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September 17, 2015

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## Charles County Fair Opens Today!

8440 Fairground Road, La Plata

Admission: \$5 Ages 11 and Up; Free for Children 10 and Under

Four-Day Pass is \$12

Friday, September 18, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm - FREE Admission for All School Children

Click [HERE](#) for a Schedule and Map of Events



Thursday, September 17, Gates Open at 4:00 pm,  
Exhibit and Commercial Buildings Open 5:00 to 10:00 pm  
Carnival Open 5:00 to 10:00 pm

Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19  
Gates Open at 8:30 am  
Exhibit and Commercial Buildings Open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm  
Carnival Open 10:00 am to Closing

Sunday, September 20, Gates Open at 9:30 am  
Exhibit Buildings Open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm;  
Commercial Buildings Open 10:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Carnival Open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Be sure to visit the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building to view the hundreds of works of art from local artists of all ages! And, don't forget to stop by the Arts Alliance table to say Hi!, pick up your Arts Bag and make a donation for a gourmet gift basket. All funds go toward the Student Arts Scholarship Program. For more information about the Fair, visit <http://www.charlescountyfair.com>.

## Arts Alliance Grant Season is Open!

Deadline to Submit is October 9, 2015

Our annual grant season is now open with the posting of the applications at [www.charlescountyarts.org/grants](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/grants), and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office in La Plata. Completed 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 dollar 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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

## Arts Alliance "Call for Solo Artists"

Eight Artists Needed for Four Quarterly Shows in 2016  
Deadline to Submit is October 16, 2015



The Charles County Arts Alliance hosts art exhibits in the Charles County Government Building Commissioners' Gallery, and the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery, both in La Plata, MD. Submissions will be accepted for each location by October 16, 2015, for the four quarterly shows in 2016.

Local artists are invited to submit 15 artworks on any subject to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as low-resolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to [waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com), and reference 2016 Solo Artist Show in the subject line of your email.

Entries must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's 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. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org), or [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org).

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

Town of La Plata

Free Evening Concerts

Fridays, 7:00 pm

West Lawn, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



September 18 - U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers

September 25 - John Luskey Band

Bring lawn chairs or blankets. 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. For more information, go to [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org).

College of Southern Maryland

Greater Tuna

Thursday, September 17 and 24, 7:30 pm

Friday - Saturday, September 18 - 19, 8:00 pm

Friday, September 25, 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 26, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Military/Seniors/Youth



What do Arles Struvie, Thurston Wheelis, Aunt Pearl, Petey Fisk, Phineas Blye and Rev. Spikes have in common? In this hilarious send-up of small town morals and mores, they are all among the upstanding citizens of Tuna, Texas' third

smallest town. The fictitious town of Tuna, Texas, is located in west Texas, about half-way between San Angelo and Hell. For more information and to order tickets, call the Box Office at 301-

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## September Newsletter

### Thanks to Our Sponsors



**Bullock's Piano Salon**

Complete Family Music Center — School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used



934-7828, or [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu).

## Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

### 22nd Artsfest

Saturday - Sunday, September 19 - 20

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>.

## Port Tobacco Players

### The Westing Game

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

September 25 - October 11

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult, \$15 Seniors (60+), Youth to 18, and Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Mystery/Thriller) The unsuspecting residents of Sunset Towers are summoned to the reading of a mysterious will, only to find themselves locked in a thrilling game, as they must discover who is responsible for killing an eccentric millionaire. Through blizzards, bombings and unlikely alliances, the game is on, and the only people who hold all the clues are one

Westing heir and....you! Can you solve The Westing Game? For more information and to order tickets, to go <http://www.ptplayers.com>, or call 301-932-6819.

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

### Wanted Dead or Alive

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**Community Bank**  
*of the Chesapeake\**

**ELS** EDWARD L. SANDERS  
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**FLOORING**  
**MAX** Design Center

*Golden Renaissance*  
**JEWELLERS**



Friday, October 2, 6:00 - 10:00 pm  
Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center  
3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf  
\$60 per Person

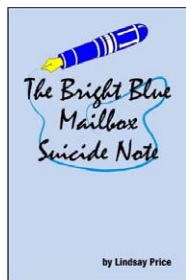


Saloon gals, sheriffs, gunslingers and gamblers are welcome! Rustle up your cowboy hat and boots and join them at the watering hole. Award for the best costume. Call 301-743-5159 to make reservations.

