You're Invited!

CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Reception
Saturday, May 3, 2014 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Waldorf West Library
Theme is Up, Up and Away!

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, all members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting and Reception, to be held in the Main Gallery at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. Light refreshments will be served, with music provided by Greg Nichols on piano.

Arts Alliance President Robert Rausch and Committee Chairs will present brief annual reports on accomplishments of the past year, and members will vote on the proposed CCAA Bylaw amendments that were sent to you previously.

Immediately following the business meeting, CCAA members and the public are invited to the “Meet the Artists” reception, held from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, to recognize and honor the artists who participated in the Waldorf West Library Gallery Spring Exhibit, which runs through June 27, 2014. The artists are: Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Barbara Boward, Donisha Brown, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Donald Faust, Betty Fuqua, Reneé Fuqua, Jan Garland, Lonnie Harkins, Mary Ann Jenkins, Gordon R. Johnson, Belinda H. Keller, Deborah Ledbetter, Vicki Marckel, Yvonne Medley, Constance Moore, Jamie Oliver, Crystal Proctor, Annabel Lee Russell, Mary Lou Rutherford, Ashley Saldaña, Cynthia Snyder, Shannon Wang, and Ramona Wise. This is the sixth art show sponsored by the Charles County Arts Alliance in partnership with Charles County Public Library.

Hope to see you there!
Dear Members and Friends,

In many organizations, spring is a time of reflection for the year’s achievements, and a slowing down of activities as they approach the quiet of summer. However, we in the CCAA are still running full steam ahead.

Still ahead of us are two major events that will keep us hopping well into June.

The first is our Annual Membership Meeting that is also dovetailing with our latest "Meet the Artists" Public Reception. These will be held on May 3 at the Waldorf West Library, with the membership meeting starting at 1:00 pm, and the public reception beginning at 3:00 pm. During the membership meeting, we will receive reports from our committee chairs and review and approve corrections/additions to our Bylaws. An update of this document was last done five years ago. Each of the members has already received an electronic copy of the Bylaw revisions, and we ask that you review them and print out your own copy to bring to our meeting. As we continue to try to be “green,” there will be only a limited number of copies provided at the meeting. When our work is completed we will be able to enjoy some great music provided by Greg Nichols, enjoy refreshments and meet with our artist friends whose works have been on display at Waldorf West.

Next up in our event to-do list is ArtsFest 2014 at La Plata Town Hall on June 7, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. We anticipate nearly 2,000 county residents attending this event. They will be able to enjoy the works of many visual artists and a dozen cultural and performing groups throughout the day, plus a few gastronomic delights as well. As a reminder, the cut-off date for artist and exhibitor registration and being included in the Maryland Independent ArtsFest insert (this goes to 40,000 homes in our region) is Thursday, May 15. After this date, late registrations will be considered for participation in ArtsFest on a one-by-one basis.

We are asking for volunteers from our membership to assist in this year’s ArtsFest. Specifically, we need two or three people to help flag the tent locations on Friday, the day before; and on Saturday, we will need four people to help set up and direct traffic at 9:00 am, and a similar number to help take down and direct traffic starting at 5:30 pm.

We can also use anyone who can help staff the CCAA tent for an hour or two during the day. All those wishing to volunteer, please call Judy at 301-392-5900, so that we can sign you up right away.

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you at the events mentioned above!

Robert
Robert K. Rausch
CCAA President
ARTS ALLIANCE "CALL FOR ARTISTS"

Deadline to Submit is Extended to May 7!

Waldorf West Library

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The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, from June 30 to September 30, 2014. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two artworks depicting light-hearted, summery, or whimsical themes to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as low-resolution digital images (jpeg) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

Entries must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration.

A "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held on Saturday, July 12, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery to honor all the artists who participated in the summer show!

