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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 ArtFest, 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! This year, we have “early bird discounts” that end on March 15, and 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 3. Please call our CCAA Office, 301-392-5900, if you have any questions.

Hope you will join us at ArtsFest 2014!



President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

This month, we are pleased to have one of our Board members and Grant Committee Chair, Mark Walker, offer encouragement to you to become a volunteer:

Someone yells "FIRE!!!" Which way do you run? Would you run away? Get up and get out and run for your life? Or, would you look around, maybe see what you could see? Maybe, like many people, would you run toward the fire and see if there was something you could do to help?

Americans run toward areas where they think they can help. I once heard a tourist from Belgium, traveling here in the States, say "... *Americans are joiners. They are a people that join with other people to do things. Americans get involved.*" Yes we do.

Americans will get involved. We will march for a cause. We will give, and give greatly, if we perceive a need. We will show-up and stand-up when we feel something should be changed. We will tirelessly lend our support that others might benefit. Often the others never know what we did for them. We will volunteer.

What does volunteer mean to you? Lead a scout troop? Coach a team? Join the military? Or, something on a lower key? Tutor a struggling student? Visit an elderly shut-in?

Volunteering is very healthy. Volunteering means we must move outside of our comfort zone. We have to take a risk. We can also reap a reward. We help ourselves when we help others. I've heard it said "...*we never get so much as when we give.*"

Are you in a rut? Stuck in your routine? Has life become boring and this perpetual snow-storm winter just making it worse?

Here's an idea: **GET INVOLVED!** Get out of the house. Get away from work. Get to a new place. A place where you can do what you do when you don't have to do anything. Go do what you want to do where you want to do it.

Charles County, and all of Southern Maryland, abounds with opportunities to get involved. Talk to your local Fire Department, animal shelter, library, seniors' home, athletic association, charity, on and on. The list is virtually endless. If you look you will find a special place for you.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve." - Albert Schweitzer

I hope you have found, or will soon find, a place to serve. This thought is brought to you by one of the many volunteers at the Charles County Arts Alliance. Perhaps you can come join us and become a volunteer for this year's ArtsFest!

Thank you, Mark, for those inspiring words! Until next time, March On!

Bob

Robert K. Rausch
CCAA President



Sponsored by the **Charles County Arts Alliance**, in partnership with the **Town of La Plata**

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014 (RAIN DATE SUNDAY, JUNE 8)
12:00 NOON TO 6:00 PM

Visual, Literary Artists and Arts Organizations

BOOTH REGISTRATION DEADLINES: MARCH 15 - \$50; APRIL 15 - \$60; MAY 15 - \$70

Nonprofit Organizations: Historical, Heritage, Cultural and Environmental

BOOTH REGISTRATION DEADLINES: MARCH 15 - \$25; APRIL 15 - \$30; MAY 15 - \$35

Contact Information (please print or type):

Full Name (organization and individual):		
Street Address:		
Mailing Address (if different):		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	Email Address:	
Website:		
Do you wish to be located on the West Side (music performance side) or the East Side (food court side)?		
<input type="checkbox"/> West Side <input type="checkbox"/> East Side		
Any Special Requirements (wheelchair accessible, etc.):		

Describe your booth display (This will be used for publicity purposes 75 words max.)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Fees are based on one booth measured at 12' x 12'.
- You are responsible for providing all tables, chairs, popup tents, canopies, display hardware, etc.
- There is no electricity available.
- Tent stakes are not permitted; please bring sandbags or other weights.
- Artists are encouraged to create, demonstrate, and actively engage the public throughout the day.
- Hands-on arts activities are also encouraged for children and adults.
- For more info or questions, call 301-392-5900.
- ArtsFest takes place on June 7 with a rain date of June 8. In case of severe weather, please call 301-392-5900 for a recorded message. Cancellation or postponement will be determined by 9:00 pm on Friday, June 6.
- Please initial your acknowledgment: _____

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

- For Visual Artists/Literary Artists: No re-sales nor sales of manufactured products or imported items will be permitted. All literary works for sale must be by the author: Fees per booth thru March 15 - \$50; April 15 - \$60; May 15 - \$70.
- For Nonprofit Organizations displaying/exhibiting only: Fees per booth thru March 15 - \$25; April 15 - \$30; May 15 - \$35.

TOTAL BOOTH SPACES NEEDED:

- How many booth spaces do you require? _____ Total Booth Registration Fee: _____

Please complete form and mail with check to: **Charles County Arts Alliance, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695**

Arts Alliance Accepting Applications for the Gallery Committee



University of Maryland Charles
Regional Medical Center



Commissioners Gallery
Charles County Government Building



Waldorf West Library

Interested in Visual Arts? The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is accepting applications for several volunteer openings on its Gallery Committee. CCAA manages multiple gallery spaces in Charles County, including the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery, the Commissioners Gallery in the Charles County Government Building in La Plata, and four separate gallery spaces in the Waldorf West Library. The Gallery Committee is a working committee and will require a degree of dedication.

What Does the Gallery Committee Do? The committee sets the exhibition schedule for CCAA galleries, chooses the artists and/or themes for exhibits, acts as liaison between artists and the CCAA, and assists in the installation of artworks.

Do I Qualify? The only requirements are that you love art, you are willing to volunteer as part of a team, and that you are a member of the Charles County Arts Alliance. Not a member yet? It's easy to join! There's a membership form on page 19 in this *Arts Insider* that you can complete and mail in with your check or go to www.charlescountyarts.org to join online!

How Do I Apply? Please send an email to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com with "Gallery Committee Application" in the subject line. Include your name, contact information, hours available and a brief paragraph about your interest in serving on the CCAA Gallery Committee.

We look forward to hearing from you!



NATIONAL ARTS ADVOCACY DAY March 24-25, 2014 in Washington, D.C. Omni Shoreham Hotel

2500 Calvert Road NW, Washington, DC 20008

Hosted by Americans for the Arts and cosponsored by 85+ national arts organizations, National Arts Advocacy Day is the largest gathering of its kind, bringing together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations. Grassroots advocates from across the country come to Washington DC to meet with their members of Congress in support of issues like arts education policy, the charitable tax deduction, and funding for the National Endowment for the Arts.