College of Southern Maryland  
Cause Theatre/Social Issues  
The Bright Blue Mailbox Suicide Note

Friday, October 2, 8:00 pm  
Leonardtwn Campus Auditorium, 22950 Hollywood Road

Thursday, October 15, 7:30 pm  
Friday, October 16, 8:00 pm  
Saturday, October 17, 2:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center, Black Box Theatre, Room 143  
8730 Mitchell Road  
Tickets: \$5 For All Ages; Production May Not Be Suitable For Younger Audiences



Jake finds a suicide note in his mailbox. He doesn't know who it's from, or to whom it is addressed. His friends speculate, joke, and lose interest while Jake becomes obsessed. He goes on a crusade to find the author of the note. Instead, he stumbles upon a secret he never wanted to know. This play explores how a group of teenagers publicly and privately deal with the issue of suicide. It is honest, straightforward, and also humorous. For more

information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html>.

2nd Annual Rocktoberfest  
Saturday, October 3, 3:00 - 10:00 pm  
Casey Jones Restaurant  
417 E. Charles Street, La Plata  
Free Admission and Open to the Public

The Festival offers a lively outdoor gathering place for families and friends with a laid back guitar-



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centric vibe in the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Urgent Care Music Festival Tent and Casey Jones Restaurant & Bar VIP Lounge. The master of ceremonies is Josh Joson, a local businessman and member of the La Plata Business Association. Festival patrons can move between the Island Music Company Main Outdoor

Stage and indoor stage for simultaneous performances by acoustic singer/song writers and musicians, playing a diverse range of popular music, including classic and modern rock, blues, country, and pop. For more information, contact Christine Parker at 301-751-7553, or visit their [Facebook](#) page.

College of Southern Maryland  
 Ward Virts Concert Series  
 Brian Ganz, Piano  
 Sunday, October 4, 3:00 pm  
 Prince Frederick Campus  
 Building B, Multi-Purpose Room 104  
 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick



Brian Ganz is widely regarded as one of the leading pianists of his generation. For many years Mr. Ganz has made it his mission to join vivid music making with warmth and intimacy onstage to produce a new kind of listening experience, in which the classics of composers from Chopin to Shostakovich come to life with authentic emotional power. Mr. Ganz is on the piano faculty of St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he is artist-in-residence, and is a member of the piano faculty of the Peabody Conservatory. For more

information go to <http://www.csm.edu/Arts/WardVirts/index.html>.

Port Tobacco Players  
 Auditions  
 See How They Run  
 Monday - Tuesday, October 5 - 6, 7:00 pm  
 508 Charles Street, La Plata

*See How They Run* is a British farce with heavy physical comedy. Nine adult roles are available, three female

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- The Royal Tea Room
- Town of Indian Head





and six male. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. The show runs from January 29 through February 14, 2016, on PTP's main stage. For more information, contact the producer, Laurie Mudd. at randlmudd@gmail.com.

Town of La Plata

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Why Not Join Us Now?**

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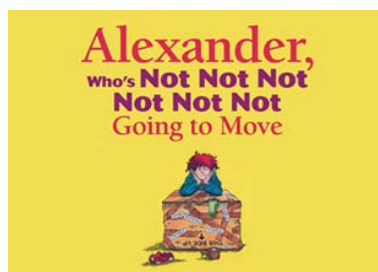
### College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre Alexander, Who's Not Not Not Not Not Going to Move

Friday, October 9, 10:30 am (Matinee) and 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 10, 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors, \$5 Youth (High School and Below)



Alexander has just received some really bad news from his parents. His dad has taken a job in a city a thousand miles away, which means that he and his mom and his dad and his bossy older brothers, Nick and Anthony, are going to have to move to a whole new city.

He can't bear to leave the people and places he loves, so he decides that he won't move. While Alexander barricades his bedroom door, his mom and dad and even his brothers find some special ways to make it easier for Alexander to leave. They also help him to understand that home is "where your family is, where you're with the people who love you best of all."

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

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.

### Alice Ferguson Foundation

#### 33rd Annual Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 10, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

Hard Bargain Farm

2301 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$15, \$10 for Alice Ferguson Members in Advance, Children 7 and Under are Free



Enjoy a fall festival full of fun for the whole family. Among the attractions will be German cuisine, authentic performances of dances from Bavaria

and Austria with the chance to join the [Alt-Washingtonia Schuhplattlers](#) dance troupe on stage for audience-participation dances, homemade fall treats at the country store, hay wagon

rides to the Potomac River, visiting with the animals in the barnyard, making apple cider with an old-fashioned cider press and more. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <http://fergusonfoundation.org>.

