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



Deadline to Submit Extended to
November 27, 2015!

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Winter Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from January 9 to April 2, 2016. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to

an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. Selections will be made by the Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified at a later date in December. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, January 16, 2016, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the winter show.

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

PERFORMING ARTS [\(top\)](#)

The Studio Cooperative

The Nutcracker Ballet

Friday, November 27, 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 28, 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 29, 3:00 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD

Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior/Military, \$12 Ages 4 - 12

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The story of Clara and her nutcracker doll has delighted audiences since it premiered in 1892. Accompanied by Tchaikovsky's immortal music, "The Nutcracker Ballet" has been a holiday ritual for American audiences for many years. The parade of delightful scenes - the children on Christmas morning, the Kingdom of Sweets, the various

national dances performed by costumed characters - presents a child's view of the season and is arguably the most performed ballet. For more information, go to <http://www.thestudiocooperative.org/#Tue>.

Port Tobacco Players

A Christmas Carol

November 27 - December 20

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult, \$15 Senior (60+)/Youth (to 18)/Military

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November Arts Insider

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

As miserly old Ebenezer Scrooge falls asleep in his dingy quarters on Christmas Eve, three ghosts appear, each revealing to Scrooge the wrong doings of his life and what will happen if he continues in his evil ways. He is racked with fear and remorse and sets out on Christmas Day to bless with his newfound generosity all those whom he has neglected and abused. Charles Dickens' timeless tale of "grinchiness" transformed into generosity returns to PTP. This adaptation with musical elements will be the highlight of your holiday season. Get your tickets now - Holiday shows will sell out! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit

<http://www.ptplayers.com>.

College of Southern Maryland
Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert
Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



CSM's Chorale is a mixed choir of women's and men's voices that performs a variety of styles, including traditional and modern choral music, gospel music, contemporary popular music, and historical styles

such as the madrigal. For ticket information, call the box office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/box-office-information/index.html>.

Port Tobacco Players
Auditions Open for Ages 16 to 75
Hairspray
Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am
Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 pm
Possible Callbacks, Saturday, December 12
PTP Main Stage, 508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire -- to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show.

When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. Auditions will consist of singing, dancing, and cold reading from the script. Prepare 16 to 32 bars of a Broadway style song and arrive with sheet music. No songs from the show. No a cappella



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auditions and no recordings of music. Performance dates are April 1 - 24, 2016. Contact the producer, Laurie Mudd, at randlmudd@gmail.com, for more information.

College of Southern Maryland

Barbershop Chorus Concerts

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 pm, La Plata Campus
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Friday, December 11, 8:00 pm, Leonardtown Campus
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



Southern Mix is a men's barbershop chorus that rehearses and performs on CSM's La Plata Campus. Membership is open to community members throughout Southern Maryland and music majors studying for credit. For ticket

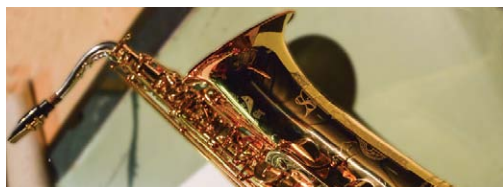
information, call the box office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/box-office-information/index.html>.

College of Southern Maryland

Jazz Ensemble Holiday Concerts

Friday, December 4, 8:00 pm, Prince Frederick Campus
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Saturday, December 5, 2:00 pm, La Plata Campus
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



Solid Brass, directed by Randy Runyon, is CSM's jazz ensemble, comprised of CSM students, local high school students, community members, and professional musicians.

For ticket information, call the box office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/box-office-information/index.html>.

