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# The Arts Insider

## Arts Alive and Thriving at Charles County Fair 2014



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The arts were alive and thriving at this year's Charles County Fair, and the Charles County Arts Alliance helped to make it happen! Charles County Fair 2014 was held September 11-14, at the Fairgrounds south of La Plata, and was attended by over 50,000 visitors, making it the most popular outdoor festival in Charles County. For the past two decades, the Charles County Arts Alliance has assisted in checking-in, hanging, supervising, and checking-out the artworks at the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building over the four-day period of the Fair.

**Visual Arts** 

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## Want to Promote Your Event With Us?

Email the information to us at info@charlescountyarts. org by the third Friday of the month for the newsletter, and any Monday for the newsflash. Please include "For Newsflash" or "For Newsletter" in the subject line of your email. This year's Fair had hundreds of adult and youth artworks on display, so this was no easy task! It all began the day before the Fair opened, on September 10. After all the artworks were registered and dropped off, CCAA Board members and friends worked tirelessly until 12:00 midnight to carefully hang the artworks by category, ensure all were safe and sound on the walls, set up our CCAA display tables and prepare for judging the following day. This year, more hanging space was available thanks to a large "cube" designed and built by Burkey Boggs, carver with the Southern Maryland Carousel Group.

Once the Fair opened on Thursday night, CCAA volunteers worked threehour shifts nonstop over the duration of the Fair, and handled final check-out on Sunday evening. One of the highlights of the Fair this year was the live demonstration by CCAA member and artist Tim Huber, which attracted crowds of onlookers. In addition, the Arts Alliance displayed a beautiful "British Gourmet Gift Basket" and encouraged public donations to benefit our Arts Scholarship Fund.

CCAA also promoted the performing arts at the County Fair as well. As part of our ongoing partnership with the Charles County Fair Board, the CCAA provided financial support for the following musical entertainment lineup: Bucket List Band, Bunky and Blondi, Country Memories, Port Tobacco Pickers, Ray Owen, Same Grow Band, the Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra, Southern Mix Chorus and Stone Pleasure Band.

Thanks to all our CCAA County Fair volunteers again this year for a job exceedingly well done! More County Fair News on Pages 4 and 5

# President's Letter

#### Dear Members and Friends,

This month's letter is from Arts Alliance Board Member and Chair of the Finance Committee, Shane Seremet, on the importance of volunteerism ...

Volunteer activity is at the heart of American civilization. Our Founders gave us a civil society, not a political one, and what the members of our society do as a matter of free choice to serve their neighbors is what makes our country so unique. Alexis de Tochqueville, in his landmark description of America from continental European eyes, noted that we are a country governed not from the center, but by the decentralized organs of civil society, or the "little platoons" of family, church and civic alliance. In this spirit, the Charles County Arts Alliance has been one of those "little platoons" since 1987.

CCAA's volunteer spirit starts with its board members. From the beginning of any term, board members volunteer their time to make the CCAA train move. Ours is a working board, which collectively specializes in event planning and execution for major events (ArtsFest, our annual membership Gala, and the County Fair exhibits), and then has committees for everything from our art galleries and grants to scholarships and finance. The volunteer efforts of our working board are the first circle of activity which recognizes and promotes the arts in our community.

However, this year in order to expand our influence throughout the county, our board set the goal of "expanding the circle," to include more of our members in our volunteer efforts to do the work of CCAA. We have thus far reached out to and had more of our members step up to help run our many events throughout the year, and that alone has helped CCAA touch more people in the area. Accordingly, we are inviting members and non-members to come help plan and participate in our next two big events, the Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on November 15, at the Old Waldorf School, and the Kris Kringle Christmas Market "A Holiday Arts Faire" at the Charles County Fairgrounds on December 5 -6, 2014.

Our volunteer push does not end there, however. For the remainder of this year and into future years, we are still looking to reach out to citizens in the area, members and non-members alike, to help us staff our many events and activities. More volunteers mean a wider circle for CCAA as well as new ideas, which in turn will help us grow further. We thank all members of the Arts Alliance for their work thus far, and encourage everyone to visit our website at www.charlescountyarts.org to find out more about your potential future role in helping promote the arts in our community.

Thank you, Shane, for those inspiring words. I hope it will encourage more of the public to volunteer for these worthwhile events and, therefore, not only benefit the individual, but the entire community.



Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance





## **Grant Season Final Deadline Nears!**

#### All Grant Applications Due No Later Than 12:00 Noon on Friday, October 10



Help your Project Grow

The deadline to apply for an FY 2015 Grant from the Charles County Arts Alliance is soon approaching!

Over the past 27 years, the CCAA has awarded over \$550,000 in grant funding to schools and organizations in Charles County for projects in the performing, visual, and literary arts. Last year, the Alliance awarded over \$45,000 to 26 Charles County nonprofit organizations, including nine schools. This has helped enhance our county's culture

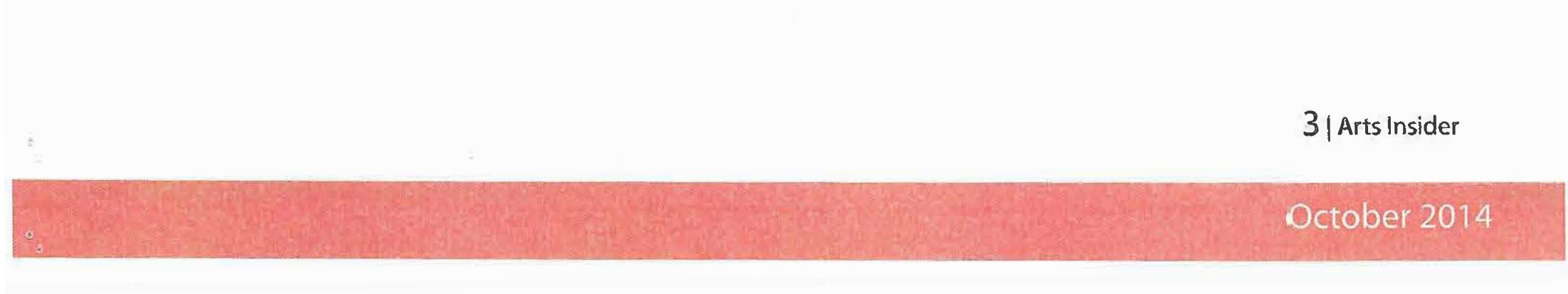
and inspire its residents to explore the diverse arts community present in its own backyard.

There are two types of grants: Arts in Education (AIE) for schools, and Community Arts Development (CAD) for nonprofit organizations. Some examples are arts services, children's events, dance, folk arts and heritage, literature, media, and music. Schools may apply for grants up to \$750, while nonprofit organizations may seek a grant up to \$6,000.

A mandatory workshop was held on September 16 for all Community Arts Development Grant applicants. Seventeen nonprofit organizations were represented at the workshop and are eligible to apply for grants for their special projects or general operating expenses.