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## La Plata Fall Festival

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

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

# 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. For more information, go to [www.townofaplata.org](http://www.townofaplata.org) or contact Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

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## Hard Bargain Players

### The Mystery Plays

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

October 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

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



*The Mystery Plays* are two interrelated one acts, loosely based on the tradition of the medieval mystery plays. In the first play, *The Filmmaker's Mystery*, Joe Manning, a director

of horror films, survives a horrible train wreck - only to be haunted by the ghost of one of the passengers who didn't survive. In the second play, *Ghost Children*, Joe's attorney and friend, Abby Gilly, travels to a small town in rural Oregon to make peace with the man who brutally murdered her parents and younger sister sixteen years earlier. Like the original medieval mystery plays, *The Mystery Plays* wrestle with the most profound of human ideas: the mystery of death, the afterlife, religion, faith, and forgiveness - in a uniquely American way. To make reservations, go to [www.hbplayers.org](http://www.hbplayers.org) or call Doris Sharp at 240-766-8830.

## VISUAL ARTS {top}

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](mailto: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 23, 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](mailto:veteranshomeart@gmail.com).

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National Gallery of Art

Painting Light and Music in Dutch Art

Tours for People with Low Vision and Who Are Blind

Wednesday, September 23, 1:00 pm

Saturday, September 26, 1:00 pm  
Rotunda of the West Building  
6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
Use the Constitution Avenue or Madison Drive Entrances for  
Easiest Access to the Rotunda.



Picture This! Tours  
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that will be described on  
the tour in advance,

contact Lorena Baines at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.  
Verbally described tours are also available by request with 3  
weeks' notice by e-mailing [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov).

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College of Southern Maryland  
Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery  
Christopher Scott Dolan  
Landscapes of the District and Southern Maryland  
Now through October 2  
La Plata Fine Arts Center  
Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday,  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Christopher Scott Dolan's  
goal is to create work that  
will justify itself and assert  
its own logic based upon  
his own rather ill-defined  
criteria, which, if reduced  
to its simplest, would be  
"Does that feel right or  
wrong?" For more  
information, go to

<http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/HungerfordGallery.html>.

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Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Paint In

Saturday, October 10, 11:30 am  
Charlotte Hall Branch Library  
37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall  
Open to the Public

At this meeting, the project is  
to paint Pumpkin Patch  
Playmates. Guests are always  
welcome. To get a list of  
supplies needed, contact  
[LearnToPaint@outlook.com](mailto:LearnToPaint@outlook.com).



For more information, go to <http://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

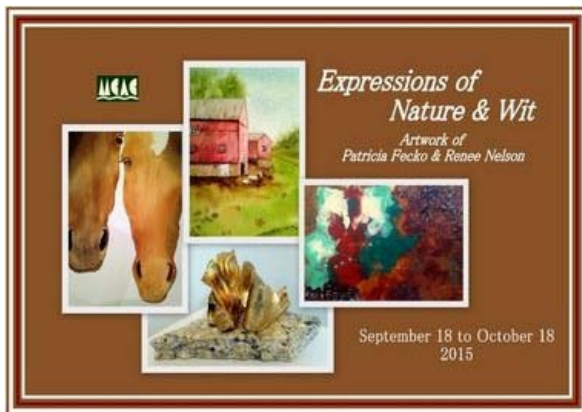
For more information about events, workshops and discounts for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go to [www.mattawomanart.org](http://www.mattawomanart.org). Click [here](#) to download the fall programs brochure.

## Expressions of Nature & Wit

Artwork of Patricia Fecko and Renee Nelson

September 18 - October 18

Reception: Sunday, September 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



## MCAC Friday Open Studio

Fridays, Now through 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](http://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

Pay by October 1 and Receive a \$30 Discount

Instructor: Hugh O'Neill ([www.oneillgalleries.com](http://www.oneillgalleries.com))

Click [HERE](#) for Full Details and to Register



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. Students may work in oils, pastels or acrylics. Bring your own painting materials and easel if you have one. (All levels.)



## Wine, Cheese & Critiques with Hugh O'Neill

Friday, October 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Cost: \$10, Payable at the Door

Bring one or two paintings to critique. Register by calling MCAC at 301-743-5159, or email [mattawomanart@aol.com](mailto:mattawomanart@aol.com).

## Plein Aire Workshop

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

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

Pay by October 1 and Receive a \$10 Discount

Instructor: Hugh O'Neill ([www.oneillgalleries.com](http://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.)

## Flowers as Art

Sunday, October 11, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Bryan Swann

Additional \$25 Fee Due to the Instructor



Flowers are beautiful. Art is stunning. *Flowers as Art* takes you someplace different altogether. Bryan Swann will teach how to take the typical floral arrangement to a place of fine art. You will explore color, line and shape. Everyone will leave with an arrangement and inspiration

for your upcoming holidays.

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## National Gallery of Art

### Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tours on Sundays, 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](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.

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

Life Journeys Writers Club

## Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, September 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free Admission!



