ArtsFest 2014 was a Great Success!

Thanks to All the Artists, Exhibitors, Performers, Volunteers and Attendees!

The brilliant sunshine on Saturday morning, June 7, was a welcome greeting to the day for the 22nd annual ArtsFest, held again on the beautiful grounds surrounding the La Plata Town Hall. Morning events began at 8:00 am with Yoga on the Lawn led by Anne Machetto. At noon, the public was welcomed to visit the 47 artists and exhibitor tents, enjoy the sights and sounds of 13 performing groups throughout the day, and indulge in the delicious offerings from 8 food vendors.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to Mayor Roy Hale, Town Manager Daniel Mears, Special Events Coordinator Colleen Wilson, and the Town of La Plata for hosting us again this year. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Charles County Commissioners for proclaiming Saturday, June 7, as "ArtsFest Day in Charles County," and to Commissioner Vice President Reuben Collins and Commissioner Ken Robinson for presenting us with the County Proclamation in person during our opening ceremonies.

Thanks to all the artists and exhibitors, to the music and dance groups that entertained non-stop throughout the day, and to author and storyteller Shirley Perez, who read from her book Big Nose. Thanks also goes to Lorina Harris who directed the children’s art tent, and to the Southern Maryland Astronomical Society who set up day telescopes which allowed viewing of sunspots and even solar flares!

Most of all, our deepest gratitude goes to the ArtsFest 2014 Committee: Robert Rausch (Chair), Bill Adams, Cindy Johnson, and Diane Rausch, and to all the Board members and community volunteers who made our event another great success this year!

An estimated 2,500 men, women and children attended ArtsFest 2014. If you missed ArtsFest this year, take a look at the photos on pages 3 and 4, and plan to attend ArtsFest 2015 next year!
This year, again, a "secret" committee of judges scouted out the booths and awarded certificates to the Most Beautiful Tents. The winners were:

**First Place:** Mattawoman Watershed Society

**Second Place:** Kay Simkins

**Third Place:** Teachers with Cameras

**Fourth Place:** Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation

Throughout the day, tickets were sold for a chance at an outstanding gourmet gift basket, valued at $500. The proceeds go toward the scholarships that CCAA awards every year to graduating Charles County high school and college seniors who plan to continue their studies in the arts. This year's lucky winner of the gift basket was Roseanne Markham.

More fun at ArtsFest . . .
June 7, 2014, is Proclaimed "ArtsFest Day in Charles County"

County Commissioners of Charles County
Proclamation 2014-17

ARTSFEST DAY IN CHARLES COUNTY
June 7, 2014

WHEREAS, in Charles County, the arts of the creative disciplines and expression are an essential part of the quality of life and are inextricably linked to the provision of a high-quality, dynamic community providing opportunities for growth, to promote economic development and generate tourism, and

WHEREAS, the ArtsFest Art Walk, established in 1986, is a signature event that recognizes the "ArtsFest" neighborhood in the Provost area of Charles County. The annual event features local artists, the arts community, businesses and residents, thus promoting tourism, art, commerce and support for the arts of the County and the Region.

WHEREAS, the Charles County Arts Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing arts awareness and increasing arts attendance, was established in 1996. The Alliance will be holding a 25th anniversary arts festival on June 7, 2014, at the Patuxent Discovery Museum. The event will feature live music, dance, art demonstrations, a performance by the Honors Choral Ensemble of the University of Maryland, the Maryland State Ballet and other groups.

WHEREAS, the arts festival will be held on June 7, 2014, to celebrate the arts, the arts community, and the arts economy in Charles County as a community, a business, and as an industry.

