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ArtsFest 2013 Is Coming! Call for Artists!

Saturday, June 8, 2013 . . . at La Plata Town Hall!

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce that our annual ArtsFest will be held this year on Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 12:00 noon – 6:00 pm, at the La Plata Town Hall! This is our annual countywide outdoor event to celebrate ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature. Now in its 21st year — it is the largest arts festival in Charles County!

We are returning to La Plata this year and will once again bring the festivities to the lawn surrounding the beautiful La Plata Town Hall. We are delighted with our continuing partnership with the Town of La Plata, and appreciate their support as our host.

The Arts Alliance is planning to make this year a memorable one. Some facets of the festival remain, some will be modified, and some will change completely! Stay tuned for more details forthcoming soon!

ArtsFest 2013 Registration Forms and additional information will be advertised on our website very soon (www.charlescountyarts.org), so please check there in the near future for everything you need to participate in this year's festival.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on Saturday, June 8 in La Plata. See you there!

President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy March! Spring is just around the corner now . . . we finally made it through the cold, blustery Winter!

It's an incredibly invigorating time for the Charles County Arts Alliance. Just three weeks ago, we held our second retreat of the year, our Board Midwinter Retreat, on Saturday, February 9, in Solomons. It was a great day together, with a very productive and enlightening set of discussions. We discussed the past, present, and future of our organization, evaluated our recent performance during the first half of our year, identified and resolved various issues, and planned the remaining months of our year, which ends on June 30. Thanks to all the Board members for their active, constructive participation in this retreat.

One of the most important discussion items that took place during our retreat was a discussion of our upcoming vacancy for our part-time CCAA Office Manager. After 2.5 years of dedicated support of our nonprofit organization, Wendy Fuller has accepted a full-time position in Alexandria, Virginia. Wendy officially departed our organization at the end of February. We are so very sorry to see her go. She has been a wonderful, positive, and excellent addition to our organization, and we will miss her very much — her professionalism, her kindness, and her warm friendship. Hence, now we are in transition until a new Office Manager is hired and in place . . . so please bear with us! CCAA Board members are assuming many of Wendy's duties during this interim, but Wendy has graciously agreed to keep those Arts Newsflashes of ours going out each week until her replacement is found. Thank you Wendy for your many fine contributions during your time with us, and best wishes for continued success in your new position!

As you know, we have been actively advertising and recruiting during February for our new Office Manager. The deadline for receipt of all applications and resumes is today (March 1). Please see the Vacancy Announcement on page 3 for further information. If you know someone who might be interested and be a good fit for our

organization, please let them know about this immediately — you'll need to move extremely quickly since today is the deadline!

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting/Reception on Saturday afternoon, May 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. It will be held at the new Waldorf West Library in the main gallery (multipurpose room, first floor). We are pleased to hold this meeting in our newest gallery space, so you will be surrounded by our latest art show. Please come out and view our second multi-media exhibition, enjoy refreshments and live entertainment, hear annual reports from Board members, etc. Two of the most important aspects of this year's annual business meeting are: (1) elections and appointments of the new Board for FY 2013-2015; and (2) Bylaw amendments. If you are interested in being considered for the new Board, the self-nominations process is now open. We will need to hear from you by the March 15 deadline. After that our Nominations Committee will meet, consider applicants, and develop the final recommended slate of nominees. See page 4 for details and self-nomination requirements. Also during our May 4 meeting, we will have some proposed CCAA Bylaw amendments for your consideration.

Looking even further ahead, ArtsFest 2013 is coming soon! Hard to believe, but it is only three months away. The CCAA will again present ArtsFest 2013 at the La Plata Town Hall. We had a wonderful time there last year, and were warmly welcomed by the Mayor, Town Council, and Town Staff. We're looking forward to an even bigger and better event this year, our 21st Annual ArtsFest. Our ArtsFest 2013 Committee is led by Bill Adams, Cindy Johnson, and Bob Rausch. They are busily engaged in ensuring that ArtsFest 2013 is best year yet for this "grand finale" of our CCAA year.

Read all about it and more in this issue of the *Arts Insider*.

Diane

Diane Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance



Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Charles County Arts Alliance is currently accepting applications for the following position:

OFFICE MANAGER

(Part-time, 25 hrs/wk) La Plata, MD

The Charles County Arts Alliance promotes all the arts: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature. We are currently seeking an experienced Office Manager to support the Board of Directors and provide excellent customer-service to our members and citizens. Duties include managing databases, grants, website, email/phone/correspondence, action tracking, scheduling, notetaking, newsletters, and filing.

Excellent organizational, oral/written communications, IT, and interpersonal skills required. Candidate must be proficient in Microsoft Office, and be willing to learn Constant Contact. Prior experience in producing newsletters and database/website management required. Must be a team player — proactive, results-oriented, able to work with minimal supervision. Prior office management required, nonprofit experience preferred. Prior grantwriting/fundraising a plus. Bachelor's degree preferred. Some nights/weekends required. Must have own transportation.

Qualified candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: info@charlescountyarts.org.

CLOSING DATE: March 1, 2013

CCAA Board Nominations Are Open!

Do **YOU** want to **PROMOTE** the **ARTS**?

The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) wants you! If you are a leader and want to help promote the arts in our county, nominate yourself to serve on the CCAA Board of Directors!

What the CCAA is looking for:

CCAA is accepting self-nominations for the (3) Officers and (9) Directors of the CCAA for a two-year term of office, starting on July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. The (3) Officers are President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Deadline:

Nominations will be accepted from February 15, 2013 through March 15, 2013.

Do you qualify?

Nominations for Officers must be CCAA current members (dues paid) as of January 1, 2013. Nominations for Directors must be CCAA current members (dues paid) by no later than the time the nomination is submitted. Not a current member now, no problem! Become a member online here: www.charlescountyarts.org.

I DO qualify! How do I submit a self-nomination?

Please submit a typed brief written statement indicating: (1) why you are interested in serving as a CCAA Officer or Director; (2) your qualifications; and (3) which specific CCAA committee you are interested in leading or serving on. Send this written statement (not to exceed one page) to: info@charlescountyarts.org with the subject-line to read: Nomination for CCAA Board of Directors.