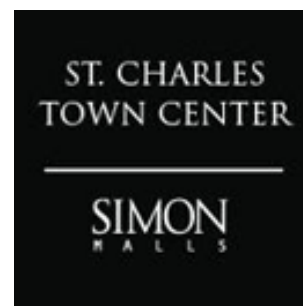
The Newtowne Players

It's a Wonderful Life: Radio Play

December 4 - 20
Friday, 8:00 pm
Saturday, 3:30 and 8:00 pm
Sunday, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park
Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior (65+), Military, Student; \$10 Children (12

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



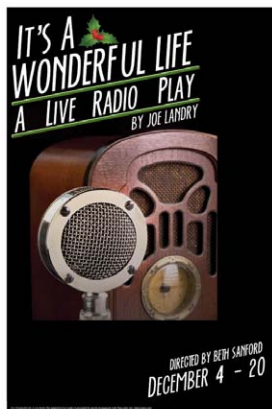
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This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve. For more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

Dr. Samuel Mudd House

14th Annual Victorian Christmas

Saturday - Sunday, December 5 - 6, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

3725 Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Road, Waldorf

Admission: \$8 Adult, \$2 Children



The house will be decorated in the fashion of the period and open for self-guided tours. There will be music, refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a Civil War soldier reenactors camp. For more information, call 301-274-9358, or visit <http://drmudd.org>.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

A Rutter Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 6, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior, Military, Student



The concert will include the performance of two masterworks of John Rutter. *Gloria*, composed in 1974, is a celebration of Christmas with "Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to People of Good Will." Written in three movements, it follows the present day Ordinary Mass Prayer. It will be performed with a Brass Ensemble, Organ, and Percussion. The seven-movement *Magnificat* (or, as translated from the Book of Common Prayer, "My Soul doth Magnify the Lord") will be performed with a Chamber Orchestra. It is at times full of glory and passion, and then changes to quiet reflection. Its beautiful second movement "Of A Rose," is based on an anonymous English

poem. Both instrumental groups are comprised of local teachers and students of exceptional talent. To fill out the concert, a few of Rutter's popular anthems will be showcased, including "Christmas Lullaby," "The Lord is My Shepherd," and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." For more information, go to <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com> or call 301-

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Town of Plata

Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 6, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Event Schedule:

3:10 pm: Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Chanukah Menorah

3:30 - 5:00 pm: Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

3:00 - 6:00 pm: Activities in the Tent, Crafts for children

3:30 pm and 4:30 pm: Story time with the Charles County Public Library

4:00 to 5:00 pm: Meet and Greet with Holiday Characters Gracie's Guys and Gals Show Troupe

Entertainment in the Council Chamber:

3:20 - 3:45 pm: John the Fifer

3:50 - 4:00 pm: Valerie Holt, Sha'are Shalom

4:00 - 4:35 pm: St. Maries Choral Arts

4:45 - 5:10 pm: Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus

5:15 pm: Holiday Sing-Along (outside)

5:30 pm: SANTA ARRIVES

Refreshments served in the activities tent and in the atrium throughout the afternoon. For more information, go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org> and click on Events.

College of Southern Maryland Dance Ensemble

The Magical Sounds of Winter

Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert



Whether it's a Balanchine ballet, or breaking, locking, and popping, CSM's Dance Ensemble performs a variety of pieces to appeal to all lovers of dance. Directed by Joanne Lunsford, the

dance ensemble presents two performances each year, which may include traditional ballet alongside modern styles such as hip hop, contemporary, and jazz dance. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/dance/index>.

College of Southern Maryland Music Student Honors Recitals

Thursday, December 10, 2:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission

Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

St. Charles Towne Center

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

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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 or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.



CSM's best students will perform. The recital features a variety of styles from classical instrumental and vocal solos to contemporary vocal and guitar performances that represent the highest level of musicianship. For more

information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/recitals/index>.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

2015 Charles County Third Annual Holiday Trail

Friday, December 11, to Sunday, December 13

18 Historic and Cultural Sites Open to the Public



Get into the holiday spirit, while visiting county landmarks. Admission costs, dates, and times vary with location. For a schedule of events and hours, go to <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/coadmin/tourism/holiday-trail>.

