“Meet the Artists” Holiday Public Reception
Held at Waldorf West Library

On Saturday afternoon, December 14, 2013, the Charles County Arts Alliance celebrated our very talented local visual artists with a “Meet the Artists” Public Reception held at the beautiful Waldorf West Library. The holiday-themed reception honored the 22 visual artists whose 42 artworks have been on display in four galleries on two floors of the library since October. The current mixed-media show, Artists Choice, ended on December 31, 2013. This was the fourth gallery exhibition and the third public reception held at Waldorf West since the library opened in November 2012.

Under a cooperative partnership between the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Charles County Public Library, the Arts Alliance manages and curates the four galleries and holds exhibitions on a quarterly basis throughout the year. We are honored and pleased to have this major responsibility to promote the visual arts in the Waldorf region and across Charles County. We believe that the presence of original art by our fellow citizens enhances the library experience immeasurably for those visiting the library or using its conference rooms. Our sincere thanks and gratitude go to Ms. Emily Ferren, Director, Charles County Public Library, for her enthusiastic support of this wonderful partnership!

The Waldorf West first floor main gallery served as “holiday-central” and offered light refreshments, punch and hot cocoa to the visiting public, while artists and CCAA members mixed and mingled. Delightful music-box Christmas carols provided a festive atmosphere for the reception. A brief ceremony was led by Gale Kladitis, Chair, CCAA Gallery Committee. She introduced the members of the Gallery Committee and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to managing the Waldorf West Gallery. She then introduced Gallery Committee member Vicki Marckel, who presented CCAA Certificates of Appreciation to the 22 current artists of the Waldorf West Gallery. Closing remarks were provided by CCAA President Robert Rausch, who expressed his personal thanks to the Gallery Committee, the 22 artists, and the public for supporting the Waldorf West Gallery exhibition.

See pages 3-4 for more photos and a listing of our 22 Waldorf West Gallery artists!
Dear Members and Friends,

Reflections...

As we say farewell to calendar year 2013, it is hard not to reflect upon the challenges and successes that we, the Charles County Arts Alliance, have accomplished in just six short months of our new fiscal year, thanks to the efforts of our Board and many member volunteers:

- An orientation for new Board members, a Board retreat, and four Board meetings
- Five days of preparation and management of the P. D. Brown Fine Arts Building for the Charles County Fair
- Co-hosting *Mind Your Business*, a free legal/financial seminar, in partnership with Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Maryland Lawyers for the Arts, and PNC Bank
- A Grant Workshop and a Grant Review Panel meeting
- Our *CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala, "A Harvest of the Arts"
- Participation in the *Celebrate Charles FallFest* at Regency Stadium
- *A Holiday Arts Faire*, a fine arts festival with music, as part of the Kris Kringle Christmas Market at the Charles County Fairgrounds
- Presenting two “Meet the Artists” Public Receptions at the Waldorf West Library

As part of our ongoing mission of promoting the arts in our County, we have also awarded over $50,000 in grants and partnership funds to nonprofit organizations and schools for a variety of performing, visual art and literary events. Due to the tireless efforts of CCAA Vice President and Membership Committee Chair, Gale Kladitis, our membership now stands at over 200 and is still growing, including some 27 businesses, community organizations and municipalities supporting our efforts.

Our weekly Newsflash goes out to approximately 1,800 individuals and is often picked up by the local news media for reprint. Our Gallery Committee selects, hangs and oversees four shows a year at the Waldorf West Library Gallery, as well as several displays per year at the Charles County Government Building and the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata.

As I stated at the outset, these many events are made possible due to the planning and execution by our CCAA Board and member volunteers. In 2014, we will be asking for, and hope to receive even more support from our membership, as we produce the remaining activities scheduled for the rest of our fiscal year. My sincere appreciation and thanks go to all of you for your dedicated efforts.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All of Our CCAA Family!

*Bob*

Robert K. Rausch
CCAA President
Meet the Artists!

Twenty-two artists with a total of 42 artworks were selected for display for the current show. The artists are: Theresa Alo, Cindi Barnhart, Patricia Biles, Aimee Bonnet, Patrick Burke, Erin Doyle, Cecelia Dunay, Gale Euchner, Don Faust, Betty Fuqua, Jo Ann Gilhooly, Doris Hall, Jeremy Harpold, Lorina Harris, Shanese Hirmas, Euodia Jorai, Vicki Marckel, Nancy Owens, Annabel Russell, Shon Simpson, Nikole Smith and Keri Williams.