Here is what the CCAA Board job entails:

1. Commit to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Charles County Arts Alliance.
2. Commit to being a leader; CCAA Board positions are leadership positions.
3. Commit the personal time required to:
 - Attend monthly Board Meetings (12/year)
 - Attend Board Retreats (2/year for full-day meeting), and participate in CCAA-sponsored cultural and membership events throughout the year.
 - Serve on a "hands-on" Board; it is not an advisory group.
 - Serve in a volunteer capacity; Board positions are not compensated.
 - Chair or serve on one CCAA standing committee: Membership Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Grant Committee, Events Committee, Outreach and Marketing Committee, Education Committee, ArtsFest Committee.

What can you expect after you self-nominate?

1. The CCAA Nominating Committee will accept all self-nominations via email through the deadline of March 15, 2013.
2. All nominations will be reviewed by the CCAA Nominating Committee.
3. The final recommended slate of Officers and Directors will be presented for election and approval at the CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Reception in May 2013 (specific date and time TBD). Please note that nominations will not be accepted from the floor at this meeting.

Arts Alliance Presents 21 Local Artists in New Exhibit

Waldorf West Library Galleries Exhibit



Opening Reception: May 4, 3:00 pm

The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) presents an exhibit of 21 local artists at the Waldorf West Library Galleries. The exhibit will be held from February - June 2013, with a special meet-the-artists reception scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at 3:00 pm. The galleries are located in the new Waldorf West Library, in St. Charles.

CCAA Gallery Committee Co-Chair Gale Kladitis said, "We have new and returning artists to our second Multimedia Exhibit at Waldorf West — it just gets better and better. We are inviting the public to come see the beautiful artwork and meet some of these talented individuals at a special reception at the library on May 4, at 3:00 pm. It will be a great opportunity to meet and celebrate the participating visual artists."

The multimedia exhibition includes work from artists Terri Alo, Yuliya Strongovska-Armocida, Cindi Barnhart, Pat Biles, Cecilia Dunay, Christine Dunleavy, Gale Euchner, Renee Fuqua, Kevin John Grote, Lorina Harris, Shanese Hirmas, Vicki Marckel, Leah Meyers, Gene McCandless, Michael Mitchell, Nancy Owens, Marie C. Parham, Jennifer Pinto, Annabel Lee Russell, Nikole Smith, and Mary Solko.

Four separate gallery spaces are located within Waldorf West Library and include a large conference room, two study rooms, and wall space in the Fiction section.

Waldorf West Library Manager Janet Salazar commented, "Library patrons have been so supportive of the galleries, saying the artworks really enrich their total library experience."

We hope you get a chance to come out and see the exhibit soon! And please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4, to meet the artists too!

Charles County Arts Alliance Receives CSM Trustees' Distinguished Service Award



On Friday evening, January 18, 2013, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) was honored to receive the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Trustees' Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented by Austin J. Slater, Chair of the CSM Board of Trustees, during the CSM Winter Commencement at its La Plata campus.

The CCAA was one of three county arts councils in Southern Maryland selected for this high achievement. In addition, the Arts Council of Calvert County and the St. Mary's County Arts Council were similarly recognized. The three arts councils were recognized for their support of CSM arts programming which has allowed a variety of programming to be offered to a regional audience on their three campuses: in La Plata, Prince Frederick, and Leonardtown. Over \$35,000 in funding support from the three county arts councils has been provided for CSM arts programming over the past several years.

CCAA President Diane Rausch and Calvert County Arts Council Treasurer Robert Carpenter accepted the award on behalf of their respective organizations. St. Mary's County Arts Council President Michael Brown was unable to attend. The award consisted of a unique rosewood engraved plaque and clock in the shape of a book.

The CSM Winter Commencement ceremony involved over 600 graduates receiving Associate's Degrees. In addition, the 20,000th graduate of CSM was recognized during the event.

The CCAA wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the CSM Board of Trustees for this very high honor. We also wish to convey our gratitude to CSM President Dr. Bradley Gottfried. We extend our very best wishes to CSM for continued excellent arts programming in the future that benefits the citizens of Southern Maryland and contributes significantly to our enhanced quality of life.

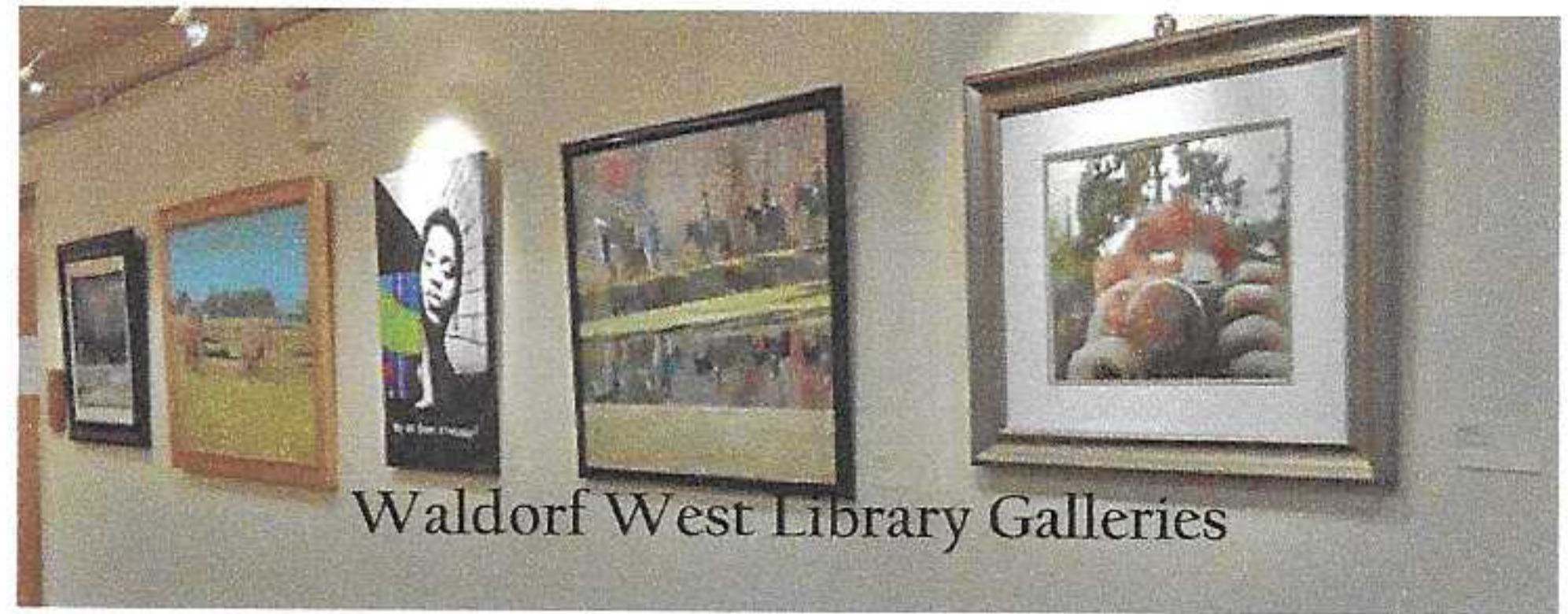
Thank you very much!!!