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, Saturday, June 7, 2014, as "ArtsFest Day in Charles County." We urge all citizens to participate fully in the celebration of the arts, and to support our local artists and arts organizations.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

[Signatures]

Cari N. Brady, Chairman

Maryland Arts Council

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July 2014
May 3 - 11, 2014, was National Tourism Week, and the Charles County Arts Alliance was on hand at the Crain Memorial Welcome Center in Newburg to participate in this annual event. From May 6 - 8, CCAA President Robert Rausch and CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford greeted well over 100 guests, from local residents to those traveling long distances, but all stopping at the Welcome Center for a rest, maps, or brochures on Maryland’s attractions.

CCAA had the opportunity to impress many newcomers to Southern Maryland with the abundance of arts-related activities, especially ArtsFest and the upcoming Kris Kringle Christmas Market! Even though the majority of the visitors were “just passing through,” they were very interested in returning for future events. We look forward to seeing them when they again visit Charles County, Maryland!

Benedict History and Archaeology Discoveries
Sunday, July 27, 3:00 pm
St. Francis de Sales Church Hall
7185 Benedict Avenue, Benedict, MD

Join Dr. Julie Schablitsky and Carol Cowherd to learn about recent archaeological and historical research in and around Benedict.

Dr. Julie Schablitsky is the chief archaeologist and the head of the cultural resources section at the Maryland State Highway Administration. She will discuss the military occupation of Benedict sharing the search for the War of 1812 British encampment and the re-discovery of the African American Civil War site, Camp Stanton. She will also explore life of enslaved African Americans nearby sharing the discovery and findings from a late 18th-early 19th century burial ground. A selection of colonial and military artifacts will be displayed after the presentation.

Carol Cowherd is the President of the Charles County Archaeological Society of Maryland. She has done extensive research on the history and property ownership in colonial port towns of Charles County. Ms. Cowherd has published her research in Maryland Archaeology, the Journal of the Archaeological Society of Maryland. On July 27, she will share her latest discoveries about Benedict during the 19th Century.

The next upcoming event in celebration of the War of 1812 will be the Benedict Underfoot, which is a Historical Village Walk. This event will be held on Sunday, August 31. Bring the whole family to the event to learn about our history in Charles County.

For more information, contact Sheila Geisert at 301-645-0682 or GeisertS@CharlesCountyMD.gov. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.
Town of La Plata
Summer Shows for Kids!
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD

The shows are geared towards preschool and elementary age children and are approximately 45 minutes long. The shows are free, open to the public, and are held outdoors on the West lawn where the Friday night concerts take place (weather permitting - shows will not be moved indoors). Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. No concessions will be available, but you are welcome to bring drinks and snacks along.

Tuesday July 8: 10:00 am
The Great Zucchini
Washington's funniest and most magical preschool and kindergarten entertainer, with over 12 years of experience making kids laugh!

Tuesday July 15: 10:00 am
Chin Hamaya Culture Center
Are you ready for some drumming fun? Do you want to learn about Okinawa and Japan? Are you ready for a special performance by our Dragon and Shisa? Come out and join us for a cultural interactive show that will have you learning a traditional fishing song, listening to an Okinawan fairytale and tapping your feet to the music and drums of Okinawa!

Port Tobacco Players
The Music Man
Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:00 pm
July 11 - August 3, 2014
Tickets: $17 Adult; $14 Senior (60+), Youth to 18, and Military

Follow fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize - this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef! His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall. For more information, call 301-932-6819 or visit www.ptplayers.com. The theater is located at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD.

Ballet Arts Academy
Summer Dance Camp
July 14 - August 2
Before and After Care Available

Ballet, jazz, modern, tap, vocal and drama classes. Pre-registration is required. Call 301-932-4002 or email at dance@balletartsacademy.org. Visit their website at www.balletartsacademy.org for more details. The Academy is located at the Old Waldorf School, 3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD.
Performing Arts

Friday Night Concerts in Charles County!

Two Locations! Free Admission!

La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata
7:00 to 9:00 pm

Sunset Concert Festival
O'Donnell Lake Restaurant Park
10400 O'Donnell Lake Park, Waldorf
(Next to the Hilton Garden Inn)
7:00 pm

Bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting; coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available near the back of the parking lot.

