February 9, 2023
Welcoming A Brand New Year of Creativity

February Memberships
Ann Benbow

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This Newsflash is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, send all information to the CCAA office by email at ccaaoffice1@gmail.com no later than the Monday before your event.
FEATURED EVENTS

Charles County Arts Alliance

**ArtsFest & Indian Head**
11 AM-5 PM, JUNE 10TH
The Second Saturday!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
News Release #2023-013
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, 8:45 a.m.

**Call for Maryland Artists for Public Art Project**
The question-and-answer meeting will be held on Feb. 15

FOR MEDIA INQUIRIES ONLY:
Donna Fuqua, Public Information Specialist
Phone: 301-885-2779 | FuquaD@CharlesCountyMD.gov
Charles County Government is issuing a call for artists from the State of Maryland to apply to create a vibrant and welcoming outdoor place at Elite Gymnastics and Recreation Center (2745 Old Washington Road, Waldorf). This site is the first public art project in Waldorf.

The public art submission theme is recreation with an overall vision of the Waldorf Urban Redevelopment Corridor. The project should incorporate two- to three-dimensional sculpture, seating, walkways, and landscape design features. The space will be enjoyed by those that attend programs at the facility, their families, and the community. To learn more about the Downtown Waldorf Vision Plan, click here.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 10, at 4:30 p.m. Interested artists can find additional information and the application at www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/call-for-artists. This project is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council www.MSAC.org.

A virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 6 p.m. to answer potential applicants' questions. To register to attend the meeting, click here.

For more information or questions, contact Amy Blessinger at 301-645-0650 or BlessingA@CharlesCountyMD.gov. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711 or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.
The Grants for Artists program provides financial support accompanied by recommended, MSAC-supported professional development offerings tailored to meet the needs of artists working in various genres and media.

The purpose of the Grants for Artists program is to contribute to the sustainability of artists’ livelihoods by providing funds that support working or living expenses.

**Quick Resources**

**Funding Amount**

$6,000

**Rolling Deadline**

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For more information visit: msac.org

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OTHER MSAC NEWS
Paid Panelists Needed for Arts in Education Grant Program

This spring, MSAC is facilitating the public-led revision of the Arts in Education (AIE) program, which funds arts education projects in Maryland’s schools and community settings.

This effort is based on a need to clarify the program’s policies to provide equitable access to funds and ensure funding opportunities reach across the state of Maryland.

The next step of this process is to identify a panel of editors who will work with MSAC staff to develop the policy recommendations that will improve the public service of the AIE grant program.

All selected editors will be expected to:

1. Become familiar with the previous policies and procedures of the AIE grant program
2. Work with MSAC staff to revise AIE policies and procedures in alignment with public need and the goals of the current MSAC strategic plan
3. Be available to participate in at least two virtual meetings (see below dates) to discuss the above issues and develop procedure and policy recommendations for further consideration by MSAC staff, council, and Department of Commerce leadership:
   - Editor Meeting #1: March 7, 1 - 4 p.m.
   - Editor Meeting #2: March 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

PREFERENCES:

- Maryland residents with backgrounds in a variety of arts administration and cultural worker roles, or who are interested in learning how changes are considered and implemented within MSAC.
- Artists and artist organizations who are currently on the MSAC Teaching Artist Roster are highly encouraged to apply.
- Members of sites who have participated in previously AIE-funded projects are highly encouraged to apply.
- Internet access is required, and a Gmail account is recommended to participate.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Click the Apply Now button below to log in or create a free account in SmartSimple. You must be registered as an “Independent Artist” to apply to be an editor.
2. Under Funding Opportunities, select “Public Call.”
3. Select “Program Editor” from the first drop down option.
4. Select “Arts in Education Grant” as the Grant Program from the second drop down option.
5. Click “Save Draft” at the bottom to populate the application.
6. Complete the application and click “Submit.”
7. Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2023

Editors will receive a minimum of $400 upon completion of assigned tasks, with the possibility of additional compensation if more than two virtual meetings are needed.
2 Weeks Left to Register

We invite you to attend AEMS's 3rd Annual Arts Education Symposium on Anti-Racism on Saturday, February 4th from 11am - 5pm.

Attendees will participate in:

- healing and learning sessions in affinity spaces with expert facilitators
- collaborate in discipline focused session to address anti-racism in arts education,
- experience keynote speaker Ivory Toldson Ph.D., national director of Education Innovation and Research for the NAACP, professor of counseling psychology at Howard University and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. The decolonization of arts educations is an ever evolving process of unlearning and relearning pedagogical practices. AEMS is committed to supporting arts educators in this journey of anti-racism in arts education to ensure equity for diverse students.