CCAA Accepting Applications for Gallery Committee



Commissioners Gallery



Waldorf West Library Galleries



Civista Medical Center Gallery

Interested in Visual Arts?

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

What Does the Gallery Committee Do?

The committee sets the exhibition schedule for CCAA galleries, chooses the artists and/or theme for exhibits, acts as liaison between artists and the CCAA, and assists in the installation of artworks.

Do I Qualify?

The only requirements are that you love art, you are willing to work as part of a team, and that you are a member of the Charles County Arts Alliance. Not a member yet? It's easy to join! Visit www.charlescountyarts.org for more information on joining the Arts Alliance.

How Do I Apply?

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

We look forward to hearing from you!



CCAA Advocates for the Arts at Maryland Arts Day



Maryland Arts Day 2013

Charles County Arts Alliance Joins Over 300 Statewide Arts Advocates in Annapolis

On Wednesday, February 20, 2013, four members of the CCAA Board of Directors headed to Annapolis to demonstrate their strong support for the arts at Maryland Arts Day 2013. CCAA Board members Diane Rausch, Lorina Harris, Roy Jenkins, and Kenny Waters were joined by over 300 fellow arts advocates from across the state.

This annual event is sponsored by Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA), of which the CCAA is a member. MCA Executive Director John Schratwieser led statewide efforts to present this outstanding event, and served as the day's emcee. Numerous elected officials greeted the arts advocates, including State Senate President Mike Miller and Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown. A special treat was the invited keynote speaker, Dr. Charles Limb, who serves as Associate Professor of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and simultaneously serves as a Faculty Member at Peabody Conservatory of Music! He spoke on his fascinating scientific research assessing the effects of jazz improvisation on the human brain.

Advocates spent the day stressing the importance of arts funding with individual members of the Maryland General Assembly. The main source of CCAA grant funding is the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), and for FY 2014, Governor Martin O'Malley has requested a terrific \$2 million increase for the MSAC, from \$13.2 to \$15.2 million. They had a simple, straightforward message to communicate to our elected state legislators: "Please don't cut Gov. O'Malley's proposed FY 2014 budget for the MSAC." A second message they delivered was: "Please support the proposed Percent for Art Bill which sets aside 1% in capital construction costs of future state-funded buildings for Public Art."

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More From Maryland Arts Day!

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Our CCAA team was joined by the St. Mary's County Arts Council and became the "Southern Maryland Delegation." The delegation included Ms. Barbara Bershon, the Chair of the Maryland State Arts Council. The CCAA team was fortunate to connect with all four of our own elected State Delegates and our State Senator, either in person or by leaving arts advocacy materials for them in their offices. We were especially pleased to spend considerable quality discussion time with Delegate C.T. Wilson and Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton in their respective offices. It was a very stimulating day of arts advocacy, and we hope our efforts bear fruit with the Maryland General Assembly!





CCAA Board Midwinter Retreat Held in Solomons

Members of the CCAA Board of Directors met for their annual Midwinter Retreat for seven hours on a beautiful sunny Saturday, February 9, 2013, in Solomons. It was a very fruitful day of discussions, which included brainstorming, planning, evaluating, budgeting and scheduling. The theme for the day was "sustainability," and included in-depth dialogue to ensure that the CCAA is on a strong trajectory for continued growth, enhanced organizational capacity, and increased arts programming to benefit the citizens of Charles County in the future.

Discussion topics included: strategic planning, the scholarship program, rollout of the proposed FY 2014 operating budget, Board nominations, Bylaw revisions, the upcoming Office Manager vacancy, standard operating procedures, organizational efficiencies, and planning for the remaining CCAA programs, projects and events of FY 2013.

It was a very productive day!





WALDORF BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

With Pride, We Prosper Help Keep It Clean!



Join Charles County Commissioner Vice President Reuben B. Collins, II, Waldorf residents, neighborhood associations, local businesses and organizations, and distinguished elected officials on Saturday, March 23 for an exciting announcement about the **Waldorf Beautification Project**. This project, which has been a longtime dream and goal for Commissioner Collins, will feature community clean ups, a poster contest, educational opportunities, and more!

The Charles County "Going Green" hybrid vehicle will be packed with giveaways and free litter bags.

Whether you are a concerned citizen, community volunteer, homeowners association member, or local business representative, we need your help to make Waldorf the best place it can be.

Save the Date: SPECIAL EVENT NEWS CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 3 p.m.

Location to be announced at www.CharlesCountyMD.gov



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Performing Arts

A Streetcar Named Desire



February 22 – March 3
Fridays – Saturday, 8:00 pm
Sunday, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center, Fort
Washington

The story of three immortal characters: Blanche DuBois, a “fading relic of the Old South”; Stanley Kowalski, a dominating, rough member of the working class; and Stella Kowalski, who lives in a passionate love-hate relationship with her often abusive husband. Tennessee Williams’ masterpiece weaves together their stories, revealing the hidden beauty and ugliness of the lives they lead. For more information, visit www.tantallonstage.com.

