



April 9, 2015



ArtsFest 2015 is Coming!

Call for Artists, Authors, Exhibitors!

Saturday, June 13, 2015
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 14)
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street
La Plata, MD

Next "Early Bird Discount" Ends **April 30!**

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 23rd annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. We are pleased to be presenting ArtsFest for the fourth year in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations.

Time is of the essence, so please register for your booth space today and save money! The last "Early Bird Discount" ends on April 30. The final deadline for registration is May 31.

Click [HERE](#) to download the ArtsFest 2015 Registration Form for all visual and literary Artist Vendors (sales) and Nonprofit Organization Exhibitors (no sales).

Click [HERE](#) to download the ArtsFest 2015 Food Vendor Registration Form.

Forms are also available on the CCAA website at www.charlescountyarts.org.

For more info or if you have any questions, please contact our CCAA Office at info@charlescountyarts.org, or call 301-392-5900.

Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Summer Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Deadline to Submit is **April 30!**



Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from June 29 to September 25, 2015. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

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

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. Selections will be made by the Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified at a later date in June.

On Saturday, July 11, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the summer show.

For more information, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

PERFORMING ARTS [{top}](#)

Hard Bargain Players

Auditions

Rashomon

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday, April 11 - 12, 1:30 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheatre

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD



Rashomon is known for a plot device which involves various characters providing alternative, self-serving and contradictory versions of the same incident. Performance dates are Fridays and

Saturdays, September 4 - 19. To audition, you will read from sides from the script. To obtain advance copies of the sides, email: RASHOMON1@verizon.net. Actors should come prepared for physical movement or dancing, some parts require stage combat or dancing. For more information and character descriptions, go to <http://www.hbplayers.org/auditions.php>.

The Newtowne Players

Auditions

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Friday, April 10, 7:00 pm

Callbacks: Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD



Auditions will consist of singing a choice of songs from the show, learning and performing a dance routine to "Comedy Tonight," and readings from the script. Gymnasts and acrobats will be asked to show their skills. Rehearsals begin the week of April 13. Performance dates are July 10 - 26, 2015.

For audition details, character descriptions and requirements, visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>, or contact the director, Michelle Ebert Freire, at mebertfreire@gmail.com.

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La Plata Campus
8730 Mitchell Road
Friday, April 10, 8:00 pm
Concert
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert

Saturday, April 11, 5:00 pm
Free Salsa Workshop and Buffet, featuring Hispanic and American Food

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 pm
Concert
Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day

of Concert

Leonardtown Campus

Latin Ensemble Ritmo Cach??

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 pm

Building A, Auditorium, 22950 Hollywood Road

Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Concert

The Festival features performances by Ritmo Cach?? and a guest professional group. Ritmo Cach?? performs again at the Latin Ensemble Concert in Leonardtown. Contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, 301-934-7828, or

<http://www.csmd.edu/Arts> for more information.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Jeremy Koch, saxophone; Yu-Hsuan Liao, piano

Sunday, April 12, 3:00 pm

(Doors open 2:30 pm, seating is limited)

Prince Frederick Campus

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104, 115 J.W. Williams Road

Free Admission



Jeremy Koch, left, an active saxophonist, chamber musician and teacher, has been a member of the United States Air Force band since 1998. A native of Taipei, Taiwan, Yu-Hsuan Liao received her Master's and Doctoral Degrees of Musical Arts in Piano Performance from the University of Texas at Austin. She is a piano soloist, collaborative artist, and music educator. For more information, contact rflaming@csmd.edu, 443-550-6011, or

<http://csmd.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html>.