The Grant Committee, chaired by CCAA Board Member Mark Walker, meets on Saturday, October 25, to review all the applications and make their recommendations to the CCAA Board of Directors for final approval. The awards will be presented to all the grant recipients at the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala, to be held on Saturday, November 15, at the Old Waldorf School.

Nonprofit organizations and schools seeking CAD or AIE grant funding may obtain applications online at http://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants or by contacting the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900.





# Visitors Enjoy the P.D. Brown Building Fine Arts Exhibit at the Charles County Fair!

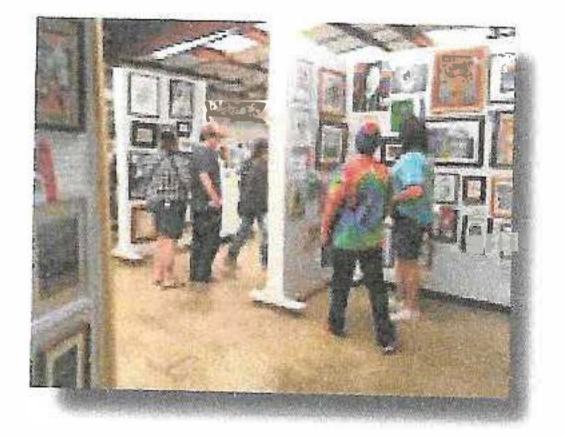








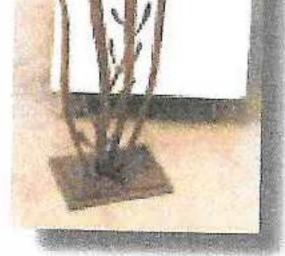














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## Arts Alliance Fills 500 Arts Bags for the Charles County Fair

On Friday, September 5, Spring Dell Center Vocational Program Supervisor Ann Davis, Spring Dell Activities Coordinator Teresa Proctor, Spring Dell volunteers Doris Hagens, and Rosalie Hawkins, and volunteer citizens Monique Owens, Larenzo Savoy, Lisa Reńa Scales, Charles Fenwick II, joined Charles County Arts Alliance Board members Ronald Brown and Lorina Griffioen-Harris, Lorina's daugther, Thirzah Harris, and son, Trevor Harris, as well as CCAA Office Manager Judy Crawford, to assemble 500 Arts Bags for the 2014 Charles County Fair. CCAA received a large assortment of promotional items from local businesses and organizations and set up shop to "stuff" bags with all the goodies. The bags were delivered to the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building to be handed out to visitors during the CCAA-sponsored annual art show at the Charles County Fair.



Thousands of Fairgoers strolled through the Fine Arts Building, where hundreds of works of art were on display. Artists of all ages submitted works in oils, pastels, acrylics, photos, sculptures, and mixed media. This was a juried event, with many artists receiving ribbons and cash prizes for their entries.

The Charles County Arts Alliance is grateful to all the helpers who stuffed the 500 bags, all the organizations who contributed their promotional items, and all the wonderful artists who shared their talents! The 2014 Charles County Fair Fine Arts Show was the best ever!



Clockwise from the left: Lorina Harris, Ronald Brown, Doris Hagens, Teresa Proctor, Ann Davis, Rosalie Hawkins, Thirzah Griffioen and Trevor Griffioen.



Charles Fenwick II, and Judy Crawford.



From left to right: Doris Hagens, Ann Davis, Rosalie Hawkins, Teresa Proctor and Ronald Brown.





#### From left to right: Teresa Proctor (standing), Doris Hagens, Trevor Griffioen, Lorina Harris and Ron Brown.

From back to front: Charles Fenwick II, Lisa

Reńa Scales, Lorina Harris, Thirzah Griffioen,

Larenzo Savoy and Monique Owens.

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# Arts Alliance Opens Its Eighth Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Fall Show Runs through December 30, 2014





The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new fall art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 34 local artists and 52 works of art. The artworks are being displayed in four separate gallery spaces which include the main conference room on the first floor, and two study rooms and wall space in the Fiction Section on the second floor.

On Saturday, October 4, the Arts Alliance hosted a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to honor all the artists participating in the show. The public was invited to this event, and had a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display throughout the Library. Tyler Alo provided musical entertainment on the cello, and the Charles County Garden Club presented floral interpretations of selected artworks.

The Charles County Arts Alliance wishes to express its grateful appreciation to Ronda Goldman, President of the Charles County Garden Club, for proposing to us this unique and beautiful floral enhancement of our latest gallery show at Waldorf West. The floral interpretations are part of the "Art Blooms" national program being implemented by Garden Clubs across the country, in partnership with local art museums and ngalleries. The CCAA is delighted to have been selected for this honor by Charles County Garden Club. Our special thanks to the following floral designers for their wonderful artistry: Robin Bowyer, Lisa Gillespie, Olivia Loboda, Mary A. Lilly, Bonnie Castleberry, and Ronda Goldman.

The show's theme was open to the artists and includes works from: Free Akins, Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Chelsea Benson, Patricia Biles, Donna Capuano, Suzanne Cassidy, Jemm Excelle Dela Cruz, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Don Faust, Betty Fuqua, Reneé Fuqua, Jan Garland, Roxana Gonzales, Lonnie Harkins, Kylus Harris, Patrise Henkel, Josh Hettel, Gordon Johnson, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Constance Moore, Cliff Morgan, Jan Norton, Jamie Oliver, Annabel Russell, Spencer Russell, Mary Lou Rutherford, Pat Troiani, Shannon Wang, Neil Wilmoth, Ramona Wise and Sandy Wood.

CCAA certificates of appreciation were presented to the exhibiting artists by Diane Rausch, CCAA Past President and Board Member, and Diane Johnson, Acting Director of the Charles County Public Library.

The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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# Meet the Artists for the Fall Art Show At Waldorf West Library!



































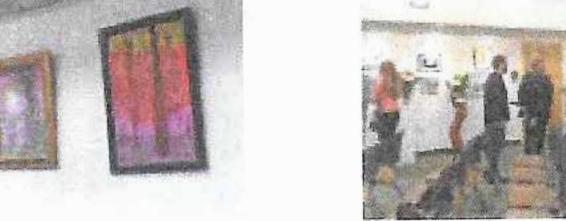














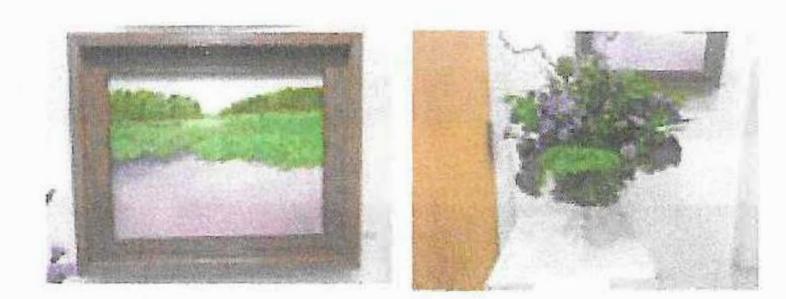
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# **Charles County Garden Club Interprets Selected Works of Art** with Floral Arrangement at the "Meet the Artists" Reception















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# Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Winter Show at Waldorf West Library Deadline to Submit is October 31!