CSM Presents Snow White Goes West



March 1, 7:00 pm
March 2, 2:00 & 7:00 pm

CSM La Plata Campus

The College of Southern Maryland's Children's Theatre Company presents its musical production of "Snow White Goes West," a book by Jim Eiler based

on the Grimms' Brothers Tale. The story is Snow White with a Stetson. Set during the California Gold Rush, this rambunctious tongue-in-cheek retelling of the timeless classic pits the hapless heroine against an ill-tempered saloon hall owner named Queenie and her assistant Sneaky Sam. In true fairy tale fashion all ends well thanks to handsome marshal Joe Prince and the seven prospecting Dwarf brothers. Tickets: \$7 /adults and seniors; \$5 / youth in high school or younger. Performance is suitable for all age groups. For reservations contact bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or www.csmd.edu/arts.

Saturday Concert with Local Musicians



March 2, 2:00 -
3:00 pm

Potomac Branch
Library

Come out and join
local musicians at

a Saturday concert at Potomac Branch Library, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Southern Maryland members of the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation will be on hand to present a mixture of lively music. For more information, visit www.cplonline.com.

Ward Virts Concert Series Presents Soprano Theresa Bickham & Pianist Rachel Roulet



March 10, 3:00 pm

CSM Prince
Frederick Campus

The College of
Southern Maryland
welcomes soprano
Theresa Bickham

(left) and pianist Rachel Roulet (right) performing at the Ward Virts Concert Series at 3:00 pm, March 10, at the Prince Frederick Campus, Room 119.

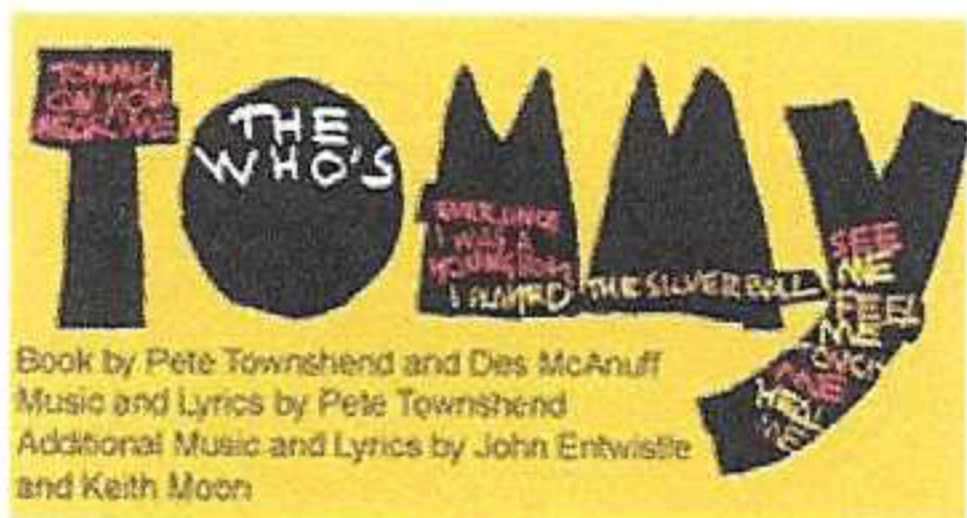
Bickham made her European debut in 2007 singing scenes from "La Traviata" under the direction of Maestro Eduardo Mueller. Most recently she was seen as a studio artist with Opera New Jersey where she covered the role of Donna Anna.

Performing & Literary Arts

Bickham has won competitions including The Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions - Mid-Atlantic Regional Finalist 2009, Palm Beach Opera 2008 Advanced Division Semi-Finalist, Shreveport Opera Singer of the Year Finalist 2008, MD/DC National Association of Teacher's of Singing, and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Houston.

Roulet is a vocal coach and pianist for Towson University's Voice Division and Music for the Stage program. She received her degrees in piano performance and collaborative arts from the University of Michigan and the New England Conservatory. She has concertized with members of the Seattle Symphony, the Metropolitan Opera, the Boston Lyric Opera and most notably with Erin Wall, Jossie Perez, Richard Clement and Stephen Powell in art song recitals for the Bellingham Festival of Music. For more information, visit www.csmd.edu.

Auditions for Tommy at PTP



March 26 & 28, 7:00 pm
March 30, 9:00 am

*Port Tobacco Players
Theater, La Plata*

Please come prepared to sing 16-32 bars of a musical theater piece, preferable from a rock opera or similar genre (nothing from the show). You must bring sheet music – no a cappella auditions and no singing along to recordings. We will provide an accompanist. Come dressed comfortably to move and expect to perform cold readings from the script. For more information, visit www.ptplayers.com.

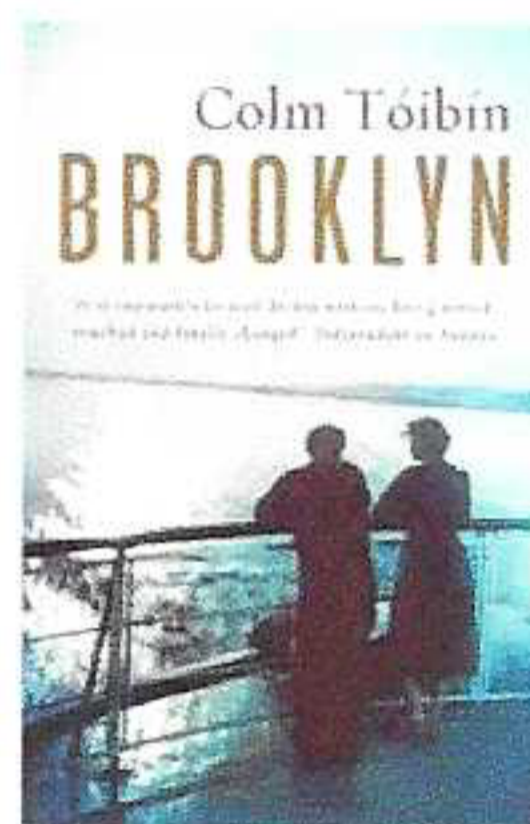
Book Discussion Groups



Every month Charles County Public Libraries offer book discussions for adults.

