



January 14, 2016

 Forward to a Friend

Arts Alliance Opens New Winter Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Show Runs through April 2, 2016



You are Invited!
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Saturday, January 16, 2016
2:00 to 4:00 pm

The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new winter art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 30 artists and 50 works of art. This is the 13th Alliance-sponsored art exhibit at Waldorf West since the library opened in 2012. The artworks will be displayed in four separate gallery spaces which include the main conference room on the first floor, and two study rooms and wall space in the Fiction Section on the second floor. All

In This Flash

[Arts Alliance's "Meet the Artists" Public Reception at Waldorf West Library](#)

[Maryland Arts Day](#)

[Performing Arts](#)

[Visual Arts](#)

["Meet the Artists" Public Reception at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home](#)

[Veterans Home "Call for Artists"](#)

[Community Bank "Call for Artists"](#)

[Arts Alliance "Call for Artists"](#)

[Literary Arts](#)

[Student Arts Scholarship Applications Available](#)

[Adult Book Discussion Groups](#)

[Community Senior Centers](#)

[January Arts Insider Newsletter](#)

[Thanks to Our Sponsors](#)

[CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses](#)

[CCAA Board of Directors](#)

[Join the CCAA](#)

January Arts Insider

the artworks can also be viewed on the Arts Alliances's website at <http://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/waldorf-west-library-gallery-2>.

On Saturday, January 16, the Arts Alliance will host a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to honor all the artists participating in this show. The public is invited to this event, and will have a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display throughout the Library. Light refreshments will be served.

The show's theme was open to the artists and includes works from: Ibrahim Badru, Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Sar'där Aziz, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Donald Faust, Henry L. Font III, William Gibson, Roxana Gonzales, Debbie Grafton, Deborah Harkins, Lonnie Harkins, Gordon Johnson, Amelia Jones, Charlie Jones, William Jones, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Ivette Marcucci, Julie Meisel, Nancy Owens, Lee Anne Shontere, Ernest Sinnes and Mary Sokol. Most of the artworks are available for purchase; the Library's information desk will have copies of the price list.

The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland. Hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day

Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

St. John's College

Mellon Hall, Francis Scott Key Auditorium

60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD

Registration is Open Now!

Cost: \$35 before February 5; \$50 from February 6 - 12

Registration Includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Parking

Go to http://mdarts.org/news_events/maryland-arts-day-2016/ to register.

Keynote Speaker: Navasha Daya

Thanks to Our Sponsors



Bullock's Piano Salon

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



chico's



Community Bank
of the Chesapeake®



DISCOUNTRU



Maryland Arts Day needs your participation! Here's your chance to hear the latest news and influence the lawmakers that control the funding for the Arts! Sure to be compelling, interactive and dynamic, come and be inspired by an array of speakers, and discuss with lawmakers the importance of a strong arts community to the

economic and cultural vitality of Maryland. More information coming soon!

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

Charles County Youth Orchestra, Encore Strings and Encore Band *Winter Concert*

Sunday, January 17, 4:00 pm

Westlake High School

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Free Admission



Charles County Youth Orchestra (CCYO) is a high school level symphonic orchestra, comprised of some of the best strings, winds, brass and percussionists in Charles County. They will be performing music from Beethoven's

6th Symphony, Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*, and *Star Wars*.

Encore Strings will perform *Russian Sailor's Dance* by Gliere, *Adagio Cantabile* from Beethoven's *Pathetique Sonata*, *Blue Fire Fiddler* by Soon Hee Newbold and *Mission Impossible*.

Encore Band will perform *Colliding Visions* by Brian Balmages and *Glorioso* by Robert W. Smith, as well as a few other selections.

Mid-year auditions for all ensembles will be January 30, by appointment only. They are especially looking for flute, oboe, bassoon, trumpet and French Horn for CCYO. For more information, go to www.ccyo.com. To schedule an audition, contact Music Director Anne Marie Patterson at annempatterson@aol.com.