July 11 - Sara Gray Band - Top 40 Country/Classic Rock

July 18 - Port Tobacco Pickers - Bluegrass

July 25 - Roadhouse - Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country

August 1 - U.S. Naval Academy Band Electric Brigade - Pop & Rock Favorites

August 8 - John Luskey Band - Pop, Country & Rock

August 15 - Eric Scott Band - Acoustic Soup/Pop

August 22 - Appaloosa - Top 40 Classic/Rock

August 29 - Southern Maryland Concert Band - Concert Band Favorites & Showtune Instrumentals

September 5 - U.S Army Field Band Chamber Brass - Patriotic & Americana

September 12 - Dr. Phill's Big Band - Big Band & Swing

September 19 - Dance Party with Elite Beatz Entertainment

September 26 - U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers - Jazz, R&B, Rock, Contemporary & Pop

For more information, visit www.townoflaplata.org.

Bring your chairs or blankets, or sit on the benches and steps and enjoy another summer of musical entertainment by the lake! Chick-fil-A and The Meadows Original Frozen Custard will be on hand to sell dinners and desserts.

July 4 - Steve Hickman and John Devine

July 11 - Max Impact (Military Appreciation Night)

July 18 - Alfredo Mojica and Friends

July 25 - Eric Scott

August 1 - Marguerite

August 8 - Deanna Dove

August 15 - Kajun Kelly

August 22 - Anthony "Swampdog" Clark

August 29 - Tomorrow's Time

For more information, go to www.stcharlesmd.com/summer-concert-series.html.

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This month, BookNuts BookStore features five local authors working in a diverse range of genres:

**James Mascia**, whose previous teen novels include *The Poe Murders* and *New York Jungle Zombies: Invasion*, has recently completed the fourth novel in the "High School Heroes" series. In *Hero’s Burden*, the powers of one of the teenage superheroes suddenly stop working. Ordinary life is boring, and she quickly tires of her superhero friends protecting her, so she sets out to discover the reason for her "new normal."

Life Journeys Writers Club founder **Yvonne Medley**’s *Jubi Stone: Saved by the Vine* tells the story of a young woman challenged by the generation gap between her and her parents and the temptations of life. Yvonne has published several other books, including *Prison Plumb Line* and *God in Wingtip Shoes*.

**Patricia Harrington** returns to BookNuts with a piece of supernatural fiction, *Witchy Tales: Gail Warning*. When four elderly witches (the unofficial neighborhood watch group) spot suspicious activity at a neighboring house, they get involved with trying to figure out what is going on. Using potions and spells, they discover the new neighbors are up to no good. Pat previously published a romance novel set along the Potomac, *Hooked*.

**E. Louis Jefferson** writes in several genres, but his recent children’s book, *The Little Tadpole*, shows that being kind to each other and making friends starts at a young age and how rewarding friendship is. The story tells of a young tadpole who wasn’t allowed to play with the older frogs in his pond because he was too young. He was terribly lonely because he had no friends. When he grew into a full grown frog, he remembered what that was like and how lonely it made him feel. He convinces all his new friends that just because they are older, everyone needs friends, especially the youngest members of their community.

**Michael Kibler**’s *Horses, Humans and Harmony* takes a psychological approach to working with horses. Mr. Kibler trains horses in Southern Maryland, and respects the powerful bond between horses and humans.

BookNuts BookStore is located at 4459 Crain Highway, Unit 103, White Plains, MD. For more information, visit their website at www.BookNutsBookStore.com or call 301-836-6236.
Waldorf Book Discussion Groups (P.D. Brown Library) The Adult Book Discussion Group will meet on the second Saturday in July, 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.