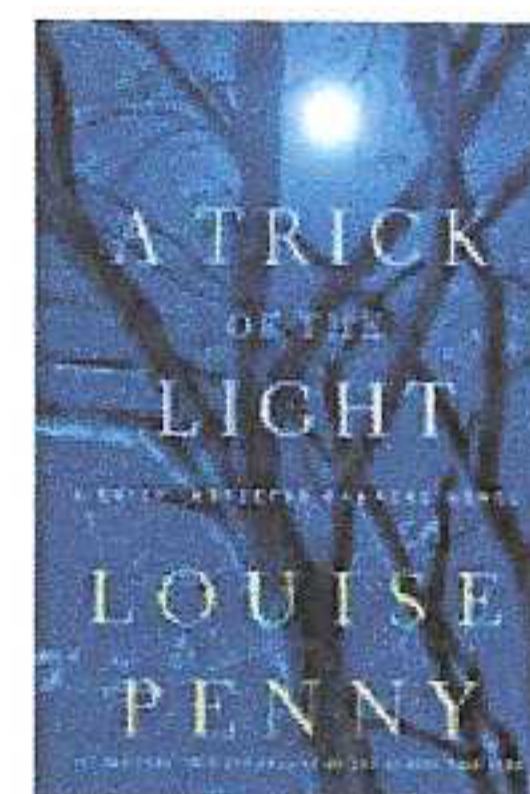
Anyone interested in joining may call 301-934-9001.

Waldorf Book Discussion Group meets at the P.D. Brown Library on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30-10:30 am.



March 2 - *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín. Eilis finds work in a department store on Fulton Street, and when she least expects it, finds love. Tony, who loves the Dodgers and his big Italian family, slowly wins her over with patient charm. But just as Eilis begins to fall in love, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future.

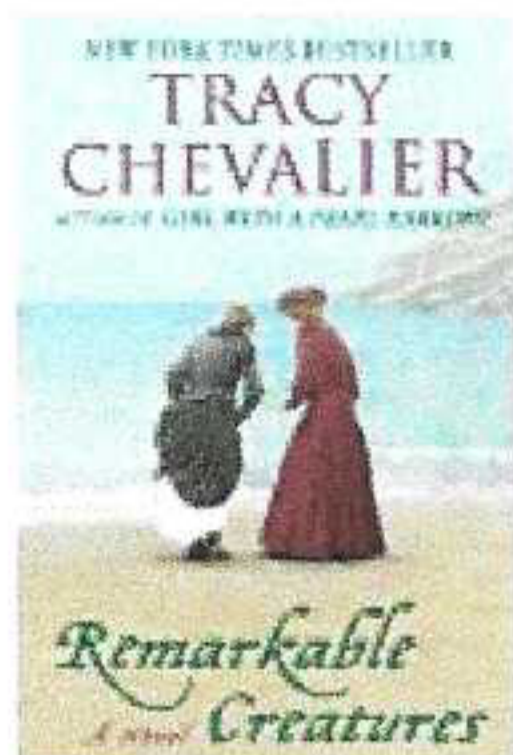
Clark Center Book Discussion Group meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month at the Clark Center.



March 7 - *A Trick of the Light* by Louise Penny. Artist Clara Morrow is about to have a prestigious show of her paintings when her childhood friend is found murdered, and the finger of suspicion points to Clara. Chief Inspector Gamache is called to investigate, and exposes the darkness that underlies the bright stars of Montreal's art world.

Literary Arts

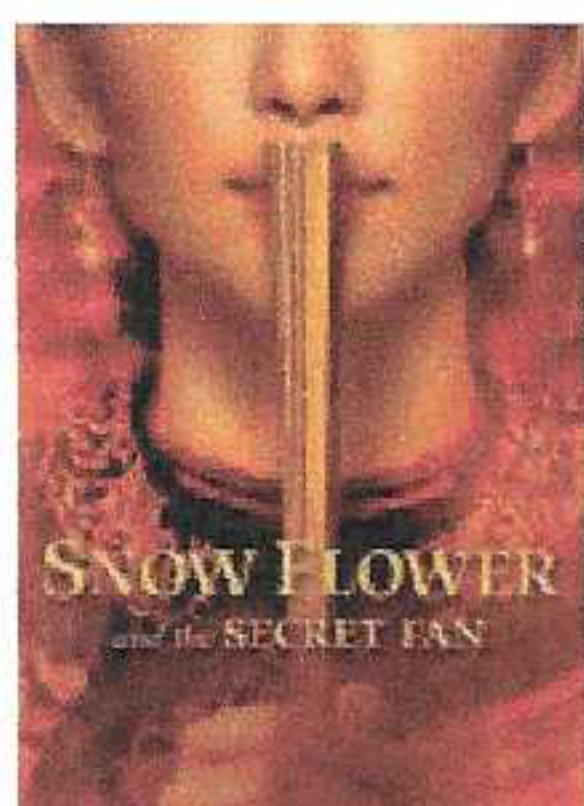
La Plata Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month.



March 14 - *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier. This a tale of the remarkable fossils uncovered by a remarkable woman, Mary Anning, who, with the help of a long and remarkable friendship with Elizabeth Philpot, earned the credit she richly deserved for the discovery.

The tale is a fictionalized account of Anning's life and of her friendship with Philpot.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am-12:00 pm.



March 27 - *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See. In 19th-century China, when wives and daughters were foot-bound and lived in almost total seclusion, the women in one remote Hunan county developed their own secret code for communication: nu shu ("women's writing"). Some girls were paired with laotongs, "old sames,"

in emotional matches that lasted throughout their lives. They painted letters on fans, embroidered messages on handkerchiefs, and composed stories, thereby reaching out of their isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments.

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist!