**Theme is "Artists Choice"** 

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Winter Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from January 2 to March 27, 2015. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as lowresolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

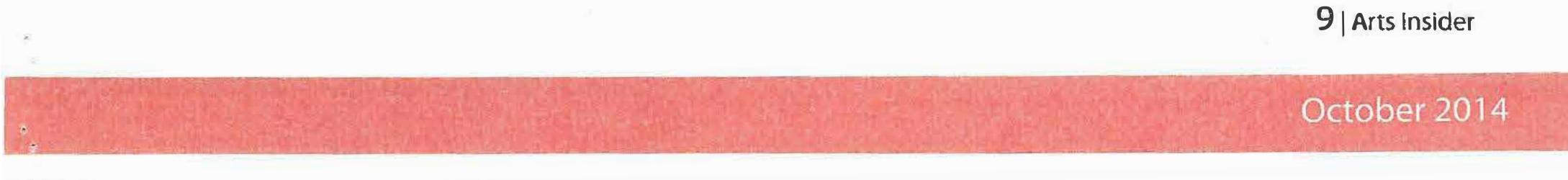
The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing 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, January 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery to honor all the artists participating in the winter show!

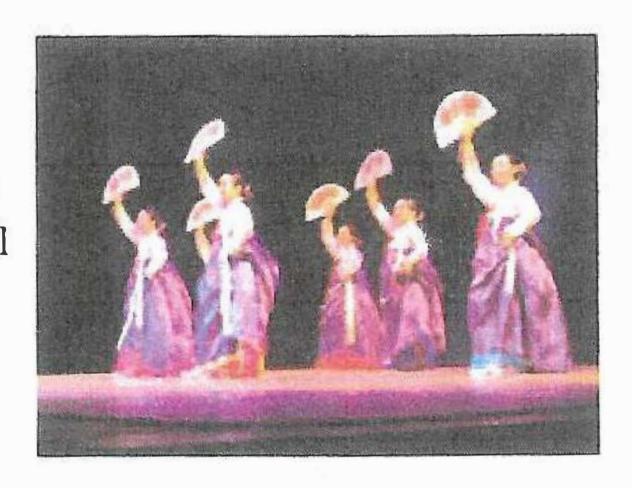
For more information on the Waldorf West Library Gallery or the Charles County Arts Alliance, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email info@charlescountyarts.org.

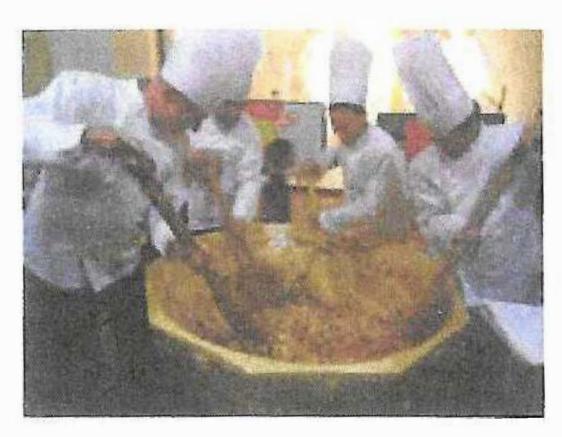




## **CCAA Honored Speaker at "Korea Art & Soul"** 9th Annual Korean-American Cultural Arts Festival in DC

On Saturday evening, September 27, 2014, CCAA President Robert Rausch represented the Charles County Arts Alliance as an honored guest speaker at the 9th Annual Korean-American Cultural Arts Festival. This year's event, "Korea Art and Soul," was held at Lisner Auditorium of The George Washington University, Washington, DC. It was sponsored by the Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation, (KACAF) chaired by Tammy Lee Pantages, of Waldorf, Maryland. The purpose of the annual event is to create strong bonds between Korean-Americans and their American communities through exposure to treasured Korean art and culture by the general public. The event was sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, DC, and the National Endowment for the Arts.





This year's concert showcased Master Artists from the Republic of Korea, including a fashion show of traditional and modern dress, a traditional orchestra from the Jeollabuk-do Provincial Institute for Korean Performing Arts, and traditional Korean drummers, dancers and singers. In addition, pre-concert events included Korean food tasting and demonstrations, and a exhibit of Korean art and photography. A fun surprise of the pre-concert food tasting was when the honored guest speakers, Robert Rausch, Maryland State Delegate Peter Murphy, and Korean Embassy Consul General Kang Do-ho were handed a white chef's jacket and hat, a huge wooden spoon, and were invited to mix all the ingredients of "b bim bop," a famous Korean specialty, in a huge wooden bowl. Then they served it to the hundreds of the concert goers!

Following welcoming congratulatory speeches by the honored guests, the concert began. It was an astounding display of the timeless beauty of Korean culture over the past 1000 years. Traditional musical instruments were performed throughout the concert, including the daegeum, sori, geomungo, taepyeongso, and gayageum. The Jeollabuk Orchestra performed a wide variety of traditional and contemporary Korean music, and also delighted the audience with an amazing and moving performance of "Over the Rainbow" by virtuoso Jo Song Dae on the taepyeongso, a traditional reed instrument reminiscent of the oboe. Korean opera soloists and a traditional dance ensemble were also showcased in stunningly beautiful costumes.



It was a lovely evening of experiencing Korean art and culture at its finest! We wish to thank Tammy Lee Pantages for inviting the Charles County Arts Alliance to participate in this very special annual event.

Best wishes for continued success!

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# State and County News

#### Governor Martin O'Malley's P-20 Leadership Council Unanimously Approves Task Force Report on Arts Education

#### *"Autumn Colors of Waldorf"* Photo Contest Has Begun! Deadline to Enter is November 15



On Tuesday, September 16, Governor O'Malley's Leadership Council voted unanimously to accept the recommendations from his task force on arts education. These eleven recommendations are based on the principles of equity and quality of arts education. The Governor, winner of both state and national awards in leadership in the arts, has expressed his strong support of students having access to the arts in their PK-12 education by stating, "The arts give our children the skills and diverse knowledge they need to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow."



Show the beauty of Waldorf during the autumn season by entering your photo in the 2014 "Autumn Colors of Waldorf: With Pride, We Prosper" photo contest. One winner will be selected in each of the three categories:

Residential, Business, and Open Space/Recreational Area. Each winner will receive a gift certificate to a

The recommendations are on policy, curriculum and instruction, resource allocation, and professional development. Mary Ann Mears, co chair of the task force and founder of Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS), stated in her remarks to the council that the arts "connect our whole being because they speak to our emotions, our reasoning, and our creativity." Her co chair, Dr. Jack Smith, Chief Academic Officer at MSDE, stated that "students need a complete education." All council members expressed their support by voting yes; there were no abstentions.

We are very excited to share the full task force report with you! It can be found on their website at www. aems-edu.org local nursery.

