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## Arts Alliance Grant Season is Open!



Deadline to Submit is **Noon, Tomorrow, 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).

## Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch "Call for Artists"



**Community Bank**  
*of the Chesapeake*

Theme is "Artists Choice"  
Deadline to Submit is October 22, 2015

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their opening art show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf MD, from November 2, 2015, to February 2, 2016.

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 [waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com). Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line.

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

The artists will be notified by October 26. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at [gkladitis@comcast.net](mailto:gkladitis@comcast.net).

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

### Tantallon Community Players Company

Friday - Saturday, October 9 and 10, 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 11, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

John Addison Concert Hall

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



*Company* follows the story of Robert (Bobby), a confirmed bachelor, who on the evening of his 35th birthday contemplates his unmarried state and through a series of dinners, drinks and even a wedding with all of his "married" friends discovers all the pros and cons of married life.

The show features an energetic score and some of Sondheim's best known songs. Its strength lies in its vivid yet very real characters to which all members of the audience will find reflections of themselves.

For more information and to order

tickets, go to [www.tantallonplayers.org](http://www.tantallonplayers.org).

### Port Tobacco Players

#### The Westing Game

Friday - Saturday, October 9 and 10, 8:00 pm

Sunday, October 11, 3:00 pm

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

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## October Newsletter

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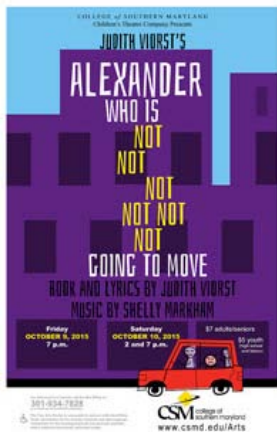




millionaire. Through blizzards, bombings and unlikely alliances, the game is on, and the only people who hold all the clues are one Westing heir and....you! Can you solve The Westing Game? For more

information and to order tickets, to go <http://www.ptplayers.com>, or call 301-932-6819.

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/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/childrens-theatre>.

The Newtowne Players  
 The 39 Steps  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 8:00 pm  
 Sunday, October 11 and 18, 3:30 pm  
 Three Notch Theatre  
 21744 South Coral Drive  
 Lexington Park  
 Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$12 Student, Military, Senior (65 and Up); \$10 Child (12 and Under)

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

In, *The 39 Steps*, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she is a spy. When he takes her home she is murdered. Soon after, a mysterious organization called "The 39



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"Steps" is hot on his trail and we follow the incredible adventure of our handsome hero, Richard Hannay, as he encounters dastardly murders, double-crossing secret agents, and, of course, devastatingly beautiful women. This wonderfully inventive and gripping comedy thriller features four fearless actors, playing over 100 roles in 100 minutes of fast-paced fun and thrilling action. For more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/joomla>.

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

### 33rd Annual Oktoberfest

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

Hard Bargain Farm

2301 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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>.

## La Plata Fall Festival

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

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission!

# 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.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org) or contact Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

College of Southern Maryland  
Cause Theatre/Social Issues



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## The Bright Blue Mailbox Suicide Note

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>.

## Hard Bargain Players

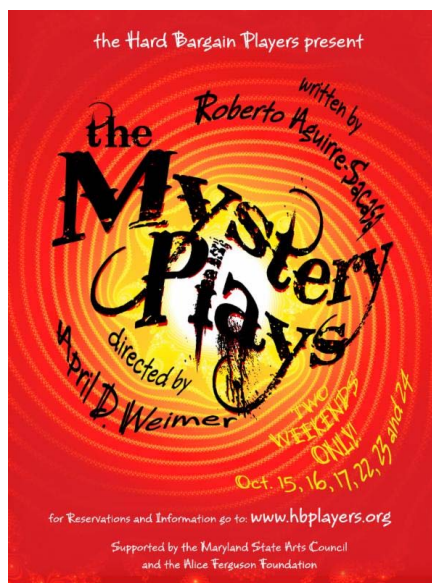
### The Mystery Plays

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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.