Not pictured: Jeremy Harpold, Lorina Harris, Euodia Jorai and Nancy Owens.
CCAA Gallery Committee (left to right): Gale Kluditis (Chair), Shanese Hirnas, Amy Jones, Theresa Alo, Vicki Marckel, Cindi Barnhart and Joseph Wimberly. Not pictured: Lorina Harris, Nancy Owens and Janet Salazar.
Schubert Singers
Epiphany Concerts

Friday, January 3, 7:00 pm
Christ Church, 600 Farmington Road West, Accokeek, Md

Saturday, January 4, 4:00 pm
St. Paul’s Moravian Church, 8505 Heathermore Blvd.,
Upper Marlboro, MD

Sunday, January 5, 2014, 4:00 pm
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf, MD

Free, Donations for support of the choir are appreciated. The program will include a set of Renaissance Christmas carols, as well as pieces celebrating the season of winter. A set of “tree” carols (linden, cherry, olive, holly) by Upper Marlboro based composer, Barbara Masters, will be the centerpiece of the concert. For additional information, call Paula FitzGerald at (301) 512-1183, e-mail schubertsingers@gmail.com, or visit www.schubertsingers.org.

Chin Hamaya Culture Center
Drumming Back to Okinawa!
January 11, 6:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Come celebrate the Asian New Year with dinner and drumming! Food catered by Hunan Star of La Plata, MD. The Culture Center supports cultural and educational activities that bring to light the richness and diversity of Okinawan, Japanese and other cultures. Their mission is dedicated to fostering community among the diverse cultures and anyone interested in discovering cultures from around the world.

Advance tickets are $23 for adults; $20 for senior citizens and military; and $12 for children 12 and under. Parties of 5 or more are $15 per person. Tickets at the door are $25. The Center is located at 109 A Post Office Road, Waldorf, MD 20602. Call 301-653-4758 to order tickets. For more information, visit their website at www.chinhamaya.org.

College of Southern Maryland
Open Auditions:
January 27 and 28
6:00 pm

Open auditions for these productions:
- But I Said No
- Lysistrata

Prepare a one-minute monologue. Roles for ages 18 and over. Auditions are held in the Fine Arts Center Theatre (FA Building) on the La Plata Campus. For more details, please contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or bxoffc@csmd.edu.
Performing Arts

Air Force Strings

Thursday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m.
Lackey High School
3000 Chicamuxen Road
Indian Head, MD 20640

Monday, January 27, at 7:00 pm
Bishop McNamara High School
6800 Marlboro Pike
Forestville, Md. 20747

The Air Force Strings is one of the most diverse and flexible units of The United States Air Force Band. Comprised of 22 world-class musicians, a key element of its mission is to entertain audiences at high-level protocol events in a formation known as the Strolling Strings. Free and Open to the Public. For more information, visit http://www.usafband.af.mil/mediakit/airforcestrings.

Port Tobacco Players
Death by Chocolate
January 24 - February 9

Meadowbrook Health Resort are dropping like flies, including famed chef Edith Chiles! On the eve of the grand re-opening, this is not the best advertisement! It's up to John Stone, the newly appointed manager, to find the cause and the murderer. Delightfully sarcastic and cynical, Stone finds himself teaming up with Ed Parlor, mystery writer and amateur sleuth, in a wacky race against time. The clues point to a sinister box of chocolates, and the suspects include all the outlandish characters working for the resort. Combining all the elements of classic murder mysteries with a scathing satire of today's health crazes. To order tickets, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or order online at http://www.ptplayers.com. Port Tobacco Players Theater is located at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.

College of Southern Maryland
La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center
U.S. Air Force Airmen of Note

Saturday, January 25
8:00 pm
Free for all ages. The 18-member jazz ensemble returns for their premier 2014 performance. For additional information, call 301-934-7828, or visit www.csmd.edu/Arts.

College of Southern Maryland Presents
Anansi
Written by CSM Theatre Students
January 31, at 10:30 am matinee
January 31, at 7:00 pm
February 1, at 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Come and spend an evening with Anansi the Spider, one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischief maker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes. This play is based on the traditional oral West African folktales of Anansi, the trickster god in the form of a spider. For more details and to order tickets, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or bxoffe@csmd.edu. The Fine Arts Center Theatre (FA Building) is located at 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD 20646.
Life Journeys Writers Club
January 2014 Workshops and Gatherings

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist!
January 8, 15, 22, at 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Waldorf West Library
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603

Write on Saturday -- with a Twist!
January 11, at 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Marriott Residence Inn
3020 Technology Place
Waldorf, MD 20601

These workshops, led by local author/journalist Yvonne J. Medley, are fun, intense with private editor consultations and there's food! There is a registration fee and limited space, so register early. Bring at least two pages of your work.