The contest runs from Monday, September 22, through Saturday, November 15. Citizens are encouraged to capture images showing places in Waldorf, Maryland, with an autumn theme. One entry per person.

Visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/autumncolors and upload your photo for consideration. Entries must be submitted by Saturday, November 15, 2014, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Official contest rules will be available online at www.charlescountymd.gov.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office, at 301-885-2779, or PressRoom@ CharlesCountyMD.gov. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.





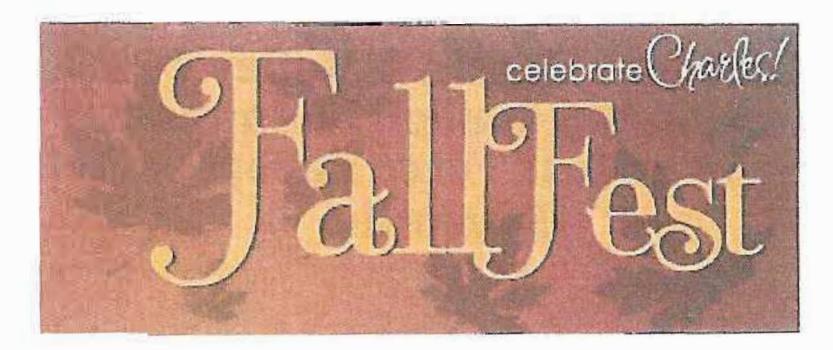




Sunday, October 12 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm La Plata Town Hall 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

- Live entertainment from the Sara Gray Band
- Craft and food vendors
- Petting zoo
- Pedal cars
- Art tent for kids

Calling all Creative Pumpkin Carvers! This year for the first time at The Town of La Plata's Fall Festival, we are asking you to bring your completed, amazing, creatively carved pumpkin, to represent yourself, your family, a school, or a group; to be in the running for a prize! Please only bring one entry per person, family, or entity.



Third Annual Celebrate Charles FallFest Saturday, October 25 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm Regency Furniture Stadium 11765 St Linus Drive, Waldorf

Event highlights include a Celebrate Charles marketplace showcasing some of Southern Maryland's most talented artisans and crafters, and a premier concert series featuring favorite local musicians, Sam Grow and The Sara Gray Band. Event admission is free, and the event will take place rain or shine. Food and market items will be available for purchase.

Prizes will be awarded for first place through honorable mention, and crowd's favorite too. Register today to let us know you will participate – send your name, phone number, email address, and title of your pumpkin entry to Colleen Wilson, Special Events Coordinator, at cwilson@townoflaplata.org or 301-934-8421.

This is a family event, so please keep your subject clean for young children. We reserve the right to remove any pumpkins that we think are questionable from the contest.

The contest winner will be announced 2:40 pm. You must be present to win. Please be sure and collect your pumpkin at the end of the contest, or it will be sent to the compost pile.

Children can give their Halloween costumes a trial run on the Trick-or-Treat Trail and play all day in the Family Fun Zone, which will feature inflatables, rides, facepainting, balloon twisters, and a photo booth.

For more information and vendor opportunities, visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov, or contact Ms. Rachel Reynolds, Promotions Specialist, at 301-645-0601 or ReynoldsR@CharlesCountyMD.gov. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.







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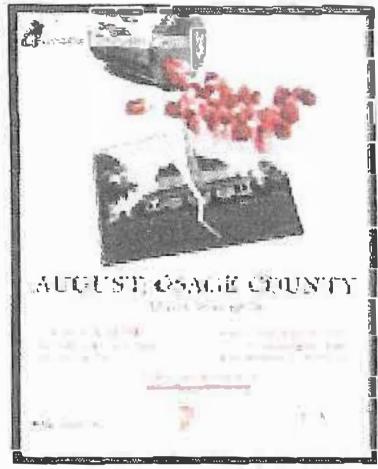
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# Performing Arts

Tantallon Community Players *August: Osage County* October 4, 5, 11, 12 Saturdays, 3:00 and 8:00 pm Sundays, 3:00 pm Harmony Hall Regional Center's John Addison Concert Hall, 10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington, MD

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Seniors (60+), Groups of 10 or more are \$10 per person

Described by critics as having "the zip and zingy



humor of a classic television situation comedy and the absorbing narrative propulsion of a juicy soap opera," and recently a movie starring Meryl Streep, this intense Pulitzer Prize-winning follows an Oklahoma family as they struggle with addiction, sickness, and their own histories Mattawoman Creek Art Center *Murder at the Manor House* Friday, October 10, 6:30 - 10:00 pm Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD 20604 Tickets: \$60 per Person

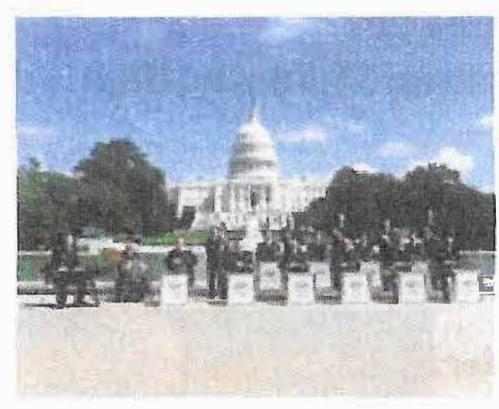


Mystery Theater inspired by Downton Abbey (Downton Abbey attire encouraged). Try to guess who "dunnit." Test your sleuthing skills as the mystery unfolds. For more information, call 301-743-

5159, or send a check for tickets to Mattawoman Creek

while still managing to find the humor in life. For more information, visit www.tantallonplayers.org.

#### Henry E. Lackey High School U.S. Navy *The Commodores* Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm, FREE 3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head, MD



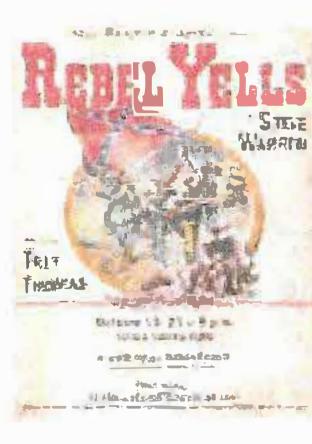
U.S. Navy's Premier Jazz Band has performed the very best of big band jazz for the Navy and the nation for over 40 years. Their concerts are an eclectic mix of traditional big band music, exciting jazz vocal arrangements

as well as fresh new instrumental music written

Art Center, PO Box 258, Marbury, MD 20658.

#### Hard Bargain Players Theater in the Woods *Rebel Yells* October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors, Students, Alice Ferguson Members



Seven soldiers and one woman nurse share a hospital ward in Richmond, Virginia, even as the cannon balls fall around them during the last days of the Civil War. While each has lost something different to the war—an arm, a leg, a voice, a faith, a son—all have lost their courage and self-respect. In the course of

the play, harsh secrets of their wartime deeds emerge as the men struggle to recover their honor and redeem themselves even as their beloved South dies just outside the hospital walls. To reserve tickets, email hbplayersboxoffice@gmail.com. For more information, call 301-292-5727 or visit http://www.hbplayers.org.