For more information on the Waldorf West Gallery, the Charles County Arts Alliance and joining its membership,
Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows
Artworks on Display through July

University of Maryland
Charles Regional Medical Center
Tim Huber

Tim Huber is a self-taught local artist working in multiple media in painting, drawing, and sculpture. His work has primarily focused on the portrayal of diverse subject matter in a realistic fashion since the age of 27, when he discovered a deep and abiding love of all things artistic. He refined his technique by studying and copying the works of Baroque and Renaissance masters at the National Gallery of Art and various other museums, and can frequently be found there sketching paintings and sculpture from life. Tim draws much of his inspiration from nature, striving to perfect realistic representations of the interplay of light and shadow as they reveal three dimensional form. His works span a wide variety of subject matter style, medium, and technique, from figurative art, to wildlife art, to still life, landscapes, and portraiture, all of which the artist uses as a vehicle to evoke a sense of the beauty of the natural world.

He currently resides in Indian Head, MD.

To purchase any of his artworks on display or to commission new artwork, contact Mr. Huber at timhuber@comcast.net. The Medical Center is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.

Charles County Commissioners Gallery
Vicki Marckel

Vicki L. Marckel was born and raised in Defiance, Ohio. While pursuing her Bachelors degree, she earned scholarships to study abroad. While in Italy, she focused her attention on the details found in the architecture. In the Netherlands, Marckel became enthralled by Rembrandt’s chiaroscuro and Vermeer’s interior scenes. In 2005, she earned her bachelor’s degree as an honors student. Upon graduation, Vicki began teaching fine arts at Henry E. Lackey High School where she also sponsors several activities including National Art Honors Society. Currently, Vicki is pursuing her Masters of Fine Art in figurative painting from the Academy of Art University. Her work has won several awards and is on permanent display at the Jarrett Thor Art Gallery.

Vicki’s paintings explore the dynamic culture of urban environments. Her rich selection of color and strong compositional elements are visual tools to entice the viewer into the scene. Enthralled by the depth of atmospheric perspective, Vicki wants the viewer to move within her work to understand the emotional turmoil that she experiences.

Ms. Marckel’s artworks are available for sale. She can be reached at vicki_marckel@hotmail.com.

The Commissioners’ Gallery is located in the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD,
ArtsFest is Coming Soon!

Last Days to Register for ArtsFest 2014!

Deadline is May 15!

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

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

ArtsFest, our 22nd annual countywide arts festival, will 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! Last day to register is fast approaching -- the final deadline 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!
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 DEADLINE: MAY 15 - $70

Nonprofit Organizations: Historical, Heritage, Cultural and Environmental
BOOTH REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 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)?
□ West Side    □ 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 May 15 - $70.
• For Nonprofit Organizations displaying/exhibiting only: Fees per booth thru 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, P.O. Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695

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Community Foundation of Southern Maryland Presents
8th Annual Potomac River Waterfowl Festival
May 23 - 24

There is something for everyone at the Festival, from the finest of fine decoy carvers and renowned oil painters to local crafters. Folks can shop for decoys, wildlife and related art; barter at the Buy, Sell and Swap tables; dust off their decoys and bring them in for free appraisals and identifications; reserve a bluebird box to build; participate in the Duck and Goose Calling Contest and Clinic - especially for the younger generations; sign up for the Wine and Design painting class; and for carvers, register your decoy in the Working Decoy Competition; and more!

Friday, May 23, is Cattails and Cocktails Dinner and Auction. Tickets are $75 per person, and must be purchased in advance.

At 8:00 am on Saturday, May 24, there's a live decoy and art auction for consigned items. The festival doors are open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Admission is $5.00 per person, children 12 and under are free. For complete details, go to their website at http://www.cfsomd.org/waterfowlshow.html.

Waldorf Beautification Poster Contest Open to Young Artists "With Pride, We Prosper...Help Keep It Clean"

Charles County students in grades K - 8 are invited to enter the Waldorf Beautification Contest and create a poster showing how they can keep Waldorf clean and beautiful. What does the slogan "With Pride, We Prosper...Help Keep It Clean" mean to you?

One winner will be selected from each of three age categories (Grades K-2, Grades 3 - 5 and Grades 6 - 8). Winners will receive a brand new bike provided by the Department of Public Works, Environmental Resources Division.

To enter, students in grades K - 8 must submit a poster (11" x 17") illustrating the Waldorf Beautification Project slogan, along with a completed contest registration form.