College of Southern Maryland *Auditions for Ages 18 and Up*

Monday - Tuesday, January 25 - 26, 6:00 pm

La Plata Campus Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

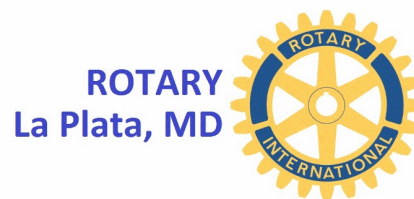
ELS EDWARD L. SANDERS
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC

**FLOORING
MAX** Design Center

Golden Renaissance
JEWELLERS



 **PNC BANK**



ST. CHARLES
TOWN CENTER

SIMON
MALLS



Travel Ticker

Open auditions for these productions:

- *Spirit of Hispania: Hispanic Tales* (Children's Theatre)
- *The Walls* (Cause Theatre)
- *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* (Renaissance Festival)

Performances will take place between March 11 and April 24, 2016.
 Prepare a one-minute monologue. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Cause Theatre

My First Time

January 28 - February 6, Three CSM Campuses

Thursday, January 28, 2:30 pm

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Friday, January 29, 8:00 pm

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

**MY
FIRST
TIME**

Thursday, February 4, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 5, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 6, 2:00 pm

La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 Adults. Due to the subject matter and language, this play is not suitable for patrons under 18.

Four actors share hysterical and heartbreaking stories about first sexual experiences, written by real people. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/cause/index>.

College of Southern Maryland

Children's Theatre

The Little Prince

CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

Archbishop Neale School

Bullock's Piano Salon

Century 21 New Millennium Realtors

Charles County Fair, Inc.

Charles County Government Office of Tourism

Charles County Public Library

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Chico's

College of Southern Maryland

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Corner Studio ArtWorks

Edward L. Sanders Insurance Agency, Inc.

Exquisite Catering Services

Flooring Max Design Center

Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation, Inc.

Golden Renaissance Jewellers

Friday January 29, 7:00 pm

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

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$7 Adult/Senior, \$5 Youth (High School and Below)



This play tells the story of a world-weary and disenchanted Aviator whose sputtering plane strands him in the Sahara Desert, and a mysterious, regal "little man" who appears and asks him to "Please, sir, draw me a sheep." During their two weeks together in the desert, the Little Prince tells the Aviator about his adventures through the galaxy, how he met the Lamplighter and the Businessman and the Geographer, and

about his strained relationship with a very special flower on his own tiny planet. The Little Prince talks to everyone he meets: a garden of roses, the Snake and a Fox who wishes to be tamed. From each he gains a unique insight which he shares with the Aviator: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye." At length, both the little man and the Aviator must go home, each with a new understanding of how to laugh, cry and love again. For more information, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts>.

Port Tobacco Players

See How They Run

Buy Tickets Now!

January 29 - February 14

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



January 29 -
February 14
2016

The Bishop is about to visit the Vicarage, at Merton-Cum-Middlewick, but in a British farce, like *See How They Run*, nothing can ever be that easy. This high-speed comedy also mixes in an American actress, escaped Russian spy, Cockney maid, multiple mistaken-identity clerics, and a tee-totaling nose neighbor who takes her first drink to liven up the fun. Author Philip King's three-act farce is big on laughs and fast-paced excitement, leaving the audience breathless and just a little sore. How can a show with a line like "Sergeant, arrest most of these vicars" possibly go wrong? For more

information, go to www.ptplayers.com or call the Box Office at 301-932-

Indian Head Center for the Arts

Joson Fine Jewelry and Home Boutique

Life Journeys Writers Club

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Moore Admin Help

Music Teachers Association
of Charles Co., Inc.

Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS

PNC Bank

Port Tobacco Players

Rotary, La Plata, MD

Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

St. Charles Towne Center

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

Technical Solutions Sr, LLC

Town of Indian Head

Town of La Plata

CCAA Board of Directors

Robert Rausch,
President

Gale Kladitis, *Vice President*

Ronald G. Brown, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Diane Rausch, *Past President*

Music Teachers Association of Charles County

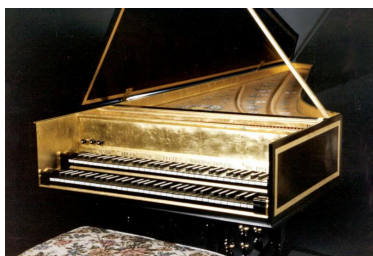
Sixth Baroque Festival

Saturday, February 6, 1:00 and 2:30 pm (Possible 11:30 am Performance)

Christ Church

112 East Charles Street, La Plata

Free Admission



Students, teachers and other adults will perform music from the Baroque Period (1600-1750) on piano, digital harpsichord, pipe organ and flute. The performances are free to the public, and there is ample parking behind the church. For more information, contact

Judy Dalton at jdalton@aol.com.

VISUAL ARTS (top)

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

January 15 - February 7, 2016

Reception: Sunday, January 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

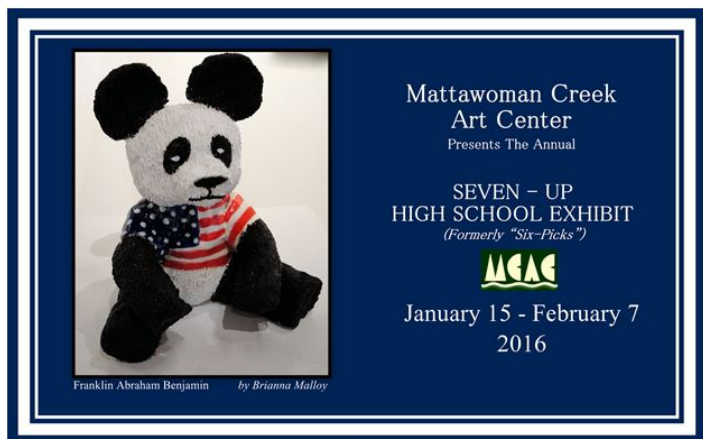
Smallwood State Park

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,

11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information call 301-743-

5159. or go to www.mattawomanart.org.



Bill Adams

Emily Ferren

Lorina Harris

Kathleen Jenkins

Amelia Jones

Cecelia Keller

Vicki Marckel

Cryz Proctor

Youth Representative

Greg A. Kenney, Jr.

Honorary Board Member

Cindi Barnhart

Haven't Joined Us?

Why Not Join Us Now?

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

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

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

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

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

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception

Saturday, January 23, 2016, 2:00 to 4:00 pm

29449 Charlotte Hall Road

Charlotte Hall, MD

You're Invited!



On Saturday, January 23, the Veterans Home will host a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception in the E-Wing Multipurpose Room, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to honor all the artists participating in the current fall show. The public is invited to this event, and will have a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway. Light refreshments will be served.

In partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, this is the first art exhibit at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. The exhibit showcases 19 artists and 34 works of art. The show's theme was "Maryland Landscapes" and includes works from: Sar'där Aziz, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Fanny Cramer, Cecelia Dunay, Stuart Geisbert, III, William Gibson, Doris Hall, Bradley Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Susannah Lynch, Vicki Marckel, Julie Meisel, Nadira Nunez, Nancy Owens, Ella Radano, Lee Anne Shontere, Paula Williams, and Neil Wilmoth. Most of the artwork is available for purchase; the Security desk has a copy of the price list and artists' biographies.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is Maryland's only long-term care and assisted living facility specifically for Veterans and their eligible spouses. The Home is located at 29449 Charlotte Hall Rd, Charlotte Hall, Maryland. Hours are: Monday - Sunday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please follow the signs for the "State Office" entrance around back.

For more information, contact Melissa at 301-884-8171 ext.468, or VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.