What's At Stake In 2014? Between tax reform, budget battles, and education reauthorization, support for arts and arts education is facing many challenges on Capitol Hill this year. As Congress and the administration grapple with ever-changing policy proposals, it is imperative that arts advocates come to Washington, DC to make sure the arts to make their voices heard!

Strategize with experienced advocates during an interactive role play session on how to make the case for the arts and arts education to your members of Congress. Network with your fellow arts advocates from across the country and go on congressional visits led by State Captains. Learn the latest research facts and figures on the arts to help make your case. This year, we're excited to announce some program changes that will improve training opportunities to help advocates be more successful at Arts Advocacy Day. These skills will make you a more effective advocate for the arts on the local level:

- Specialized policy briefings for beginner and advanced advocates
- A new breakout session for student advocates to learn how to take action back on their campuses
- Increased time for advocates to network and plan their visits to Capitol Hill
- One-on-one professional development consultations with an advocacy expert to practice making the case for the arts
- Hear Google staff present their latest nonprofit tools and learn about their Cultural Institute project.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. Go to at <http://www.americansforthearts.org/events/arts-advocacy-day/> register for complete details of events and registration instructions .



Maryland State Arts Council

Statewide Poll: The Arts in Maryland: How We Relate to Creativity in Our Lives



At 81%, Marylanders overwhelmingly agree that “a vibrant arts community makes Maryland a better place to live,” according to a new statewide public opinion survey released by the MSAC. According to the results, two out of three Marylanders say the state should encourage and promote artistic expression and access to the arts, with top priorities including art and creativity in communities, exposure to the arts in schools and opportunities for artists to be successful.

Key data points from the 800 state-wide, randomly selected participants in the survey include:

- The public strongly believes that the State of Maryland should “encourage and promote artistic expression and access to the arts.” Two-thirds of Marylanders (68%) think the State should play that role.
- The public in Maryland places an extremely high priority on bringing children in contact with the arts. 87% of Marylanders want art to be a core subject in school like science, technology, engineering and math.
- Marylanders express a deep appreciation and pride for the presence of art and artists in their communities. 86% would like Maryland to be known as a state where artists can be successful; and 72% said, “My life is made more interesting by the arts.”
- The arts promote cultural connections. 60% of Marylanders agree that “Artistic expression keeps me in touch with my cultural identity.”
- Arts are a key asset in the workplace. One-third or workers in Maryland feel they employ a creative discipline as part of their work.
- Maryland has a strong artist presence. A quarter of Marylanders consider themselves artists, with instrumental music being the most common pursuit of self-described artists (31%), followed by writing (15%) and dance (13%).

Read the full report at <http://www.msac.org/statewidesurvey>. Go to <http://www.msac.org/publications> to view a complete list of MSAC publications.

Commissioners Announce Waldorf Photo Contest Winners

On Tuesday, February 11, the Charles County Commissioners announced the winners of the Waldorf Beautification Project Photo Contest *"Autumn Colors of Waldorf: With Pride, We Prosper."* Citizens were encouraged to capture images showing places in Waldorf with eye-catching foliage. One winner was selected in each of three categories: Residential, Business, and Open Space/Recreational Area.



First Place Winner: Residential

Kayla Parthree

"Walking... Don't Fall!"



First Place Winner: Business

Glenn Macaranas

"Red Oak Spendor"



First Place Winner: Open Space

Mike Donahue

"St. Charles Lake"

Honorable Mention



Randy Stacks

"Art in Nature"



Melissa Reese

"Burning Leaves"



Michael Lucchesi

"Leaves of Autumn"



Caroline Kauffman

"Fall Spectrum"



Anne Starks

"In the Woods, Beautiful
Colors of Fall"



Denise Grant

"Sunset on a Sunday"

The Charles County Board of Commissioners congratulates the winners of the Waldorf Beautification Project Photo Contest, *"Autumn Colors of Waldorf: With Pride, We Prosper."* Pictured, left to right: Michael Lucchesi; Kayla Parthree; Commissioner Ken Robinson (District 1); Commissioner President Candice Quinn Kelly; Commissioner Vice President Reuben B. Collins, II (District 3); Mike Donahue; Anne Starks; Commissioner Debra M. Davis, Esq. (District 2); Commissioner Bobby Rucci (District 4); Caroline Kauffman.

Waldorf Beautification Project Spring 2014 Kickoff Set for March 29

The Charles County Commissioners invite citizens to attend the Waldorf Beautification Project Spring 2014 Kickoff event on Saturday, March 29, at 1:00 pm at the VanGO Park-and-Ride lot (intersection of U.S. Route 301 Crain Highway and Smallwood Drive West near the St. Charles Towne Center mall). Commissioner Vice President Reuben B. Collins, II (District 3) will announce details about the 2014 Waldorf Beautification Student Poster Contest, an area-focused litter prevention campaign, and an update on the construction at the intersection of Route 5 (Leonardtown Road) and Old Washington Road.

Find out how you can help our community and show your Waldorf pride at the Waldorf Beautification Project Spring 2014 Kickoff event, which will include special presentations on litter enforcement and the Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor. The Charles County Government hybrid Ford Escape will be filled with giveaways, including seedlings and vehicle litter bags. The event is open to the public.

The Waldorf Beautification Project gives businesses, homeowners associations, neighborhood representatives, civic and charitable organizations, students, elected officials, and interested citizens an opportunity to join together to make a difference. The project began in 2013 with several successful community improvement initiatives, including a student poster contest, the Autumn Colors of Waldorf Photo Contest, and placement of signs reminding citizens of the project's slogan, *"With Pride, We Prosper!"*

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 301-645-0580 or 301-885-2779. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 866-269-9006.



Winners of the 2013 Waldorf Beautification Project Poster Contest

Local News

Town of La Plata Vendor Registration Opens for *Celebrate La Plata* Deadline to Apply is April 11

The Town of La Plata is now accepting vendors for the



Town's spring festival, *Celebrate La Plata*, to be held on **Saturday, April 26, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.** There is no charge for vendors; space and applications will be accepted on a first come,

first served basis. There are only 48 spaces available and very few have access to electricity. As a vendor you must provide your own tables, chairs and pop-up tent (optional). Only one home party sales vendor per company (like Mary Kay, Thirty One, Tupperware, etc.) will be accepted. Go to their website at <http://www.townoflaplata.org> to download registration forms for craft/business and food vendors. Town of La Plata, 305 Queen Ann Street, PO Box 2268, La Plata, MD 20646. Phone 301-934-8421.