Registration forms and contest rules are available on www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/WaldorfBeautificationProject. Only one submission per student will be accepted. Entries must be postmarked by Thursday, May 15, 2014.

For more information, contact the Commissioners Office at 301-645-0550, or Commissioners@CharlesCountyMD.gov.
La Plata High School Presents

Copacabana
Thursday-Saturday, May 1-3, 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm
Tickets: $10 Adults, $5 Students, Purchased at the door or call the school at 301-934-1100 to reserve in advance.

"Her name was Lola. She was a showgirl." Barry Manilow's Grammy Award-winning song you never forgot is now brought to life onstage!

A love letter to the Technicolor® musicals of the 1940s, Barry Manilow's Copacabana presents the story of Lola as told through the eyes of Stephen, a present day aspiring songwriter. He dreams up Lola, fresh off the plane from Tulsa, who arrives in New York with show-biz aspirations. Tony (who looks amazingly like Stephen!) is a bartender/composer who falls in love with Lola and helps her become a Copa girl. While performing, Lola attracts the amorous attentions of Rico (who wears a diamond). Rico abducts Lola and takes her to his rival nightclub in Havana.

Tony, with the help of his Copacabana friends, must now rescue Lola! Full of huge, splashy production numbers and unforgettable new Barry Manilow songs, Copacabana is a return to traditional American musical theatre. La Plata High School is located at 6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata, MD. For more information, call 301-934-1100.

College of Southern Maryland
Southern Maryland Concert Band

La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center
Saturday, May 3, 8:00 pm
$5 in advance, $7 day of concert

The Southern Maryland Concert Band under the direction of Michael Peerless continues its collaboration with CSM’s music program. To order tickets, contact the box office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-7828. The La Plata Campus is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.

Ward Virts Concert Series
Michael K. Santana, Baritone
Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm

College of Southern Maryland
Prince Frederick Campus
Multi-purpose room
104, Building B
115 J.W. Williams Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Michael K. Santana is a gifted and highly versatile teacher and performer of vocal music with more than 20 years of experience as a music educator. Mr. Santana is an adjunct instructor in music at the College of Southern Maryland where he teaches music appreciation and is a vocal coach, accompanist, and music director for CSM Theatre productions. He is the music director of the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, a community chorus with activities throughout the year at venues in Charles County and the surrounding areas. For more information, visit http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html.
Performing Arts

Lackey High School
Performing Arts Boosters
Cabaret Night
Thursday, May 8
Doors Open at 6:00 pm, Entertainment at 6:30 pm
Tickets: $8 Adults in Advance, $9 at the Door;
$6 Military & Spouse; $5 Students; Children 5 and under are Free

Cabaret Night will include a variety of live student entertainment and a delicious pasta dinner with garden salad & gourmet desserts! This is a fundraiser sponsored by Lackey’s Performing Arts Boosters Club. Selected artworks from the students of Lackey’s Fine Arts Department will be on display. Contact the school at 301-753-1753, ask for any performing arts teacher for more information or to order tickets.

Southern Maryland Christian Academy Hosts
Women of the Bible
with Anita Gutschick
Friday, May 9, 7:00 pm, SMCA Chapel
Tickets: $8

Anita Gutschick portrays the women in the Bible in a real and powerful way. She dresses and acts as if each one of these biblical women is alive today. This theatrical event is appropriate for the whole family.

Food and DVD performances will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Jenny Gaines at smcanurse@yahoo.com or call the school at 301-870-2550. SMCA is located at 9805 Faith Baptist Church Road, White Plains, MD 20695.

Port Tobacco Players Present
Cyrano
May 16 to June 1
Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:00 pm
Tickets are $17 Adults, $14 Students/Seniors/Military

Cyrano de Bergerac is a man of action. A man of words. A man of honor. A man with little sense of humor about his rather enormous nose.