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Port Tobacco Players

Oklahoma

Friday - Saturday, April 10 - 11, 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 12, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$17 Adults, \$14 Youth to 18,

Seniors 60+, and Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Family Music al) "Oklahoma.... where the wind comes sweeping down the plain" was the first collaboration by Rodgers & Hammerstein, and opened on Broadway in 1943. It's still just as lovable 70 years later. This classic musical, set in the Western Indian

territory in the early 1900s, tells the story of the handsome cowboy Curly and the winsome farm girl Laurey. Alas, the road to true love never runs smooth and in this classic, it is a bumpy ride down a country road in a "Surrey with the Fringe on Top"! To order tickets, go to www.ptplayers.org or call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Life Journeys Writers Club Dinner Theater

The Prison Plumb Line, the Play

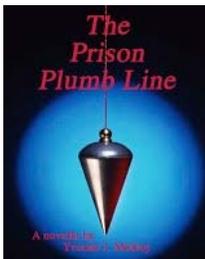
Tuesdays, April 14 and 21

Doors open at 7:00 pm; Dinner served at 7:30 pm

Showtime: 8:00 pm

The Mexico Restaurant, 10598 Crain Highway, White Plains

Cost: \$25



Five women in prison, five chances for change. *The Prison Plumb Line*, the novella, is based on Yvonne Medley's twenty years of volunteerism (Bible studies and Writing Workshops) in Correctional Facilities for men, women and youth. For more information call 407-970-1550 or 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com, or go to www.prisonplumbline.com.

Thomas Stone High School

United States Navy Band

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 pm

3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf

Free Admission



The United States Navy Band, the premier wind ensemble of the U.S. Navy, presents a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions

and modern wind ensemble repertoire. For more information, go to <http://www.navyband.navy.mil>.

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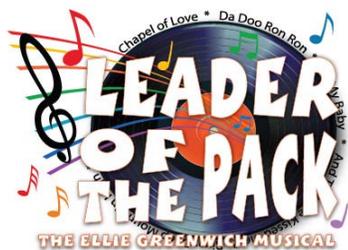
Westlake High School

Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Musical

Thursday - Saturday, April 16 - 18, 7:00 pm

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$7 Senior Citizens; \$6 Students; School system staff can receive two free tickets with their identification badge.



The musical celebrates the life and music of Ellie Greenwich, a popular artist well known for teenage pop songs during the 1960s. Popular songs featured in the musical include "Chapel of Love," "Be My Baby" and "Do Wah Diddy." For more information, call 301-645-8857.

North Point High School

Into the Woods

Thursday - Friday, April 16 - 17, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 18, 1:00 and 7:00 pm

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$5 Students and Senior Citizens; CCPS staff also receive one free ticket with their identification badge.



The musical is inspired by the Grimm Brother's fairy tales *Cinderella*, *Rapunzel*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, and *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and follows the story of a husband and wife as they

try to start a family and encounter a witch who puts a curse on them. Elementary and middle school students can attend the matinee showing on April 18 for half-price admission. Call 301-753-1759 for more information.

St. Charles High School

Once Upon a Mattress

Friday, April 17, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm

5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$6 Students, Senior Citizens, Military, and Thespians; CCPS staff also receive a free ticket with their identification badge

The show is a musical comedy that was written as an adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Princess*

CCAA **members** receive the monthly newsletter, **The Arts Insider**, on the first of each month.

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

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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and the Pea. The story follows Princess Winnifred and her desire to marry Prince Dauntless the Drab. His mother, Queen Agravain, creates a test for all princesses interested in marrying her son and the princess has to comply. Call 301-753-2090 for more information.

Henry E. Lackey High School

William Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*

Friday - Saturday, April 17-18, 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$7 Students, Senior Citizens, Military;

CCPS staff receive a free ticket, along with one guest, by showing their identification badge.



The play highlights the story of two sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth. *Comedy of Errors* is one of Shakespeare's earlier plays and includes rules

for drama introduced by Aristotle. Call 301-743-5431 for more information.

College of Southern Maryland

12th Annual Jazz Festival

Friday - Saturday, April 17 - 18, 8:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Theater

8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Concert



The Friday concert features the Randy Runyon Trio. Saturday's concert spotlights the North Point High School Jazz Ensemble, with The Randy Runyon Trio, CSM's Solid Brass Big Band Ensemble, and guest performer Matt Harris. Contact

the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7828, for more information.