Scenes from 2013
Celebrate La Plata



Paint Annapolis June 23-29 Submissions Due March 5



Paint Annapolis is a four-day juried *plein air* (painting outside rather than in a studio) painting competition held June 23-29, 2014, that brings to Annapolis painters from across the United States.

For 12 years it has been a premier event, bringing artists and patrons of the arts together

to share in the spirit of the energy and vibrancy of outdoor painting. The event is designed to explore in paint the special colonial architecture, marine atmosphere and overall energy of Maryland's capital city - home to families, business, colleges, and maritime activities. Join the Anne Arundel County Arts Council, the Mid Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, the USNA Alumni Association and numerous individuals in sponsoring this event.

Artists apply now! Go to <http://www.mdfedart.com> for complete registration instructions, schedule of events, deadlines, fees and awards information.

June 24-26: Juried artists will paint around Anne Arundel County and Annapolis

June 27: "Dueling Brushes" – a 1.5 hour "quick draw" that is open to artists of all ages and abilities

June 27: Evening reception for artists and sponsors

June 28: Public reception and awards ceremony

Submissions Juror Ned Mueller is a Master Painter and signature member of the Oil Painters of America.

Performing Arts

Indian Head Senior Center Music Spotlight: The Irish Tenors Thursday, March 6, 2014, 1:00 pm

FREE!

**100 Cornwallis Square,
Indian Head, MD**

Join us for an informative presentation on the Irish Tenors. The career of the Irish Tenors has been one of the most unusual in contemporary music. Each of the original members enjoyed successful solo careers before coming together for a concert envisioned as a special event at the Royal Dublin Society. For more information, call (301) 743-2125, or visit www.charlescountymd.gov/cs/aging/senior-centers.



Hexagon

Washington's Only Original Political Satirical Musical Comedy Revue Presents *Midterm Madness*

March 7 - March 29

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

Tickets: \$30 Individual, \$25 for Groups of 10 or more



**Montgomery College
Cultural Arts Center
7995 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD**

Come see what has kept audiences returning for 59 years! Proceeds benefit Sarah's Circle (www.sarahscircle.org), a nonprofit located in the Adams Morgan community of Washington,

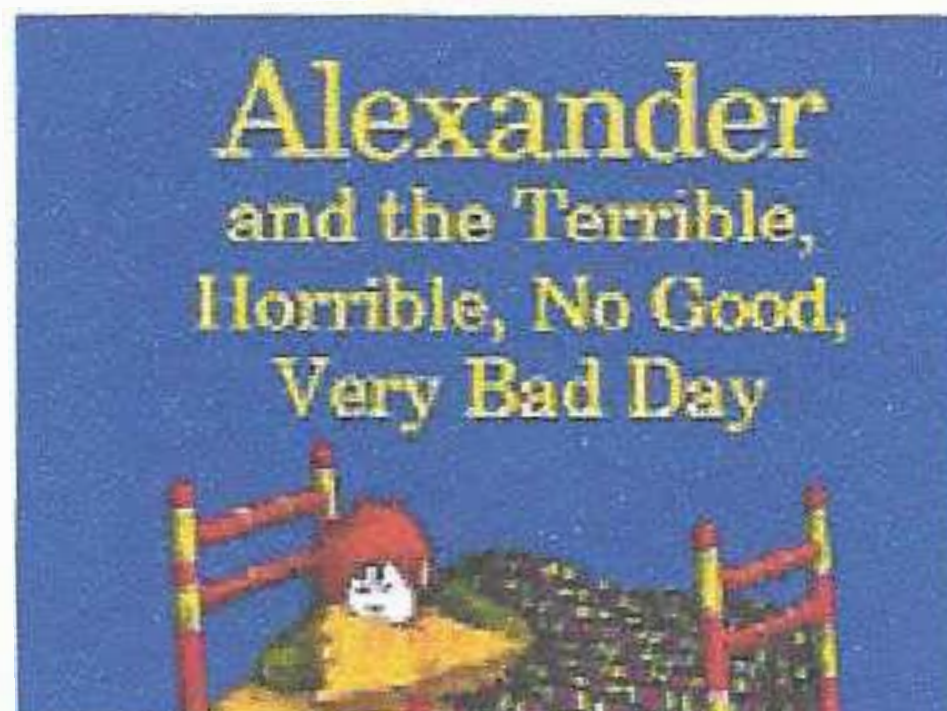
DC, providing comprehensive programs and services for very low-income seniors. For more information, performance times, and to order tickets, visit www.hexagon.org or call 202-333-7469.

College of Southern Maryland *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*

Friday, March 7 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm

\$7 adults/seniors, \$5 youth (high school and below)



Alexander is having a bad day. A horrible day. To be quite honest, it's a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. In this delightful adaptation of her popular book, Judith Viorst sets Alexander's

rather trying life to music and brings to the stage one of America's feistiest characters. Contact the box office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-7828. For more information, visit the website at www.csmd.edu/Arts.

Ward Virts Concert Series

Sunday, March 9, 3:00 pm

Laura Armstrong, Clarinet

College of Southern Maryland

Prince Frederick Campus

Multi-purpose room 104, Building B

115 J.W. Williams Road

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

No admission fee.

Laura Armstrong is a freelance clarinetist and saxophonist currently living in Baltimore, MD, and is a faculty member of Shippensburg University and Frederick Community College, where she teaches clarinet and saxophone. For more information please visit www.lauraarmstrong.net.



Performing Arts

College of Southern Maryland and Celtic Society of Southern Maryland

Present Carlos Núñez

Saturday, March 8, 7:30 pm

Leonardtown Campus
Auditorium

Núñez comes from the Celtic nation of Galicia in Spain and plays the penny whistle, ocarina, Jew's harp, tin whistle, flute and Galician bagpipe. Tickets are \$30 at the door.

For more information about Núñez, his music and to order advance tickets, go to <http://www.carlosnunez.com>. The campus is located at 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown.



