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August 27, 2015

Attention All Organizations and Businesses
Charles County Fair is September 17 - 20
Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!

Deadline is Today!



The Charles County Arts Alliance has been a proud partner with the Charles County Fair Board for many years. We help supervise the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building, and staff a CCAA booth to promote the arts in our county and membership in our organization.

Each year we assemble arts bags filled with interesting flyers, pens, brochures, business cards, press releases, event announcements and other promotional materials to hand out to Charles County Fair-goers. We want to advertise the broad diversity of the arts we offer here in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can stuff these bags. The bags are 12" wide and 15" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office by 12:00 noon today. The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, near the corner of Rts.

488 and 6, in the United Way House, La Plata, MD. Thank you!

Arts Alliance Grant Season is Open!

Mandatory Workshop for Community Arts Development Grant
Recipients on Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Grant Application Deadline - October 9, 2015



Our annual grant season is now open with the posting of the applications at www.charlescountyarts.org/grants, and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office in La Plata.

A mandatory Grant Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the United Way House in La Plata (10250 La Plata Road) to provide training and answer questions for all potential applicants for CAD grants. Completed CAD and AIE grant applications with all required copies must be in the possession of the CCAA

Office (not postmarked) no later than 12:00 noon on October 9, 2015.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. The CAD grants have two sub-categories: General Operating grants for arts organizations, and Special Project grants for non-arts organizations that present activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Schools may request up to \$750; nonprofit organizations may be eligible for up to \$6,000. All grants have matching requirements ranging from 1:1 to 3:1, depending on the amount being requested. Grant applications are reviewed by a Grant Panel comprised of members of the CCAA Board of Directors and representatives from the community. The grants will be awarded at the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on November 14, 2015.

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



Request from the CCAA President

I am asking all members and supporters of the Charles County Arts Alliance to consider volunteering a few hours of their time to help us with our coverage at the Charles County Fair, Wednesday - Sunday, September 16 - 20, 2015. We need people to hang art in the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building on Wednesday; monitor the display area Thursday through Sunday; meet and greet Fair-goers; and help return the art to the participants on Sunday. If you can help, contact our Office Manager, Judy Crawford, at 301-392-5900, and become a more active member of the CCAA.

Thank you!

Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Free Evening Concerts
Two Locations!



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

August 27 - Tomorrow's
Time



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

August 28 - Southern
Maryland Concert Band

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

September 4 - Dance Party
with Elite Beatz Entertainment

In This Flash

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August Newsletter

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.

& Chesapeake Country Cruizers

September 11 - Dr. Phill's Big Band

September 18 - U.S. Navy Band The Cruizers

September 25 - John Luskey Band

For more information, go to www.townoflaplata.org.

College of Southern Maryland

Auditions for Ages 8 and Older for Oliver!

Friday, August 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts (FA) Building

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata.



CSM is holding auditions for actors ages 8 and older for its fall production of *Oliver!* Performers should prepare a one-minute monologue, 16 bars of music and be ready to dance. For more

information, contact Keith Hight at HHight@csmd.edu, or 301-934-7827.

Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir


Youth Choir Auditions

TrebleMakers, Ages 8-12; and Capella, Ages 13-18

Monday, August 31, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Leonardtwn Middle School

22885 Duke Street, Leonardtown



SMYOC YOUTH CHOIR

2015-2016 Season Auditions
Monday August 24 (CAPELLA)
Monday August 31 (Treblemakers)
Visit smvoc.org for more details!


The Choir is a two-tiered program serving singers ages 8-18 in the tri-county area.

CAPELLA is an advanced ensemble for experienced singers with developed talent and the readiness for a rich and rigorous program of music-making at a very high level

- for males and females, ages 13-18
- rehearses Monday evenings, late August-May
- repertoire in wide range of styles: pop acapella to world music, classical, jazz, modern; 3-4-5-part harmony
- multiple performances per season, including occasional festivals, competitions, and/or other special events
- membership through a rigorous audition process; singers must demonstrate solo capacity and choral skills
- annual tuition less than \$30/month

The TREBLEMAKERS is a beginning to intermediate level choir for girls and boys, ages 8-12

- rehearses Monday afternoons, late August-May
- singers must demonstrate potential for excellent vocal and musical development
- several performances per season
- membership through an audition process
- annual tuition less than \$20/month



"My purpose is to build a stellar choir and develop pre-professional singers for a future in music. I am passionate about music... together we can create musical experiences that will make an impression for years to come. This is the time to be part of something special at the genesis of its trajectory. I am excited to begin our journey together."
- Angelica Brooks, SMYOC Choir Director



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For an application and more information, go to
<http://www.smyoc.org/index.php/choir> .