Newtowne Players

Picnic by William Inge

April 17 - May 3

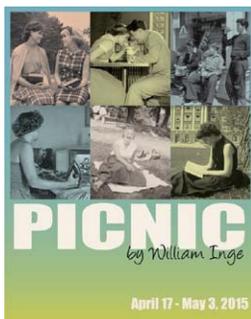
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Sundays, 3:30 pm

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors (65+), Military; \$12 Children under 12; \$10 Thursday Performances

Three Notch Theatre, 21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD



Emotions ignite when a handsome drifter arrives in a small Kansas community on the morning of their Labor Day picnic. Set in a small town in 1950s Kansas, *Picnic* details the lives of "ordinary" Americans, from hopeful widows and embittered spinsters to idealistic teenagers and restless wanderers. For more information, call 301-737-5447, or go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

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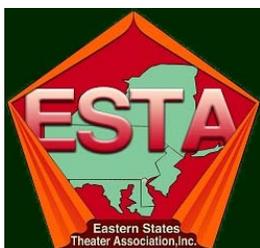
One-Act Festival

Performances, Saturday, April 18

Port Tobacco Players Theater
508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Tickets: \$20 per Session



Nine theater groups from New York; Pennsylvania; Washington, DC; Delaware and Maryland will compete, with one winner advancing to the American Association of Community Theater's [ACCTFest 2015](#) to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in June.

Session I - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Community Theater League
Chevy Chase Players

Session II - 1:30 - 6:30 pm

Port Tobacco Players
M&M Productions
Reedy Point Players
Rochester's Black Sheep Theater

Session III - 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Hamilton Gibson
The Colonial Players
The Barnstormers

For more information about this event, go to <http://www.estafestival.org>. To order tickets, go to <http://www.mctfa.ticketleap.com>.

College of Southern Maryland

Barbershop Concert

Monday, April 20, 7:30 pm

Prince Frederick Campus
Multipurpose Room, Building B

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



Southern Mix, conducted by Paul Douglass, provides an evening of harmony and fun.

Visit

<http://csmd.edu/Arts/somix/index.html>

or to reserve tickets, contact the Box Office at bxoffc@csmd.edu, or call 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Renaissance Festival

Thursday - Sunday, April 23 - 26

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center and Lawn

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



CSM's festivities commence on Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 pm, with an evening of madrigals and other vocal music in the Fine Arts Center Theatre. Join us again in the Fine Arts Center Theatre on Friday, April 24, at 7:00 pm, for

William Shakespeare's classic, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Two full-days of revelry will take place on the Fine Arts Center lawn on Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Sunday, April 26, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm, with musical performances, arts, crafts, weaponry demonstrations, face-painting, games and food vendors. Activities are either free or priced by the vendor. For more details, admission fees, and the schedule of events, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts>.

Town of La Plata

Celebrate La Plata!

Saturday, April 25, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Free family fun! Face painting, art activities, magic show, Moon Bounce, pedal cars, refreshments for sale from local favorites and bed races! Stop by the CCAA tent and say Hi! For the complete schedule of events, go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org>.

College of Southern Maryland

Chorale Concert

Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
\$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



CSM's Chorale, under the direction of Krystal McCoy, is a mixed choir of women's and men's voices that performs a variety of styles, including traditional and modern choral music, gospel music, contemporary popular music, and historical styles such as

the madrigal. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/Choir/index.html>.

La Plata High School

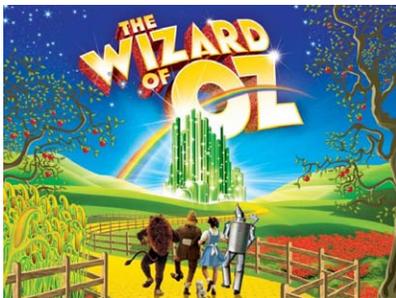
The Wizard of Oz

Thursday - Saturday, April 30 - May 2, 6:30 pm

Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm

6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$5 Students; CCPS staff also receive a free ticket with their identification badge



The play follows Dorothy, a young girl from Kansas, who finds herself in a strange place, the Land of Oz, after a tornado comes through her town. During the performances, the La Plata student actors will be joined by students from Mary H. Matula, T.C. Martin

and Walter J. Mitchell Elementary Schools. Call 301-934-1100 for more information.

