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

Deadline to Submit Extended to **May 14!**



Theme is "Artist's 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](mailto: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.

Date Changed: On Saturday, July 18, 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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).



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

Registration Ends **May 31!**

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! Spaces are filling up! 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).

Forms are also available on the CCAA website at [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org).

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

## PERFORMING ARTS [{top}](#)

Henry E. Lackey High School

Cabaret Night

Thursday, May 7

Doors open 6:00 pm; Dinner & Entertainment 6:30 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Tickets: \$12 Adult, \$8 Student, \$5 with CCPS Badge, Free for Children 4 and Under



**Henry E. Lackey High School**  
Presents  
**Cabaret Night**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Doors open at 6:00pm / Entertainment at 6:30pm  
*students \$8 / adults \$12 / 4 & under, free*  
Fundraiser sponsored by Lackey's Performing Arts Boosters Club.

The night features a family style spaghetti dinner with salad and desserts as well as students from chorus, band, orchestra and drama providing entertainment for the evening. Select pieces of art will also be on display by the talented students in Lackey's Fine Arts Department. For more information visit <http://lackeyarts.org>.

Westlake High School

U.S. Navy Band

Friday, May 8, 7:30 pm

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Free Admission



The United States Navy Concert 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, contact Mr. Bly at [rbly@ccboe.com](mailto:rbly@ccboe.com), or go to <http://www.navyband.navy.mil>.

World Premiere of "Haara"

New Musical Work for Symphonic Band

Free Admission

Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm  
Henry E. Lackey High School  
3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

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Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm  
La Plata High School  
6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm  
North Point High School  
2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Composed by Mary Coy Whitmore, a 2007 graduate of Henry E. Lackey High School, this musical is dedicated to the high school bands of Charles County, Maryland. The project was conceived and spearheaded by Alan D. Freeman, Director of Instrumental Music at Lackey High School, who was Ms. Whitmore's former band director. It was commissioned as the result of a special project grant awarded in 2013 by the Charles County Arts Alliance to the Charles County Public Schools. Ms. Whitmore will be in attendance at the Lackey High School and North Point High School world premieres. At Lackey, there will be a special reception honoring Ms. Whitmore immediately following the concert, and an opportunity for members of the audience to meet the composer in person.

For more information on the upcoming world premiere concerts of *Haara* on May 18-19, contact Dr. Freeman at Lackey High School at 301-753-1753 or [afreeman@ccboe.com](mailto:afreeman@ccboe.com).

### Island Music Company

Thursday, May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Taylor Guitars Road Show  
403 Charles Street, La Plata



Try playing the new acoustic Taylor guitars and enter to win one! Free admission, but you must register to enter the drawing. For more information, call 301-392-3960.

### Tantallon Community Players

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

May 22, 23, 29, 30, 31; June 5, 6, 7

Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Seniors (60+); \$10 Groups of 10 or more

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through the lands of ancient Egypt! The Biblical story of Joseph and his brothers is brought to life through vibrant song and dance in this delightful family musical. For more information and to order tickets, go to [www.tantalionplayers.org](http://www.tantalionplayers.org).

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## Free Evening Concerts Two Locations!



Thursdays, 7:00 pm  
O'Donnell Lake  
10400 O'Donnell  
Place  
Waldorf

May 21 - U.S. Navy Band  
Country Current

May 28 - Sara Grey

June 4 - Eric Scott

June 11 - U.S. Naval  
Academy Band Electric  
Brigade

June 18 - John Lewis

June 25 - Lynn Hollyfield

July 9 - Anthony Swampdog  
Clark

July 16 - Jennifer Cooper

July 23 - Sin Miedo

July 30 - Marguerite

August 6 - Donegal X-press

August 13 - U.S. Navy Band

Fridays, 7:00 pm  
La Plata Town Hall  
305 Queen Anne  
Street  
La Plata

May 22 - 25th Hour Band

May 29 - Federal Brass of  
The U.S. Army Field Band

June 5 - Franklin Square  
Band

June 12 - Four of a Kind

June 19 - The Sea Chanters

June 26 - Drivin' Muzzy

July 3 - Paul Thomas and  
MWB

July 10 - Sara Gray Band

July 17 - U.S. Naval  
Academy Band Electric  
Brigade

July 24 - Roadhouse

July 31 - The Lucky Few

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August 20 - U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact

August 27 - Tomorrow's Time

For more information, go to <http://www.stcharlesmd>.

For both locations, bring lawn chairs or blankets.