Cyrano is the original romantic comedy where girl loves boy, boy loves girl, but boy doesn’t have the words to woo girl. In steps Cyrano to save the day, except the object of boy’s desire is the woman Cyrano has loved since childhood. What does a man of honor do? You’ll have to come and see in this brand new adaptation of the great classic. This adaptation premiered at Washington, DC’s Folger Theatre in 2011 and PTP has the honor of being the first amateur theatre company to produce this amazing work. A non-stop roller coaster ride of sword fights, laughs, romance and more sword fights. You’ll never look at romantic comedies the same way again... just don’t say anything to him about his nose. A non-stop roller coaster ride of sword fights, laughs, romance and more sword fights. To order tickets, call the box office at 301-932-6819 or visit www.ptplayers.com. The Theatre is located at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD.
Performing Arts

Friday Night Concerts Return to Charles County!

Two Locations! Free Admission!

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

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

Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot, an ice cream truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones. Dogs and other pets must be kept off the Town Hall grounds during concerts and events.

With the variety of music styles ranging from country, jazz, oldies, military bands, and classic rock there is something for everyone at the La Plata Summer Concert Series, which runs from May 23 to September 26 (no July 4 concert).

May's Lineup:

May 23 - 25th Hour Band (Motown, Jazz, Classic & Contemporary)
May 30 - The Colliders (50s and Rockabilly)

For more information and for the full schedule, go to www.townoflaplata.org/Events and click on Friday Night Summer Concert Series.

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. The summer series runs from May 2 to August 29, 2014.

May's Lineup:

May 2 - Electric Brigade
May 9 - Sara Gray
May 16 - Marenje Marimba
May 23 - Jennifer Cooper
May 30 - Lisa Lim

For more information and to view the full summer schedule, go to http://www.stcharlesmd.com/summer-concert-series.html.
COSMIC Symphony Presents

From Paris to Broadway
Saturday, May 17, 7:00 pm, Great Mills High School, 21130 Great Mills Rd, Great Mills, MD
Sunday, May 18, 4:00 pm, College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD

Tickets: $10 Adult; $8 Seniors, Students, Military; $5 CSM ID holder; $25 Family

Directed by Vladimir Lande, the season finale, From Paris to Broadway, traces the history of musical theater from the grandeur of the Paris opera to the theaters of Broadway. The concert begins with works by Strauss, Offenbach, Saint-Saens and Rossini and leads through The Sound of Music, My Fair Lady, and Fiddler on the Roof to jazzy Chicago. Local upcoming star, mezzo-soprano Sofiya Schug, sings roles from Cinderella and Delilah to Maria von Trapp. This truly is a program of music for everyone: opera glasses optional! For more information, go to www.cosmicsymphony.org.

Chin Hamaya Culture Center Hosts Cosplay (Costume Play)

Two Nights, Two Events For Junior and High School Students

Cosplay Night
Friday, May 23, 6:30 to 10:30 pm
Tickets: $5

Special guests Sailor Moon, Moon Mama and Chibi Moon plus many more. Learn Cosplay dances, costuming, see anime artists and the best Cosplayers!

Chin Hamaya Culture Center Cosplay Masquerade Ball
Saturday, May 24, 7:00 pm to Midnight
Tickets: $10

Costume contest, music, dancing, workshops, vendors, anime artists, Cosplay fashions and more.

Buy tickets online at www.chinhamaya.org. Chin Hamaya Culture Center is located at 109A Post Office Road, Waldorf, MD.

Tantallon Community Theater Pearls and Diamonds

May 30, 31, June 1
Friday and Saturday at 8:00
Sunday at 3:00

Tickets are $15 Adults, $12 Seniors (60+) and Students, $10 for groups of 10 or more (order in advance).

From Annie to The Wiz, TCP's done every musical there is - or it feels that way! To celebrate 30 years of bringing great theater to the community, they've put together a musical revue featuring the best moments from over the years, performed by old and new members of TCP's theater family. Featuring numbers from Annie, The Wiz, The Color Purple, Mame, The Mikado, Aida, Guys and Dolls, Funny Girl, The Sound of Music, A Chorus Line, Ragtime, The Music Man, and many more! Come celebrate with them! For ticket ordering, go to http://www.tantallonplayers.org or call 301-863-7600 to leave a message.
Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.

Write on Saturdays—with a Twist!

