Charles County Arts Alliance & Charles County Public Library Sign Long-Term Partnership Agreement

CCAA to Manage Art Galleries at Waldorf West Library

Saturday, March 22, 2014, was a very special day for the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) and Charles County Public Library (CCPL). On that day, the two organizations signed a long-term partnership agreement in which the CCAA will manage the Waldorf West Library art galleries on a permanent basis in the future.

A formal signing ceremony for the CCPL - CCAA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) took place during the "Meet the Artists" Public Reception held at the Waldorf West Library main gallery. CCPL Director Emily Ferren and CCAA President Robert Rausch signed the MOU. They were joined by their respective Boards of Directors and Waldorf West staff for the ceremony, with local exhibiting artists and the public in attendance.

It was a very happy day for both organizations! The signed MOU formalizes the outstanding collaboration between the two organizations that began even before the beautiful Waldorf West Library opened its doors in November 2012. During 2011, the Arts Alliance approached the Charles County Public Library during the building phase of Waldorf West with a proposal to consider converting the numerous walls throughout the two floors to professional gallery spaces, to promote our very talented local artists and their artworks on a continual basis throughout the year. The benefits of this partnership are enhanced opportunities for local artists to publicly present their artworks in a professional setting, and enhanced opportunities for the public to view original artworks and meet the actual artists behind those artworks on a periodic basis.

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Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis a Great Success!

CCAA Joined Over 400 Statewide Advocates at Maryland General Assembly

On the bitter-cold winter day of February 12, 2014, the Charles County Arts Alliance traveled to the quaint capital city of Annapolis, Maryland, to demonstrate our strong support for the arts to Governor Martin O'Malley and our elected representatives of the Maryland General Assembly. Sponsored by Maryland Citizens for the Arts (CCAA is a member), seven CCAA Board and Staff members joined a packed house of over 400 arts advocates from across the State of Maryland. This was our annual trek to advocate on behalf of the Governor's FY 2015 Budget Request for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED). The MSAC grant program is the largest single source of funding for the CCAA. The FY 2015 Budget Request for the MSAC is a record-breaking $16.2M (general fund) and an additional $2M for Preservation of the Cultural Arts in Maryland (special fund).

It was a great gathering of highly talented, creative, enthusiastic and dedicated individuals who "took a day off" from their very busy lives to ensure the continued State Government funding of the arts in Maryland – performing, visual and literary – as well as arts education in the Maryland public schools!

Attendees gathered at the Miller Senate Building for a rousing morning of welcoming speeches from many State Senators and Delegates in Annapolis. Each legislator had a story to tell, a personal direct connection to the arts – perhaps as a youth or as an adult, or through their children – that made a significant difference in their lives, and they enjoyed sharing their stories with the very receptive audience. Three highlights were:

- **Governor Martin O'Malley**, who received the 2014 Outstanding Leadership in the Arts Award. He gave a very upbeat speech in defense of his eight-year strong record supporting music and the arts, noting, "It's the arts that keep us here in Maryland and keep us going. The arts are our children's future." He also stated that Maryland is now coming out of its financial difficulties "in the Maryland way, all working together." He surprised attendees by ending his speech by singing the Stephen Foster song, "Hard Times No More," and received a standing ovation!

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ArtsFest 2014 is Coming!
Call for Artists and Exhibitors!

Saturday, June 7, 2014
12:00 – 6:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall

Calling all artists and exhibitors ... ArtsFest 2014 is coming!

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 22nd annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2014, from 12:00 – 6:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and we are pleased to be presenting it for the third year in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

ArtsFest is our annual outdoor celebration of all the arts and artists – performing, visual and literary. It is our “free gift” to the citizens of Charles County and Southern Maryland, and there is no charge for the public to attend. It is a family-friendly, wonderful way to kick off the summer season! Food and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as exhibitors are historical, heritage, multicultural and environmental organizations.

Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2000 people each year. At last year’s ArtsFest, we presented nonstop music and dance performances on two stages, over 40 artists and exhibitors on display, local authors autographing their books, and a Kid’s Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year’s ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year!

Time is of the essence, so please register for your booth space today and save money! The next Early-Bird Discount for artists and exhibitors ends April 15. The final deadline for registration is May 15. The registration form for booth space is available for downloading from the weekly Newsflash and is also included in this newsletter on page 6. Please call our CCAA Office, 301-392-5900, if you have any questions.

Hope you will join us at ArtsFest 2014!
Arts Alliance Honors Local Artists at the March 22 "Meet the Artists" Public Reception

The Charles County Arts Alliance hosted its first "Meet the Artists" Public Reception for 2014 at the Waldorf West Library on March 22, to recognize the 19 artists who contributed a total of 32 artworks for the Winter Show which was on display from January 3 to March 28, 2014. The theme for the reception was "Think Pink" to get everyone in the mood for spring and cherry blossoms. This was the fifth gallery exhibition presented by the Arts Alliance since the Waldorf West Library opened in November 2012.

The 19 artists chosen for the winter show were: Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Erin Doyle, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Don Faust, Jo Ann Gilhooly, Kylus F. Harris, Lorina Harris, Ingrid M. Hayes, Josh Hettel, Gordon R. Johnson, Belinda Hudnall Keller, Vicki Marckel, Jamie Oliver, Rebecca Polis, Annabel Lee Russell and Ashley Saldana.

Congratulations to all the artists for making the Waldorf West Library Galleries a showcase for some of the best talent in Southern Maryland!
CCAA Attends Regional Meeting of Governor O’Malley’s
Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools

On February 6, 2014, CCAA Board members and staff attended the regional meeting of Governor Martin O’Malley’s Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools held at Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf. They joined over 50 fine arts teachers, administrators and parents from across Southern Maryland in a show of solidarity to communicate the critical role of quality fine arts education to the Task Force Co-Chairs: Dr. Jack Smith, Deputy Superintendent of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), and Ms. Mary Ann Mears, Founder of the Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance.

The purpose of the statewide task force is to examine Maryland arts education policies and curriculum; determine the current status of arts education in Maryland schools; review pertinent research on the impact of fine arts education on student success in schools; and make recommendations. The task force final report will be presented to the Governor and his P20 Leadership Council in September 2014.

After some brief opening remarks, Dr. Smith and Ms. Mears spent nearly two hours listening to concerns expressed by the performing arts and visual arts educators in attendance, in an effort to discern common themes and areas for improvement. Among the issues raised by teachers and administrators were the following:

- Lack of respect for arts education as a “core academic subject” on a par with English, math and science
- Reduced classroom instruction time on a weekly basis to teach fine arts content properly
- Lack of sufficient periods in the school day for fine arts classes to be taken as an elective by many college-bound students
- Block scheduling (double-periods) resulting in fine arts no longer being a daily class, thereby disrupting the daily discipline required for subject mastery
- Fine arts class periods being interrupted/cancelled the most, due to school assemblies, pep rallies, and testing
- Visual arts classes being misused by school administrators as a “class of last resort” for some students
- Excessive classroom time spent on testing and “teaching to the test”
- Continual daily frustration by fine arts teachers due to the above issues, leading some to depart the Maryland public schools, and some to quit teaching careers altogether

The overall assessment provided to the Governor’s Task Force Co-Chairs by the attendees was one of grave concern for the future of arts education in Maryland public schools.

Thanks to the following CCAA Board and staff for attending this extremely important regional meeting: Kathy Jenkins, Dr. Roy Jenkins, Diane Rausch, Mark Walker, and Judy Crawford.
Performing Arts

Thomas Stone High School's Imagination Playhouse Presents The Wiz
Thursday - Saturday
April 3 - 5 at 7:00 pm
Tickets are $7 Adults; $5 Seniors/Military/Students

Musical based on the book, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum. Tickets available at the door. For more information, call 301-645-2601. Thomas Stone High School is located at 3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD.