Come to the LJWC's Nuts and Bolts Gathering and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more. Members, bring your works to read. Visitors, come to network and critique. For more information, call

Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, or email [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com).

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## College of Southern Maryland

### Connections Literary Series

#### Poet Philip Metres

Friday, October 9, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry (BI)

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room (Room 103-104)

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$3 in advance; \$5 at the event; or \$3 with CSM

Student ID



Philip Metres is the author and translator of a number of books, including *Sand Opera* (Alice James 2015), *To See the Earth* (2008), and *Behind the Lines: War Resistance Poetry on the American Homefront* (University of Iowa 2007). He is a professor of English at John Carroll University in Cleveland. This program will focus on the role literature can play in peace building and conflict transformation, how literature can serve as a source of and a model for healing and reconciliation in

conflicts from Iraq, Israel/Palestine, and Northern Ireland, as well as right here at home, in Southern Maryland. For more information on Philip Metres go to [www.philipmetres.com](http://www.philipmetres.com) or [behindthelinespoetry.blogspot.com](http://behindthelinespoetry.blogspot.com). For more information on the Literary Series, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Connections/readings.html>.

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## Charles County Library Schedule

### For September/October

Get a copy of the [September/October](#) 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>.



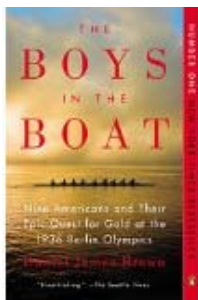
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



### Adult Discussion Book Groups

#### 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*

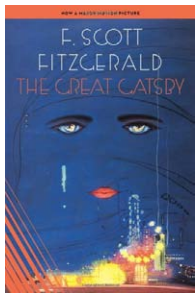
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#### Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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.

October 1: ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald's third book stands as the supreme achievement of his career. This exemplary novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. It's the



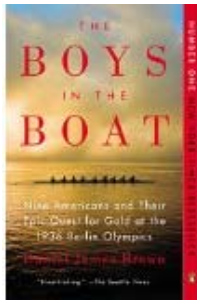


story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby, his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, and lavish parties on Long Island. It is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.

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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.



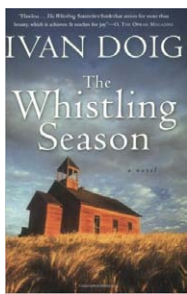
October 3: ***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*** by Daniel Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.

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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.



October 7: ***The Whistling Season*** by Ivan Doig. "Can't cook but doesn't bite." So begins the newspaper ad offering the services of an "A-1 housekeeper, sound morals, exceptional disposition" that draws the attention of widower Oliver Milliron in the fall of 1909. That unforgettable season deposits the ever-whistling Rose Llewellyn and her font-of-knowledge brother, Morris Morgan, in Marias Coulee along with a stampede of

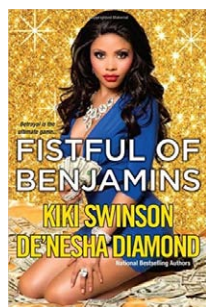
homesteaders drawn by the promise of the Big Ditch--a gargantuan irrigation project intended to make the Montana prairie bloom. When the schoolmarm runs off with an itinerant preacher, Morris is pressed into service, setting the stage for the "several kinds of education" (none of them of the textbook variety), Morris and Rose will bring to Oliver, his three sons, and the rambunctious students in the region's one-room schoolhouse.

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### 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 October meeting will be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place Waldorf. For more information, call 301-

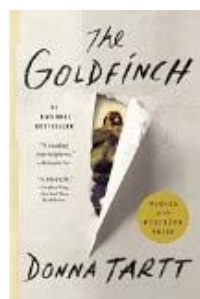
645-1395.



October 8: ***Fistful of Benjamins*** by Kiki Swinson and De'Nesha Diamond. *Special Delivery* by Kiki and *Gun Play* by De'Nesha are two separate tales of devious players and hustles as both main characters venture into very different worlds of danger and suspense.

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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.

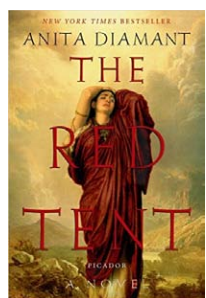


October 8: ***The Goldfinch*** by Donna Tartt. Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his longing for his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the underworld of art. *The Goldfinch* is a mesmerizing, stay-up-all-night and tell-all-your-friends triumph, an old-fashioned story of loss and obsession, survival and self-invention, and the ruthless machinations of fate.

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### 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.



October 10: ***The Red Tent*** by Anita Diamant. Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons. Told in Dinah's voice, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood--the world of the red tent. Dinah's story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate connection with the past.

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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 [September](#) and [October](#) 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.

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