College of Southern Maryland *But I Said No*

by Doug Grissom and Margaret Baldwin

March 12 at 7:30 pm (LEON)

March 13 at 7:30 pm (PRIN)

March 27 at 7:30 pm (LAPL)

March 28 - 29 at 8:00 pm (LAPL)

\$5 all ages, production may not be suitable for younger audiences.

This educational theatre piece on acquaintance rape has received national acclaim and has toured extensively on college campuses around the country.

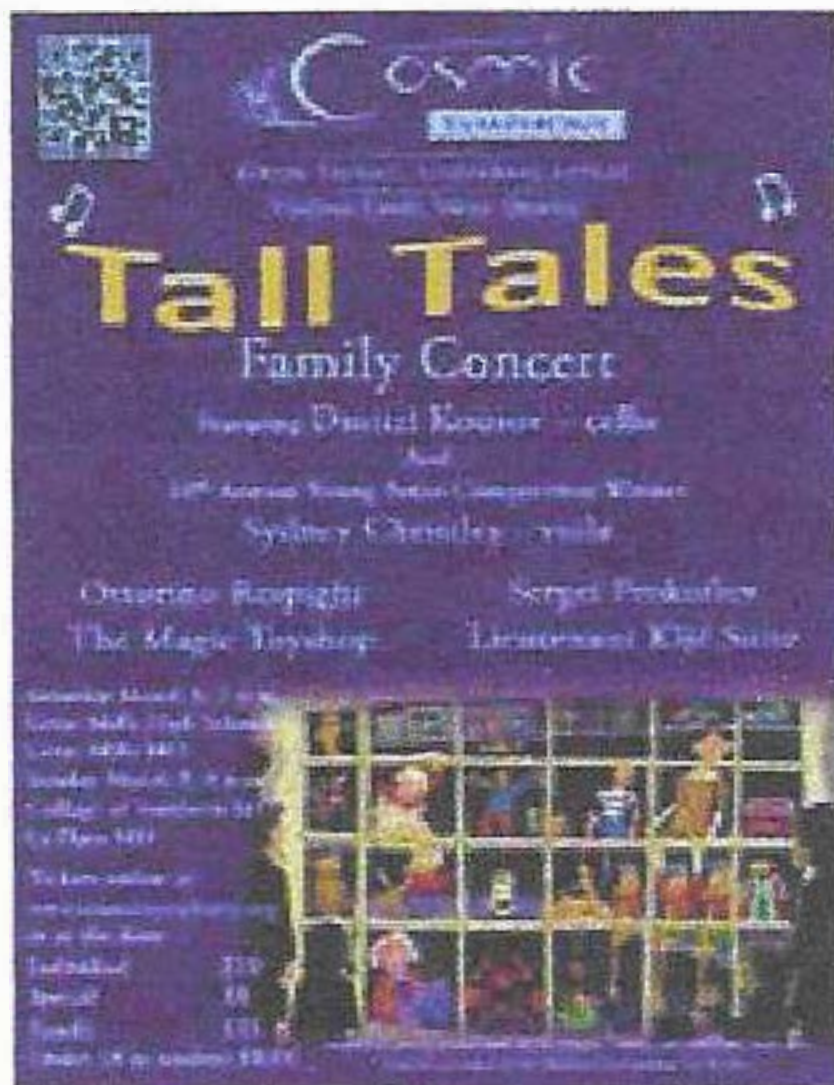
The Prince Frederick (PRIN) Campus is located at 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick, MD.

The Leonardtown Campus (LEON) is located at 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD.

The La Plata Campus (LAPL) is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD.



Cosmic Symphony Family Concert: Tall Tales



Saturday, March 8, 2014
at 7:00 pm in Great Mills
High School, 21130 Great
Mills Rd, Great Mills, MD
20634

Sunday, March 9, 2014
at 4:00 pm in College of
Southern Maryland, La
Plata

Featuring Dmitri Kousov,
cello, and the 10th Annual
Young Artist Competition

Winner, Sydney Christley, viola. Selections from Ottorino Respighi's *The Magic Toyshop*, and Sergei Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kijé Suite*. Tickets are \$10 individual, \$8 Seniors 55 and older, and \$25 Family. Order tickets at <http://www.cosmicsymphony.org>.

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Fine Arts Center Barbershop Spring Extravaganza. March 15, 4:00 pm

Southern Mix, directed by Paul Douglass, is a men's barbershop chorus. The group will venture into the world of the 1950s and 1960s doo-wop sound, and along with guest quartets from around the region, help you relive the musical memories of The Coasters, The Searchers, Elvis Presley, The Platters and more. \$5 in advance, \$7 day of concert. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-7828. For more information, go to their website at www.csmd.edu/Arts. The Center is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.



