



January 21, 2016

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**Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
RESCHEDULED!**

**Saturday, January 30, 2016, 2:00 to 4:00 pm
29449 Charlotte Hall Road
Charlotte Hall, MD**

You're Invited!



On Saturday, January 30, 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. Floral interpretations of five art works will be provided by the Hughesville Garden Club. 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: Sa'där Aziz, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Fanny Cramer, Cecelia Dunay, Stuart Geisbert, III, William Gibson, Doris

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January Arts Insider

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.

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



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 [\(top\)](#)

The Newtowne Players

Auditions for *A Night on Broadway: Sight,*

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Sound and Song

Open to High School Seniors and Adults

Scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 10:00 am - noon,
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Due to Inclement Weather, These Dates and Times May
Change

Check Their [Website](#) for the Latest Information

The Three Notch Theater

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Synopsis: A magical journey to the heart and soul of Broadway. Enjoy an evening of renditions of your favorite Broadway songs. Singers

will perform to live music and be accompanied by silent video and graphics as a backdrop. Performance dates are May 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). For a complete list of audition requirements, go to www.newtowneplayers.org. For more information, contact Thomas Esposito at espotj@verizon.net or call 240-298-1037.

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



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

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My First Time

January 28 - February 6, Three CSM Campuses

**MY
FIRST
TIME**

Thursday, January 28, 2:30 pm
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince
Frederick

Friday, January 29, 8:00 pm

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

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

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



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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 nosey 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 301-932-6819.

Port Tobacco Players

Auditions for *Rabbit Hole*

Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 pm

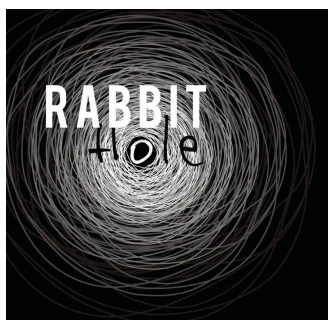
Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 6, 10:00 am

Callbacks, Saturday, February 6, 11:00 am

Port Tobacco Players Theater

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: Becca and Howie Corbett suffer a soul-shattering loss that takes them from the perfect family to a family adrift and searching for a way back. This drama, winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, is a study in loss, grief, pain, comfort and hope. *Rabbit Hole* holds up a mirror to the displacement suffered by a grieving family. More than a tear-jerker, it tells

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the story with intelligence, wit, candor and subtlety. After the loss, comes the journey.

Auditions will consist of a combination of a memorized dramatic monologue, (no more than 3 minutes) and cold readings from the script. Cast consists of two men and three women. Come prepared to list any conflicts you would have during the rehearsal process (vacations, etc.). Scheduled performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from May 20 to June 5, 2016. Performers must be available for all three weekends. For more information, go to ptplayers.com or contact Producer Bill Righter at 240-682-5503 or terpfan20012001@yahoo.com, or Kathy Mead at 240-346-6448.

North Point High School

Coffeehouse 2016: Deja Brew All Over Again

Thursday - Saturday, February 4 - 6, 7:00 pm

School Cafeteria

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Cost: \$8 General Admission, \$5 Students and Senior Citizens



This is the 10th annual event for the school and will feature alumni students and student performances such as singing, dancing, poetry and other talents. Hot drinks and desserts, made by students in the North Point Culinary Arts program, will be available for purchase. Call 301-753-1759 for more information.

Music Teachers Association of Charles County

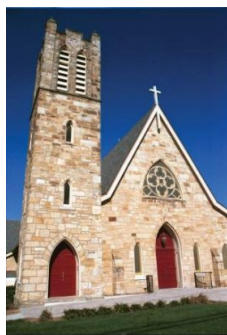
Sixth Baroque Festival

Saturday, February 6, 1:00 and 2:30 pm

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, 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.