Henry E. Lackey High School Masqued Chargers Present The Drowsy Chaperone
Friday-Saturday, April 4-5, 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 6, 2:00 pm
Tickets are $8 Adults; $7 Seniors (60+), Military, Students with ID; $6 Thespians

Based on the 2006 Tony Award winning musical comedy about a man remembering a 1928 musical comedy, The Drowsy Chaperone is an homage to American musicals of the Jazz Age, examining the effect musicals have on the fans who adore them. Lackey High School is located at 3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head, MD. For more information and to order tickets, call 301-753-1753.

North Point High School's Theatre Department Presents Monty Python's Spamalot
Thursday-Friday, April 3-4, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 5, 1:00 and 7:00 pm
Tickets: $8 General Admission; $5 Seniors/Students

A musical comedy adapted from the 1975 film, Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Tickets are available at the door or order in advance by calling John Minor at 301-753-1759, ext. 159796. North Point High School is located at 2500 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD.

College of Southern Maryland 11th Annual CSM Jazz Festival
April 4 and 5

Area high school jazz bands will show off their chops when they kick off the College of Southern Maryland’s 11th Annual Jazz Festival. On April 4, world renowned and multiple Grammy Award winning trumpeter Bobby Shew will rehearse with each band from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and critique their performances as part of the Jazz Festival. This is free, no tickets required.

The Festival continues with two evening concerts. On April 4, performances are by the Randy Runyon Trio with Randy Runyon Jr. on guitar, Zak Croxall on bass and Tom Hartman on drums. The April 5 concert features Bobby Shew performing with the Charles County Public School All-County Jazz Band, Solid Brass Big Band Jazz Ensemble and the Randy Runyon Trio. Concerts begin at 8:00 pm both evenings. Tickets are $5 in advance, $7 on the day of the concert. For more information and to order tickets, call 301-934-7828, or www.csm.edu/Arts. College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Campus, Fine Arts (FA) Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.
The Flute Society of Washington Presents

Spring Flute Day  
Saturday, April 26  
9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Featuring Jason Blank and the Flute Society Membership Recital

First Baptist Church of Waldorf  
10045 Bunker Hill Road  
Waldorf, MD 20603

Free to FSW Members; Nonmembers:  
$20 Adult/$10 Student

9:30-11:00 Interactive Session -  
The Musical Entrepreneur - Skills for Success.  
The music world is filled with skilled performers--how will you set yourself apart? Define your place in the music world, and learn how to put yourself there.

11:00-12:00 Lunch.  
Bring your lunch, or visit one of the numerous quick eateries close to the church.

12:00-1:45 Master Class.  
Brief performance by Mr. Blank, then he will coach four performers who were selected based on their recording of the musical selection the flutist wishes to perform. To apply, go to fsw.net/SpringFluteDay for complete details. Deadline is April 10; performer fee is $50.

2:00 - 3:30 pm FSW Membership Recital.  
Free and open to the public!  
The program includes Sonatas by Eldin Burton (Troy Paoloantonio), Erik Ewazen (Lucy Snell), & Jennifer Higdon (Emma Resmini), Lunar Mural I, a very cool piece for Alto Flute & recording by David Gunn (Laura Benning), Calliope Capers (Ladd), By Kells Waters (Via) & Out of Their Rinds (Cohen) performed by The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland.

In addition, Washington's only Pro Flute Shop, Flutists Faire, will be at the concert with instruments and music galore for you to try!

For more information, to sign up for the membership recital or a private lesson or consultation with Jason Blank, contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.

Renaissance festivals are popular throughout the country because they instantly propel visitors back to a time when lords ruled and peasants pleased, and they did so in the language and costumes of Shakespeare.