## The District Players

### Twelfth Night or, What You Will

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October 23 - 25

Friday, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Sunday, 2:00 and 7:30 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$10

## TWELFTH NIGHT *or, WHAT YOU WILL* WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



*Twelfth Night or, What You Will* is a comedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written around 1601-02, as a Twelfth Night's entertainment for the close of the Christmas season. The play centers on the twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck and focuses on

the Countess Olivia falling in love with Viola (who is disguised as a boy), and Sebastian in turn falling in love with Olivia. For more information, contact Michelle Wood at 252-717-6617, or [theatre@woodmrnet](mailto:theatre@woodmrnet).

### Celebrate Charles! FallFest 2015

Saturday, October 24, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

Regency Furniture Stadium

11765 Linus Drive, Waldorf

Rain or Shine - Free Admission



Fun for the whole family! Local artisans and crafters will showcase their talents in the Celebrate Charles Marketplace. Kids of all ages can test out their Halloween costumes on the Trick-or-Treat Trail and can play all day in the Family Fun Zone. Enjoy fantastic local live entertainment performed by the Sara Gray Band and The Balloon Nerd. Learn new techniques and tips during cooking demonstrations presented by A Taste of Southern Maryland. Pet adoptions available by the Tri-County Animal Shelter. For more information, call 1-800-766-3386.

### Life Journeys Writers Club

#### The Prison Plumb Line: A Lyrical Drama

Saturday, October 24

VIP Reception: 7:00 pm, Show Time: 8:00 pm

Thearc Theater (Town Hall Education Arts Recreation Campus)

1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE

Washington, DC

Tickets: \$20 for the Play; \$30 for VIP Reception, Gift Package and Play

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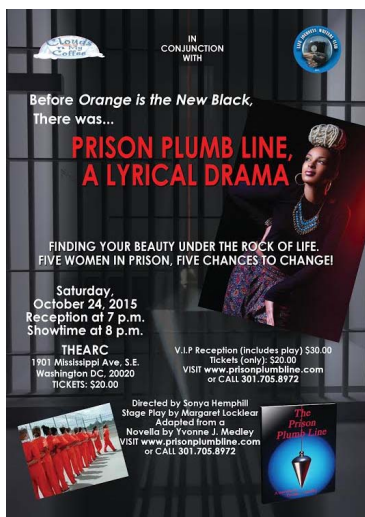
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The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org) or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

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**CHANCES TO CHANGE!!!** Yvonne J. Medley began her prison ministry 20 years ago, and one of the first lessons learned was that it's easier to go to jail than you think! Evie Freeman, 20, is arrested and sure that her life is over-when in fact, she's about to discover her true talent, her true self, and through the prior journeys of her fellow female inmates, she's about to discover her true worth. Purchase tickets online at [www.prisonplumbline.com](http://www.prisonplumbline.com) or call 407-970-1550 or 301-705-8972, or email [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com).

College of Southern Maryland  
Southern Maryland Concert Band  
Saturday, October 24, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata  
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



The Southern Maryland Concert Band under the direction of Michael Peerless, will continue its collaboration with CSM's music program on the La Plata Campus. CSM students will be able to join community members and professional musicians in the SMCB for ensemble

credit. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/concert-band>.

Henry E. Lackey High School  
Night of the Arts  
Thursday, October 29, 6:30 pm  
3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head  
Free and Open to the Public



Enjoy the stage performances by the Lackey band, orchestra, choirs, and theatre art students, plus a display of visual art in the lobby and hallways. Refreshments available for purchase. For more information, contact Cyndi LeDoux at [cleldoux@ccboe.com](mailto:cleldoux@ccboe.com) or 301-743-5431.

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre  
Welcome Back, Plotter: a Frogwarts Reunion  
Friday, October 30, 7:00 pm  
4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head  
Tickets: \$12

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)





Hickory Dickory Dark Productions present an evening of murder, mystery, and mayhem. Join your favorite witches and wizards and hold your wand at the ready, because you might be next! For more information and to order tickets, call 301-743-3040 or email [tickets.ihca@gmail.com](mailto:tickets.ihca@gmail.com).