Life Journeys Writers Club Celebrates the Literary Arts!
"Big Quarterly Gathering and Seventh Season Opener"
Saturday, January 18, at 2:00 - 4:30 pm
Waldorf West Library
10405 O'Donnell Pl.
Waldorf, MD 20603

Come to the LJWC's Big Quarterly Gathering and expect to hear guest speakers, receive giveaways, enjoy food, network and participate in our formal toasting of a new season. And there's always more. Visitors, come check us out. Come and learn what we do, how we do it, and learn how you can become a member, officially, of the LJWC, Inc. It's a nonprofit organization! Also, as the LJWC moves into a new phase -- find out just what that can mean for you. For more information, email emeddle@aol.com, call 301-705-8972, or go to their website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Book Discussion Groups

Every month, Charles County Public Libraries offer book discussions for adults. Anyone interested in joining may call 301-934-9001.

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 Phyllis Frere at pfreere@ccplonline.org for more information. The Center is located at 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646.


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.

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.
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.

January 9: Murder Inside the Beltway by Margaret Truman. Rosalie Curzon, a Washington, D.C., call girl, is found bludgeoned to death in her Adams-Morgan apartment and Detective Mary Hall and rookie cop Matthew Jackson set out to uncover a killer no one will see coming!

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.

January 11: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte. Orphaned into the household of her Aunt Reed at Gateshead, subject to the cruel regime at Lowood charity school, Jane Eyre nonetheless emerges unbroken in spirit and integrity. She takes up the post of governess at Thornfield, falls in love with Mr. Rochester, and discovers the impediment to their lawful marriage in a story that transcends melodrama to portray a woman's passionate search for a wider and richer life than Victorian society traditionally allowed.

The Jane Austen Film and Book Club Kickoff

January 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD
Dress up in the finest "Downton Abbey" attire and enjoy a traditional tea with cakes, cupcakes and scones while learning about Downton Abbey culture. Register by January 13. Call Olivia Wallio at 301-645-8759.

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


Charles County Public Library Winter Reading Program Presents Wind into Winter @ 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.
Jarrett Thor Fine Arts
Colonial Beach Presents
Contagious Inspiration

Exhibit runs through January 5

Vicki Marckel, a teacher/artist from Southern Maryland, long-time permanent artist at Jarrett Thor Fine Arts, and member of the Charles County Arts Alliance, will present her new works at Jarrett Thor Fine Arts through January 5, 2014. Vicki, a native of Defiance, Ohio, is a High School art teacher at Henry E. Lackey School. She holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Academy of Art University.

Hours are Friday-Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Jarrett Thor Fine Arts is located at 100 Taylor Street #101, Colonial Beach, VA 22443. For more information, call 804-224-7200, email jarretthor@aol.com, or go to the website at www.jarretthor.com.

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery
La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center

PAHO MANN: Collections
Through January 10
While Paho Mann was working on the Phoenix Recycling Project (Fall 2007-Fall 2008), environmental awareness hit a new high in social and political dialogs. To create the images in this exhibit, Mann made nearly 6000 photographs of individual recyclables at a solid waste transfer and material recovery station in Phoenix, Arizona. The prints are displayed as grids with accompanying image overlays created by stacking and averaging the color and tone of all the individual photographs from each group. For more info on this project, visit www.phoenixrecyclingproject.org.

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery
DYSTOPIAS
Curated By Yikui Gu
Featuring the artwork of Elisa Asenbaum, Yikui Gu, Skirmantas Pipas, Colleen Rudolf, and Thomas Stuck

January 17 - March 14
Gallery Talk and Reception: February 4, 12:00 pm

Arthur Danto, the New York art critic, has referred to the contemporary art world as a "Pluralism," a world in which, with qualification, anything goes. This is a world where photo-realistic paintings may stand next to abstract expressionist works, or interactive installation may be adjacent to works of political satire. As artists, this is what we have inherited. A world without clearly defined hierarchies, artistic movements, or prevailing trends. Without the need to adhere to particular schools of thought, we have been liberated to process the experiences around us, and synthesize that with our own inner experiences. This has resulted in a fragmented view of the world, creating and highlighting the dysfunctions both without and within. We have created our own perfect little dystopias.

The Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery is located at the La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center and is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information, go to the website at http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/HungerfordGallery.html.
The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD.

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

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

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

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
- Business - $125
- Nonprofit Organization - $60
- Other (Donations) __________

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Master Calendar FY 2014

2013

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

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

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

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

☐ Sat, Sep 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
“Meet the Artists” Public Reception
Waldorf West Library – Main Gallery

☐ Wed-Sun, Sep 11 – 15
Charles County Fair
Charles County Fairgrounds

☐ 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

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

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

☐ Fri, Dec 6, 4:00 – 9:00 pm,
Sat, Dec 7, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Kris Kringle Christmas Market
Charles County Fairgrounds

☐ 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

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

☐ Sat, Mar 8, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
United Way House, La Plata

☐ Sat, March 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, 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, June 5, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
CCAA Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall

☐ Sat, June 7, 12:00 – 6:00 pm
ArtsFest 2014
La Plata Town Hall

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