REGISTER NOW

P.S.

Register by January 31st to automatically enter a raffle for 2 orchestra seats to see the Washington National Opera present Blue at The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Winner to be announced during the symposium.

Register Now!

PERFORMING ARTS

Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance

CONTRA AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL - CALLER: JORDAN KAMMEYER
Saturday, February 11, 2023
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
Come out and bring your comfortable dancing shoes!
- The dances are held at Christ Church parish hall, 37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico, MD.
- Lessons for new or inexperienced dancers begin at 7PM.
- Admission $12.00, members $8.00, children age 17 and under are free but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Water is provided, but feel free to bring a refillable bottle to stay hydrated. There will be an ice cream social during the intermission.
- Go to www.smtmd.org for more information. Watch the website for weather related cancellation notices.

contact Christian at christian.jewell@ymail.com.

Visit SMTMD.ORG

Port Tobacco Players
Shakespeare returns to the stage!

2022-2023 Season of shows

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Sept. 23 to Oct. 9, 2022

Hello, Dolly!
Nov. 25 to Dec. 18, 2022

Twelfth Night
Jan. 20 to Feb. 5, 2023

Once Upon a Mattress
March 10 to April 2, 2023

You Can’t Take It With You
May 5 to May 21, 2023

Ragtime
June 30 to July 12, 2023

JAN. 20TH TO FEB. 5TH, 2023

Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 3pm
Tickets: $18 for adults, $15 for seniors over 60, youth (through high school) and military with ID.
To purchase tickets, go to www.PTPlayers.com
Or call 301-932-6819

(Twelfth Night) This fast-paced romantic comedy is several interwoven plots of romance, mistaken identities and practical jokes. Separated from her twin brother Sebastian in a wreck, Viola disguises herself as a man, calls herself Cesario, and becomes a servant to the Duke Orsino. He sends her to woo the Countess Olivia on his behalf, but the Countess falls in love with Cesario. Meanwhile Olivia’s uncle, Sir Toby Belch, with the help of his friends, plan to play a trick on Malvolio, Olivia’s steward. When Sebastian turns up it causes even more confusion, chaos and comedy. PTP is taking a 1940’s approach to this classic comedy of mayhem and romance!

Produced by Janice Nash Sagers & Quentin Nash Sagers
Directed by Rachel Wallace
Music Directed by Becky Norris Kuhn

Mar 10 to Apr 2, 2023

(Musical Comedy) Many moons ago in a far-off place, Queen Aggravain decreed no couples could marry until her son, Prince Dauntless, found a bride. Princesses came from far and wide to win the hand of the prince, but none could pass the impossible tests given to them by the Queen. After all, a princess is a delicate thing.
Get your tickets today at www.PTPlayers.com!
The Sound of Music
February 10 - March 5, 2023
The final collaboration between Rodgers & Hammerstein was destined to become the world's most beloved musical. Featuring a trove of cherished songs, including “Climb Ev’ry Mountain,” “My Favorite Things,” “Do Re Mi,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen” and the title number, The Sound of Music won the hearts of audiences worldwide, earning five Tony Awards and five Oscars. The inspirational story, based on the memoir of Maria Augusta Trapp, follows an ebullient postulate who serves as governess to the seven children of the imperious Captain von Trapp, bringing music and joy to the household. But as the forces of Nazism take hold of Austria, Maria and the entire von Trapp family must make a moral decision.

BOX OFFICE INFORMATION
Adults $18, Seniors/Students/Military $15, Children $13
Thursdays all tickets $13
Show Times
Thursdays-Saturdays 8:00 PM
Sundays 3:30 PM

Purchase Tickets Here

College of Southern Maryland

Audition Call
Fantastic Mr. Fox
By Roald Dahl
Adapted for the Stage by David Wood
Feb. 6, 8, & 9 at 6pm FA141, College of Southern Maryland
Auditions for Fantastic Mr. Fox will be held Feb 6, 8, and 9th in FA141 at the College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus. Please come prepared with a 30 to 60 second monologue. Monologues may be from another children's show or a passage from a children's book. Here is what they are looking for adults and children ages 7 and up for roles.