Flute Magic! 2015 Flute Camp!

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Ages 8-18, Maximum 20 students

First Baptist Church of Waldorf

10045 Bunker Hill Road, Waldorf



Now in its 7th year! Flutists, aged 8 - 18, share a week of flute fun and challenge in Southern Maryland. Classes include group and private flute lessons, ensemble classes, optional piano class, and arts and crafts. Instructors present recitals, and

the students will present the Grand Finale Concert on Friday, July 10, at 2:30 pm. Staffed by all professional flutists and educators. Click [here](#) to download a registration

form. Visit <http://lsnell.mtacc.org> for more information or call Lucy Snell, director, at 301-751-5029.

VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Gallery Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Now through May 4

Award Reception: April 14, 2:30 pm

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



"Gas Station" by Katharina Fleming, 2014 Faculty Purchase Prize

Paintings in broad brush strokes, photos in captivating focus, and sculptures molded with playfulness are among the types of artwork showcased each spring as part of the College of Southern Maryland's Annual Juried Student Exhibition presented in the Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery. Artist Laurel Kukazewski will be the Juror for

this year's exhibit. For more information, call the box office at 301-934-7828 or go to <http://csmd.edu/Arts>

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Sandy Scales Seminar

Saturday - Sunday, April 11 - 12, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 6860 Crain Highway, La Plata

\$65 One Day, \$125 Both Days (Tutorial Packets additional charge)



Talented, experienced, decorative painting teacher Sandy Scales will teach Maureen McNaughton's Jamaican Hibiscus and Doctor Bird as well as Floral Medley and Flutterbyes. Both use traditional and contemporary

strokes plus vivid colors to create spectacular artwork. Tutorial packets can be downloaded from the designer's website, www.MaureenMcNaughton.com, or ordered from SMDP for an additional small printing fee. To register, contact: Southern MD Decorative Painters at LearnToPaint@outlook.com, or call D. Williams at 240-298-6474. For more information and to view photos, go to www.smdpaint.org.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information about events, workshops and discounts for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go to

www.mattawomanart.org

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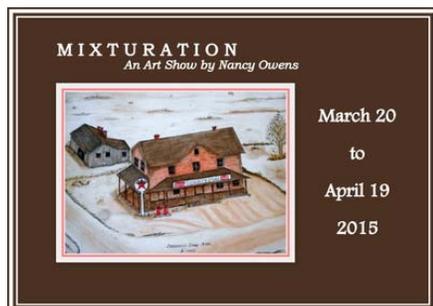
Spring Art Show

Mixturation

Featuring Art by Nancy Owens

Now through April 19

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm



MCAC Friday Open Studio

Now through May 22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free!



Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Bring your friends (both members and nonmembers). Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process!

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Workshops

Intro to the Art of Painting on Silk

Wednesday - Thursday, April 15 - 16, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$210 MCAC Members / \$220 Nonmembers

Instructor: Diane Tuckman, www.iteachsilkart.com



Apply the brush to silk once and you are hooked for ever! You will learn the basic silk painting techniques and vocabulary, painting eight technical pieces that you will be able to take home. The techniques taught are stretching, diluting, resisting, spotting, salting, double loading, wet-on-wet, fabric setting and more. There will be an in-depth discussion with many visual samples of hand painted fabrics.

Diane is an accomplished silk painter and has co-written several books about this art form. Materials used during the workshop are included in the cost: silk, dyes or special liquid paints, a stretching frame and tape for frame

protection, push pins to stretch the silk, plastic cups and lids, dilutant for dyes, resists and the applicators, designs, water cup, assorted brushes, salts, pens, plus several products for different techniques. Bring latex gloves. No art experience is necessary to take this workshop.