Performing Arts

Grace Brethren Church *Cabin Fever Gospel Barndance*

Saturday, March 15

7:00 to 10:00 pm

13000 Zekiah Drive
Waldorf, MD

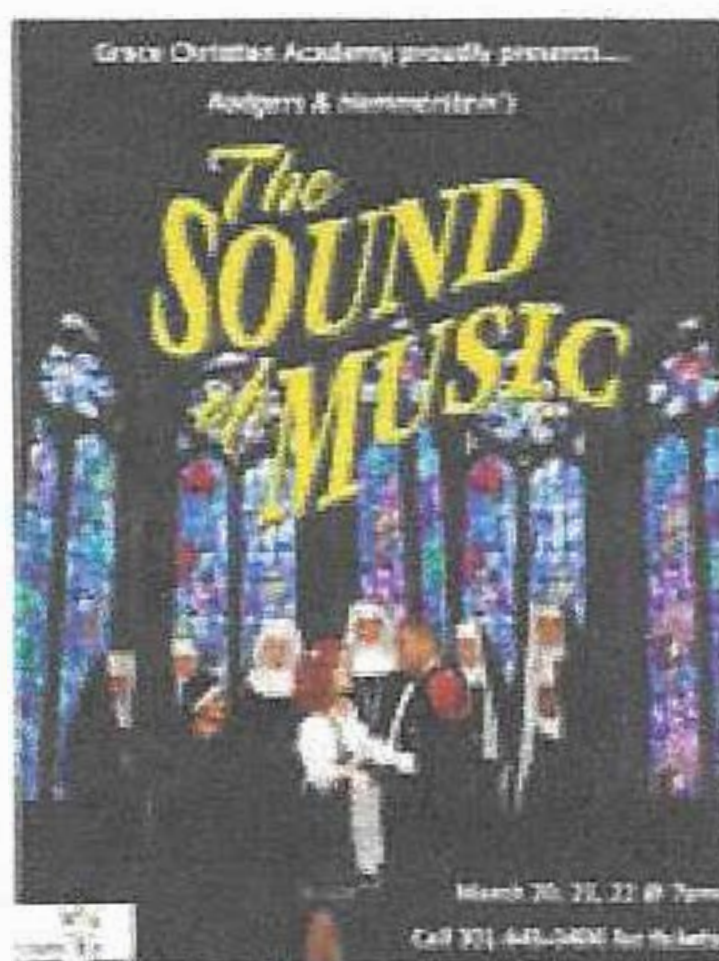


Featuring *CrossRoads*, *Jay Armsworthy & Eastern Tradition*, and *Sonrise*. Free, Offering will be taken.



Grace Christian Academy *The Sound of Music*

Wednesday, March 19 at 12:30 pm (For homeschool groups, nursing homes, facilities for disabled).
Tickets are \$5.



Thursday-Saturday,
March 20, 21, 22 at 7:00 pm
Tickets are \$7 adults, \$6 students and seniors

Grace Christian Academy is located at 13000 Zekiah Drive, Waldorf, MD 20601. For more information about the production or the school, call 301-645-0409 or go to

their website at <http://www.graceknights.org>.

Port Tobacco Players *The Wedding Singer*

March 21 - April 6



It's 1985 and rock-star wannabe Robbie Hart is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party, until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot

through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who wins his affection. As luck would have it, Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever. **(Parental guidance suggested for this show.)** Order tickets at <http://www.ptplayers.com>. The Port Tobacco Players Theater is located at 508 E. Charles Street, La Plata.

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Fine Arts Center Faculty Music Showcase

Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 pm

Tickets are \$5 in advance;
\$7 day of concert.

Members of CSM's music faculty plus CSM colleagues and community friends will perform an evening of music. The showcase will spotlight CSM's new percussion

instructor, David Constantine of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or www.csmd.edu/Arts to order tickets. The La Plata Campus is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.



Performing Arts

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for *The Music Man*



Adults (15 and older)
Monday, March 24,
7:00 pm and Thursday,
March 27, 7:00 pm

Children ages 7-14 only,
Saturday, March 29,
9:00 am

Come prepared with 16 to 32 bars of music from a Broadway style song (not from the Music Man). No music recordings, and no acapella singing allowed. The play will run from July 11 to August 3, 2014. Auditions held at the Port Tobacco Players Stage, 508 E. Charles Street, La Plata. Call 301-266-7067 for more details.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society *Songs of the Great War: In Commemoration of the Beginning of WWI*

College of Southern Maryland
La Plata Fine Arts Center

Saturday, March 29, 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 30, 3:00 pm

Tickets are \$15 Adult; \$12
Senior (60+)/Student/Military



To order tickets, visit their website at <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com>. The Fine Arts Center on the La Plata Campus is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.

Go-DIVA! – Act III: *The Swan Takes Flight (from Opera to Ooo-La-La!)*



Grace Lutheran Family Life
Center
1200 Charles Street
LaPlata, MD

Saturday, March 29, 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 30, 3:00 pm

Mark your calendar for a multi-media special event celebrating SWAN Day (Support Women Artists Now), supporting Youth Music Education, and inspired by Jennifer Cooper's autobiographical one-woman musical cabaret *Go-DIVA! ~ of Song, Silence and the Abuse of Chocolate* (written/directed by LB Hamilton). The performance will feature the vocal stylings of the multi-faceted Jennifer Cooper, accompanied by a specially selected ensemble of professional regional musicians, and include guest appearances by talented youth vocalists and musicians. The event will also feature local women in the arts and business who will support the funding of the First Annual Sidney "Wayne" Cooper Go-DIVA! Youth Music Award through a silent auction, benefitting this year's first ever recipient, the Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra. Go to www.go-diva.webs.com or call 240-237-8318 to order tickets.



Literary Arts

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.

Celebrates the Literary Arts!

"Nuts and Bolts Gathering"

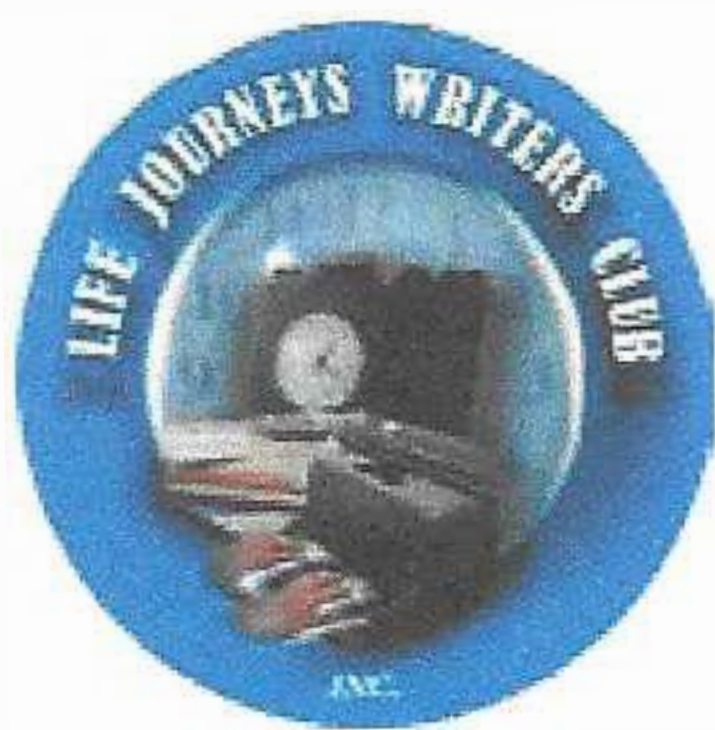
Saturday, March 15, 2014

2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Pl.

