube Live

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Friday, December 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - *DanceVisions with Special Guest: Sheryl Pollard-Thomas*
YouTube Live

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

2021

Friday, January 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - *For the LOVE of Art*
YouTube Live

Saturday, January 9, 10:00 am - Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Sunday, January 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
CCAA Mid-Winter Retreat - Virtual
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Thursday, February 11, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Virtual Maryland Arts Day
Crowdcast Platform

Friday, February 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - *When and Where We Enter: In Words and In Truth*
YouTube Live

Saturday, February 13, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

2021 (con't)

Friday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - Theatre
YouTube Live

Saturday, March 13, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Sunday, March 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable - Vol. 2
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Friday, April 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays - Open Mic, Mixed Disciplines
YouTube Live

Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am – Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 pm
CCAA 2nd Fridays (Special Edition) - The Banjo Project
CCAA YouTube Premier

Friday, May 14, 7:00 pm
Southern Maryland Banjo Projects - Special Interview
CCAA YouTube Premier

Saturday, May 15, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Sunday, May 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable - Vol. 3
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Thursday, June 5, 10:00 am - Noon
CCAA Board Meeting
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

Arts Insider

Board of Directors

Robert K. Rausch – *President*

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Diane Rausch – *Director*

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Mary Whitmore – *Administrative Specialist*

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"Joy and life exist nowhere
but the present."

Maxine Hong Kingston

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