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Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance
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September 3, 2015  Forward to a Friend

Arts Alliance Grant Season is Open!



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

All organizations applying for the Community Arts Development (CAD) Grant must send a representative to the workshop to be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at the United Way House in La Plata (10250 La Plata Road). Failure to send a representative will result in that organization's ineligibility to apply for a CAD grant.

Grant applications are available at www.charlescountyarts.org/grants, or by calling the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900. 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.

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}](#)

Town of La Plata

Free Evening Concerts

Fridays, 7:00 pm

West Lawn, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



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

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.

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

Girls ages 5 - 17; Boys ages 5 and up with unchanged voices
Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (by appointment)

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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

Saturday, September 12

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



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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 reclaim her heritage and seek justice for what



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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.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Auditions for 2015-2016 Season

High School Age and Older
Monday, 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.

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

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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?

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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.

Annamarie 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;

Annamarie 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 Annamarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons,

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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.

Maryland. For more information, go to <http://www.annmariegarden.org>.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Murder Mystery Dinner Theater Wanted Dead or Alive

Friday, October 2, 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center
3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf
\$60 per Person; \$50 if Paid by September 4



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.

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

Rocktoberfest
October 3rd 3-10pm #rocktp4good
Come on rock La Plata for good!
Be front and center at one of the festivals indoor and outdoor stages.

Featuring:
Paul Reed Smith Band
Franklin Square Band
Troy Peterson Joe Norris Hometown Band
Dr. Robert Band Rock Bottom Doc Stevens
Flippin Eyelids Hush Money Pork Donut
MC: Josh Joson
417 E. Charles Street, La Plata MD

Food, Drinks and Beer available for purchase at **CASEY JONES**
FREE Live Music!
2015 commemorative pint glasses!
Family Friendly!

The Street Market will feature a variety of vendors and the Bill Waugh & Associates - Albate Insurance Kid Zone with activities for kids, including face painting by Kat and a 25' climbing rock-wall from 1 - 6pm.

T-Bone and Heather, 98.3 Star FM broadcasting live during the event.

Raffle Grand Prize:
Paul Reed Smith® Santana SE Guitar (valued at \$1,120) and a free lesson at Island Music Co. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. You don't have to be present to win! Proceeds will be donated to Charles County Public Schools to support the Fine and Performing Arts educational programs for young artists.

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

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.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

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>.

15th Annual Nanjemoy Heritage Day

Saturday, September 12, Noon - 3:00 pm

Nanjemoy Community Center

4375 Port Tobacco Road

The festivities 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.

Note date changed: 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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

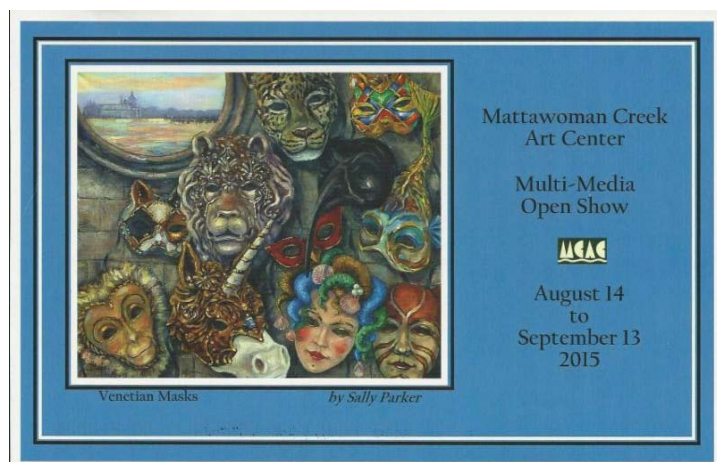
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

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.

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 incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to receive web links to works that will be described on the tour in advance,

contact Lorena Baines at 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.

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, 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, or www.charlescountyarts.org.

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Charles County Literacy Council

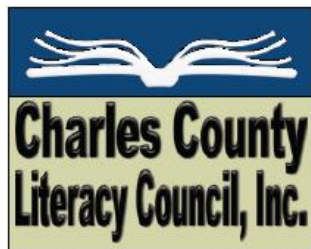
Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop

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



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.

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.

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.

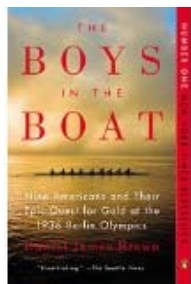


Adult Discussion Book
Groups

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

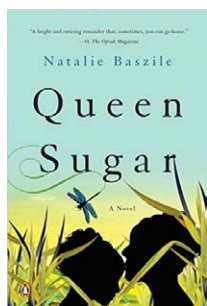


how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.

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

Writers of Color Book Club

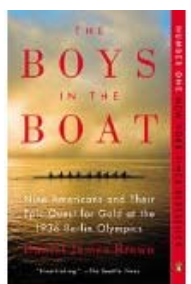
A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of African descent who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets every month on the second Thursday at alternating locations. The September meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, from 6:30 - 8:00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



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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.

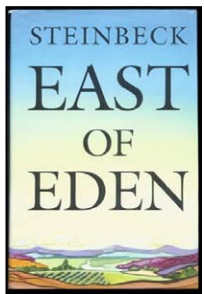
September 12: **The Museum of Extraordinary Things** by Alice Hoffman. Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of



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.

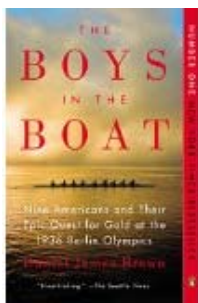


September 12: **East of Eden** by John Steinbeck. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families--the Trasks and the Hamiltons--whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous 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.

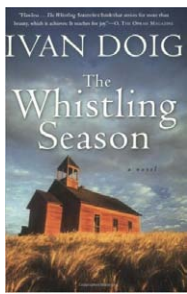


September 23: **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of 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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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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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](#) issue 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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