China Painting for Beginner and Intermediate Students

Tuesdays, April 21 - May 26, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (6 Sessions)

Fee: \$180 MCAC Members / \$210 Nonmembers

(\$30 off registration if received by April 6)

Fee for Materials and Supplies: \$95, Paid to the Instructor

Instructor: Brenda Bush



The beginning student will learn the process and techniques of painting on fine china (porcelain). Students will learn about mixing the paints and gain an understanding of painting materials, layout techniques, supplies and their uses. The

intermediate student will have a refresher class and then a specialized class on the application of liquid gold (both bright & roman gold) to unpainted pieces of china. This 6-week course will allow the student to complete one to three pieces of china. Firing of the china is included in the price. Plans are in the works for a field trip to the Maryland China Company.

Watercolor on Yupo

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Jung Lea Smith (www.jungsmith.com)



Yupo is a slick, nonabsorbent surface for painting. The water in the paint evaporates instead of soaking into the paper, which leaves interesting puddles, watermarks & very vibrant colors with transparent watercolors. Users of Yupo appreciate that one can wipe off the paint to get back to the original white which also allows for more experimentation. One can paint abstracts or add realistic focus areas.

Bring your watercolor supplies. Yupo paper will be provided. (All levels.)

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

La Plata Public Library Book Bazaar

Saturday, April 11, to Saturday, April 18

 Celebrate **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** *with us!*
CITIZENS FOR THE CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

Spring **Used BOOK Bazaar**
APRIL 11 - 18

LA PLATA LIBRARY (LOWER LEVEL)
301-934-9001

Special Members Only Sale
Friday, **APRIL 10**, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Membership available at the store.

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Hundreds of books, audiobooks and movies at bargain prices!

Become a Member on the spot, and get 5 free books! For more information call 301-934-9001 or visit www.ccplonline.org.

Life Journeys Writers Club

Big Quarterly Gathering!

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free Admission !



A Celebration is Planned!!! Glean from our guest speaker -- an attorney, specializing in Arts/Entertainment. Enjoy great giveaways, food, networking and more. For more information, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com , or go to www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com .

College of Southern Maryland

Connections Literary Readings

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps

and Author/Poet Fred Foote

Friday, April 24, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus, LR Building (Library), Room 102, 8730

Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$3 in advance; \$5 at the event; or \$3 with CSM Student ID; Free for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members (with military ID)



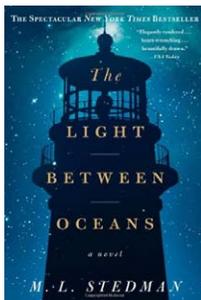
Award-winning writers and veterans Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps (left) and Dr. Fred Foote will read from their works and discuss their time in the U.S. military and how it has influenced their literary writing. For more information, call 301-934-7864, Connections@csmd.edu, or go to www.csmd.edu/connections.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group

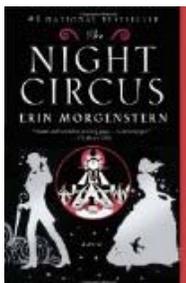
Note: Date Change for April! Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, and reserve a book with your library card.



April 11: ***The Light Between Oceans*** by M.L. Stedman. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, this childless couple discovers a boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own--with devastating results .

Chicks for Lit Book Club

Meets on Saturdays from 10:30 - 12:00 noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD. Pre-registration is required; click [here](#) to register for this discussion. For more information, call 301-375-7375.

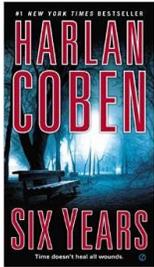


April 11: ***The Night Circus*** by Erin Morgenstern. The circus arrives without warning. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called *Le Cirque des Rêves*, and it is only open at night. Behind the scenes is a fierce competition between two young magicians, Celia and Marco. Unbeknownst to them both, this is a

game in which only one can be left standing. Events are set in motion with dangerous consequences, leaving the lives of everyone, from the performers to the patrons, hanging in the balance.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.