- [Christ Church Old Durham Parish](#)
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- [Port Tobacco One-Room School House](#)
- [Serenity Farm](#)
- [Smallwood Retreat House](#)
- [St. Thomas Manor at St. Ignatius Catholic Church](#)
- [Thomas Stone National Historic Site](#)

College of Southern Maryland

Latin Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert

CSM's Latin Ensemble Ritmo
Caché, directed by Dr. Stephen



Johnson, specializes in Salsa, Mexican, Afro-Cuban, Merengue, Latin Jazz, and other musical styles of Latin America. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301- or visit

<http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/latin-ensemble/index>.

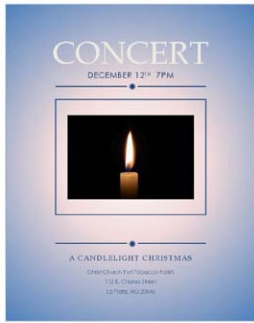
Candlelight Christmas Concert

Christ Church

Saturday, December 12, 7:00 pm

112 Charles Street, La Plata

Free Admission



The concert features carols old and new, traditional and nontraditional with unusual settings of familiar tunes. Artists include Tak Mato, clarinet; Dennis Murphy, violin; Lucy Snell, flute; Sue Davis, soprano; Michael Peerless, baritone; and Eileen Peerless, piano. Cookies and punch will be served immediately after the concert. For more information, call Christ Church at 301-392-1051.

Mount Aventure

Antebellum Christmas

Saturday - Sunday, December 12, 13, Noon - 5:00 pm

Chapman State Park

3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head

Suggested Donation: \$5 per Vehicle



Traditional decorations, live music, fresh greens, gift shop, mansion tours, food, antique dresses, mini-Mt. Aventure display, crafts and more. For additional information, go to

www.friendsofchapmansp.org or www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Brian Ganz, Piano

Sunday, December 13, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus, Building B, Multipurpose Room 104
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick
Free Admission



Brian Ganz is widely regarded as one of the leading pianists of his generation. 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, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or

visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/ward-virts-series/index>.

VISUAL ARTS (top)

National Gallery of Art

Picture This! Dress to Impress!

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Saturday, November 28, 1:00 pm

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.

Tours meet at 1:00 pm in the Rotunda of the West Building of the National Gallery and last about an hour. 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. For more information, go to www.nga.gov.

Special Invitation for Maryland Artists and Arts Organizations Bringing Creativity to the Classroom



Four Regional Briefings sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education Office of Fine Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council and the Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance.

Register by Noon, December 3, for Each Location

1-Minute 1-Page 1-Link: Connect with Education Leaders in Your Region! Prepare a 1-Minute pitch about your work and a 1-Page Take-Away. The MSDE Fine Arts Office will share your link in electronic marketing.

State Arts Standards Feedback!

Offer your professional guidance to the most recent draft of the new Maryland Fine Arts Standards

Opportunities to Teach Teachers!

Learn about upcoming job opportunities to lead MSDE-sponsored professional development!

Locations (Attend One or All!)

North - Thursday, December 10 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

215 Giles Street Havre De Grace, Maryland 21078

Howard, Anne Arundel, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Harford, Cecil

South - Monday, December 14 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Joe's Movement Emporium

3309 Bunker Hill Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Montgomery, St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's

East - Tuesday, December 15 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Academy Art Museum

106 South Street Easton, MD 21601

Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester, Dorchester, Talbot, Kent, Caroline, Queen Anne's

West - Friday, December 18 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

401 Museum Drive Hagerstown, MD 21740

Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Carroll, Frederick

Nearby parking is available at each session but will be limited. Please consider carpooling with other attendees from your area. For more information and to register, contact Emily.Cory@maryland.gov.