Waldorf, MD 20603



Come to the LJWC's *Nuts and Bolts Gathering* and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more! Members, bring your works. Visitors, come check us out. Come and learn what we do, how we do it, and learn how you can become a member, officially, of the LJWC, Inc. It's a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization! Also, as the LJWC moves into a new phase -- find out just what that can mean for you. For LJWC information, call 301.705.8972 or email emeddle@aol.com, or go to the website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.



Book Discussion Groups

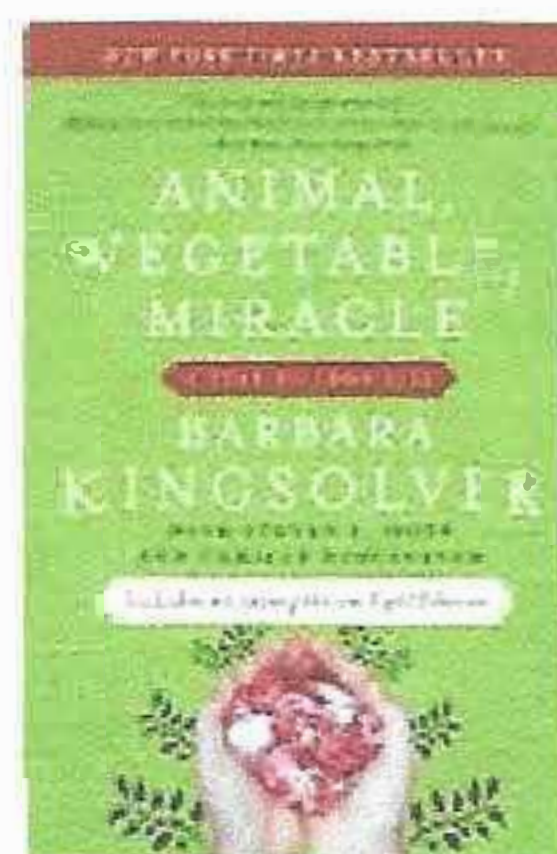
Waldorf Book Discussion Groups (P.D. Brown Library) The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864, or email mruss@ccplonline.org. The P.D. Brown Library is located at 50 Village Street, Waldorf,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



March 1: *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann. In the dawning light of a late-summer morning, the people of lower Manhattan stand hushed, staring up in disbelief at the Twin Towers. It is August 1974, and a mysterious tightrope walker is running, dancing, leaping between

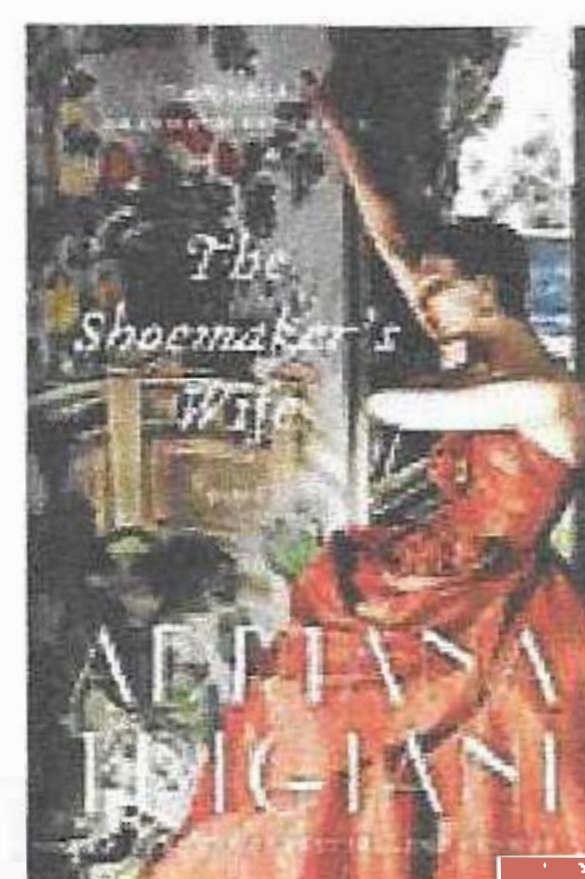
the towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in bestselling novelist Colum McCann's stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people. A sweeping and radical social novel, *Let the Great World Spin* captures the spirit of America in a time of transition, extraordinary promise, and, in hindsight, heartbreaking innocence. McCann delivers a triumphantly American masterpiece that awakens in us a sense of what the novel can achieve, confront, and even heal.

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.



March 5: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* is an enthralling narrative that will open your eyes in a hundred new ways to an old truth: You are what you eat.

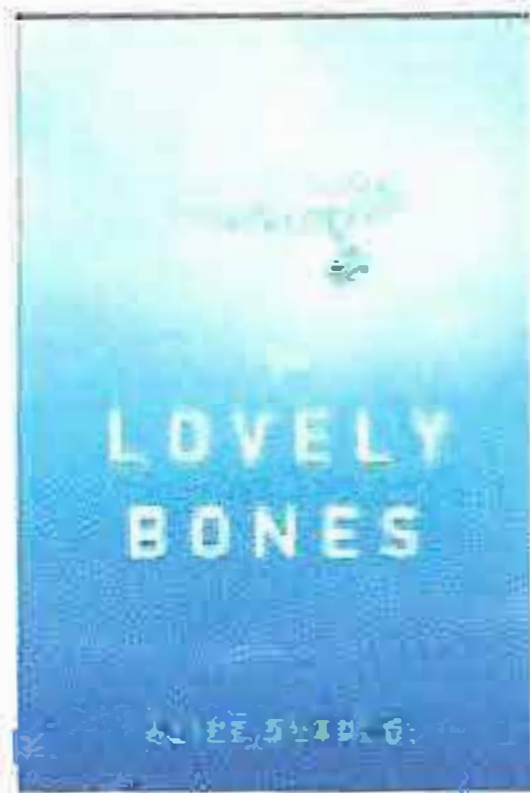
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group will meet at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email [Natasha Miller](mailto:Natasha.Miller@ccplonline.org) at nmiller@ccplonline.org for more information. The Center is located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



March 6: *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. The fateful first meeting of Enza and Ciro takes place amid the haunting majesty of the Italian Alps at the turn of the last century. This is a riveting historical epic of love and family, war and loss, risk and destiny, inspired by the author's own family history.