MUSIC STROLL ON A WINTER’S NIGHT

YOUTH ARTS PROGRAMS OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 23, 2023
5:30-8 p.m.
Fulton Hall Lobby, Salisbury University

For more information: cjflorin@salisbury.edu

PLEASE NOTE: Visitor parking permits are required to park at SU. Please request a permit at www.salisbury.edu/parking

PRESTO performing arts lessons, Salisbury Youth Orchestra, Summer Enrichment Academies @ SU and Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council welcome you to an open house to experience many of Fulton Hall’s youth education opportunities.

- Learn about each program
- Meet instructors
- Experience SYO and PRESTO demonstrations
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VISUAL ARTS
Open Call for Public Sculpture!

The Havre de Grace Arts Collective Public Art Committee and the City of Havre de Grace are seeking a sculpture(s) that reflects the heritage, history, contemporary energy, or natural beauty of the city and environs.

Models are to be delivered: The Havre de Grace Arts Collective, 224 N. Washington Street, Havre De Grace, MD 21078, by March 10, 2023.

The proposed sites for the sculpture(s) are in North Park near the Susquehanna Museum at the Lockhouse, and other potential sites near the center of the downtown.


Open to all artists age 18 and over in the State of Maryland.

More Information! Visit Website

LOCAL OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG ARTIST
Maryland Folk Festival

THE SQUARE WEEKEND BAZAAR
AND YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR
SHOWCASE CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH

YOUNG ARTISTS SHOWCASE AGES 6-11
ARE YOU A INSPIRING YOUNG ARTIST?
4 CATEGORIES - ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED
ALL MONTH LONG AND AWARDS WILL BE
GIVEN TO THE WINNING ENTRIES
AWARD CEREMONY ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY
25TH WITH ENTERTAINMENT AND ETHNIC FOOD

1214 ST SMALLWOOD DRIVE WEST
WALDORF, MD 20603

SAT 11-6 AND SUN 12-6
CALL ANGELA @ 240-254-4083 OR VISIT
HER BOOTH TO REGISTER
The 2023 Maryland Folk Festival Marketplace is now accepting submissions!

The Festival Marketplace will offer festivalgoers the opportunity to purchase the juried, handmade creations of artists and craftspeople from the State of Maryland and surrounding region. Whether your style is deeply traditional or a more contemporary artistic expression, this is a great opportunity for you to have your work seen by thousands of people.

The 2023 Maryland Folk Festival in Downtown Salisbury, brought to you by our Presenting Sponsor Perdue Farms, will take place September 22-24, 2023. This event brings together hundreds of the nation’s finest musicians, dancers, tradition bearers and artisans. Best of all, it is FREE to attend!

All interested artisans must fill out an online application before April 24, 2023. This application includes such information as details about your artwork, photos/images of your work, and other related information. The fee to apply is $35.00. If selected, the basic booth fee is $300.00. You can also view the full application guidelines and requirements on the Maryland Folk Festival website.

Here are the direct links to:

Marketplace Guidelines
Artist Application

CCAA Sponsored Galleries

The Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery
Artwork By: Florence Foster
Charles County Commissioner Building Gallery
Artwork By: Nancy Owens
October 17, 2022 to February

Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch Gallery
Artwork By: Various Artists
December 30, 2022 to April 7, 2023

Download Submission Guidelines

For more information about CCAA sponsored and supported galleries, contact our office at 301-392-5900 or info@charlescountyarts.org
Visit our website to see the current gallery shows online!
Seven-Up+ 2023
Jan. 13-Feb. 5
Artwork by Charles Co.
Public High School students of 2023!
Awards Ceremony: Sunday, Jan. 22, 1-4

1st Prize Winners of Seven-Up 2022:

1. "Cupcake": Drayanna James
2. "Never Stal We Die": Julianna Bugert
3. "Poison Incarnated": Susan Garcia
4. "Fruit Bowl": Harlee Keen
5. "Heed In The Clouds": Addison Pfeifer
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Announcement to Artists
2023 Winter Open All-Media Show
February 10 – March 12
Optional Theme: Fun with Winter Sports*
*(We encourage, but do not require artwork to fit the theme).

There will be a People’s Choice Award.

MCAC is seeking artists to exhibit their artwork.
Overlooking the scenic Mattawoman Creek, within Smallwood State Park in rural Charles County, our spacious cathedral-ceiling gallery provides a lovely setting for displaying your artwork.

The 2023 Winter Open All-Media Show:
- Is open to all artists, both MCAC members and non-members
- Accepts all forms, styles, and media (within allowed size and weight limits)
- Offers artists the opportunity to display and sell up to 3 pieces of their artwork
- Includes a reception on Sunday, February 12 that is free and open to the public
  - Includes an on-line display of the artwork*.
  * Artist’s permission must be granted to MCAC to display artwork on-line.