**July 12: Self-Selected Fiction.**
Here's your chance to discuss your favorite novel!

**Waldorf West Summer Adult Book Club**
Meets on Tuesdays, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Pre-registration at www.ccplonline.org is required by the evening before the discussion. The Library is located at 10405 O' Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

**July 15:** *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* by Mary Roach. Space is a world devoid of the things we need to live and thrive: air, gravity, hot showers, fresh produce, privacy. Space exploration is in some ways an exploration of what it means to be human. How much can a person give up? What happens to you when you can't walk for a year? Is it possible for the human body to survive a bailout at 17,000 miles per hour? To answer these questions and more, space agencies set up all manner of quizzical and startlingly bizarre space simulations. As Mary Roach discovers, it's possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule (cadaver filling in for astronaut), Roach takes us on a surreally entertaining trip into the science of life in space and space on Earth.

**Writers of Color Book Club**
A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of the African diaspora who write contemporary fiction, including urban fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Go to http://www.ccplonline.org and click on the calender to register for the next discussion. For more information, call Ashley Teagle or Deborah Erwin at 301-645-1395.

**King Peggy July 22: King Peggy: An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an Village by Peggielene Bartels and Eleanor Herman.** The astonishing journey of American secretary, Peggielene Bartels, who suddenly finds herself king to a town of 7,000 people on Ghana’s central coast, half a world away. Upon arriving for her crowning ceremony in beautiful Otuaam, she discovers the dire reality: there’s no running water, no doctor, no high school, and many of the village elders are stealing the town’s funds. Ultimately, a deeply traditional African town is uplifted by the ambitions of its decidedly modern female king, and Peggy is herself transformed, from an ordinary secretary to the heart and hope of her community.

**Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group**
meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Contact Lena Cox at 301-375-7375 or email lcox@ccplonline.org for more information. The Senior Center is located at 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD 20640.

**July 23:** *Songs of Willow Frost* by Jamie Ford. Set against the backdrop of Depression-era Seattle, Songs of Willow Frost is a powerful tale of two souls—a boy with dreams for his future and a woman escaping her haunted past—both seeking love, hope, and forgiveness.
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Abbott & Charlotte Martin
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

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Sat, Jul 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
New CCAA Board Member Orientation
United Way House, La Plata

Sat, Jul 20, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Summer Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons

Sat, Aug 10, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Wed, Aug 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
CAD Grant Workshop
United Way House, La Plata

Sat, Sep 7, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

Wed-Sun, Sep 11 - 15
Charles County Fair
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

Sat, Sep 21, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
Old Waldorf School

Sat, Sep 28, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
"Mind Your Business" Free Legal/Financial Seminar
Waldorf West Library

Sat, Oct 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Sun, Oct 13, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm
La Plata Fall Festival
La Plata Town Hall

Sat, Oct 19, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
Waldorf West Library

Sat, Oct 26, 2:00 - 6:30 pm
"Celebrate Charles" FallFest
Regency Stadium, Waldorf

Sat, Nov 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Sat, Nov 23, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala
Old Waldorf School

Fri, Dec 6, 4:00 - 9:00 pm
Sat, Dec 7, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
"A Holiday Arts Faire" - Kris Kringle Christmas Market
2013 Charles County Holiday Trail
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

Sat, Dec 14, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

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Sat, Jan 25, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Midwinter Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons

Thu, Feb 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Governor O'Malley's Leadership Council
"Task Force on Arts Education in Maryland Schools"
Public Regional Forum
Thomas Stone High School, Waldorf

Sat, Feb 8, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Wed, Feb 12, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Maryland Arts Day
Annapolis

Mon, Mar 10, 7:30 - 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Sat, Mar 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

Sat, Apr 12, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Sat, Apr 26, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
Celebrate La Plata Day
La Plata Town Hall, La Plata

Sat, May 3, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Membership Meeting and Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

Sat, May 3, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

Sat, May 17, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

Thu, Jun 5, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall

Sat, Jun 7, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
(Pain Date June 8)
ArtsFest 2014
La Plata Town Hall

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