## La Plata Business Association

### 2nd Annual Shop La Plata Celebration

"Call for Performers"

Event is Saturday, November 28

La Plata, MD

Deadline to Apply: October 31



La Plata Business Association is seeking talented individuals and groups to perform at the 2nd Annual Shop La Plata Celebration on Small Business. The theme of *A Christmas Carol*, Charles Dickens' timeless tale, travels beyond the stage of the Port Tobacco Players and extends throughout the town this holiday

season. LPBA is seeking strolling carolers, musicians, a cappella groups, dance groups, choirs and singers, holiday cartoon characters, balloon artists, bell ringers, mimes, and performing elves. Stroll outside or perform on the main street event stage. For more information and to volunteer, contact Sara Payne, Entertainment Coordinator, Shop La Plata Celebration on Small Business Saturday, at 301-934-9521, or email [sarap@elsanders.com](mailto:sarap@elsanders.com).

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

### 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>.



## 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.

## College of Southern Maryland

### Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

#### Marcia Wolfson Ray

#### In Translation

October 12 - November 6

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road

Gallery Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Marcia Wolfson Ray looks to nature for both the ideas for her work and the materials. She uses dog fennel, phragmites, hibiscus, pine bark, bamboo and marsh elder in the construction of her sculptures. Ray hopes to convey her own relationship with the natural world through her work, taking advantage of the light, temperature and season. The sun, rain, snow all manifest their influences on the pieces.



For more information, go  
to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/index.html>.

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park

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.

## MCAC EXHIBITS

Expressions of Nature & Wit

Artwork of Patricia Fecko and Renee Nelson

Now through October 18



## MCAC HOLIDAY SALON

Multimedia Holiday Art Show

October 23 - December 13

Reception: Sunday, October 25

1:00 - 4:00 pm

All the artworks are available for purchase!



## 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

### Master European Artist Workshop

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

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

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

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 Paid 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.

## Mat Cutting Tips and Tricks

Saturday, October 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Harriett Lawler



Learn how to use a mat cutter to cut mats with a minimum of fuss. You will learn how to measure using a simple system and will have the opportunity to practice cutting mats cleanly and efficiently. If you already own a mat cutter, bring it with you. If not, we will provide some for practice. Inexpensive mat

board will also be provided.

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## National Gallery of Art

### Picture This!

### American Realists: Homer and Sargent

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who are Blind

Saturday, October 24, and Wednesday, October 28

Tours meet at 1:00 pm in the 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)

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](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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## Quality Printers and Southern MD Creative Cultural Center (SMC3)

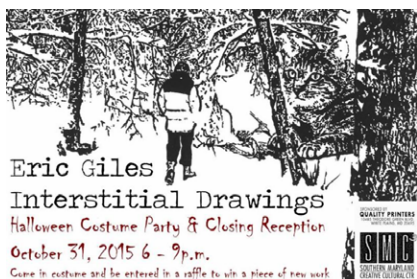
Eric Giles

### Interstitial Drawings

Reception, Saturday, October 31, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Light Refreshments Served



Eric Giles' work explores what is possible to make in small gaps of time found between the events of his over-scheduled life and what tales lurk in the spaces we only experience from the corners of our eyes. He has been a practicing artist for twenty-five years and works in a wide variety of mediums on

projects ranging from graphic novels and illustration to installation and gallery shows. Giles currently teaches as an adjunct faculty member at the College of Southern Maryland. Come in costume and be entered in a raffle to win a piece of new work! For more information, go to [www.qualprnt.com](http://www.qualprnt.com) or call 240-349-2953.

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## Maryland Federation of Art "Call for Artists"

### Focal Point

6th Annual Open Juried Fine Art and Creative Photography Exhibition

Deadline to submit is November 19, 2015

Show Runs from January 29 to February 27, 2016

Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD



Original 2D and 3D artwork crated in any form of photography (other than video) is eligible for entry. Juror is Richard Olsenius, former photo editor at National Geographic Magazine. For entry details go to <http://mdfedart.com/portfolio/56>. Contact [info@mdfedart.org](mailto:info@mdfedart.org) or 410-268-4566 with any questions.

## 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)

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/community/connections-](http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series/index.html)

[literary-series/index.html](http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series/index.html).

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## Life Journeys Writers Club

### Big Quarterly Gathering

Saturday, October 17, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



There will be three great speakers schooling you on the business of writing. Find out how to get your book into the big name bookstores, and get all your questions answered about copyright rules, regs and protections--straight from the experts!

