



**April 7, 2016**

## **You Are Invited!**

### **"Meet the Artists" Public Reception**



**Saturday, April 9, 2016**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Waldorf West Library**  
**10405 O'Donnell Street, Waldorf**

#### **In This Flash**

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The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new spring art exhibit at the Waldorf West Library, showcasing 36 artists and 55 works of art. This is the 14th Alliance-sponsored art exhibit at Waldorf West since the library opened in 2012. The artworks will be displayed in four separate gallery spaces which

**April Arts Insider**

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, April 9**, the Arts Alliance hosts 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: Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Sar'där Aziz, Ibrahim Badru, Patricia Veldes Biles, Shannon Bland, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Sang Jin Choi, Dorothy Crown, Andy Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, William Farmer, Sally Goldsmith, Roxana Gonzales, Deborah Harkins, Lonnie Harkins, Gordon Johnson, Charlie Jones, Jackie Landgraf, Josephine Lawson, Addison Likins, Susannah Lynch, Julie Meisel, Maryam Muhammad, Kathleen Noel, Jan Norton, Nadira Nunez, Nancy Owens, Allen Price, Sandra Santana, Dianne Shisler, Cara Thompson, Joanne Van Brunt and David Zippi. 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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).



**ArtsFest 2016 is Coming!**  
**Saturday, June 11, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**La Plata Town Hall**

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## **Self-Nominations Now Being Accepted for Two Vacancies on the CCAA Board of Directors**

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## Vendor Registration Is Now Open! First "Early Bird" Discount Ends April 15



The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 24th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. This is our fifth year to present the festival in partnership with the Town of La Plata.



ArtsFest is our annual outdoor celebration of all the arts and artists - visual, literary and performing. It is our "free gift" to the citizens of Charles County and Southern Maryland, and there is no charge for the public to attend. It is a family-friendly, wonderful way to kick off the summer season! Great food and Southern Maryland specialties will be available for purchase throughout the day.



Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations.



Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2000 people each year. At last year's ArtsFest, we presented nonstop music and dance performances on two stages, 50 artists and exhibitors on display, local authors autographing their books, and a Kid's Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year's ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year!



Click [HERE](#) to download the Artist/Exhibitor Vendor Registration Form.

Click [HERE](#) to download the Food Vendor Registration Form.

Click [HERE](#) to download the Product Sponsorship Registration Form.

Registration forms are also available at [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org), or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).



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

### Port Tobacco Players

### Auditions for 1776



Seeking men ages 16 and up, and women ages 20 and up,  
to be part of the Ensemble Cast

Last Audition: Thursday, April 7. 7:00 pm

PTP Main Stage

508 Charles Street, La Plata



It's the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence...if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! 1776 follows John Adams of Massachusetts, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Richard Henry Lee and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia as they attempt to convince the members of the second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence.

For auditions, come prepared to perform 8-16 bars of a classical musical theater piece (no recorded music, a cappella or songs from the show), and bring a list of conflicts coinciding with the rehearsal schedule. If you play an instrument, feel free to bring it to be considered for the drum/fife corps. Performance dates are the four weekends beginning July 15 - August 7, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 3:00 pm. For more information, contact Liz Mildeinstein, Producer, at lizgilpin@gmail.com.



## Port Tobacco Players

### Hairspray

Now through April 24



Friday and Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Musical) The 1950s are out and change is in the air! It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire -- to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network, all without denting her 'do! For more information, go to [www.ptplayers.com](http://www.ptplayers.com).

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## College of Southern Maryland

### 13th Annual Jazz Festival

Friday - Saturday, April 8 - 9, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



On April 8, the Randy Runyon Trio performs, featuring Randy Runyon, Jr. on guitar, John Young on bass and Tom Hartman on drums. On April 9, the Solid Brass Big Band Jazz Ensemble is joined by the Randy Runyon Trio; Grammy Award winning international jazz artist, percussionist Gregg Bissonette; and the North Point High School Jazz Band. For more information about the Festival, contact the Box Office at [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu), 301-934-7828, or

[www.csmd.edu/Arts](http://www.csmd.edu/Arts).

## ***Casting Call for PBS Period Docudrama***

**Seeking Males, 20 to 50 Years Old, Any Ethnicity, as Background Extras**

**Shooting Dates: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 11, 12, 13**

**Assateague Island**



The film is a period piece, late 12th/13th century. This is a paid position. You must submit a 3/4 to full self-photo saved in jpeg format as `firstname_lastname_.jpg`, your age range, your resume in PDF format and your contact information to [PatMoranTalent@gmail.com](mailto:PatMoranTalent@gmail.com). Write "A.I." in the subject line. For more information, contact Pat Moran at Pat Moran

Associates, 410-558-0400, or visit

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

## ***United States Navy Concert Band***

**Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm**

**Henry E. Lackey High School**

**3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head**

**Free Admission!**

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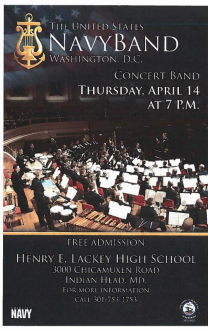
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The United States Navy Concert Band, the premier wind ensemble of the U.S. Navy, presents a wide array of marches, patriotic selections, orchestral transcriptions and modern wind ensemble repertoire. As the original ensemble of the Navy Band, the Concert Band has been performing public concerts and participating in high-profile events for over 85 years. For more

information, contact [NavyBand.Public.Affairs@navy.mil](mailto:NavyBand.Public.Affairs@navy.mil), call 201-433-4777, or visit <http://www.navyband.navy.mil>.