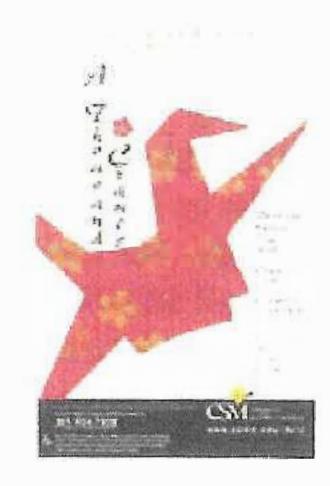
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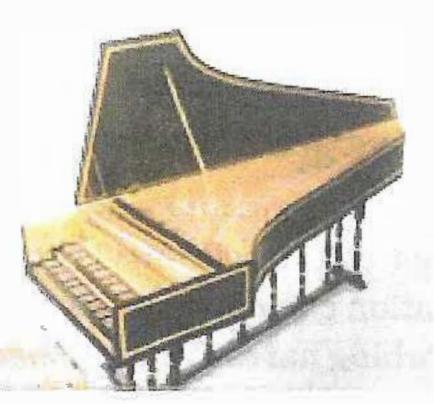
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**College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre Company A Thousand Cranes** Friday, October 10, 7:00 pm Saturday, October 11, 2:00 and 7:00 pm Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors; \$5 Youth (High **School and Below**]



A Thousand Cranes presents the true and poignant story of Sadako Saski, who was 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on the small city of Hiroshima, where she lived. Now, 12-year-old Sadako suffers from "radiation sickness," or leukemia, an effect of the bombing. She's told an old story about the crane: if a sick person folds a

**Music Teachers Association of Charles County Baroque Festival** Saturday, October 18, 2014 11:30 am, 1:00 and 2:30 pm **Christ Church, 112 East Charles Street, La Plata Free and Open to the Public** 



The European Baroque era spanned 1600 to 1750, and saw the development of secular art and music, separate from their roles in the Christian church. The music features minuets, gavottes, and

other dance forms. Composers of that time include

thousand origami cranes, the gods will grant her wish and make her healthy again. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the box office at 301-934-7828, or visit http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/children/index. html.

### **College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre** A Piece of My Heart

Thursday, October 16, 7:30 pm Friday - Saturday, October 17 - 18, 8:00 pm Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata **Tickets: \$5 all ages, production may not be** suitable for younger audiences.



This is a powerful, true drama of six women who went to Vietnam: five nurses and a country western singer booked by an unscrupulous agent to entertain the troops. The play portrays

each young woman before, during, and after her tour in

Johann Sebastian Bach and George Frideric Handel, who wrote both sacred and secular music in many forms. The Music Teachers Association of Charles County, which sponsors the event, will present students, teachers and friends playing harpsichord, pipe organ, flute and other instruments. The harpsichord, built by Mark Adler of Gaithersburg, MD, is a superb reproduction of a Dutch-made instrument from the musical instrument collection of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Judy Dalton at 301-645-4511.

#### **College of Southern Maryland Southern Maryland Concert Band** Saturday, October 25, 8:00 pm **Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors; \$5 Youth (High School and Below**)

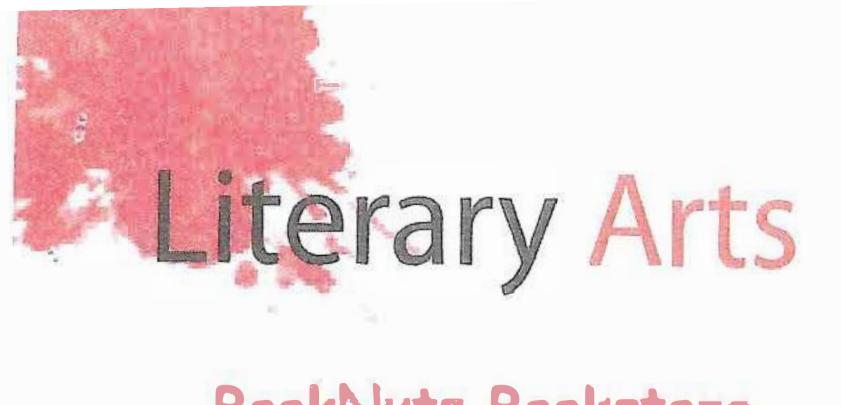
La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD

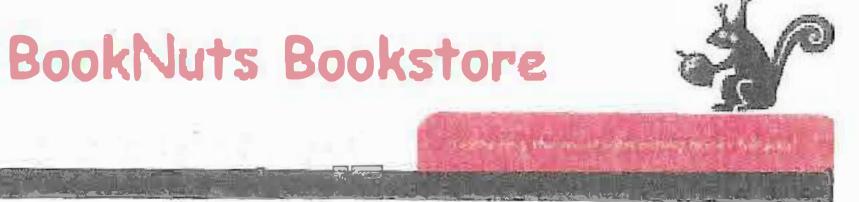
The Southern Maryland Concert Band (SMCB), under the direction of Michael Peerless, is a community ensemble that offers college credit to CSM students for their participation. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or www.csmd.edu/Arts.



the war-torn nation and ends as each leaves a personal token at the memorial wall in Washington. For more information and to reserve tickets, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/ CauseTheatre.html.

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**Reception and Book Signing** Saturday, October 4, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm 4459 Crain Highway, White Plains, MD **Light Refreshments Served** 

BookNuts BookStore is proud to host three outstanding local authors.

Deacon Albert Graham's Revelation, Mystical **Phenomena and Divine Promises** is a meticulously researched analysis of the Saints of the Catholic Church and others blessed by God. He reviews the methods God uses to convey his message (words, dreams, visions and trances) and the lives of those chosen to receive the message. Deacon Graham is currently serving the Sacred Heart Church in La Plata. **College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Series** Novelist Lydia Netzer October 10, 7:30 pm La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry (BI), Room 103, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD

**Tickets: \$3 in Advance; \$5 at the Event or \$3** with CSM Student ID



Lydia Netzer's debut novel, Shine, Shine, Shine (2013) is a stunning novel of love, death, and what it means to be human. In her latest work, How to Tell Toledo From the Night Sky (2014), **Cosmologist George Dermont** and Scientist Irene Sparks have everything in common, but their attraction was not written in the stars. In fact, their mothers raised them separately to become each other's soulmates. This novel is a mindbending, heart-shattering love story for dreamers and pragmatists alike, exploring the conflicts of fate and determinism, and asking how much of life is under our control and what is pre-ordained in the stars. For more information and advance tickets, call 301-934-7828.