National Gallery of Art

Picture This! Icons of American Courage

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Saturday, January 23; Wednesday, January 27, 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.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home "Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit: January 25, 2016

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Winter Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from February 18 to June 15, 2016. The 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 February. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, May 21, 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 winter show.

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

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



Theme is "Artists Choice"
Deadline to Submit is January 29, 2016

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their second art show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from February 20 to May 20, 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. 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 in February. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.

College of Southern Maryland
Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery
Margaret Noel - Fractured View

February 1 - March 11

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

Gallery Talk and Reception: Tuesday, February 23, 2:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Margaret Noel's mixed-media paintings fuse collage with encaustic to portray landscapes that have been altered and abandoned by industry. Using layers of paper and wax to distort and fragment the original forms, the paintings juxtapose the sharp geometry of industrial architecture against the fluid lines of the

surrounding landscape. In the finished pieces, some landscape elements are fully articulated: recognizable and concrete. Other parts become simplified, exaggerated, or transformed, allowing viewers to feel as if they have stumbled upon the record of a familiar but half-forgotten scene-- a blurred remembrance rather than a precise rendering. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index> or call 301-934-7828.

National Gallery of Art
Programs in American Sign Language and
Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, February 14, 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.

Paint Annapolis 2016

Open for Entry Until February 16

The Outdoor Competition will be held May 30 - June 5

All Art on Display from June 5 - 12

\$35 Entry Fee Per Person

**Painting Takes Place in Annapolis and Anne Arundel
County**



To enter to be one of the juried Paint Annapolis artists, submit 3 examples of your artwork in their online entry system. Selection juror is Richard Sneary, Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society. Paint Annapolis is a five-day *juried plein air* painting competition that brings to Annapolis *plein air* painters from around the world. For 14 years it has been a premier event, bringing people together to share in the spirit and vibrancy of

outdoor painting. The event is designed to explore in paint the colonial architecture, marine atmosphere, and overall energy of Maryland's capital city and a former capital of the United States - home to families, businesses, colleges, and maritime activities. For more information and to register, go to <http://mdfedart.com/portfolio/paint-annapolis>.

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



Deadline to Submit is February 18, 2016

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from April 4 to June 25, 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 February. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, April 9, 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 spring show.

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

Department of Natural Resources
Calling All Fifth-Graders Across Maryland
Arbor Day Poster Contest is On!

Trees Are Terrific....in Cities and Towns!

Deadline to Submit is 4:00 pm, February 26



**Last year's First Place Overall
by Jenny Ha from Washington County**

The Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the Maryland Forest Conservancy District Boards, is sponsoring an Arbor Day poster contest, *Trees Are Terrific....in Cities and Towns!* Fifth-grade students are encouraged to share their appreciation for Maryland's forests and trees through original works of art.

The department will choose the top three posters to receive tree plantings at the winning artist's school: first place will win 15 trees; second place will receive 10 trees; and third place will get five.

All posters must be between 8.5- by 11-inches and 22- by 28-inches, and done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, regular or colored pencil, and/or tempera paint. They must be delivered or mailed to one of the state forest service offices no later than 4:00 pm, on February 26, 2016. To locate the mailing or delivery address for your county, go to http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/2016_ArborDayPosterContest.aspx.

Posters will be judged on a county level and then submitted to the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee to compete at the statewide level. Winners' teachers will be notified by March 25. Questions or comments may be directed to Anne Gilbert at 410-260-8510 or anne.gilbert@maryland.gov, or visit <http://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2015/12/21/fifth-graders-encouraged-to-show-appreciation-for-trees-through-art>.

Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife and Heritage Services

Black Bear and Migratory Game Bird Stamp Contests

Deadline to Submit is April 15

Judging on April 22



Waterfowl and wildlife artists are invited to submit their original artwork for the 20th Annual Maryland Black Bear Conservation and 42nd Annual Migratory Game Bird stamp design contests. **The Black Bear Conservation Stamp contest** is open to Maryland residents and non-residents. Each contestant may submit one entry for a non-refundable \$10 entry fee. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps and other related products are used to compensate farmers who experience agricultural damage caused by black bears. **The Migratory Game Bird Stamp contest** is open to Maryland residents only. Each contestant may submit up to three entries (\$15 for one entry; \$20 for two; \$30 for three). Proceeds from the sale of these stamps help fund migratory bird and waterfowl projects and research. To enter either contest, artists must mail their design(s) with the required entry fee and forms to: Christopher Markin, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife & Heritage Service, 580 Taylor Ave., E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401. All entries must be the artist's original work, neither copied nor duplicated from any previously published paintings, drawings, prints or photographs by the contestant, or any other artist. For complete contest rules and entry forms, visit dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife, or contact Christopher Markin at Christopher.Markin@maryland.gov or 410-260-8584.

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

Life Journeys Writers Club

Season Opener and Big Quarterly Gathering

Saturday, January 23, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



It's a celebration and more! LJWC begins their 9th year of promoting and producing a passion for the literary arts. Enjoy great speakers, performers, food, networking, major announcements, and their famous (non-alcoholic) "Champagne" toast. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, or email emeddle@aol.com.

Life Journeys Writers Club

Write on Wednesdays--with a Twist!

February 10, 17, 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Cost is \$59.99

Contact Yvonne Medley for Location Information



Dedicate just three Wednesdays to electrifying your literary passion, to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Workshop sessions I & II feature light fare, Session III includes dinner.

Go to <http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com/news> to register with PayPal, or contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, or email emeddle@aol.com.

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 January and February 2016



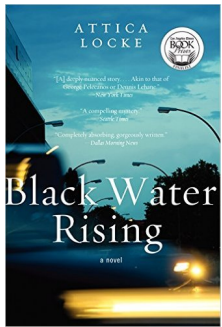
Get a copy of the [January/February](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information,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



Adult Discussion Book Groups

Writers of Color Book Club

Meets every month on the second Thursday at 6:30 pm, at alternating locations. The January meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



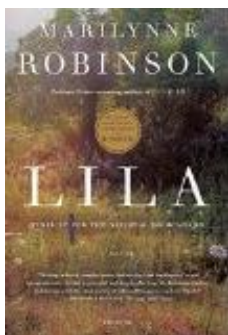
January 14: *Black Water Rising* by Attica

Locke. Jay Porter is hardly the lawyer he set out to be, but he's long since made peace with not living the American Dream and carefully tucked away his darkest sins: the guns, the FBI file, the trial that nearly destroyed him. Now he's in Houston, Texas, it's 1981, and Jay believes he can make a fresh start. That is, until the night in a boat out on the bayou when he impulsively saves a woman from drowning, and opens

a Pandora's box. Her secrets put Jay in danger, ensnaring him in a murder investigation that could cost him his practice, his family, and even his life. But before he can get to the bottom of a tangled mystery that reaches into the upper echelons of Houston's corporate power brokers, Jay must confront the demons of his past.

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

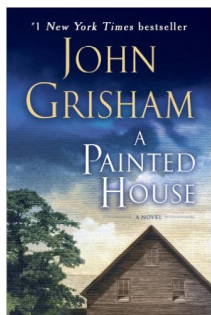
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



January 14: *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Lila, homeless and alone after years of roaming the countryside, steps inside a small-town Iowa church, the only available shelter from the rain, and ignites a romance and a debate that will reshape her life. She becomes the wife of a minister, John Ames, and begins a new existence while trying to make sense of the life that preceded her new-found security.

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.

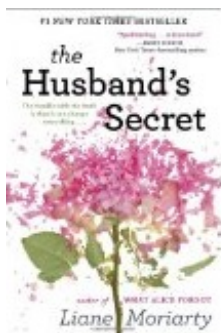


January 27: *A Painted House* by John Grisham.