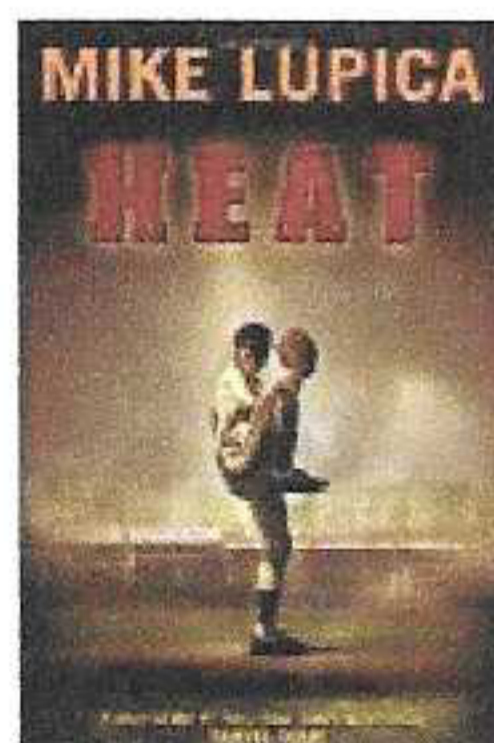


March 6 - 20
Wednesdays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

Write on Wednesdays -- with a Twist consists of three workshops led by local author Yvonne Medley on Wednesdays from March 6 - 20, 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Registration fee. There is limited space, so register early! To register, click [here](#). For more information, visit www.yvonnemedley.com.

Waldorf West Father/Son Book Club

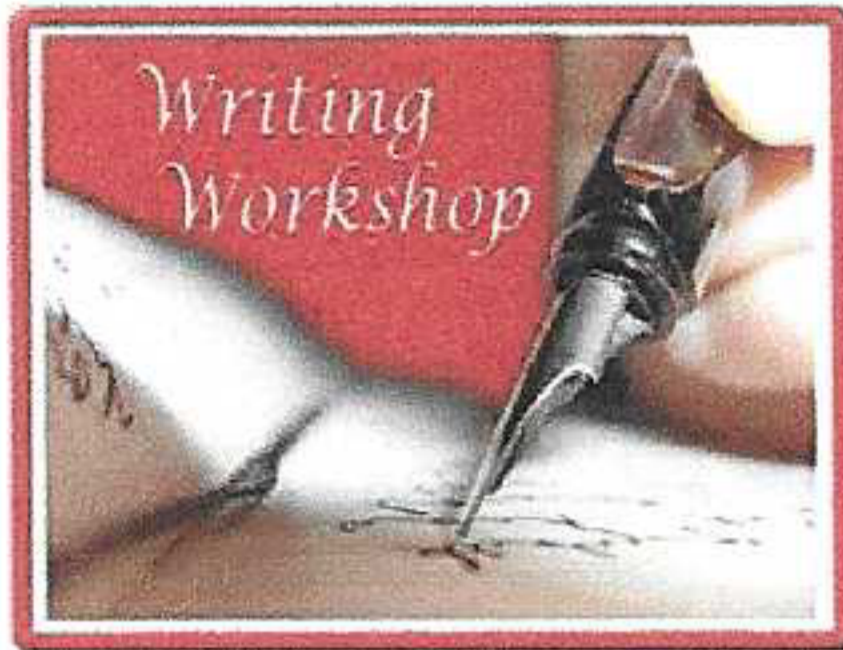


March 13, 6:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

In *Heat* by Mike Lupica, Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his 17-year-old brother Carlos. If Social Services hears of their situation, they will be separated in the foster-care system — or worse, sent back to Cuba. With no way to prove his age, no birth certificate, and no parent to fight for his cause, Michael's secret world is blown wide open, and he discovers that family can come from the most unexpected sources. For more information, visit www.ccplonline.com.

Life Journeys Creative Writing Workshop



March 16, 3:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

The Life Journeys Writers Club continues its second workshop series. Writers of

all levels are invited to test out their body of work with seasoned writers. Bring at least two pages (12 pt., Arial or Times New Roman) of your project, or just an idea/synopsis/query letter. We'll talk about story/character development, dialogue, and how to season your work with unapologetic edge. Adults. For more information, visit www.ccplonline.org.

BookNuts BookStore Monthly Author Reception



March 3, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

BookNuts BookStore, White Plains

BookNuts BookStore is hosting local authors on March 3, at their monthly author reception and booksigning. J.C. Sharp's *Barns of Southern Maryland* pays homage to the distinctive architecture associated with the tobacco industry. Many of these massive structures have disappeared, along with the huge tobacco crops which dominated the region's agricultural economy.

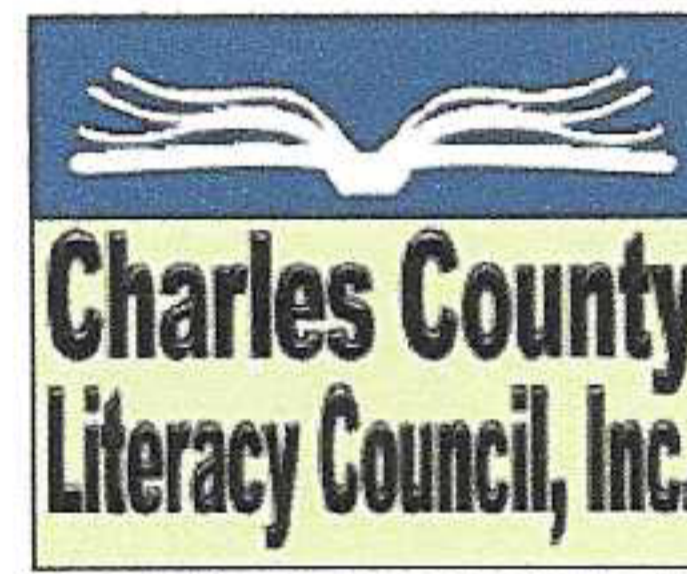
Pat Harrington is back with a new romance, *Janie's Got a New Job*. This well-crafted romance places Janie Montgomery at a crossroads in her life. She quits her day

job, and moves to North Carolina to open a business and start her new life. When she arrives, she discovers that another new business is also opening up, one run by a handsome private investigator named Alexander Drake.

In Margueritte Labbe's *Ghosts in the Wind*, Dean is brutally murdered when he stops to help a woman change a tire. He returns as a ghost, and watches over his partner, who is now tracking down the killer. This supernatural mystery reminds us that not every ending is 'happily ever after.'

Light refreshments will be available. BookNuts is located at 4459 Crain Highway, White Plains. For more information, call 301-836-6236.