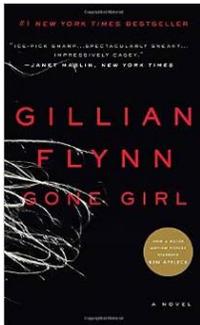
April 22: **Six Years** by Harlan Corben.

Six years have passed since Jake Fisher watched Natalie, the love of his life, marry another man. Six years of keeping his promise to leave Natalie alone, and six years of tortured dreams of her life with her new husband, Todd. So when Jake comes across Todd's obituary, he can't keep himself away from the funeral. There he gets the glimpse of Todd's wife he's hoping for...but she is not Natalie. Soon Jake's

search for the woman who broke his heart puts his very life at risk, as he uncovers the secrets and lies that love can hide.

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Note Date Change for April! Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.

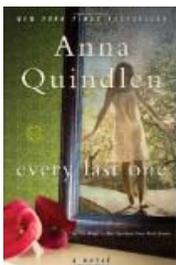


April 23: **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn. On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Is her husband a killer? Where is the wife? With her razor-sharp writing and trademark psychological insight, Gillian Flynn delivers a fast-paced, devilishly

dark, and ingeniously plotted thriller.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



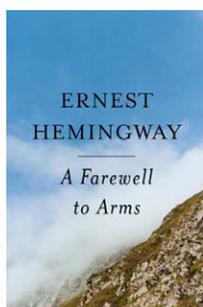
May 6: **Every Last One** by Anna Quindlen. Anna Quindlen creates an unforgettable portrait of a mother, a father, a family, and the explosive, violent consequences of what seem like inconsequential actions. Mary Beth Latham is first and foremost a mother. Caring for her family and preserving their everyday life is paramount. And so, when one of her sons, Max, becomes depressed, Mary Beth becomes

focused on him, and is blindsided by a shocking act of violence. What happens afterward is a testament to the power of a

woman's love and determination, and to the invisible line of hope and healing that connects one human being with another. *Every Last One* is a novel about facing every last one of the things we fear most, about finding ways to navigate a road we never intended to travel, to live a life we never dreamed we'd have to live but must be brave enough to try.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more information, call 301-934-9001.

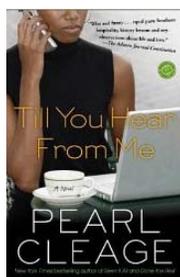


May 7: ***A Farewell to Arms*** by Ernest Hemingway. Written when Ernest Hemingway was thirty years old and lauded as the best American novel to emerge from World War I, *A Farewell to Arms* is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the looming horrors of the battlefield-weary, demoralized men marching in the rain during the German attack on Caporetto, and the profound

struggle between loyalty and desertion, this gripping, semi-autobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its inexorable sweep.

Writers of Color Book Club

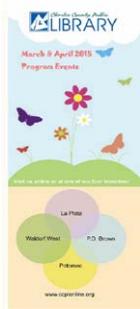
Note location change! A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of African descent who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at alternating locations. The May meeting will be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



May 21: ***Till You Hear from Me*** by Pearl Cleage. Just when it appears that all her hard work on Barack Obama's presidential campaign is about to pay off with a White House job, thirty-five-year-old Ida B. Wells Dunbar finds herself dealing with her outspoken father, the Reverend Horace A. Dunbar, Atlanta civil rights icon; and childhood friend and smooth political operator Wes Harper, also in town to pay a visit to the Reverend Dunbar, his mentor.

Charles County Library Schedule For March and April

Get a copy of the [March/April](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-934-9001 or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.

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Nanjemoy Community Center



The Nanjemoy Community Center offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to

fulfill the needs of the Nanjemoy community for all ages from tots to senior adults. For details of all events, get a copy of their [April](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [April](#) edition of *The Scoop*, Charles County's Senior Center News.

The Center is located at 4375 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662. For more information, call 301-246-9612, 301-934-5423, 301-753-1647, or click [here](#) to go to their website. The Center is open Monday and Wednesday - 8:30 am - 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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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 underserved 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.