Also, expect great giveaways, and raffles (come ready to support the LJWC, while winning some awesome prizes), great food, networking, and their

famous LJWC (non-alcoholic) "Champagne" Toast! There will be hot-off-the-press-news such as their LJWC Sixth Annual Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 5, 2015! For more information, go to <http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com>, or contact Yvonne Medley at [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com) or 301-705-8972.

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## Charles County Public Library


### Used Book Bazaar

October 17 - 24

Members Only Sale on Friday, October 16

La Plata Branch (Lower Level)

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata




**CITIZENS FOR CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.**

*Fall* **Used Book Bazaar**  
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301-934-9001

**Special Members Only Sale**  
Friday, **OCTOBER 16**, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Membership available at the bazaar.

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Sunday: Closed



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## Charles County Library Schedule For September/October and November/December



Get a copy of the [September/October](#) and [November/December](#) 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.

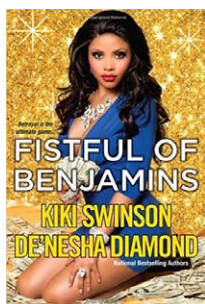


Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

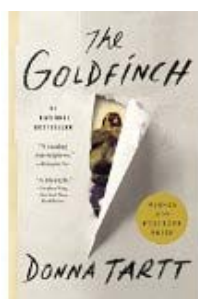


October 8: ***Fistful of Benjamins*** by Kiki Swinson and De'Nesha Diamond. *Special Delivery* by Kiki and *Gun Play* by De'Nesha are two separate tales of devious players and hustles as both main characters venture into very different worlds of danger and suspense.

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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.



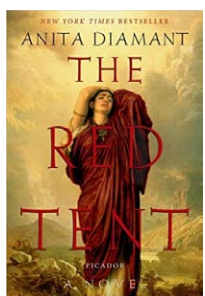
October 8: ***The Goldfinch*** by Donna Tartt. Theo Decker, a 13-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't 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.



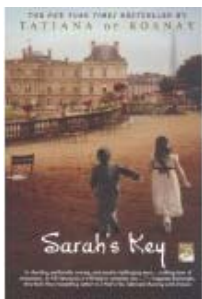
October 10: ***The Red Tent*** by Anita Diamant. Her name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters of the Book of Genesis that tell of her father, Jacob, and his twelve sons. Told in Dinah's voice, Anita Diamant imagines the traditions 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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## 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.

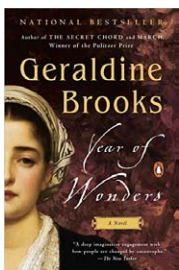


October 28: ***Sarah's Key*** by Tatiana de Rosnay. Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours. Tatiana de Rosnay offers a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode.

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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.



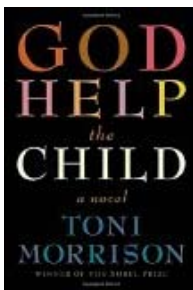
November 4: ***Year of Wonders*** by Geraldine Brooks. When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. Inspired by the true story of Eyam, a village in the rugged hill country of England, *Year of*

*Wonders* is a richly detailed evocation of a singular moment in history.

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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.



November 5: ***God Help the Child*** by Toni Morrison. *God Help the Child* weaves a tale about the way the sufferings of childhood can shape, and misshape, the life of the adult. At the center: a young woman who calls herself Bride, whose stunning blue-black skin is only one element of her beauty, her boldness and confidence, her success in life, but which caused her light-skinned mother to deny her even the simplest forms of love.

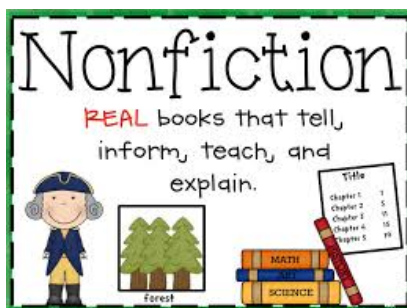
There is Booker, the man Bride loves, and loses to anger. Rain, the mysterious white child with whom she crosses paths. And finally, Bride's mother herself, Sweetness, who takes a lifetime to come to understand that "what you do to children matters. And they might never forget."

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### Waldorf Book Discussion Group

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

November 7: Self-Selected Non-Fiction. Choose any non-fiction title and share your



reactions with the group.

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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. Get a copy of their [October](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [October](#) 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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