May 3, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Courtyard Marriott
3145 Crain Highway
Waldorf, MD 20603

This intense workshop covers story structure, project critiques, info on publishing, promotions, marketing and more, including a film study. A professional editor is present for private consultations. It is a nine-hour session, with hearty refreshments and lunch. Registration is $59.97 (online or by mail). For more information or to register via Paypal, go to http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com/news or call 301-705-8972.

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.

May 3: A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway. Published posthumously in 1964, A Moveable Feast remains one of Ernest Hemingway's most beloved works. It is his classic memoir of Paris in the 1920s, filled with irreverent portraits of other expatriate luminaries such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein; tender memories of his first wife, Hadley; and insightful recollections of his own early experiments with his craft. It is a literary feast, brilliantly evoking the exuberant mood of Paris after World War I and the youthful spirit, unbridled creativity, and unquenchable enthusiasm that Hemingway himself epitomized.

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.

May 1: The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks. Ira Levinson is in trouble. Ninety-one years old and stranded and injured after a car crash, he struggles to retain consciousness until a blurry image materializes beside him: his beloved wife Ruth, who passed away nine years ago. A few miles away, at a local bull-riding event, a Wake Forest College senior's life is about to change. Recovering from a recent breakup, Sophia Danko meets a young cowboy named!  

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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.

May 3: *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok. When Kimberly Chang and her mother emigrate from Hong Kong to Brooklyn squalor, she begins a secret double life: exceptional schoolgirl during the day, Chinatown sweatshop worker in the evenings. Disguising the more difficult truths of her life--like the staggering degree of her poverty, the weight of her family's future resting on her shoulders, or her secret love for a factory boy who shares none of her talent or ambition--Kimberly learns to constantly translate not just her language but also herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles.

For more information, contact Ashley Teagle at 301-645-1395, or go to the website at http://www.ccplonline.org.

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.

May 7: *The Silver Star* by Jeannette Walls. This is a heartbreaking and redemptive novel about an intrepid girl who challenges the injustice of the adult world--a triumph of imagination and storytelling. It is 1970 in a small town in California. "Bean" Holladay is twelve and her sister, Liz, is fifteen when their artistic mother, Charlotte, a woman who "found something wrong with every place she ever lived," takes off to find herself, leaving her girls enough money to last a month or two. Walls, supremely alert to abuse of adult power, has written a deeply moving novel about triumph over adversity and about people who find a way to love each other and the world.

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.

May 8: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* Games by Betty Smith. The beloved American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century, Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache, crowded with life and people and incident. The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums of Williamsburg has enchanted and inspired millions of readers for more than sixty years. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the daily experiences of the unforgettable Nolans are raw with honesty and tenderly threaded with family connectedness -- in a work of literary art that brilliantly captures a unique time and place as well as incredibly rich moments of universal experience.

The Jane Austen Film and Book Club
P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD

The next meeting is in September. For more information, contact Cindy at 301-645-2864.
Potomac Branch Library

On the Same Page

Book Club for Grades 3 to 12

Video Chats on Saturday, May 10

In partnership with the Dover Delaware Public Library, three discussion groups combine traditional book clubs with online interaction. Grades 3-5 will read *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White; Grades 5-8 will read *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein; Grades 9-12 will read *March (Book 1)* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. The video discussions take place at the Potomac Branch Library on May 10, with access on home computers, as well. 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.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Note: Date changed for May! 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.

May 21: *The Lay Days of Ptolemy Grey* by Walter Mosley. Marooned in an apartment that overflows with mementos from the past, 91-year-old Ptolemy Grey is all but forgotten by his family and the world. But when an unexpected opportunity arrives, everything changes for Ptolemy in ways as shocking and unanticipated as they are poignant and profound.

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. Visit http://www.ccplonline.org to register for the next discussion. For more information, call Ashley Teagle or Deborah Erwin at 301-645-1395.

May 22: *The Ways of White Folks* by Langston Hughes. This collection of short stories relates to the Harlem Renaissance. There's a range of moods that vary from tragedy to bone tickling humor. The stories have been inspired by real life societal situations; readers get to learn about various folks who are stranded in a series of hardships.