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Auditions for 2015-2016 Season

High School Age and Older

Mondays, August 31 and September 14

Beginning at 6:30 pm by Appointment

Peace Lutheran Church

401 E. Smallwood Drive, Waldorf



Do you like to sing? The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, under the direction of Michael K. Santana, will conduct auditions on August 31 and September 14; alternate dates may be arranged. Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary! The chorus is especially looking for

tenors and baritones/basses, but ALL voices are appreciated. The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Peace Lutheran Church, and produces three different concerts throughout the season. Next season's concerts include "A Rutter Christmas" in December, "A Pops Potluck" in April, and a combination concert/theater production with the College of Southern Maryland Theater Department in May. Call Carol at 301-642-0594 for audition appointments. For more information, visit www.chesapeakechoral.com.

Hard Bargain Players

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)

Friday - Saturday

September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19; 8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 for Students, Seniors and Members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Instead of performing Charles Dickens' beloved holiday classic, three actors decide to perform every Christmas story ever told - plus Christmas traditions from around the world, seasonal icons from ancient times to topical pop-culture, and every carol ever sung. A madcap romp through the holiday season! For more information and to order tickets, go to <http://www.hbplayers.org>.

Schubert Singers Auditions



CCAA Board of Directors

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Girls ages 5 - 17; Boys ages 5 and up with unchanged voices
Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (by appointment)
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf



The singers learn and perform folk songs, spirituals, rounds, and music by classical and contemporary composers that is especially suited to the young voice. They are taught how to sing with a lovely tone, to read music, and to work together to create beautiful music. The directors believe that singing and making music are very important to the human spirit, that the acts of singing and making music enrich the life of the mind and strengthen its capabilities, and that collaborative music-making can serve as a vehicle for goodwill and peace among peoples of the world.

Contact them with your child's age, experience and contact info at schubertsingers@gmail.com for an audition slot. For more information, go to www.schubertsingers.org.

Joyful Voices Children's Choir

For Children Ages 7 - 18

Rehearsals Begin Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church

13025 Good Samaritan Drive, Waldorf



Children learn skills related to music theory and history to perform a variety of repertoire at hospitals, veteran homes, sporting events and more. Students need to come with a parent at 6:00 pm for a

brief introduction and parent meeting. New students are encouraged to join and be prepared to sing a short song for the directors. Please inform the director before September 8, of your child's participation. For more information, call Julia Reppucci at 240-210-2996, email joyfulvoiceschildrenschoir@gmail.com, or visit their [Facebook page](#).

Charles County Youth Orchestra and Encore Strings
Auditions for the 2015-2016 season

[Archbishop Neale School](#)

[Bullock's Piano Salon](#)

[Century 21 New Millennium Realtors](#)

[Charles County Fair, Inc.](#)

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[Life Journeys Writers Club](#)

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[Music Teachers Association of Charles Co., Inc.](#)

[Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS](#)

[PNC Bank](#)

[Port Tobacco Players](#)

[Rotary, La Plata, MD](#)

[Southern Maryland Carousel Group](#)

Saturday, September 12

Click [HERE](#) for Audition Registration Information and Requirements

No Fee to Audition, Membership is \$120/Year



Charles County Youth Orchestra is comprised of high school level string, wind, brass and percussion players, and rehearses on Tuesday evenings during the school year. Performance opportunities include concerts in January and May, as well as playing at the Fair, ArtsFest, etc. They are especially looking for bass, flute, oboe, bassoon, french horn, trumpet, and percussion.

Encore Strings is a middle school level string group that rehearses on Saturday mornings. Performance opportunities are the same as for CCYO. Rehearsal time is spent not only preparing for concerts, but learning advanced string technique.

Both CCYO and Encore Strings are directed by Anne Marie Patterson. For more information, go to www.ccyo.com or email annempatterson@aol.com.

Encore Band is a new musical ensemble for young band musicians! Beginning this fall, Encore Band will provide middle school level band players an opportunity to receive extra training and rehearse with other motivated students. Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings, performances in January and May with CCYO and Encore Strings. For this year, no auditions are required, simply get a teacher's recommendation and contact director Takako Mato at takakomato@gmail.com.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Sunday Movie & Dessert

Woman in Gold

Sunday, September 13

2:00 pm

5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Free!



Woman in Gold is the remarkable true story of one woman's journey to

[Southern Maryland Decorative Painters](#)

[Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra](#)

[Swan Point Yacht and Country Club](#)

[Technical Solutions Sr, LLC](#)

[The Royal Tea Room](#)

[Town of Indian Head](#)

[Town of La Plata](#)

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Why Not Join Us Now?

Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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

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.



reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what happened to her family. Sixty years after she fled Vienna during World War II, an elderly Jewish woman, Maria Altmann

(played by Helen Mirren), starts her journey to retrieve family possessions seized by the Nazis, among them Klimt's famous painting *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I*. Together with her inexperienced but plucky young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (portrayed by Ryan Reynolds), she embarks upon a major battle which takes them all the way to the heart of the Austrian establishment and the U.S. Supreme Court. For more information about MCAC events, call 301-743-5159, or go to www.mattawomanart.org.

Estonian Youth Choir in Concert

Meditations with Tormis

Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm

St. Charles High School

5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public

Click [HERE](#) to view the Flyer



The Charles County Commissioners, in partnership with World Artists Experiences, present a concert-play by the Youth Mixed Choir Vox Populi of Estonia. The special concert presentation, an opportunity to connect people through the arts and culture, is part of Charles County's sister county relationship with Jogevea County, Estonia. Performed by over 60 members of the Estonian Youth Mixed Choir Vox Populi, "Meditations with Tormis," based on the choral cycles "Etudes in Keys" and "Nature Pictures" by Veljo Tormis, is a musical journey in the natural landscapes of Estonia, the variation of the four seasons and their corresponding patterns of harmonies. The harmony-language of composer Veljo Tormis is illustrated by photos of Estonian nature in different seasons. The concert-play celebrates the 85th birthday of Veljo Tormis.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 301-885-2779, or PressRoom@CharlesCountyMD.gov. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD: 800-735-2258.

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

22nd Artsfest

Saturday - Sunday, September 19 - 20, 2015

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

13480 Dowell Road, Dowell (Solomons)

Admission: \$6 Adults; Children 11 and under are Free;

Annmarie Members are Free

No Pets Allowed



More than 165 artist booths, 30 performers on two stages, activities for kids in the Discovery Tent, Studio School, and the Zany Zone, great food, wine & beer, and lots more! Street performers, including stilt walkers, mimes, living statues, balloon artists, bubble artists, and strolling artists, found throughout the festival! It's a fabulous

weekend of great shopping and artful activities at the beautiful Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland. For more information, go to <http://www.annmariegarden.org>.

La Plata Fall Festival

Sunday, October 11, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Form

LA PLATA *Fall Festival*

Come join in for a day of free family fun! Live music by the Sara Gray Band, craft and food vendors, kids activities - Moon Bounce, petting zoo and art tent.

There is no charge for vendor space and applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. There are about 40 spaces available and very few with access to electricity. As a vendor you must provide your own tables, chairs and pop up tent (not required). Only one home party sales vendor per company (like Mary Kay, Thirty One, Tupperware, etc.) is accepted. For more information, go to www.townoflaplata.org or contact Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Chapter Art Show

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Charlotte Hall Branch Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall

Open to the Public



The art show highlights artwork done by SMDP members in a variety of mediums (e.g., acrylic, watercolor, oil, pen and ink and colored pencils). Entries are displayed in 10 different categories. The art show is open to the public and attendees have the opportunity to vote for their favorite pieces. SMDP will

also hold a business meeting beginning at 10:00 am (lasts approximately 1 hour) followed by painting a simple project (a turtle from terra cotta pots). Anyone interested in participating in the paint-in should e-mail president@smdpaint.org prior to September 12 to obtain a list of supplies needed for the paint-in. For more information, go to <http://www.smdpaint.org>.

Photos and Artifacts Sought for the 15th Annual Nanjemoy Heritage Day

Saturday, September 12, Noon - 3:00 pm

Nanjemoy Community Center

4375 Port Tobacco Road



The Department of Community Services is requesting old family photos and Nanjemoy artifacts to showcase. If you have a piece of Nanjemoy heritage to share, or you would like to be part of the parade with a classic vehicle

or antique farm equipment, contact the Nanjemoy Community Center coordinator at 301-246-9612. The festivities will begin with a lively parade, followed by live music, crafts for the kids, face painting, area artists, local heritage displays, classic cars, games, and more. Refreshments and souvenir t-shirts will be available. For more information, call 301-246-9612. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD at 800-735-2258.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

"Call for Artists"

Theme is "Maryland Landscapes"

Deadline to Submit: September 24, 2015



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Fall Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from October 22, 2015, to February 17, 2016. This brand new gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway. The Crossroads of Hughesville Garden Club will also create floral interpretations of selected art to be included in the show.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to veteranshomeart@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