Maryland Art Place and Maryland State Arts Council

Juried Exhibition Open Call

Maryland Art Place, 218 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Join or update your Registry Profile at

<https://www.msac.org/user/> before December 6 to be Considered



This January, Maryland Art Place (MAP), in partnership with the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), will host a state wide juried exhibition curated by Gamyne Guilloite from the Baltimore Museum of Art to

highlight the wide range of artist and artwork featured on the Maryland State Artist Registry. The exhibition will take place from January 21 - March 26, 2016, at the Maryland Art Place in Baltimore. To be considered for the exhibition, you must reside in Maryland, be on the Maryland Artist Registry, and have updated your bio, statement and uploaded at least one work by December 6, 2015. Artists may add up to 6 images, sound or video files (3 minutes max of sound or video will be viewed per artist). Artists must have at least one image to appear on the Registry. When adding artwork, users are required to include size, dimensions and titles. If selected for the exhibition, the work must be available throughout the duration of the show from January 21 - March

26, 2016 . For questions or help creating your Registry Profile, contact Paul Shortt: paul@mdartplace.org.

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.

Click [here](#) to download the fall programs brochure.

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 HOLIDAY SALON

Multimedia Holiday Art Show

Now through December 13

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00 am to 4:00 pm

All the artworks are available for purchase!



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Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

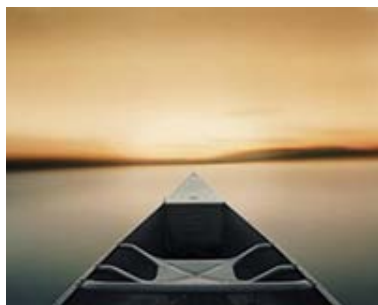
Alexandra Silverthorne Group

Drift

Now through December 11

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



What happens when we focus less on our travel destinations and more on the actual act of journeying? How can photographers use the camera as a means of showing movement through landscape? This exhibit brings together the work of four photographers, Caleb Charland (Maine), Candace Gaudiani (California), E. Brady Robinson (Washington, DC), and Alexandra Silverthorne (Washington, DC), to explore these questions. While each photographer tackles the journey through landscape with different constraints and styles, the viewer is ultimately presented with a unified series that prompts consideration of movement whether through landscape or even activities of daily life.

For more information, go to

<http://www.csmd.edu/community/index.html>.

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, December 13, 1:00 pm

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



The tours take place on the second Sunday of every month and last about an hour. Meet the guide in the Rotunda of the West Building for the public tour. The program is interpreted into spoken English. Assistive listening devices are available for use on any public tour with 3 weeks' advance notice.

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

LITERARY ARTS [\(top\)](#)

College of Southern Maryland

Connections Literary Series

Literary Magazine Publication Reading

Friday, December 4, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus

Center for Business and Industry (BI Building)

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room 103

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free!



Contributors to the Fall 2015 "Connections" Literary Magazine will read and discuss their published works. For more information, go to

<http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series/index.html>.

The Life Journeys Writers Club Sixth Annual Holiday Celebration

Books Come Alive!

Saturday, December 5, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Martini's Lounge

10553 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Tickets: \$30 (Group Discounts Available)



Enjoy seven stage performances, performance reads, comedy, music, *Today Show* raffle, cash prizes and more! Come out to be entertained, encouraged, and to support the Life Journeys Writers Club in its quest to uplift the vibrant talent in our literary and performing arts community. For more information, call 301-705-8972, email emeddle@aol.com or go to <http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com/news> to buy tickets.

Arts Alliance Student Arts Scholarship Application Program is Now Open!

Deadline to Apply is March 4, 2016



Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each high school in Charles County to further his or her study of the arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university.

Applications are available for downloading by going to the CCAA website at

<http://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships>. Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their high schools' College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

The completed application and all required documentation must be received in the CCAA office by noon March 4, 2016. Mailing address is PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695; physical location is 10250 La Plata Road (Rt. 488), La Plata, MD 20646.

For more information, contact scholarship.ccaa@gmail.com or call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Charles County Library Schedule For November/December 2015

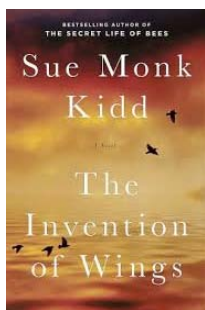


Get a copy of the [November/December](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-934-9001 or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

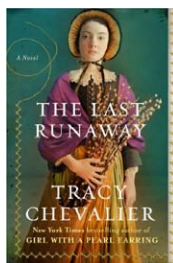
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion
Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more information, call 301-934-9001.