For the La Plata Town Hall Concerts, coolers are allowed, but no alcohol. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot; an ice cream truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

August 7 - 257th Army Band

August 14 - U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact

August 21 - Eric Scott Band

August 28 - Southern Maryland Concert Band

September 4 - Dance Party with Elite Beatz Entertainment & Chesapeake Country Cruizers

September 11 - Dr. Phill's Big Band

September 18 - U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers

September 25 - John Luskey Band

For more information, go to [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org).



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](mailto: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.

Port Tobacco Players

Much Ado About Nothing

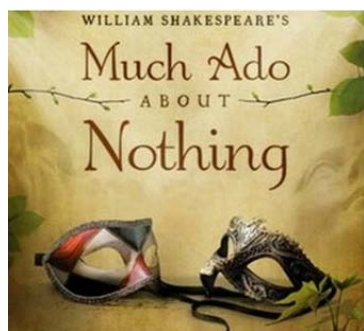
May 22 - June 7

Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$17 Adults, \$14 Seniors (60+), Youth, Military



As the title suggests, there's a lot of fuss over nothing in this Shakespeare comedy! Claudio and Hero fall in love and plan to get married, but the villainous Don John slanders Hero with false evidence. The wedding is ruined and Hero faints. Her family soon suspect slander and decide to pretend that Hero died from shock. Eventually, Hero is

revealed to be alive, the marriage goes ahead as planned, the villain is caught, the audience is kept in stitches and all is well! A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Charles County Literacy Council. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Port Tobacco Players

Ball In The House

Monday, May 25, 7:00 pm

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[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

508 Charles Street, La Plata  
Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$8 Youth



Enjoy an evening with an *a cappella* R&B/Soul/Pop band, performed live with the Spartones from St. Charles High School, under the direction of Brian Kuhn, *Ball In The House* is a Boston based group that specializes in great harmony, thundering rhythm, and making some music that will move ya! You may have seen this 5-piece band on *The Today Show*,

*The CBS Early Morning Show*, or *America's Got Talent*. Over the years, they have performed with several artists including The Beach Boys, Gladys Knight, Kool & the Gang, KC & The Sunshine Band, Jessica Simpson, Patti Labelle, and Smokey Robinson. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or go to <http://www.ptplayers.com>.

or renew by mail.

Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

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## Charles County Youth Orchestra

### Free Masterclass

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf



The guest clinician, Olivia Gutoff, will work with students on how to prepare for auditions. All interested students are welcome to observe, though only CCYO/Encore Strings students will be invited to perform. Ms. Gutoff was the conductor of

the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra in Montgomery County for many years, and has extensive experience in working with both string and wind instrumentalists, so the masterclass will be helpful for all musicians. No reservation is necessary to observe, but please contact Anne Marie Patterson at [annempatterson@aol.com](mailto:annempatterson@aol.com) if you would like to perform in the masterclass. For more information, go to [www.ccyo.com](http://www.ccyo.com).

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## Quality Printers

### Open Mic Night

Friday, May 29, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Free Admission



Come out and showcase your musical talent, or just come to enjoy music from your local musicians. Whether they are originals or covers, we are looking for all styles of music. All we ask is that you keep the music suitable for family listening. Snacks and coffee will be provided. For more information, call 240-349-2953.

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## College of Southern Maryland

### Ward Virts Concert Series

Holly Roadfeldt, Piano

Sunday, May 31, 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



Holly Roadfeldt holds degrees in piano performance from the Eastman School of Music, Indiana University, and the University of Colorado in Boulder. As a soloist, she made her orchestral debut with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at the age of 13, and has performed standard and eclectic recital programs in the United States, Europe, and Asia. She is currently teaching at Lafayette College, has a private studio in New York City, and serves as

master piano faculty with distinction at The Music School of Delaware. For more information contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to

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

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## 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.

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## Port Tobacco Players



Camp Mockabee Registration is Open!  
Summer Theatre Kids and Teen Camps  
Ages 6 through High School  
508 Charles Street, La Plata  
Click [here](#) to download a Registration Form



**THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES**

# CAMP MOCKABEE

## 2015

### Summer Theatre Camp

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JULY 7, 2015**

<p><b>KIDS CAMP</b> AGES 6 to 12 July 20 - 24, 2015</p> <p><i>"Let Your Imagination Soar!"</i></p> <p>Join us for a fantastical journey through theatre with daily workshops ranging from acting and choreography to hair and makeup and much more!</p> <p><b>Half-Day Sessions</b> AM Session: 9:00 am to 11:45 am PM Session: 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm</p> <p>Cost: \$125 per Child Price includes T-shirt and PTP Membership Fees for the 2014/2015 Season</p>	<p><b>TEEN CAMP</b> AGES 12 through HS Senior Session 1 - July 27 - 31, 2015 Session 2 - August 3 - 7, 2015</p> <p><i>One-Act Broadway Musical</i></p> <p>Join in on helping produce a one-act Broadway musical, the title of which will be revealed the first day of camp. Actors, singers, designers and technicians are all needed for this wonderful collaboration. No experience necessary!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8:00 am to 4:00 pm</b></p> <p>Cost: \$225 per Teen Price includes T-shirt and PTP Membership Fees for the 2014/2015 Season</p>
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**CAMP IS HELD AT THE PORT TOBACCO THEATER  
508 CHARLES STREET, LA PLATA, MD 20646**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE THEATER  
AT 301-932-6819

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## VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

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### 2015 Chesapeake Bay Waterfowl Arts Show

May 15 - 16

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

42455 Fairgrounds Road, Leonardtown

Friday, May 15, Reception, 6:00 pm

\$75 Advance Tickets Required

Saturday, May 16, Live Auction Begins at 8:00 am

Art Show and Activities, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Admission: \$5 per Person, 12 and under Free

For the ninth straight year,

9<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**CHESAPEAKE BAY**  
*Waterfowl Arts Show*  
May 15-16, 2015  
St. Mary's County Fairgrounds




Photo by Wes Stone

**SOUTHERN MARYLAND'S  
PREMIER WATERFOWL EVENT**  
Cattails & Cocktails Reception  
Friday 6pm - 9 pm  
\$75 per person

Waterfowl Arts Show  
Saturday 10am - 4pm  
\$5 per person

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For more info  
[cbwaterfowlartsshow@gmail.com](mailto:cbwaterfowlartsshow@gmail.com)  
240-670-4483  
Hosted by: The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland

world class wildlife art, antique duck decoys, delicious wild game, local wines, and retriever dogs come together in southern Maryland for a fun-filled weekend, with something for everyone.

The event kicks off Friday, May 15, with a Cattails and Cocktails reception and auction in recognition of the show's 2015 featured carver, renowned Maryland decoy carver, President of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group and carousel animal maker, Burkey Boggs. On Saturday, the day begins with a live auction of the decoys, followed by retriever and decoy demonstrations, decoy competition, cooking demonstrations, workshops, and a "meet the artists." For

more details and a schedule of events, go to <http://www.cfsomd.org/waterfowlshow.html>.

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Mount Aventine Manor House  
Afternoon Tea  
Sunday, May 17, 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head  
Donation: \$30  
Reservations Required by May 13



Enjoy an afternoon of food, live music, antique costumes and a mini Mount Aventine doll house. To make reservations, call 240-472-1384.

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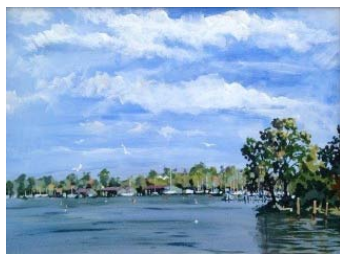
Mattawoman Creek Art Center  
5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658  
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,  
11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
For more information about events, workshops and discounts for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go to [www.mattawomanart.org](http://www.mattawomanart.org).

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Workshops  
Acrylics on Canvas  
Thursday, May 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Space is Limited!

Instructor: Peter Ulrich



In this workshop, you will paint a subject of your choice, e.g., a landscape, cityscape, or seascape from your photo or a still life of your own making. Support will be either stretched canvas or canvas-on-board. Steps and topics include: toning the support, some thoughts on

composition, sketching with the brush, color mixing, under-painting, use of acrylic medium, keeping the brushes and paints wet, alla prima technique, working from dark to light values, achieving an impressionistic effect and varnishing the finished painting. Some drawing and painting experience in any medium is suggested. For a detailed list of materials, please check Workshops at [www.mattawomanart.org](http://www.mattawomanart.org)

## Encaustic

Monday, May 11, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Rain Date: Monday, May 18

Fee: Members: \$40 / \$50 Nonmembers

Materials Fee: \$10 or Less

Instructor: Pat Spradlin



Expand your painting experience by trying the ancient art of encaustic painting. This workshop will introduce the techniques of this media which includes beeswax melted to a fluid state on a hot palette and painted, drawn or dripped onto panels. The instructor will provide panels and materials, but bring your own palette knives, old white bristle brushes and ideas.