Literary Arts

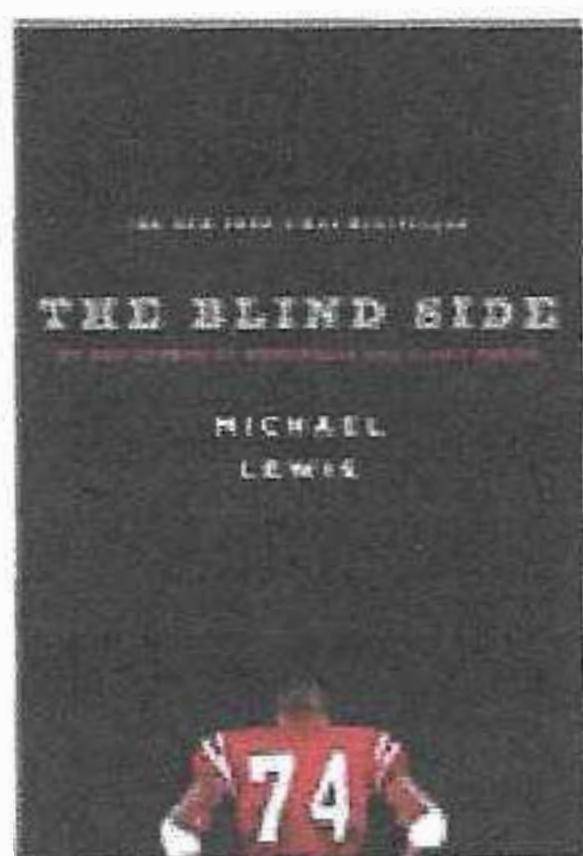
Waldorf West Library's *Chicks for Lit* Book Club is just for women and those who love to read books by and about women. The Club meets on Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:00 am. Pre-registration is required; log into the Library's event calendar at <http://www.ccplonline.org/news/bookdiscussion.html> or call 301-645-1395. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.



March 8: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold. "My name was Salmon, like the fish; first name, Susie. I was fourteen when I was murdered on December 6, 1973." Out of unspeakable tragedy and loss, *The Lovely Bones* succeeds, miraculously, in building a tale filled with hope, humor, suspense, even joy.

For more information, contact Ashley Teagle at 301-645-1395, or click here to go to the website. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.

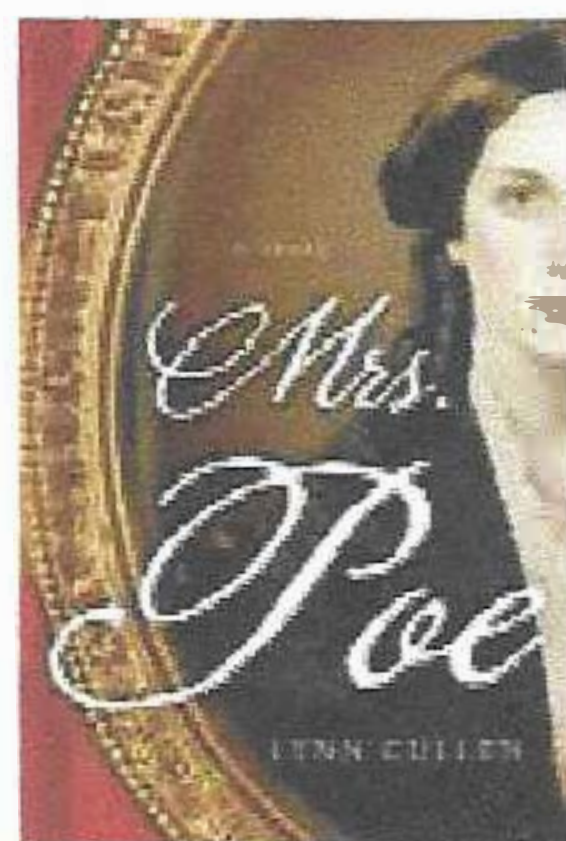
La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month. Anyone interested in joining the group can call 301-934-9001 or email Phyllis Frere at pfrere@ccplonline.org for more information. The Library is located at 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.



March 13: *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis. When we first meet Michael Oher, he is one of thirteen children by a mother addicted to crack; he does not know his real name, his father, his birthday, or how to read or write. He takes up football, and school, after a rich, white, Evangelical family plucks him from the streets. Then two great

forces alter Oher: the family's love and the evolution of professional football itself into a game in which the quarterback must be protected at any cost. Our protagonist becomes the priceless package of size, speed, and agility necessary to guard the quarterback's greatest vulnerability: his blind side.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group will meet on the third Wednesday in December 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.



March 26: *Mrs. Poe* by Lynn Cullen.

A vivid and compelling novel about a woman who becomes entangled in an affair with Edgar Allan Poe—at the same time she becomes the unwilling confidante of his much-younger wife. Set amidst the fascinating world of New York's literati, this smart and sexy novel offers a unique view into

the life of one of history's most unforgettable literary figures.

Potomac Branch Library

On the Same Page

Book Club for Grades 3 to 12

Video Chats on Saturday, March 29



In partnership with the Dover Delaware Public Library, three discussion groups combine traditional book clubs with online interaction.

Grades 3-5 will read *Matilda* by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake, Grades 5-8 will read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, and Grades 9-12 will read *Blood and Chocolate* by Annette Curtis Klause. The video discussions take place at the Potomac Branch Library on March 29. Registration is required by midnight the day before the book club meets. Visit the website calendar of events at <http://www.ccplonline.org> to register. For more information, call Sarah Anderson at 301-375-7375. The Potomac Branch Library is located at 225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, Maryland 20640.

