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CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE



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Dear Members and Friends,

September 2024 was a very busy month for the Charles County Arts Alliance!

Every year, in August and September, we put together "back to school" Art Boxes, which contain a variety of school art supplies for elementary school students in Charles County. These boxes are delivered to the Children's Aid Society. The boxes are then given out to students returning to school. I took my part in the "assembly line" a few weeks ago, and I think you'd be very proud of what gets done in your name by the CCAA.

I was pleased to attend the opening of the 100th Charles County Fair on September 12. It was a pleasant evening. I visited the P.D. Brown Building and enjoyed viewing all the artworks. The Arts Alliance has assisted the County Fair with the P.D. Brown Building for over three decades. I'm always impressed by the artists of Charles County, and the works they create. I then stopped at the Port Tobacco Players booth to discuss their upcoming shows. "Young Frankenstein: The Musical" opens for them tonight, October 4. I ended the evening by watching Miss Lucy Mudd as she was crowned the 88th Queen Nicotina, our County Fair Queen. It was a wonderful evening.

We are in the midst of our most important time of year, our CCAA Arts Grant season. If you are a nonprofit organization or school in Charles County, you may be eligible for an arts grant. Just visit our CCAA website to learn more (www.charlescountyarts.org). But better hurry, the deadline for our receipt in the CCAA Office of all grant applications is no later than 12:00 noon next Thursday, October 10.

Regards,



KEITH LINVILLE

PRESIDENT, CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE



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Charles County Arts Alliance FY 2025 Grant Season is Closing Soon

The CCAA is reminding our community nonprofit organizations and schools that our FY 2025 Community Arts Development (CAD) and Arts In Education (AIE) grant applications are due on Thursday, October 10, 2024, by NLT 12:00 noon. Since our founding in 1987, the CAD/AIE Grant Program has been a focal point of our mission. We have awarded to date, over \$1 million dollars to deserving nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to enhance their planned programs, projects, events and activities.

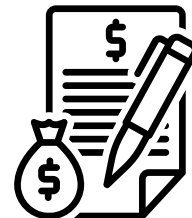
In FY 2024, the CCAA awarded over \$103,000 in grants to 15 organizations, 22 schools, and the Charles County Board of Education. These funds have been instrumental in enriching the cultural fabric of our community, supporting artistic excellence, and expanding access to the arts for all residents.

A Competitive and Rigorous Grant Process

Our grant program is highly competitive, and all decisions are made through a meticulous process. Applicants must submit a formal grant application, which is then rated and ranked by the CCAA Grant Committee before receiving final approval from the CCAA Board of Directors. One key requirement is that all applicants provide a cash match for any requested grant funds, with ratios ranging from 1:1 to 3:1, depending on the grant amount requested.

Grants are evaluated based on three main criteria:

- Artistic Merit
- Organizational Effectiveness
- Service to the Community



To ensure fairness and transparency, all members of the CCAA Grant Committee must file a written disclosure form listing their arts-related affiliations to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

How to Apply

Applications for FY 2025 grants will be accepted through Thursday, October 10, 2024, by NLT 12:00 noon. Please note that all grant applications must be received in the CCAA Office by this time (not postmarked). We encourage all eligible organizations and schools in Charles County to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to secure funding for their artistic initiatives. Detailed guidelines and eligibility criteria are available on our website at (www.charlescountyarts.org).

Important Dates

- Grant Applications Opened: August 28, 2024
- Grant Applications Deadline: Thursday, October 10, 2024 - NLT 12:00 Noon
- CCAA Grantee Reception: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Join Us in Supporting the Arts

The Charles County Arts Alliance remains dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts in our community. We invite all eligible applicants to participate in the FY 2025 grant season and help us continue to make a positive impact on the cultural life of Charles County. Through our grants, events, and advocacy, we work to ensure that the arts thrive and enrich the lives of all residents.

For more information about the CCAA grant application process, please visit our website (www.charlescountyarts.org) or contact Alexandria Gonzalez at (301) 392-5900 or ccaaofficeaa@gmail.com.

Written by Alexandria Gonzalez



CCAA Board of Directors Summer Retreat

The CCAA Board of Directors Summer Retreat was held on Saturday, August 3, in La Plata. Board members and staff participated in this full-day event.

This annual Retreat serves as our most important meeting of the year to reflect on the past year just ended, and plan the year ahead. We discussed and evaluated our past programs and projects, including best practices and lessons learned. We also weighed the pros and cons of our current policies and procedures, and reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

During the day, our Board and staff collaborated effectively to ensure a smooth transition into a new chapter for our organization, following the unexpected loss of CCAA Co-Founder and Executive Director Robert Rausch in March 2024. The CCAA remains dedicated to promoting the arts in Charles County, offering arts grants to local nonprofits and schools, arts scholarships, arts events, workshops, and other opportunities for the community.