CSM's festivities commence on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 pm, with an evening of madrigals and other vocal music in the Fine Arts Center Theatre (tickets are $5 in advance; $7 the day of the concert). Two full-days of revelry will take place on Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 am through 7:00 pm. Festival activities will take place in two locations. In the Fine Arts Theatre, the CSM Theatre Company will present repeat performances of the Greek classic Lysistrata, by Aristophanes, throughout the day (all day wrist band is $10). All other activities, musical performances, face-painting, games, etc., will be on the lawn in front of the Fine Arts Lobby, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata. Activities are either free or priced by the vendor.

For more information, please visit CSM's website at collegeof南方maryland.edu.
Literary Arts

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.
Big Quarterly Gathering
April 26, 2014,
2:00-4:30 pm
Waldorf West Library
10405 O'Donnell Place
Waldorf, MD

A special guest (whose work appeared in the movie, *Juno*) will discuss the "Business of the Writer." Enjoy food, LJWC's traditional (non-alcoholic) "Champagne" toast, giveaways, raffles, and more. For LJWC information, call 301.705.8972 or email emeddle@aol.com, or go to the website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group will meet at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email Natasha Miller at nmiller@ccplonline.org for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

April 3: Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Set in present day Appalachia; this is a breathtaking parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths. Kingsolver's riveting story concerns a young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee who experiences something she cannot explain, and how her discovery energizes various competing factions, trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world.

April 2: The Balzac and the Chinese Seamstresses by by Dai Sijie and Ina Rilke. This enchanting tale captures the magic of reading and the wonder of romantic awakening. It tells the story of two hapless city boys exiled to a remote mountain village for re-education during China's infamous Cultural Revolution. There, the two friends meet the daughter of the local tailor and discover a hidden stash of Western classics in Chinese translation. As they flirt with the seamstress and secretly devour these banned works, the two friends find transit from their grim surroundings to worlds they never imagined.

Waldorf Book Discussion Groups (P.D. Brown Library) The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864 or email mruss@ccplonline.org. The P.D. Brown Library is located at 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD 20602.

April 5: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce. Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. One morning a letter arrives, addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl, from a woman he hasn't heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessy is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye. But before Harold mails off a quick reply, a chance encounter convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. This is a novel of charm, humor, and profound insight into the thoughts and feelings we all bury deep within our hearts.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the P.D. Brown Library. Call 301-645-2864 or email lclark@ccplonline.org for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.

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The Jane Austen Film and Book Club
Thursday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD

It's Sherlock Holmes Night! Any book or film about the famous sleuth will be discussed. For more information, contact Cindy at 301-645-2864.

Charles County Public Library
Spring Reading Program Presents
Spring into your Library

Sign up for games, storytime, movies, different activities every day! The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children from 18 months to 18 years. For more information and to sign up, go to http://www.ccplonline.org or call 301-645-1395.

BookNuts Bookstore

Authors Wanted for Monthly Receptions and Book Signings!

BookNuts is looking for local authors interested in participating at one of their monthly Author Reception and Book Signing events. These events, usually held the first Saturday of the month, give authors an opportunity to meet new readers in a public forum. It is a great place to practice your "elevator speech" on why your book is worth reading. BookNuts also provides shelf space for local authors, and actively promotes their books on their website, www.BookNutsBookStore.com.

These events are attended by around 100 customers, and authors typically sell between 4 and 20 copies of their books. Authors from a varied genre are encouraged to participate.

A short list of past participants in BookNuts Author Receptions includes

- Jeff Yeager, author of the wildly successful Ultimate Cheapskate series
- Elissa Brent Weissman, award-winning children's author of Short Seller, Nerd Camp and several others
- Marguerite Labbe, paranormal romance writer
- James Brewster, creator of the Uncle Rocky, Fireman series of children's books
- Ralph Eshelman, local historian and author of The War of 1812 in the Chesapeake
- Mary Ann Jenkins, author of The Cardboard Box and The Witch's Journal

Interested authors should contact BookNuts BookStore by email at info@BookNutsBookStore.com or by visiting the store at 4459 Crain Highway, White Plains, MD 20695. Phone 301-836-6236.
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