Selections will be made by the Charlotte Hall Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified in early October. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home E-Wing Multi-Purpose Room, to honor all the artists participating in the fall show.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171 ext. 468, or veteranshomeart@gmail.com.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

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

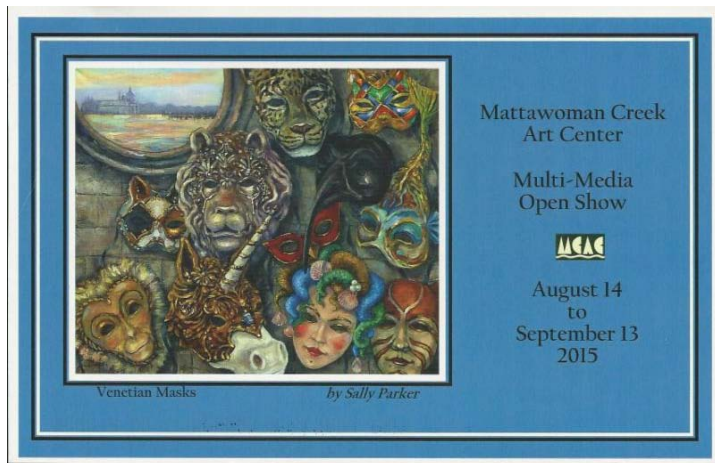
For more information about events, workshops and discounts for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go to

www.mattawomanart.org. Click [here](#) to download the fall

programs brochure.

MCAC Multi-Media Open Show

Now through September 13



MCAC Friday Open Studio

Now Through August 28, and September 4 - December 11
11:00 am - 3:00 pm



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!

MCAC Workshops

Mini Intro to Zentangle®

Friday, September 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Fee: \$15 (no early bird special)

\$5 Materials Fee Payable to the Instructor

Instructor: Jill Smithson



Come explore the meditative art form known as Zentangle®. This Mini Intro workshop introduces what has been described as "yoga for the mind" and is a prerequisite for the Illuminated Letter class if you have yet to experience Zentangle® from a Certified Zentangle® Teacher. You are invited to explore, create and play as

you rekindle your creativity, develop greater hand-eye coordination, improve your capacity to perceive with an artist's eye and quiet your mind. Discover the joy of all possibility as you touch the quiet center of your being, connecting your inner and outer world. This simple practice is your invitation to be inspired as you practice focused awareness by being YOU!

Luscious Illuminated Letters

Prerequisite: Zentangle® experience

Friday, September 25, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Jill Smithson



Allow your creativity to take flight and explore the process known as Zentangle® Inspired Art, better known as ZIA. Our ZIA's will be based on the art of illuminated letters. In this class you will create colorful, gilded illuminated cards to give or frame.

Three-Dimensional Fiber Art: Basketry

Sundays, September 27, October 25, November 15

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuition: \$10 / Fees: \$159

Instructor: Pam King



Three baskets will be completed: Box Basket with a Wooden Lid, Double Wall Basket, and a Meeting Tote Basket. Some choice of colors will be available. The workshop is hosted by Mattawoman Creek Art Center, but registration is through the College of Southern Maryland, course PEP-7490/128411. Register at www.csmd.edu/Go/Register.

Master European Artist Workshop

Thursday - Saturday, October 8, 9, 10; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$330 for MCAC Members / \$360 for Nonmembers

Payment due by October 1: \$300 for Members / \$330 for Nonmembers

Instructor: Hugh O'Neill (www.oneillgalleries.com)



Daily painting demonstrations by O'Neill will illustrate key points on canvas. He is renowned for teaching by example -- demonstrating while he explains and describes each choice he makes. Among his objectives is to introduce students to powerful color and painting techniques.

Topics covered will include a more refined eye, looser flowing brushwork and powerful color

mixing. The last day will be a *plein aire* demonstration with time for students to paint on their own. Critiques are part of the program as he likes to follow up on how each student progresses. For a full explanation of what these three days encompass, go to the MCAC website at mattawomanart.org or call for a flyer. Students may work in oils, pastels or acrylics. Bring your own painting materials and easel if you have one. (All levels.)

Plein Aire Workshop

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$140 for MCAC Members / \$150 for Nonmembers

Instructor: Hugh O'Neill (www.oneillgalleries.com)



Come for the third day of the Master European Artist Workshop. This will be the *plein aire* demonstration and painting on your own. Students may work in oils, pastels or acrylics. Bring your own painting materials and easel if you have one. Please check with MCAC as the location may change. (All levels.)