Please consider displaying your artwork in this show!
A Detailed Call for Entry is posted on the website www.MattawomanArt.org.

Check the website for updates.

MCAC receives support from its members, benefactors, and sponsors, including the following:
Mary Jo Putney, an award winning, bestselling author, was born in upstate New York, earned degrees in English Literature and Industrial Design at Syracuse University, and eventually settled in Baltimore, Maryland. She likes to say, “I was born with a reading addiction, a condition for which there is no known cure.” As proof of her addiction, Mary Jo read everything in sight. She especially loved action, adventure, romance, history, and happy endings, all of which are essential components of historical fiction.

Growing up, Mary Jo’s fantasy was to be a writer (she always had stories in her head), but she never felt it was do-able until she got her first computer. She realized the tremendous advantage a computer gave a writer and it inspired her to write her first book, The Diabolical Baron (1987). She wove action, adventure, romance, history, and a happy ending into the novel and it was a success. This prompted her to become a full-time writer and leave her graphic design business. Her historical romances are known for main characters that come from difficult childhoods. As a result, her novels are known for psychological complexity and have included challenging problems like alcoholism, abuse, and death and dying “Part of the story arc is their struggle to heal and build a better life,” explains Putney.

Her advice to hopeful authors is to “Read, read, read, then write, write, write. Since talent isn’t uncommon, the defining characteristic of a successful writer is a burning drive to tell...
The Charles County Chapter of the Maryland Writers Association assists new and established writers from the basics of the craft, editing, traditional and self-publication, marketing and many other aspects of writing. The Chapter coordinates book signings at various events throughout the year, and coordinated writing events to the Mattawoman Creek Art Center. The Chapter meets at Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata at 6 PM every third Wednesday of the month for a Critique Group, followed by a business meeting and writing prompts at 7 PM. Contact Lewis McIntyre at mcintyrel@verizon.net, to be put on distribution for meeting notices and events.

Join CCPL for another Library After Hours featured event!

Visit CCPL Website

The Writer's Center's Bethesda building is awaiting your inspiration!

The front of TWC's Bethesda building, pictured above, is vibrant and eye-catching. Our unadorned back and side walls, however, could use a little love. (Actually, they could use a lot of love.) They're in a heavily-trafficked alley and visible from Wisconsin Avenue, a major thoroughfare. Let's make those walls
We’re currently in the planning process for commissioning an outdoor mural. Details on the mural’s theme, timeline, and artist payments are available here.

The deadline for submitting qualifications is February 15, 2023. Interested parties should send a resume, samples of past outdoor mural projects, and references (or any questions) to mural@writer.org.

This project is supported in part by our wonderful partners at the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org).

Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts invites you to participate in our 9th Annual High Tea, celebrating the life and works of author Agatha Christie.

The afternoon tea will take place Saturday, February 25th, 2023 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the Queen Anne’s County Arts Council. Tickets are $45.00 per person.

The ticket price is all inclusive. All proceeds go to benefit events, programs and activities that promote the arts locally.

For More Information Click Here

COMMUNITY, HERITAGE, & CULTURAL ARTS

The Thinking Kid

2022-2023 Classes Literature Circle Calendar & Tuition Teachers
As the United States of America celebrates the memory of Martin Luther King Jr, we celebrate with them and encourage the same ideals of equality and peace. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Classes will be happening as usual at The Thinking Kid today.

In case you missed it —

2023-2024 Classes: Coming this week! Stay tuned
January Updates

- **Student of the Month**: MiAnjela!
- **Teacher of the Month**: Ms. Anna!
- **Term 2**: January 30 - May 26, 2023
- **Spring Break**: April 10 - 14
For More Information

Neighborhood Creative Arts Center

Art Classes:
Toddler and Me
Tuesdays, 4:40-5:40 PM, Jan. 10-Feb. 14

Let's Get Messy! Kids' Winter Art Class
Tuesdays, 4:40-5:40 PM, Jan. 10-Feb. 14
Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 PM, Jan. 11-Feb. 15

Let's Make It!
Tuesdays, 5:50-6:50 PM, Oct. 25-Dec. 6
Wednesdays, 5-6 PM Jan. 11-Feb 15

Teen World of Color
Tuesdays, 7-8 PM, Jan. 10-Feb. 14

Visit NCAC Website

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's under-served population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.

CCAA Office Hours: Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday/Thursday 1pm-5pm