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

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

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

Indian Head Center for the Arts

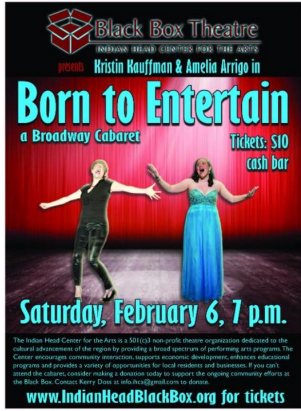
Born to Entertain: A Broadway Cabaret

Saturday, February 6, 7:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$10



Two Broadway hopefuls will wow you with brassy belts, and sentimental songs. Kristin Kauffman and Amelia Arrigo have been performing together for 13 years. See their nostalgic reunion on stage at the Indian Head Black Box Theatre for one night only!

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

Tantallon Community Players

Auditions for *Dreamgirls*

Sunday, February 7, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Monday, February 8, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Callbacks, Tuesday, February 9

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington



Prepare 32 bars of 2 pieces of music (be prepared to sing the entire piece if asked) to sing with a provided pianist. Prepare a musical theatre song in the style of the show or something R/B - Motown that shows your range. Singing from the show is allowed and actually encouraged. You should be prepared to sing from the score

if asked. For more information, go to www.tantallonplayers.org.

The Newtowne Players

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

February 12 - 28,

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

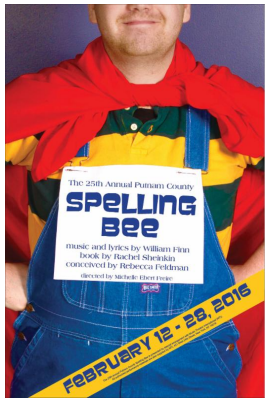
Buy Tickets Now!

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington

Park

Tickets: \$18 Adult, \$15 Senior (65 and Over)/Military/Student,

\$13 Child (12 and Under)



Six awkward spelling champions learn that winning (and losing) isn't everything. Winner of the TONY and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* has charmed audiences across the country with its effortless wit and humor. Featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a truly fresh and vibrant score by William Finn, this bee is one unforgettable experience. For more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

The Newtowne Players

Auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie*

Men Only - Saturday, February 13, 12:30 - 4:00 pm

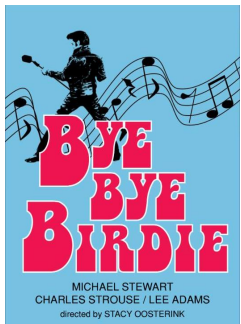
Soprano Ladies - Monday, February 15, 5:30 - 9:00 pm

**Mezzo Soprano/Alto Ladies - Wednesday, February 17,
5:30 - 9:00 pm**

**Callbacks/Dance Auditions, Saturday, February 20, 10:00
am - 5:00 pm**

Three Notch Theater Stage

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Synopsis: The year is 1958, and the much-adored rock and roll idol - Conrad Birdie - has been drafted into the US Army. His songwriter and agent Albert Peterson, along with Albert's secretary and girlfriend Rose Alvarez, have created a brilliant plan for a huge send off. They're going to have Conrad sing his latest song "One Last Kiss" on the Ed Sullivan show, AND actually give one last kiss to Kim MacAfee, President of the Conrad Birdie Fan Club in Sweet Apple, Ohio.

Hopefully, this will ensure a huge hit for Conrad, keep the public's adoration for the new G.I. and ultimately keep Almaelou records from going under. This is a big cast with over 30 named roles for all ages and ethnicities. Performance dates are July 8 - 31. For a complete list of characters and audition requirements, go to newtownplayers.org.