Until that September of 1952, Luke Chandler had never kept a secret or told a single lie. But in the long, hot summer of his seventh year, two groups of migrant workers (and two very dangerous men) came through the Arkansas Delta to work the Chandler cotton farm. And as young Luke watches the world around him, he unravels secrets that could shatter lives - and change his family and his town forever.

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.

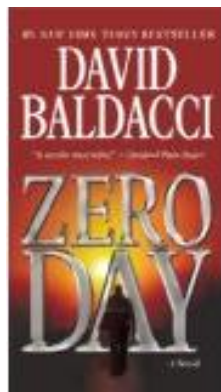


February 3: *The Husband's Secret* by Liane

Moriarty. *My darling Cecilia. If you're reading this, then I've died.* Imagine your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret-- something with the potential to destroy not only the life you have built together, but the lives of others as well. And then imagine that you stumble across that letter while your husband is still very much alive!

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.



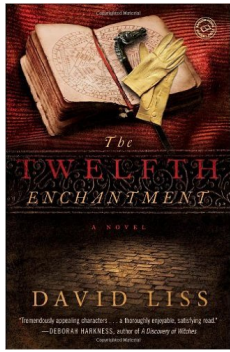
February 4: *Zero Day* by David Baldacci.

John Puller is a combat veteran and the best military investigator in the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division. Puller has an indomitable spirit and an unstoppable drive to find the truth. Now, Puller is called out on a case in a remote, rural area in West Virginia coal country, far from any military outpost. Someone has stumbled onto a brutal crime scene. As Puller digs through deception after deception, he realizes that absolutely nothing he's seen in this small

town, and no one in it, are what they seem. Facing a potential conspiracy that reaches far beyond the hills of West Virginia, he is one man on the hunt for justice against an overwhelming force.

Waldorf Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the

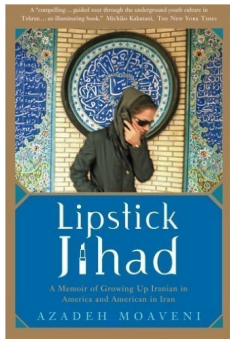


February 6: *The Twelfth Enchantment* by David Liss. Lucy Derrick is a young woman of good breeding and poor finances. After the death of her beloved father, she becomes the unwanted boarder of her tyrannical uncle, fending off marriage to a local mill owner. But just as she is resigned to a life of misery, a handsome stranger--the poet and notorious rake Lord Byron--arrives at her house, stricken by what seems to be a curse, and with a cryptic message for Lucy. With

England on the cusp of revolution, Lucy inexplicably finds herself awakened to a world where magic and mortals collide, and the forces of ancient nature and modern progress are at war for the soul of England . . . and the world.

Potomac Book Discussion

Meeting for the last time at 10:30 am - noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



February 13: *Lipstick Jihad: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and American in Iran* by Azadeh Moaveni. As far back as she can remember, Azadeh Moaveni has felt at odds with her tangled identity as an Iranian-American. In suburban America, Azadeh lived in two worlds. At home, she was the daughter of the Iranian exile community, serving tea, clinging to tradition, and dreaming of Tehran. Outside, she was a California girl who practiced yoga and

listened to Madonna. For years, she ignored the tense standoff between her two cultures. But college magnified the clash between Iran and America, and after graduating, she moved to Iran as a journalist. This is the story of her search for identity, between two cultures cleaved apart by a violent history. It is also the story of Iran, a restive land lost in the twilight of its revolution.

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

Community Senior Centers



The Department of Community Services operates each of the County's Senior Centers, where citizens 60 and older may access a variety of programs and services, including: Social/Recreational activities, Clubs,

Special Events, Trips, Nutritious Lunches, Health and Screenings Programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, Educational programs, Physical Fitness programs, Creative Arts, and Computer Lab/Classes. For more activities and events, get the [January](#) and [February](#) copies of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

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.