The CCAA Board and staff would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our CCAA members, for your unwavering support and passion for the arts.



Celebrating Creativity at the 100th County Fair

The Arts Alliance had an unforgettable time at the Charles County Fair, held September 14-18, 2024. The P.D. Brown Building showcased the artistic talents of our local residents. This year's Fair was particularly special as it marked the 100th anniversary, adding a festive spirit to our celebration of creativity.

At our vibrant table, we shared our goody bags with Fairgoers and highlighted our latest editions of our Arts NewsFlash and Arts Insider. We enjoy connecting with new subscribers and spreading the word about all things arts-related in our community. CCAA staff members Alexandria Gonzalez and Mackenzie Coulby were happy to reconnect with Gallery Committee co-chairs Gale Kladitis and Cindi Barnhart. They reminisced about the Fair's rich history, sharing stories that have shaped this beloved event over the years.



Adding a unique touch to our display, Gale and Mackenzie got creative by showcasing our goody bags on a crab net salvaged from the Chesapeake Bay. This eye-catching installation not only highlighted our connection to the local environment but also drew in curious visitors, sparking conversations about the arts and our CCAA programs.

CCAA at the 100th Charles County Fair

The atmosphere was electric as we engaged with everyone who stopped by our CCAA table and those who wandered through to admire the artworks. One of the highlights of our time at the Fair was hosting the People's Choice Awards, where we celebrated local talent by presenting gift cards for Hobby Lobby. First place received a \$75 gift card, second place a \$50 gift card, and third place was a \$25 gift card. It was wonderful to recognize the creativity of our community and see the excitement on the winners' faces.

The weather during the three-day Fair was absolutely perfect, adding to the joy of the experience. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow art enthusiasts and share the love of creativity that thrives in Charles County. We can't wait to see everyone again next year for more celebrations and artistic expressions. Here's to many more years of creativity and community spirit!

Written by Mackenzie Coulby



CCAA “Back to School” Art Boxes

The Arts Alliance summer project was assembling art boxes for the Children’s Aid Society. Last year, we were able to get prepackaged art boxes from Staples for \$10 each. This year we used Dollar Tree.

Yvette, the manager of the local Dollar Tree store in La Plata, was most helpful. Dollar Tree had “back to school” supplies for \$1.25 each, including boxes to put them in, with online ordering for batches of 24. Some boxes could be delivered to the local store for no shipping costs, and others we had to pay UPS costs. We also got our CCAA tax exemption registered online, so there was no need to pay Maryland sales tax. So, despite delays with getting the tax exemption approved, and shipping delays, we got the whole package together by September 9. Lew and Karen McIntyre, Ron Brown, Joselle Gilpin, and Alexandria Gonzalez packed out 192 art boxes, and delivered them to the Children’s Aid Society in Waldorf on September 10.

Despite some last-minute SNAFUs, we managed to continue our CCAA 20-year Art Boxes project unbroken.

Written by Lewis McIntyre





SAVE THE DATES!