Austin Camacho's Hannibal Jones mystery-thriller continues to delight readers with fast action and wellplanned characters. He has recently completed a series of short stories based on this popular character. His fourth book in his "Stark and O'Brien" series, The Ice Woman Assignment, places Morgan Stark and Felicity O' Brien at odds with Anaconda, female leader of a Colombian drug cartel. In all of his novels, the action is fast-paced, and the characters are inventive and believable

Judy and Amanda Jackson's It's a Rap brings poetry to a young adult audience as a way to face the challenges of life. The book is a faith-based exploration of feelings and emotions of young people, inspiring them to find the solutions to their challenges in a positive, Christ-centered way.

#### **Fall Used Book Bazaar October 11 - 18** La Plata Public Library (Lower Level) **5** Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 9:00 am - 4:30 pm each day



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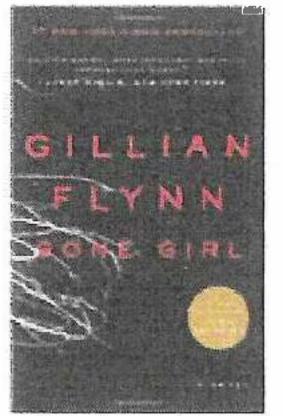


# Literary Arts



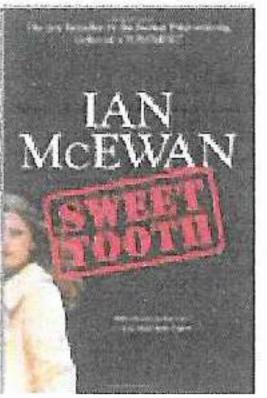
#### Book Discussion Groups

**Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group** meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month. 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.



**October 2:** Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media, as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents, the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceits, and inappropriate behavior. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter, but is he really a killer?

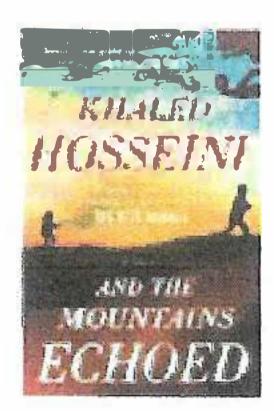
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the first Saturday of every month, from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. Anyone interested in joining, please call 301-645-2864, or email mruss@ccplonline.org.



#### October 4: Sweet Tooth by Ian McEwan. Cambridge student Serena Frome's beauty and intelligence make her the ideal recruit for M15. The year is 1972. The Cold War is far from over. England's legendary intelligence agency is determined to manipulate the cultural conversation

by funding writers whose politics align with those of the government. The operation is code named "Sweet Tooth." Serena, a compulsive reader of novels, is the perfect candidate to infiltrate the literary circle of a promising young writer named Tom Haley. At first, she loves the stories. Then she begins to love the man. How long can she conceal her undercover life? To answer that question, Serena must abandon the first rule of espionage: trust no one.

La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month (note change for October). To join call 301-934-9001 or email sbland@ ccplonline.org for more information. The Library is located at 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646.

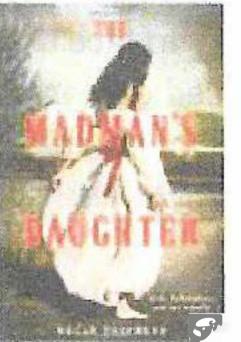


**October 2:** And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini. In this tale revolving around parents and children brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers, Hosseini explores the many ways in which families nurture, wound, betray, honor, and sacrifice for one another; and how often we are

surprised by the actions of those closest to us, at the times that matter most. Following its characters and the ramifications of their lives and choices and loves around the globe-from Kabul to Paris to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos--the story expands gradually outward, becoming more emotionally complex and powerful with each turning page. 16 Arts Insider

#### Waldorf West Library's Chicks for Lit Book Club

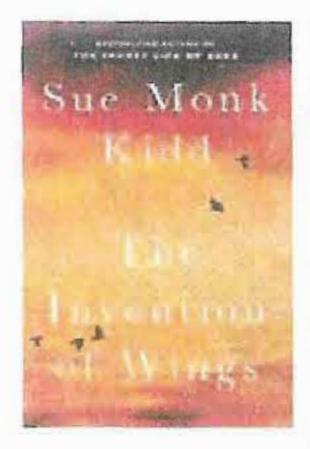
meets on Saturdays at 10:00 to 11:00 am. Preregistration is required; log into the Library's event calendar at http://www.ccplonline.org/news/ bookdiscussion.html or call Ashley Teagle at 301-645-1395. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603.



**October 4:** The Madman's Daughter by Megan Shepherd. Following accusations that her scientist father gruesomely experimented on animals, sixteen-year-old Juliet watched as her family and her genteel life in London crumbled around her-and only recently has she managed to piece her world back together. But when Juliet learns her father is still alive and working on a remote tropical island, she is determined to find out if the old accusations are true.

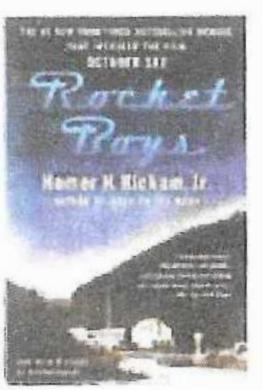
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**Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club** meets on the first Wednesday of every month (note change for October) from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



October 8: The Invention of Wings: A Novel by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to

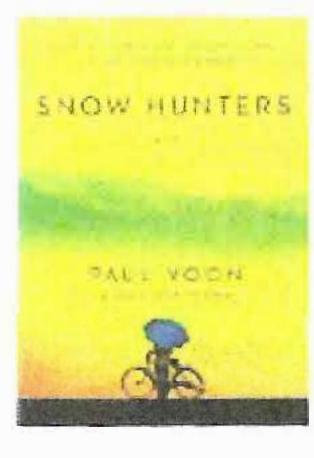
do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved. 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.



October 22: Rocket Boys by Homer H. Hickman, Jr. Rocket Boys is a uniquely American memoir--a powerful, luminous story of coming of age at the dawn of the 1960s, of a mother's love and a father's fears, of a group of young men who dreamed of launching rockets into outer space ...

and who made those dreams come true. NASA engineer

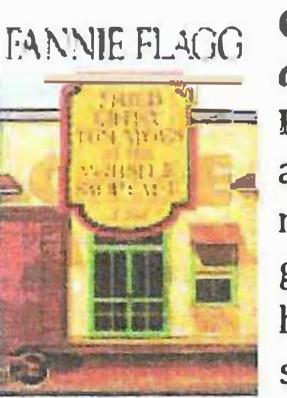
**Waldorf West Adult Book Club** meets on the third Thursday of the month, from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Preregistration at www.ccplonline.org is required by the evening before the discussion. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



October 16: Snow Hunters by Paul Yoon. Snow Hunters traces the extraordinary journey of Yohan, a twenty-five-year-old North Korean POW refugee who defects from his country at the end of the Korean War, leaving his friends and family behind to seek a new life in a port town on the coast of Brazil. Paul Yoon proves

love can dissolve loneliness; that hope can wipe away despair; and that a man who lost a country can find a new home. This is a heartrending story of second chances, told with unerring elegance and absolute tenderness. Homer Hickam paints a warm, vivid portrait of the harsh West Virginia mining town of his youth, evoking a time of innocence and promise, when anything was possible, even in a company town that swallowed its men alive. A story of romance and loss, of growing up and getting out, Homer Hickam's lush, lyrical memoir is a chronicle of triumph--at once exquisitely written and marvelously entertaining.