Cecil Ray Comedy Club

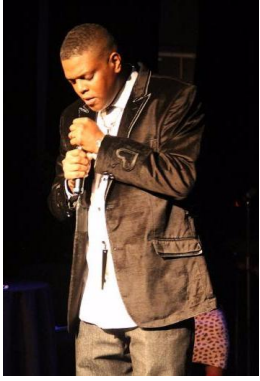
Saturday, February 13, 7:00 pm, Doors Open 6:30 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$30 General Seating

\$40 VIP Includes Dinner (Limited to 8 Seats Only)



Cecil Ray Comedy Club Show performs at the Indian Head Black Box Theatre for Valentine's Day Weekend! The comedy show was birthed out of a vision to entertain people through laughter and allow other comedians to showcase their gifts and talents without compromising, using vulgar language or explicit material. Come out for some good, clean fun as Cecil Ray and several other comedians share the stage for one night only. In recognition of Valentine's Day, there will be a special vocalist for this

performance! VIP tickets enjoy dinner with the comedians. For more information or to order tickets, contact Tracy Chase at 571-245-7379, cecilraycomedy@gmail.com, or go to <http://www.cecilraycomedy.com>.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Barry Gurley, Pianist-Vocalist

Sunday, February 14, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission



Mr. Gurley's career has taken him to countless venues including Washington, D.C.'s Blues Alley, New York City's The Blue Note, The Monterey Jazz Festival and Le Bilboquet in Paris, France. Mr. Gurley's eclectic style and repertoire transitions from American standards to songs that have withstood the test of time. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts>.

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Southern Maryland Film Festival

Call for Film Submissions

Open to All Age Groups in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

Deadline is May 13

Festival is July 15 and 16

Complete submission guidelines are available at www.smdff.org. Contact smdfilmfest@gmail.com with any questions.

VISUAL ARTS (top)

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

Now Through February 7, 2016

Reception: Rescheduled for Sunday, January 31, 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.

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:

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- Year created
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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

Contact Yvonne Medley for the Latest Information on this Event



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



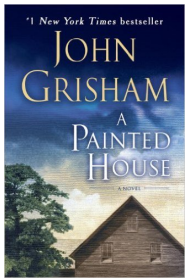
Get a copy of the [January/February](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information,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



Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

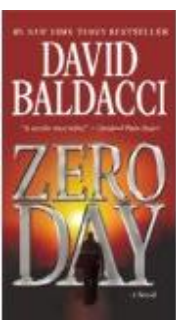
My darling Cecilia. If you're reading this, then I've died.

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.

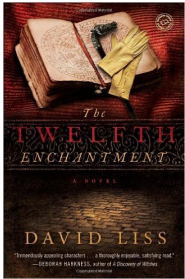


February 4: *Zero Day* by David Baldacci. John Puller is a combat veteran and the best military investigator in the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division. Puller has an indomitable spirit and an unstoppable drive to find the truth. Now, Puller is called out on a case in a remote, rural area in 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 P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



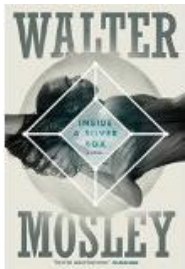
February 6: *The Twelfth Enchantment* by David Liss.

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.

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 Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



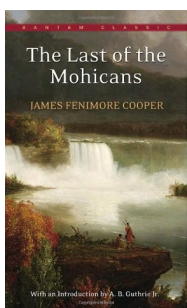
February 11: *Inside a Silver Box* by Walter Mosley.

Two people brought together by a horrific act are united in a common cause by the powers of the Silver Box. The two join to protect humanity from destruction by an alien race, the Laz, hell-bent on regaining control over the Silver Box, the most destructive and powerful tool in the universe. The

Silver Box will stop at nothing to prevent its former master from returning to being, even if it means finishing the earth itself.

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.

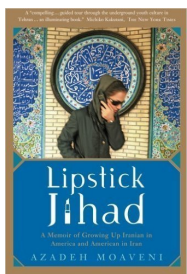


February 11: *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper. Chingachgook and Uncas are the last living members of the great Mohican tribe. Hawkeye, a colonial scout, is their companion and loyal friend. In the midst of the French and Indian War, these three will risk everything to lead the two daughters of a British colonel to safety through the battle-torn northern wilderness. When the girls are captured by the vicious Huron tribe,

Chingachgook, Uncas, and Hawkeye determine to do whatever they can to save them--no matter the cost.

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.

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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.