FOR OUR UPCOMING SEASON

**OCTOBER
12 & 13
2024**

RADIANT RHAPSODIES

FEATURING BARON FENWICK



**DECEMBER
07 & 08
2024**

THE MORE, THE MERRIER

HOSTED BY DAVID W. COOK



**FEBRUARY
22 & 23
2025**

RESONANT ROMANCE

FEATURING YAC WINNERS



**APRIL
26 & 27
2025**

MUSICAL IN CONCERT

FEATURING THE NEWTOWNE PLAYERS



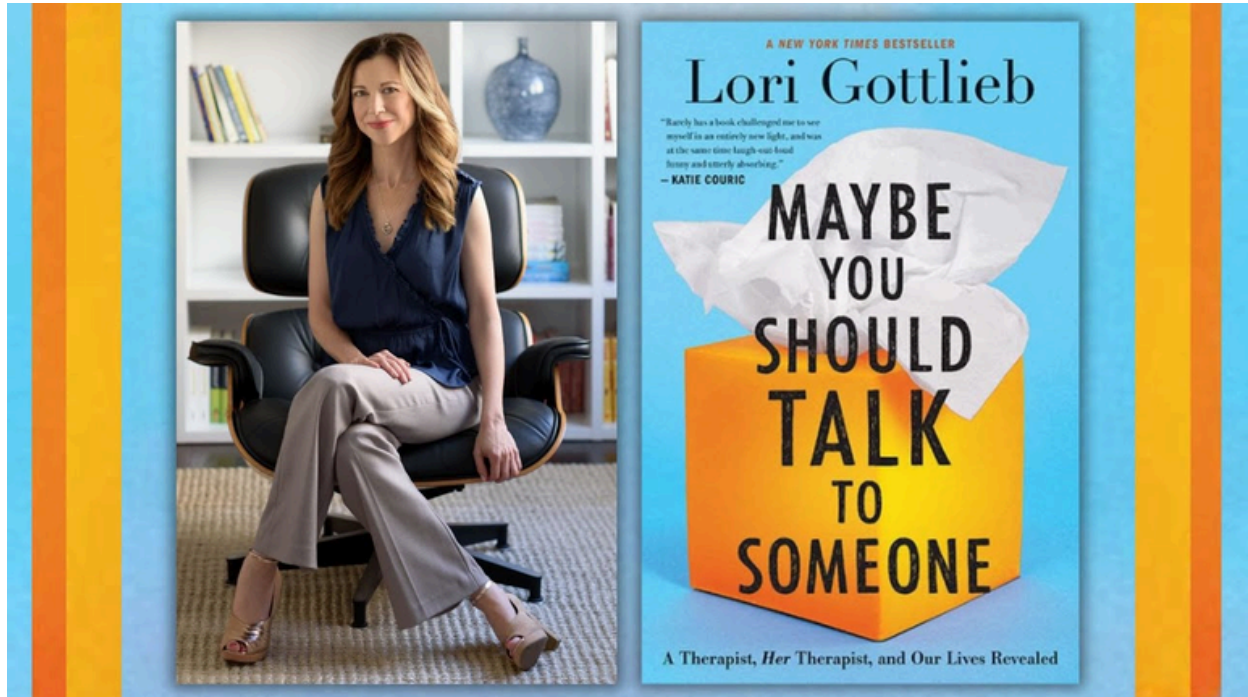
For more information:



linktr.ee/cosmicsymphony

ALL SHOWS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!





Behind The Story: Author Talk with Lori Gottlieb

A CCPL Virtual Author Speaker Series Program



Tuesday, October 22
2:00pm - 3:00pm

[Add to Calendar](#)



Virtual

Join us and Lori Gottlieb for a discussion of the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and her book, "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone"!



Get your writing on!

Calling young writers from ages 12-18!

Share your work, and enjoy the wonderful world of writing with other teen writers.

Contact: teenwriters@marylandwriters.org

Join Us! Virtual Teen Writer's Club

2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month on Zoom @ 7pm

Calling young writers from ages 12-17! We're inviting teens from around the state to practice the craft, share their work, and enjoy the wonderful world of writing. Stop by for a night of activities and discussion with other teen writers.

Contact us at: teenwriters@marylandwriters.org



The MWA Teen Writing Program offers support and a collaborative atmosphere for teens interested in the craft of writing who want to explore creative writing and improve their skills. MWA members, working closely with local libraries and local bookstores, provide a constructive, mentoring relationship for groups of 12 to 18-year-olds. Most clubs operate in a workshop format so that teens can share their writing and get feedback from their peers. Leaders offer guidance and advice, writing exercises, and constructive criticism.

CLICK HERE





The annual Artist Open Studios (AOS) offers a behind-the-scenes look at a day in the life of a visual artist through an easy-to-navigate, self-guided tour. Each April, visitors from all over are invited to explore hundreds of artist studios and creative spaces throughout Maryland – free of charge. Featured exhibitions, demos, and artist talks connect artists with the public and highlight each neighborhood's unique flavor and contributions to Maryland's artistic vibrancy.

Artist Fee:

\$100 early bird registration

\$150 after Jan 1, 2025

Studio Group Fee:

(studio with 5+ artists under one roof)

\$200+\$10/artist early bird registration

\$250+\$10/artist after Jan 1, 2025

All fees are non-refundable.

What is included for artists:

Listing on artist directory and a marker on the map(s)

Links to all artist social accounts and website

Artist Spotlight post on AOS Facebook and Instagram

Graphics for use on your social media

Flier/poster/signage PDF files

Inclusion on localized media calendars

Invite to private Facebook group for artist support

What is included for studio groups:

One group listing on artist directory and a marker on the map(s)

Links to group's social accounts and website

Group Spotlight post on AOS Facebook and Instagram

Social post of an artist talk or demo event

Graphics for use on your social media

Flier/poster/signage PDF files

Inclusion on localized media calendars

Invite for all artists to private Facebook group for artist support

Online application is available
at artistopenstudios.com

Questions?

Email artistopenstudios@gmail.com
or call 703-283-4700

artistopenstudios.com



ANNAPOLIS, MD – First Lady Dawn Moore and the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) today announced the appointment of Lady Brion as Maryland’s 11th Poet Laureate. The first lady was joined by Maryland State Arts Council Executive Director Steven Skerritt-Davis and local members of the arts community in a ceremony at The Clifton House in Baltimore.