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.
Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Wired Jewelry 101
Wednesday, May 14, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fee: $40 members / $50 nonmembers
$5 Supply Fee Payable to the Instructor
Instructor: Norma Baretincic

Learn basic wire techniques "hands on." Combine learned techniques to make several jewelry pieces. Participants will learn how to make wrapped loops, spirals, and coils to use when making bails, closures, and wrapped beads. Tools provided but you will need nylon jaw pliers and 20 gauge soft wire. Class is limited to five students. (Beginning and intermediate levels.)

Intermediate Wire Techniques
Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fee: $40 members / $50 nonmembers
$10 Supply Fee Payable to the Instructor
Instructor: Norma Baretincic

Continuation of wire working 101. Learn wire weaving, coil beads and techniques for making rings. Participants will need basic wire skills for this class. Bring nylon jaw pliers and 20 gauge wire. $10 supply fee is due to the instructor at class. Class is limited to five students. (Intermediate and advanced levels.)

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 for the workshops, visit their website at http://www.mattawomanart.org.

Exploring Color:
Outdoor Still Life Painting in Oil
NEW DATE! Wednesday, May 21
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Fee: $40 members / $50 nonmembers
Instructor: Sarah Wardell

Learn how to see and paint color using a palette knife, infusing your paintings with light! Morning session includes an introduction presentation, materials and technique demonstration, and do a color mixing exercise. In the afternoon we will paint still life arrangements in the outdoor light. Bring gear for oil painting outside and a palette knife with a diamond or tear shaped head. Bring a hat with a brim. Gessoed boards will be provided. (All levels)

Fifth Annual Port Tobacco Market Days
Port Tobacco Courthouse
Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco
Saturday, May 3 (Rain date May 10)
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Free Admission

The event, beginning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:00 am, showcases some of Southern Maryland's local artists and vendors. Choose from antiques, jewelry, crafts, fresh produce, and more. The Charles County Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale. Food, baked goods, and drinks will be available for purchase. Step into the 18th century and tour the Port Tobacco Court House, Stagg Hall, and Burch House. Visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov for more information.
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Bill Stax & Family
Sandra Wood & Family
Kelvin & Vangie Wright

Individual
Deborah Almasy
Dr. Theresa Alo
Susie Bender
William Berthea
Amy Blessinger
Denise Callista
Carol Charnock
Anisha Collins
Kathy Cooke
Elizabeth Davison
Cecelia Dunay
Jenlynn Farrar
Judy Frazier
Wendy Fuller
Mark T. Hayes
Shane Hirmas
Amelia Jones
Elizabeth Keller
Martha Lane
Vicki L. Marckel
Julie Meisel
Cliff Morgan
Peter Murphy
Katie O'Malley Simpson
Marie C. Parham
Lucy H. Richmond
Annabel Russell
Katherine Sifers
Jill Smithson
Cynthia Snyder
Yuliya Strongovska-Armocida
Susan Sweeney
Lucretia Tanner
Lauren Van Sickle
Shannon Wang
John Warsinske
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Town of Indian Head
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Mary Evelyn Dashiell
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Mary Jenkins
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Catherine Matthews
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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting All the Arts 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
- 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!

Membership Categories (check one):
- Platinum Circle - $500
- Gold Circle - $250
- Silver Circle - $150
- Arts Patron - $125
- Arts Sponsor - $100
- Arts Activist - $60
- Family - $40
- Individual - $25
- Senior (60+) - $15
- Youth (under 18) - $10

Business & Nonprofit:
- Corporate - $500
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Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!
- ArtsFest Committee
- Budget/Finance Committee
- Education Committee
- Events Committee
- Gallery Committee
- Grant Committee
- Membership Committee
- Outreach/Marketing Committee
- Administrative/Office Work
- Technical/IT Support

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

Organization/Business (if applicable):

Address:

City:_____________ State:_____________ Zip:_____________

Phone:__________________________

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I would like to have the full-color print version of the Arts Insider newsletter mailed to my postal address. The annual cost for this service is $18 in addition to my membership fee.

Charles County Arts Alliance:
P.O. Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695
www.charlescountyarts.org / 301-392-5900
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
  "A Holiday Arts Fair" - 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, 7:00 - 9:00 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

- 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
The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also.

~ Harriet Ann Jacobs