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tours on Sundays, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13

West Building, 6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (use the Constitution Avenue or Madison Drive entrances for easiest access to the Rotunda)



The tours take place on the second Sunday of every month and last about an hour. Meet the guide in the Rotunda of the West Building for the public tour. The program is interpreted into spoken English. Assistive listening devices are available for use on

any public tour with 3 weeks' advance notice. To plan your trip and view hours and maps, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905.

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Charles County Literacy Council

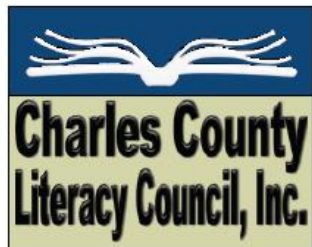
Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

La Plata, MD

FREE; \$30 Fee is WAIVED

Pre-registration required by September 7, and 4 hours online preparatory work required prior to the workshop

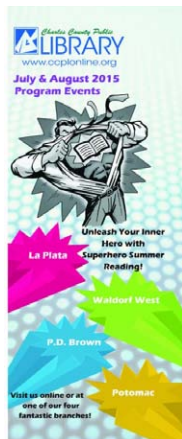


Providing free one-on-one tutoring to adults in Charles County for almost 50 years.

If you can read this you can teach an adult to read! Tutor notebooks and resources as well as light lunch fare will be provided. Once trained, volunteer tutors will be matched one-on-one with adults who need help improving their reading, math and English speaking skills.

To register, visit the Events page of CCLC's web site at www.charlescountyliteracy.org, email the Literacy Council at charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net, or call the office at 301-934-6488.

Charles County Library Schedule For July/August and September/October



Get a copy of the [July/August](#) and [September/October](#) brochures 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>.



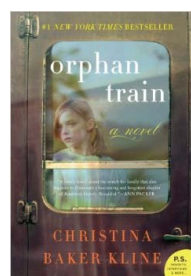
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

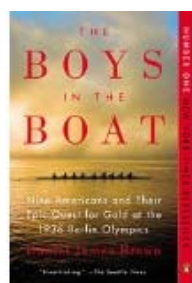


September 2: **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New

York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life--answers that will ultimately free them both. Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

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.



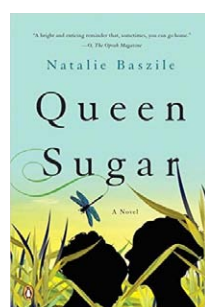
September 3: **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel

Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. *The Boys*

in the Boat is the Maryland Humanities Council's One Maryland One Book selection for 2015.

Writers of Color Book Club

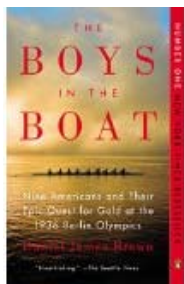
A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of African descent who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets every month on the second Thursday at alternating locations. The September meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



September 10: **Queen Sugar** by Natalie Baszile. When Charley unexpectedly inherits eight hundred acres of sugarcane land, she and her eleven-year-old daughter say goodbye to smoggy Los Angeles and head to Louisiana. As the sweltering summer unfolds, Charley struggles to balance the overwhelming challenges of a farm in decline with the demands of family and the startling desires of her own heart

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.



September 10: ***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*** by Daniel Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. *The Boys in*

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Waldorf Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month (note date change for September) 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.

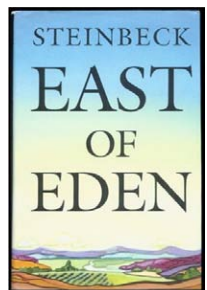


September 12: ***The Museum of Extraordinary Things*** by Alice Hoffman. Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of Extraordinary Things, a Coney Island freak show that thrills the masses. One night Coralie stumbles upon a striking young man taking pictures of moonlit trees in the woods off the Hudson River. The dashing photographer is Eddie Cohen, a Russian immigrant who has run away from his

community and his job as a tailor's apprentice. When Eddie photographs the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman's disappearance. And he ignites the heart of Coralie.

Potomac Book Discussion

Meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 am - noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.

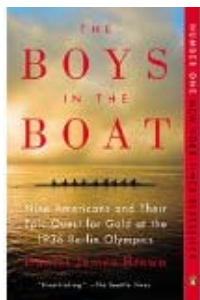


September 12: ***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families--the Trasks and the Hamiltons--whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel. Steinbeck had created his most mesmerizing characters and explored his most enduring themes: the

mystery of identity, the inexplicability of love, and the murderous consequences of love's absence.

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.



September 23: ***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*** by Daniel Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. *The Boys in the Boat*

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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. Click [here](#) to get a copy of their newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [August](#) and [September](#) issues 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, 301-753-1647, 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.