“Lady Brion uses her voice to speak up for those who have gone overlooked and been left behind for too long. She is an ambassador for those who need hope, an advocate for those who need a fighter – and she will be a champion for all Marylanders, no matter their background, zip code, or personal story,” said First Lady Moore. “As First Lady, I am committed to working within the Moore-Miller administration to ensure that the arts are not just celebrated but are elevated in this state.”

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

PLATINUM CIRCLE

- Diane Rausch
- Lorretta J. Hopkins
- Clarissa Stroud

GOLD CIRCLE

- Keith Linville

SILVER CIRCLE

- Roy & Kathy Jenkins

CORPORATE

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- Nancy Owens
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- Charles County Board of Education
- Charles County Public Library
- Charles County Public Schools
- Charles County Youth Orchestra
- Charles County Fair
- Friends of Old Waldorf School
- Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors
- Life Journeys Writers' Guild
- Maryland Writers Association
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center
- Music Teachers Association of Charles County
- National Association of American African Dance Teachers
- Neighborhood Creative Arts Center
- Opening Night Productions
- Phoenix International School
- Port Tobacco Players
- Southern Maryland Concert Band
- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

FAMILY

- Michael & Marcela Cacace
- Richard & Margery Coppola
- Ricky & Ellen Flowers-Fields
- Cindy Johnson
- Gale Kladitis
- John & Mary Lou Rutherford
- John & Lucy Snell
- Chancy & Sandra Wood

INDIVIDUAL

- Monika Barilla
- Stephanie Berry
- Mary Evelyn Dashiell
- Alexandria Gonzalez
- Alicia Hancock
- Jaden Hendricks
- Barbara Hufford
- Kenneth Jameson
- Beverly Taylor
- Cathy Thompson



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

SENIOR

- Susie Bender
- Thea Bradley
- Claire Brooks
- Ron Brown
- Rose Burroughs
- Cheri Burch
- Carol Y. Charnock
- Carol Corbett
- Jerri Corbett
- Joan Creighton
- Dorothy Crown
- Holly Dilatush
- Chris Dudley
- Cecelia Dunay
- Patricia Duncan
- Gwendolyn A. Fleming
- Richard Gilpin
- Joselle Gilpin
- Richard Gold
- Penelope Gold
- Sally Marie Goldsmith
- Doris Hall
- Billie Harley
- Ruth Hein
- Renee Jefferson-Copeland
- William Jones
- Robert Kyle
- Carlyle Lancaster
- Dorothy Lancaster
- Beverlie J. Ludy
- Mary Mangino
- Ivette Marcucci
- Karen McIntyre
- Lew McIntyre
- Henry McPherson
- Robert Medley
- Julie Anne Meisel
- Connie Miller
- Kathleen Noel
- Marie C. Parham
- Shirley Ann Perez
- Joyce Reid
- Sandy Rohde

SENIOR (cont'd)

- Ann Cameron Siegal
- Dorothea H. Smith
- Jill Smithson
- Southern Maryland Women's League
- Richard Thompson
- Evans Thorne
- Paul Toscano
- Mary Whyte



Thank You

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

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
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most important, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

Membership Categories (check one):

- Platinum Circle - \$500 ☐
- Gold Circle - \$300 ☐
- Silver Circle - \$200 ☐
- Arts Patron - \$150 ☐
- Arts Sponsor - \$125 ☐
- Arts Activist - \$80 ☐
- Family - \$50 ☐
- Individual - \$30 ☐
- Senior (+60) - \$20 ☐
- Youth (under 18) - \$10 ☐

Business & Nonprofit:

- Corporate - \$500 ☐
- Business - \$250 ☐
- Nonprofit Organizations - \$75 ☐
- Other (Donations) _____ ☐

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Date Submitted:

Full Name:

Organization /Business:

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Phone:

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Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galleries | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/IT Support |

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax - deductible.

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info@charlescountyarts.org

MASTER CALENDAR - FY2025

JULY

1 CCAA FY 2025 Begins

AUGUST

3 CCAA Board of Directors
Summer Retreat

5-9 ArtsCamp at Nanjemoy
Community Center

CCAA Grant Season
28 Kickoff - CAD and AIE
Applications on Website

SEPTEMBER

21 CCAA Board Meeting at
United Way Building

OCTOBER

10 CCAA CAD and AIE Grant
Applications Due - NLT
12:00 Noon

26 CCAA Board Meeting at
United Way Building

NOVEMBER

16 CCAA Grantee and
Membership Reception

DECEMBER

14 CCAA Board Meeting at
United Way Building

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