Literacy Council Offers Tutor Training Workshop



April 16 - 18, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Lifelong Learning Center, Waldorf

The Charles County Literacy Council (CCLC) is offering a volunteer tutor training workshop on April 16-18, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. each evening at the Lifelong Learning Center in Waldorf, MD. There is a \$30 registration fee. Tutor notebook, resource materials and light dinner fare will be provided. You must be 18 or older to register and you must attend all three sessions. Once trained, volunteers will be matched with adult learners in reading, writing, basic mathematics and English for speakers of other languages and will tutor one-on-one in public places. For more information, contact Sue Lateulere at 301-934-6488, email the Council at charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net or register at our web site, www.charlescountyliteracy.org (Events Page).

From Our Point of View



Through March 17
Fridays - Sundays, 11:00
am - 4:00 pm

Mattawoman Creek Art
Center, Marbury

Mattawoman Creek Art Center presents "From Our Point of View," a multimedia exhibit by artists from MCAC's Artist Advisory Committee, Fridays – Sundays, February 15 – March 17, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. MCAC is located 35 miles south of Washington, DC, inside Smallwood State Park, in Marbury. Park fee is waived for MCAC visitors. For more information, visit www.mattawomanart.org.

MCAC Call for Entries

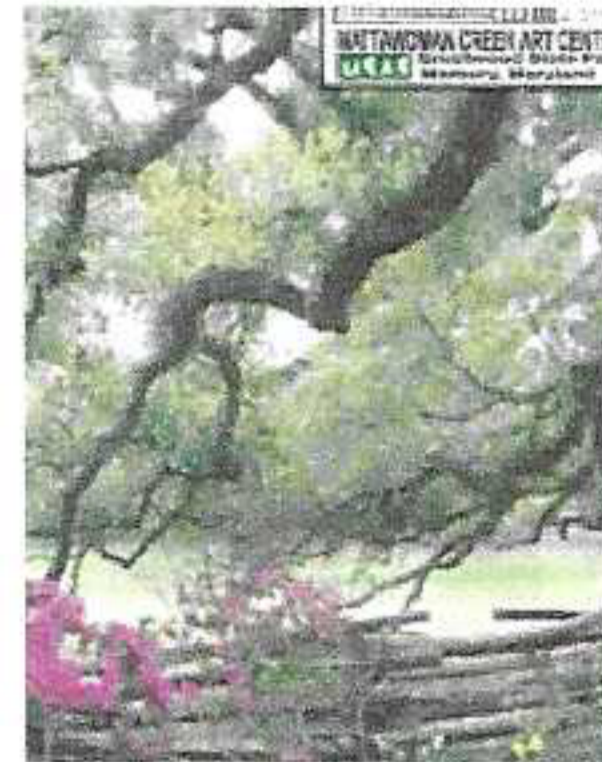


Delivery date March 16 - 17

Mattawoman Creek Art
Center, Marbury

Mattawoman Creek Art Center (MCAC) seeks artists for its next All Media Show, March 22 - April 21. The exhibit is open to both MCAC members and non-members. Opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, March 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. For more information, visit www.mattawomanart.org.

Spring 2013 at Mattawoman Creek Art Center



See individual events for dates & times

Mattawoman Creek Art Center,
Marbury

Open Studio on Fridays (now through May 24, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm) is an opportunity for you to join others who like to create, whether it be painting, drawing, photography, sculpting, knitting, quilting, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Share your ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work and enjoy the creative process. Free.

Beginning Watercolor Workshop (Saturday, March 9, 1:00 - 4:00 pm)

If you've always meant to try watercolor, now is the time to get started! This class will explain basic techniques for control with a variety of brush strokes and mixing options, and will show how you can make the surprise and spontaneity of the medium work to your advantage. Build your confidence with simple exercises in color mixing, wet and dry techniques, and simple glazes. Demonstrations are provided and students receive individual attention as needed. Instructor Maria Estevez studied art at the College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, NY, and has taken courses at the Smithsonian and the Alexandria Art League. Now retired, Ms. Estevez worked primarily as a graphic artist, doing design, layout and illustration for trade publications.

"Bringing the Outdoors In" Landscape Painting Workshop (Tuesday, March 12, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm) Learn techniques to create beautiful landscape paintings while in the comfort of an indoor studio environment. Using photographs, memory skills, and sketches, this workshop will focus on how to create art, which is inspired by the outdoors. Instruction will be given as to oil media, but other media such as pastel, watercolor and acrylics may be used. Instructor Lynn

Visual Arts

Mehta is a representational artist whose paintings can be characterized as contemporary impressionistic. She exhibits nationally and regionally in multiple exhibitions and galleries. Influenced by the early Impressionists, Mehta's own work has been described as being full of depth and very painterly. She is drawn to expressive brush strokes and paintings that communicate thought or feeling.

Alternative Framing & Substrates Demonstration (Saturday, March 16, 1:00 - 3:00 pm) The fee for this is \$10 for MCAC members and \$15 for nonmembers with no pre-registration required. This demonstration is intended to jump-start your creative thinking to experiment with possibilities of different ways to frame (or not) and different surfaces to use for your art or photography. Instructor Gene McCandless worked for the U.S. Army and Department of Defense as an illustrator. After retirement, he was able to create the art of his choice and has won the "Best of Show" juried exhibit at MCAC twice. His work can be seen locally in business and government buildings.

MCAC is located 35 miles south of Washington, DC, inside Smallwood State Park, in Marbury. Park fee is waived for MCAC visitors. For more information, visit www.mattawomanart.org.

To Pass Through: An Exploration of Everyday Objects in Ceramics By J.D. Garn



January 28 - March 28

Tony Hungerford Gallery, CSM La Plata Campus

The College of Southern Maryland's Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery presents *To Pass Through: An Exploration of Everyday Objects in Ceramics*

By J.D. Garn. Mr. Jonathan Garn is an Assistant Professor of Art at Spring Arbor University in Michigan. "In my work,

I remake common everyday objects in ceramics to explore their symbolic nature in our society." For more information, visit www.csmd.edu.

Call for Entries! Fairy Houses & Gnome Homes



Deadline: March 1

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center is accepting applications for the 4th annual outdoor exhibit of fairy houses and gnome homes. All ages welcome!

The exhibit will run from May 4 - October 13. Houses will be placed in and around the trees and woods of our lovely sculpture garden. Interested fairy & gnome home builders should visit www.annmariegarden.org for complete guidelines and instructions on how to register. Deadline is March 1.