## 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!

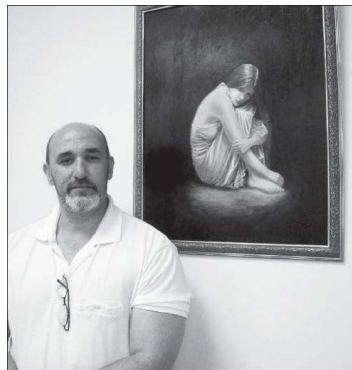
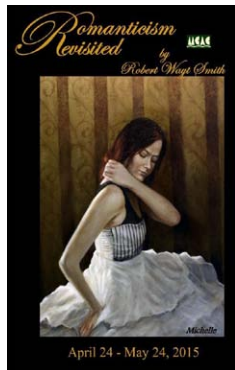
## Romanticism Revisited

Invitational Show by Robert Wayt Smith

Now through May 24

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



## LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Life Journeys Writers Club

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Gaithersburg Book Festival

Children's Village

Gaithersburg City Hall Grounds

31 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Free Admission and Parking



Meet the authors, poets and songwriters.

There will be booksigning sessions and workshops. This is your opportunity to meet and learn from published authors. Go to [www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org](http://www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org) for the complete schedule of events. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com), or go to

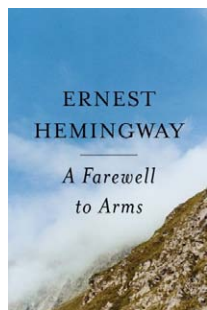
[www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com](http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com).



Adult Discussion Book Groups

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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.

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## Chicks for Lit Book Club at Potomac

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

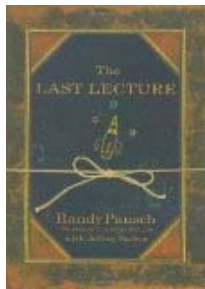


May 9: **The Luminaries** by Eleanor Catton. It is 1866, and Walter Moody has come to stake his claim in New Zealand's booming gold rush. On the stormy night of his arrival, he stumbles across a tense gathering of 12 local men who have met in secret to discuss a series of unexplained events. Moody is soon drawn into a network of fates and fortunes that is as complex and exquisitely ornate as the night sky. Richly evoking a mid-nineteenth-century world of shipping, banking, and gold rush boom and bust, *The Luminaries* is at once a fiendishly clever ghost story, a gripping page-turner, and a thrilling novelistic achievement.

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## La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

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.



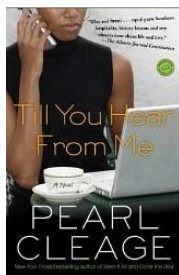
May 14: **The Last Lecture** by Randy Pausch. A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question. When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave-- "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living.

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## 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

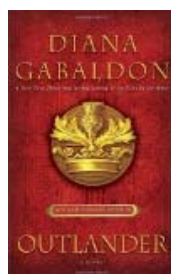


Horace A. Dunbar, Atlanta civil rights icon; and childhood friend and smooth political operator Wes Harper, also in town to pay a visit to the Reverend Dunbar, his mentor.

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## 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.



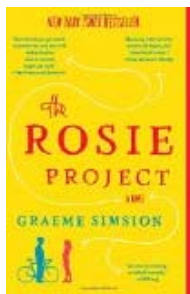
May 27: **Outlander** by Diana Gabaldon. The year is 1945. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, is just back from the war and reunited with her husband on a second honeymoon when she walks through a standing stone in one of the ancient circles that dot the British Isles. Suddenly she is a Sassenach-an "outlander"-in a Scotland torn by war and raiding border clans in the year of Our Lord . . . 1743. Hurlled back in time by forces she cannot

understand, Claire is catapulted into the intrigues of lairds and spies that may threaten her life, and shatter her heart.

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## 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.



June 3: **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner. Meet Rosie Jarman. She's on her own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they

collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie, and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

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## Waldorf Book Discussion Group

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.

June 6: **Shoeless Joe** by W.P. Kinsella. "If you build it, he will come." These mysterious words, spoken by an Iowa baseball announcer, inspire Ray Kinsella to carve a



baseball diamond in his cornfield in honor of his hero, the baseball legend Shoeless Joe Jackson. What follows is both a rich, nostalgic look at one of our most cherished national pastimes and a remarkable story about fathers and sons, love and family, and the inimitable joy of finding your way home.

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## Charles County Library Schedule For May and June



Get a copy of the [May/June](#) 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 [May](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [May](#) 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.

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