**The Jane Austen Film and Book Club** meets six times a year on the last Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm, at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. For more information, contact Cindy at 301-645-2864.



October 30: Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe by Fannie Flagg. Folksy and fresh, endearing and affecting, this is the now-classic novel of two women in the 1980s: of gray-headed Mrs. Threadgoode telling her life story to Evelyn, who is in the sad slump of middle age. The tale she tells is also of two women, who back in

the thirties ran a little place in Whistle Stop, Alabama, a Southern kind of Cafe Wobegon offering good barbecue and good coffee and all kinds of love and laughter, even an occasional murder. And as the past unfolds, the present--for Evelyn and for us--will never be quite the same again.

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# Visual Arts

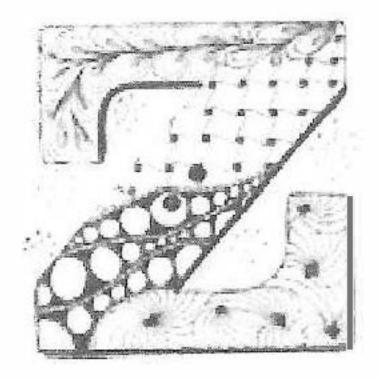
## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Exploring Oil Pastels Friday - Sunday, October 3, 4, 5 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Fee: \$160 MCAC members / \$180 nonmembers Instructor: Jack Brumbaugh (www.jackbrumbaugh. com) Class size is limited to 8



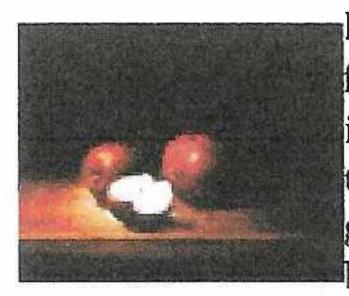
In this workshop, you will discover different ways of using this flexible medium, exploring how to manipulate oil pastels using solvent, brushes, rags, and more. You will also look at various types of drawing surfaces, and how to varnish and present the finished drawing. The first day will be spent in surface preparation and getting to know the different ways of working with oil pastels—sketching and trying out different surfaces. From there more Mini Intro to Zentangle® Friday, October 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Fee: \$15 includes supplies (no early bird special) Instructor: Jill Smithson

This introductory class is for students wishing to take an advanced Zentangle® class, but have had no prior experience with Zentangle®. The Mini Intro will be held one hour prior to the advanced class, and you must pre-register. (Beginner level.)



time will be spent on a finished drawing and further familiarization with the medium, finishing up with how to varnish and preserve the drawings. Participants may bring a photograph to work from or use a still-life, which will be provided. Materials included in the fee. (Some drawing experience recommended.)

#### Realistic Still Life in Water Soluble Oils Tuesday, October 14, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers Instructor: Tim Huber



Participants will learn techniques for the modeling of light & shadow in realistic painting, as well as techniques for creating tonal gradients, glazing techniques, blending techniques, techniques for

choosing harmonious color palettes, and various hands on examples of painting using brushes and other useful tools. Attendees will need to bring a palette, a 6x8 or 8x10 canvas or canvas board, a small fan brush, and a liner brush. All other materials (including paint) will be provided by the instructor. (All levels)

#### Zendala Magic Friday, October 24, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers Instructor: Jill Smithson

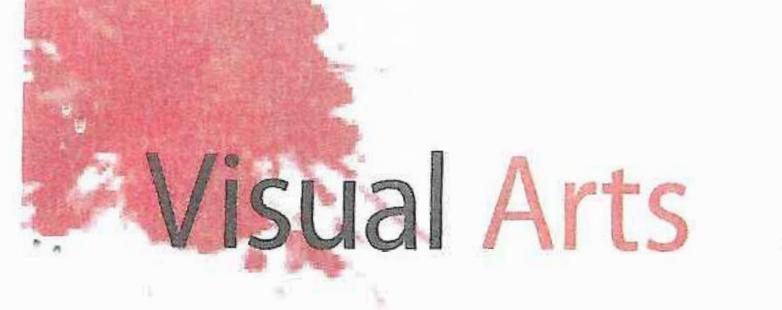


A mandala is a patterned circle with symmetrical patterns radiating outward from the center, and much like a kaleidoscope, the patterns travel outward and bring the viewer back into the center. In this class, students familiar with

the Zentangle® method will create a Zendala with Zentangle® patterns and colors. A materials fee due to instructor for the Zendala class is \$10 with returning students who bring their basic supplies (Pigma micron 01 pen, graphite pencil, and tortillion) having a reduced fee of \$5. (Prior experience with Zentangle® required or take the Mini Intro to Zentangle®.)

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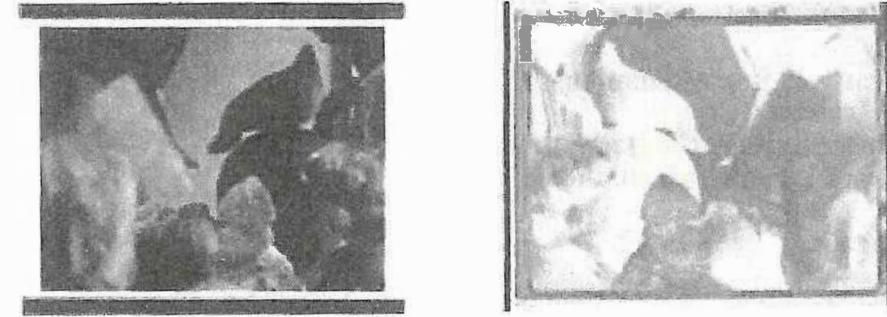
**Spooktacular Halloween!** Sunday, October 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers **\$25 Materials Fee Paid to the Instructor** Instructor: Bryan Swann **Class size is limited to 10** 

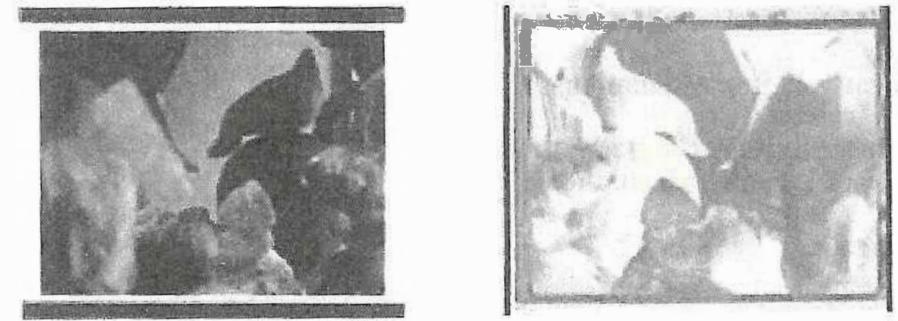


How scary can you make your Jack O' Lantern? Funny? Elegant? Bryan will teach the finer points of carving a pumpkin by adding flowers, branches, leaves and other materials to make a face only a creator will love! You will explore some unconventional thoughts in designs to create something truly unique. All materials will be provided. Please sign up by October 15th. (All levels.)