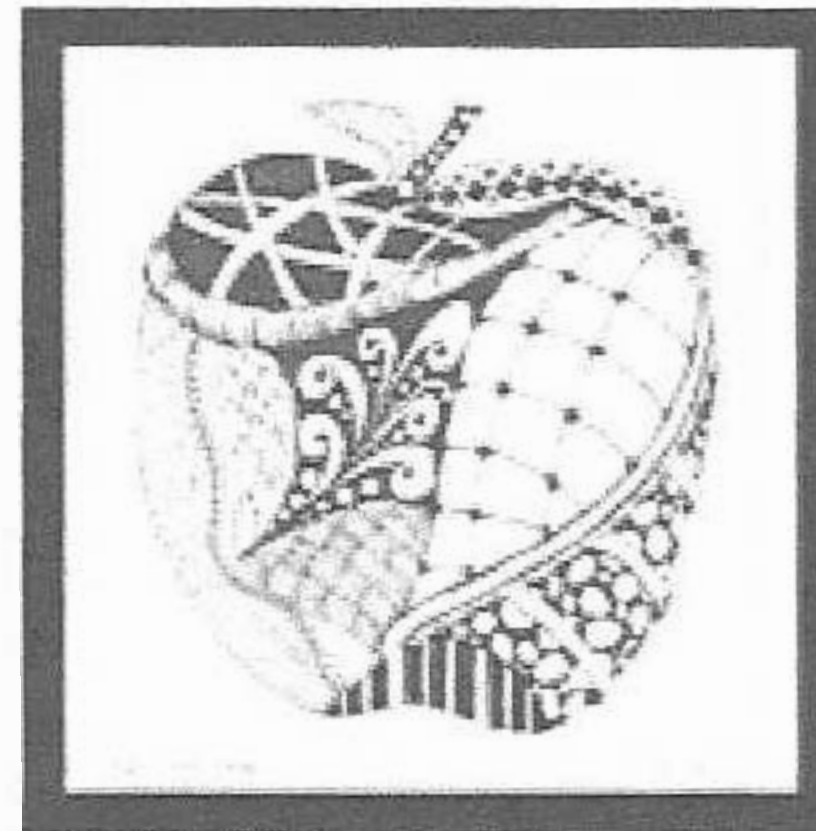
Mattawoman Creek Art Center Springs into a New Season!

Water Work Invitational Show Exhibit through March 16



Featuring works with a water theme by MCAC Members Barbara Stepura, Sally V. Parker, and Lynn Mehta.

Mini Introduction to Zentangle®



Saturday, March 15

9:00 to 10:00 am

**Fee: \$15 includes supplies
(no early bird special)**

Instructor: Jill Smithson.

This workshop is for students wishing to take the advanced class but have not had

Introduction to Zentangle. This is a one-hour class prior to the advanced class, and you must pre-register.

Advanced Zentangle Gardens®

Saturday, March 15

10:30 am to 12:30 pm

**Fee: \$40 members
50 nonmembers**

Instructor: Jill Smithson. In this Advanced Zentangle class you will learn more challenging, less structured organic tangles to create a Garden of ZIA- Zentangle Inspired (piece of) Art. We

will explore the curvy, free flowing and naturally occurring elemental tangles as we mindfully focus and create our art-filled gardens. \$10 materials fee due to instructor at class.

Fridays Open Studio



March 7 – May 23

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

FREE!

Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials, your lunch and

your friends (both members & nonmembers). Share ideas & techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process

Workshops for a Fee:

3-Dimensional Fiber Art: Basketry



Sundays

March 9, April 13, May 18

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Tuition: \$10 / Fees: \$159

Instructor: Pam King.

Information about basket

uses and forms, materials, and methods will be discussed. Techniques will be demonstrated and you will develop your skills through experiential learning. Three baskets will be completed: a gourd basket, a spring basket, and a hanging basket. All materials are included in the cost of the workshop. Registration is through the College of Southern Maryland, course PEP-9220/115293. Register at www.csmd.edu/Go/Register.

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Visual Arts

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Realistic Portraiture in Pencil

Wednesday, March 19

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members

\$50 nonmembers

Instructor: Tim Huber. Participants will learn techniques of realistic portraiture in pencil and pastel, working either from source photos or from life. Demonstrations and exercises will be provided which illustrate the identification of proper source lighting, shading and modeling of skin and hair, and the use of backgrounds to enhance artistic impact. Skills taught will include tonal gradients, eraser techniques, and blending techniques using brushes and other useful tools. Attendees will need to bring a sketchpad and a #2 pencil, as well as a kneaded eraser. All other materials will be provided by the instructor. (all levels)



Collage: Art From the "Stuff of Life"



Monday, March 24

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Fee: \$40 MCAC members

\$50 nonmembers

Instructor: Pat Spradlin. All your creative juices will be stirred up as we examine the elements of design--line, shape, color, texture and form--and collage them into works of art from found objects and the stuff of everyday life. Don't throw away those great looking cards, photos, magazine pictures, drawings or watercolors that just didn't quite work, objects of nature, i.e., leaves, feathers, sticks, etc., cloth material and ribbon scraps, beads and old jewelry, and whatever. Bring your "stash," Elmer's glue, glue gun, scissors and a board to work on and we will make works of art out of them. This will definitely bring out the "designer" in you! (all levels)

Spring Open Multi-Media Art Show

March 21 - April 19,

Reception: March 23

1:00 to 4:00 pm



Sunday Movie & Popcorn!

Waste Land

Sunday, March 30 at 2:00 pm



Join us for a free movie, popcorn & soda! Contemporary artist Vik Muniz expands his portfolio of intriguing art made from non-conventional material by embarking on a project in his native country Brazil. Going to Rio de Janeiro's largest garbage dump, he utilizes

the natural resources there to make portraits of individual workers. He oversees the art, but the locals are its stars as well as the ones who assemble the final product. In doing so, they start to envision a world outside the daily confines of the dump. Their stories and personalities are both engaging and enlightening. To see how this entire experience changed and moved them is undeniably memorable. Film is 93 minutes.

Located in Smallwood State Park in Marbury, Maryland, the Mattawoman Creek Art Center is open Fridays - Sundays from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm for exhibit visitors. For more information and discounts for early registration to workshops, visit their website at <http://www.mattawomanart.org>.



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CCAA Membership Form



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The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100% tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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
- 20% off regular prices at Hot Licks Guitar Shop in Waldorf
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie's Frame Shop in La Plata
- \$1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- \$1 discount for tickets to Southern Maryland Concert Band concerts
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **New Member**

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- ☐ Platinum Circle - \$500
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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County, MD

Master Calendar FY 2014

2013

- ☒ 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 – 4:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

2014

- ☒ 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
- ☐ Sat, Mar 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 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
(Rain Date June 8)
ArtsFest 2014
La Plata Town Hall