December 3: ***The Invention of Wings*** by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their

remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

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.



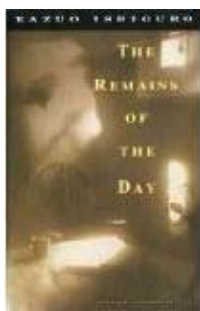
December 4: ***The Last Runaway*** by Tracy Chevalier. Ohio 1850. For a modest English Quaker stranded far from home, life is a trial. Untethered from the moment she leaves England, fleeing personal disappointment, Honor Bright is forced by family tragedy to rely on strangers in an alien, untamed landscape. Drawn into the clandestine activities of the Underground Railroad, a network helping runaway slaves escape to freedom, Honor befriends two exceptional people who

embody the startling power of defiance. Eventually she must decide if she too can act on what she believes in, whatever the personal cost.

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

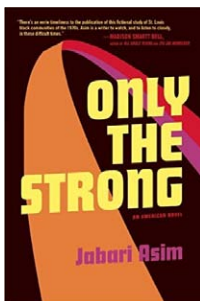
301-645-2864, and reserve a book with your library card.



December 5: ***The Remains of the Day*** by Kazuo Ishiguro. *The Remains of the Day* is a profoundly compelling portrait of the perfect English butler and of his fading, insular, postwar England world. At the end of his three decades of service at Darlington Hall, Stevens embarks on a country drive, during which he looks back over his career to reassure himself that he has served humanity by serving "a great gentleman." But lurking in his memory are doubts about the true nature of Lord Darlington's "greatness" and graver doubts about his own faith in the man he served.

Writers of Color Book Club

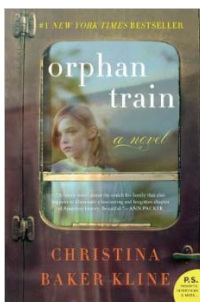
Meets every month on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm, at alternating locations. The December meeting will be held at Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



December 10: ***Only the Strong*** by Jabari Asim. Against a 1970s backdrop of rapid social and political change, *Only the Strong* portrays the challenges and rewards of love in a quintessential American community where heartbreak and violence are seldom far away. With prose that's sharp, humorous, and poetic, author Asim skillfully renders a compelling portrait of urban life in the wake of the last major civil-rights bill. Massive change is afoot in America, and these characters have front-row seats.

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 301-934-900 1, for more information.



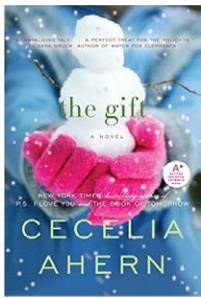
December 10: ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with

hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life-answers that will ultimately free them both.

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. There is no November meeting.

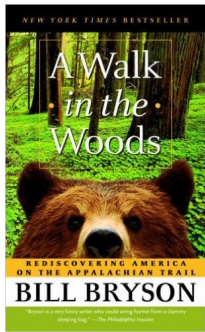
December 12: ***The Gift*** by Cecelia Ahern. *The*



Gift is a magical, fable-like Christmas story of Lou Suffern, a successful executive frustrated by the fact that he spends more time in the office than with his doting wife and two young children

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. Note date change for December! Call 301-375-7375 for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.



December 16: ***A Walk in the Woods*** by Bill Bryson. The Appalachian Trail trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America--majestic mountains, silent forests, sparkling lakes. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go. And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. He introduces you to the history and ecology of the trail and to some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks he meets along the way--and a couple of bears.

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Nanjemoy Community Center



The Nanjemoy Community Center offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to fulfill the needs of the Nanjemoy community for all ages

from tots to senior adults. For more activities and events, get a copy of the Nanjemoy Community Center [Newsletter](#) and the [November](#) and [December](#) 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.