

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

Performing • Visual • Literary

January 7, 2016

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Arts Alliance Opens New Winter Art Show at Waldorf West Library

Show Runs from January 11 to 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 31 artists and 51 works of art. This is the 13th Alliance-sponsored art exhibit at Waldorf West since the library opened in 2012. The

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January Arts Insider

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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.

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, John T. Blakeney, 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, Charles 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.



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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 [\(top\)](#)

CECIL RAY COMEDY CLUB

Saturday, January 9, 7:00 pm, Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway

Tickets: \$20 in Advance; \$25 at the Door; \$35 VIP Includes Bistro Dining (Limited to 6 Guests)



Cecil Ray Comedy Club Show was birthed out of a vision to entertain people through laughter and allow other comedians to showcase their gifts and talents.

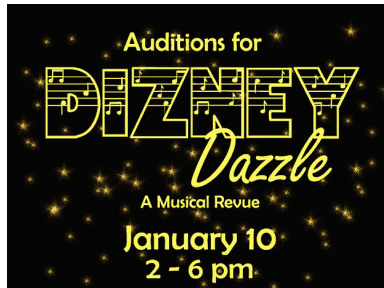
Featured comedians include Combread, Cecil Ray, Cassandra Archer and Miss Clareese. For more information, contact Tracy Chase at 571-245-7379, email cecilraycomedy@gmail.com, or

visit cecilraycomedy.com to order tickets online.

Tantallon Community Players
Auditions for Ages 8 and Up
Dizney Dazzle: A Musical Revue



Sunday, January 10, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington



TCP will perform this fun, family-friendly musical revue with proceeds to benefit TCP veteran Greg Kenney, who is currently recovering from a brain injury sustained in September 2015. For the

audition, prepare a selection of a Disney or Disney-type song (but not from *Frozen*). Performances take place on March 5 and 6, 2016. For more information, go to <http://www.tantallonplayers.org/#!/auditions/ccn4>.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions

Monday, January 11

Beginning at 6:30 pm by Appointment

Peace Lutheran Church

401 E. Smallwood Drive, Waldorf



The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, under the direction of Michael K. Santana, will conduct auditions on Monday January 11, beginning at 6:30 pm, by appointment. Alternate dates may be arranged. Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching

and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary! High School age and older singers are welcome. The chorus is especially looking for tenors and baritones/basses, but ALL voices are appreciated.

The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, at Peace Lutheran, and produces three different concerts throughout the season. This season's remaining concerts are "Pops Potluck" in April, and a combination concert/theater production with the College of Southern Maryland Theater Department in May. Call Carol at 301-642-0594 to set up an audition appointment. For more information, visit www.chesapeakechoral.com.

Charles County Youth Orchestra,
Encore Strings and Encore Band

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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



Open auditions for these productions:

- *Spirit of Hispania: Hispanic Tales* (Children's Theatre)
- *The Walls* (Cause Theatre)

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Port Tobacco Players

Rotary, La Plata, MD

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- *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

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

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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.

School and Below)



This play tells the story of a world-weary and disenchanting 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 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.

VISUAL ARTS (top)

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, January 10, 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.

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.



Mattawoman Creek
Art Center
Presents The Annual

SEVEN - UP
HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBIT
(Formerly "Six-Picks")



January 15 - February 7
2016

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.

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 Saturdays--with a Twist!***

Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Register by January 8, Cost is \$59.99

Contact Yvonne Medley for Location

Information



Dedicate just one Saturday to electrify your passion - to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Bring your works in progress. Expect to write, critique and edit. Gain invaluable writing, publishing

and promotional tips, with time to create. Refreshments provided throughout the day, and includes lunch.

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



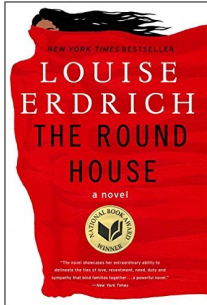
Get a copy of the [January/February](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information,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

Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

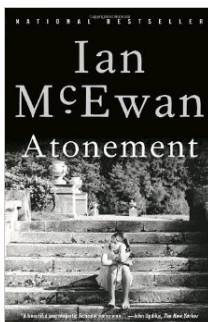


January 7: *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. One of the most revered novelists of our time and a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life, Louise Erdrich returns to the territory of her bestselling, Pulitzer Prize finalist *The Plague of Doves* with *The Round House*, transporting readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North

Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime that upends and forever transforms his family. *The Round House* is a page-turning masterpiece of literary fiction--at once a powerful coming-of-age story, a mystery, and a tender, moving novel of family, history, and culture.

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.



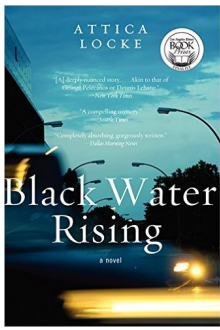
January 9: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan.

On a hot summer day in 1935, 13-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia, and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant and Cecilia's childhood friend. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives, together with her precocious literary gifts, brings about a crime that will change all

their lives, with repercussions through the chaos and carnage of World War II and into the close of the twentieth century.

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.

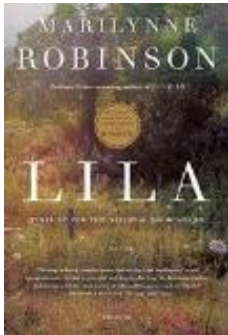


January 14: *Black Water Rising* by Attica Locke. Jay Porter is hardly the lawyer he set out to be, but he's long since made peace with not living the American Dream and carefully tucked away his darkest sins: the guns, the FBI file, the trial that nearly destroyed him. Now he's in Houston, Texas, it's 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.

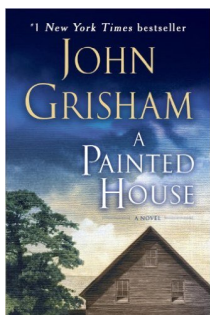


January 14: *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Lila, homeless and alone after years of roaming the countryside, steps inside a small-town Iowa church, the only available shelter from the rain, and ignites a romance and a debate that will reshape her life. She becomes the wife of a minister, John Ames, and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



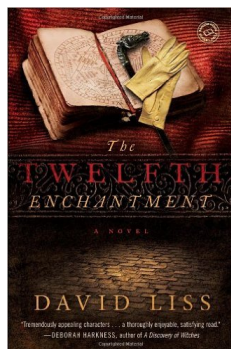
February 3: *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. *My darling Cecilia. If you're reading this, then I've died.*

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!

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.

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](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

Contact Us

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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.