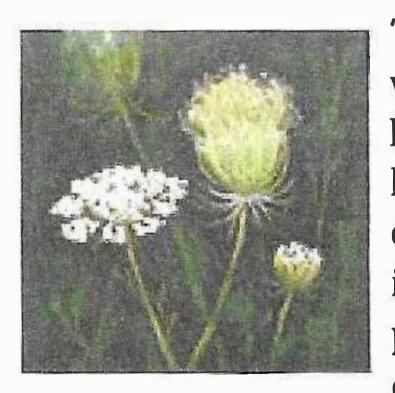
**Tony Hungerford Memorial Art** Gallery **College of Southern Maryland** La Plata Fine Arts Center

**KATHERINE SIFERS Solo Exhibition October 13 – November 7** Gallery Talk and Reception: Tuesday, **October 14, 12:00 Noon** 





#### **Dramatic in Black (Pastels)** Tuesday, October 28, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers **\$5 Materials Fee Paid to the Instructor Instructor: Denise Calisti**



This will be a plein aire workshop exploring the effects of light and atmosphere in nature, hopefully with shadows! (In case of rain, the workshop will be held inside.) The instructor will provide black paper into the mix of variables to create an even

more dramatic finish to our masterpieces. Bring your pastels, pastel pencils, sharpener and an easel if you have one. (all levels)

Located in Smallwood State Park, at 5565 Upham Place, in Marbury, Maryland, the Mattawoman Creek Art Center is open Friday - Sunday, 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.

In her still life photographs, Katherine Sifers employs vanitas and memento mori conventions because they are long established motifs for communicating a reminder to the viewer of the impermanence of life and the futility of excessive consumption in the material world. She is drawn to the still life motif for its paradoxical ability to express these complex ideas succinctly and ambiguously through the use of common objects, communicating meaning assigned to them both by popular culture and by personal association. Sifers works within these established ideas to create images that are both an investigation and critique of our use and misuse of objects and also to suggest that our society's interaction with these objects could shift to a more contemplative relationship.

The Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery is located at the College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus, Fine Art Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, and is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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Sat, Jul 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm "Meet the Artists" Public Reception Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

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Thu, Jul 17, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** Old Waldorf School, Waldorf



- Sat, Aug 2, 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm **CCAA Board Summer Retreat** Solomons Landing, Solomons
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- Thu, Aug 28, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata

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Sat-Sun, Aug 30-31 Celebrate Charles! March from Benedict: War of 1812 Serenity Farm, Benedict, MD



Wed - Sun, Sep 10 – 14 **Charles County Fair** Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

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- Sat, Jan 10, 2:00 4:00 pm "Meet the Artists" Public Reception Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- Sat, Jan 24, 9:00 am 4:00 pm **CCAA Board Mid-Year Retreat** Solomons Landing, Solomons
- Wed, Feb 11, 9:00 am 2:00 pm Maryland Arts Day Annapolis
- Thu, Feb 12, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Thu, Mar 12, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Wed, Mar 18, 11:am 2:00 pm **CCAA Hosts CAAM Meeting**

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- Tue, Sep 16, 7:00 pm Mandatory CAD Grant Workshop Unite Way House, La Plata
- $\checkmark$ Sat, Oct 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm "Meet the Artists" Public Reception Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- Thu, Oct 9, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Sat, Oct 25, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm **CCAA Grant Committee Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Thu, Oct 30, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Sat, Nov 15, 7:00 – 10:00 pm CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala Old Waldorf School
- Fri, Dec 5, 4:00 – 9:00 pm Sat. Dec 6. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm "A Holiday Arts Faire" - Kris Kringle Christmas Market 2014 Charles County Holiday Trail Charles County Fairgounds, La Plata
- Thu, Dec 18, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting**

Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery

- Tue, Mar 31, 7:00 – 9:00 pm **CCAA Scholarship Committee Meeing** United Way House, La Plata
- Sat, Apr 4, 2:00 4:00 pm "Meet the Artists" Public Reception Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- Thu, Apr 9, 7:30 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Sat or Sun, May 2 or 3, TBD **CCAA** Annual Membership Meeting TBD
- Thu, May 14, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** United Way House, La Plata
- Thu, Jun 11, 7:30 – 9:00 pm **CCAA Board Meeting** La Plata Town Hall
- Sat, Jun 13, 12:00 6:00 pm (Rain Date: Sun, June 14) ArtsFest 2015 La Plata Town Hall

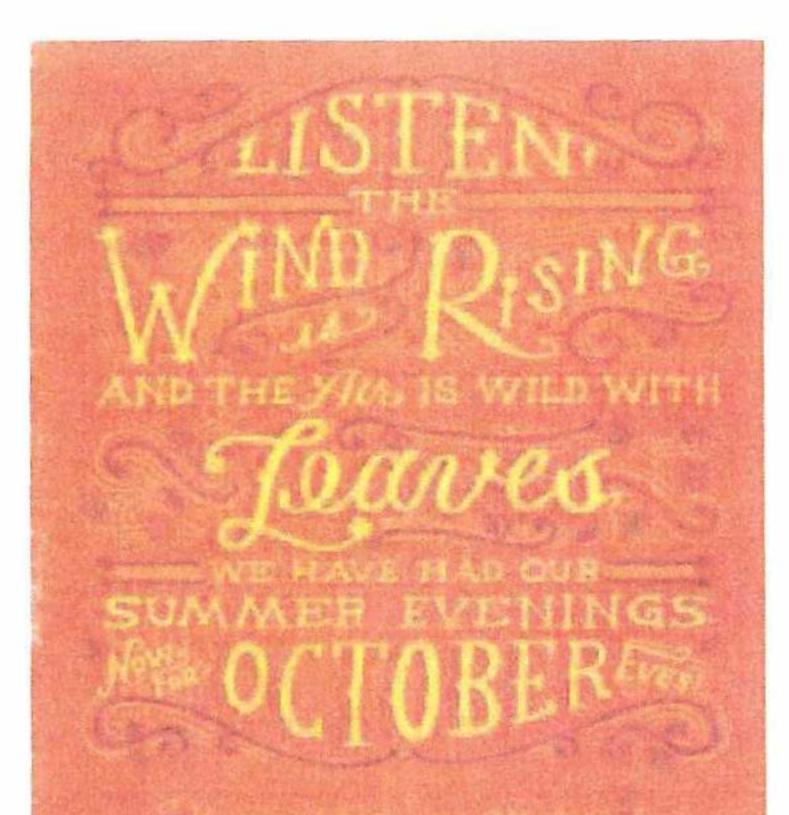
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