Call for Renaissance Festival Vendors



Registration Deadline: March 15

CSM La Plata Campus

CSM is presenting a Renaissance Festival, April 19 - 20, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, which will feature theatre and

music of the Renaissance period. To round out the festival atmosphere, the college is seeking vendors including period foods, arts, crafts, games, jugglers, and magicians to participate. Complete details for vendor participation and a registration form are available at www.csmd.edu/renfest. Registration deadline is March 15, 2013, but spaces are filled on an approved first come, first served basis.



MARYLAND FEDERATION OF ART

Call for Entries! Eye of the Beholder: The Art of the Found Object

Entry Deadline: March 20, 2013

Maryland Federation of Art announces a national juried exhibition of works created with at least one found object.

Juror: Adah Rose Bitterbaum, Director and Owner of Adah Rose Gallery, Kensington, MD.

The selected works will be on exhibit in the MFA's Circle Gallery from May 31 through June 23, 2013.

Entries:

Seeking any original work incorporating at least one or more found object into their presentation. A Found Object: Is an object, or everyday item, that has not been designed for artistic purposes. One or more found objects must appear in the actual work. Photographs, paintings, sketches or other artistic renderings of found object art that do not actually incorporate the found object are not eligible. All work and entries must comply with MFA

Exhibition Guidelines. One-two entries \$35 (MFA members \$20), additional four entries \$5.00 each.

Artists residing in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada are invited to enter. Any 2D or 3D works incorporating one or more found objects and following the MFA's exhibition guidelines will be considered. For complete guidelines and instructions on how to enter, visit www.mdfedart.com.



Arts for Educators



**Maryland
Artist/Teacher
Institute**



Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance

Maryland Artist/Teacher Institute (MATI)

July 8 - 12, 2013

Working in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance administers the Maryland Artist/Teacher Institute (MATI). Established in 1994, MATI is an intensive professional development summer program for elementary and middle school teachers and administrators that is conducted by master teachers, artists, and artist-educators in a residential university setting, with follow-up throughout the academic year.

Through lectures, seminars, and workshops, teachers are provided with opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the relationships among content areas and of ways that the arts can be used to integrate curriculum, content, processes, and skills. Cross-disciplinary teams examine various models for integrating the arts into the school curriculum. The teams participate in hands-on workshops to become more familiar with creative processes and to develop an understanding of the continuous interaction that occurs among the arts and other content areas. Participants begin the planning process for integrating the arts into instruction at their sites and sharing their work with colleagues. Designed and developed by the MSDE, MATI is co-funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

MATI is to be held again this summer at the Inn and Conference Center at the University of Maryland University College in Adelphi, Maryland.

Who: School Teams or Individuals
What: Maryland Artist /Teacher Institute
Where: Inn and Conference Center / University of Maryland University College / Adelphi, Maryland
When: July 8 - 12, 2013

DEADLINE for APPLICATION: April 12, 2013 - e-mailed, postmarked, or hand-delivered by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelley Johnson at: sjohnson1@msde.state.md.us

Program and registration information can be accessed at www.aems-edu.org/



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Town of Indian Head
Town of La Plata

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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!

CCAA Membership Form



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.

Membership Categories (check one):

- Corporate - \$500
- Platinum Circle - \$500
- Gold Circle - \$250
- Silver Circle - \$150
- Business - \$125
- Arts Patron - \$125
- Arts Sponsor - \$100
- Arts Activist - \$60
- Nonprofit Organization - \$60
- Family - \$40
- Individual - \$25
- Senior (60+) - \$15
- Youth (under 18 years) - \$10
- Donation** - _____ (list amount)

I would like to add a print version of the *Arts Insider* newsletter mailed to my postal address to my membership fee. Enclosed is my \$18 annual subscription:

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

Renewal

New Member

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

Organization/Business (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

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Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

- ArtsFest Committee
- Budget/Finance Committee
- Education Committee
- Events Committee
- Gallery Committee
- Grant Committee
- Membership Committee
- Outreach/Marketing Committee
- Administrative/Office Work
- Technical/IT Support

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Master Calendar **FY 2013**

2012

- Sat, Jul 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Aug 4, 9:00 am – 4:00 noon
CCAA Summer Board Retreat
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Sep 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Wed-Sun, Sep 12-16
Charles County Fair (supervise Fine Arts Building)
Charles County Fairgrounds
- Sun, Sep 16, 4:00 pm
25th Anniversary Celebration / "Hands Across the Fair"
Charles County Fairgrounds
- Sat, Oct 18, 1:00 - 5:00 pm
CCAA Grant Committee Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sun, Oct 21, 12:00 - 4:00 pm
La Plata Fall Festival
La Plata Town Hall
- Thur, Oct 31, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Nov 1, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Tue, Nov 13, 2:00 pm
Waldorf West Library & CCAA Gallery Grand Opening
Waldorf West Library
- Fri, Nov 16, 7:30 - 8:00 pm
Board Meeting
Old Waldorf School
- Sat, Nov 17, 7:00 – 11:00 pm
CCAA 25th Anniversary Gala & Grantee Reception
Old Waldorf School
- Sat, Dec 8, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata

2013

- Sat, Jan 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Feb 9, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
CCAA Board Midwinter Retreat
Solomons Landing, Solomons
- Wed, Feb 20, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm
Maryland Arts Day
Miller Senate Building, Annapolis
- Thur, Mar 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Volunteer Fair
North Point High School, Waldorf
- Fri, Mar 8, 8:00 - 2:30 pm
Third Annual Southern Maryland Nonprofit Conference
College of Southern Maryland, La Plata
- Sat, Mar 9, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Apr 13, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Sat, Apr 27, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
Celebrate La Plata Day
La Plata Town Hall
- Sat, May 4, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
CCAA Annual Business Meeting/Membership Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- Sat, May 4, 3:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Reception
Waldorf West Library - Main Gallery
- Sat, May 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Board Meeting
United Way, La Plata
- Thurs, June 6, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Board Meeting
La Plata Town Hall
- Sat, June 8, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
ArtsFest 2013
La Plata Town Hall

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*"May your blessings outnumber
The shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble avoid you
Wherever you go."*

~ T.S. Eliot



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