## Maurice J. McDonough High School

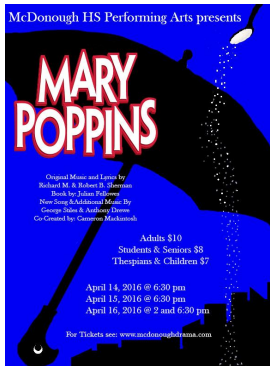
### Mary Poppins

Thursday - Friday, April 14 - 15, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 and 6:30 pm

7165 Marshall Corner Road, Pomfret

Tickets: \$10 Adult; \$8 Student, Senior Citizen, Military with ID;  
\$7 Child



Based on the books by P.L. Travers, the musical tells the story of the Banks family and how the arrival of a magical nanny - practically perfect in every way - changes their lives. For more information call 301-934-2944, or 301-753-1755.

## North Point High School

### Willy Wonka

Thursday - Friday, April 14 - 15, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 16, 1:00 and 7:00 pm

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 Adult; \$5 Child, Student



Based on Roald Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, this is the story of Charlie Bucket, who finds a golden ticket, and with his grandfather in tow, gets a tour of the chocolate factory operated by the eccentric Wonka. For more information, call 301-753-1759, or 301-885-

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## Westlake High School

### *The Wiz*

Thursday - Friday - Saturday, April 14 - 15 - 16, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17, 3:00 pm

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$10 Adult, \$8 Senior Citizen, \$6 Student, \$5 Child  
12 and Younger



Hit the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Lion as they make their way to the Emerald City where each has a request of the Wizard, though he may not be all he's purported to be! For more information, call 301-645-8857, or 301-753-1758.

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.

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

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

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## Henry E. Lackey High School

### *Into the Woods*

Friday - Saturday, April 15 - 16, 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Tickets: \$8 Adult; \$7 Student, Senior, Military; \$6

Thespians



The play features classic fairytale characters while weaving in an original story about a childless baker, his wife and their hopes of having a family. For more information, call 301-743-5431, or 301-753-1753.

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## College of Southern Maryland

### *Latin Music Festival*

Friday - Saturday, April 15 - 16, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



The Latin Music Festival will feature performances by CSM's Latin Ensemble Ritmo Caché under the direction of Dr. Stephen Johnson, and guest professional artist Pa' Gozar. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Box

Office at [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu), or 301-934-7828. This Festival is sponsored in part by the Charles County Arts Alliance.

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## **The Newtowne Players**

### ***A Few Good Men***

**April 15 - May 1**

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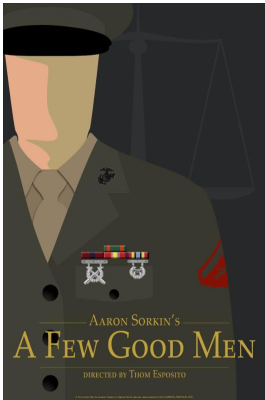
**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, 3:30 pm**

**21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park, MD**

**Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior (65+), Military, Student; \$10 Child (up to 12 years)**

**Due to mature language and content, this production is recommended for theatergoers ages thirteen and over.**



During the summer of 1986, two Marines are on trial for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The Navy lawyer, a callow young man more interested in softball games than the case, expects a plea bargain and a cover up of what really happened. Prodded by a female member of his defense team, the lawyer eventually makes a valiant effort to defend his clients and, in so doing, puts the

military mentality and the Marine code of honor on trial. For more information, go to <http://newtowneplayers.org> or call 301-737-5447.

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## ***Cecil Ray Comedy Club***

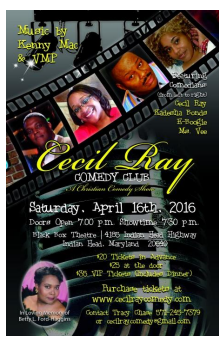
**Saturday, April 16, 7:30 pm**

**Indian Head Black Box Theatre**

**4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head**

**Tickets: \$20 in Advance, \$25 at the Door; \$35 VIP Tickets (Includes dinner, limited seating)**





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 without compromising, using vulgar language or explicit material. Show features Cecil Ray, Kadesha Bonds, E-Boogie, Ms. Vee and music by Kenny Mac and VMP. For

more information and to purchase tickets, go to

<http://www.cecilraycomedy.com>, or contact Tracy Chase at 571-245-7379, or [cecilraycomedy@gmail.com](mailto:cecilraycomedy@gmail.com).

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## The Newtowne Players

### Auditions for Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

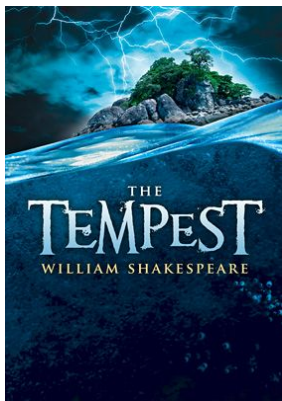
**Monday - Tuesday, April 18 - 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Callbacks: Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am**

**Three Notch Theater**

**21744 S. Coral Place, Lexington Park**

**Performance Dates: August 12 - 13, 18 - 20, 7:00 pm**



All actors should prepare a one-minute Shakespearean monologue and demonstrate an ability to create a character. Memorization is not required, but is highly encouraged. No prior Shakespeare experience necessary! If you are unable to make the audition date/time, wish to work backstage or have any questions, contact Monica at [mmeinert713@gmail.com](mailto:mmeinert713@gmail.com). For more information about the play, complete audition details and descriptions of the characters, go

to <http://newtowneplayers.org/audition->

[information.html](http://newtowneplayers.org/audition-information.html).

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## Thomas Stone High School

### *Once on This Island*

**Thursday - Friday - Saturday, April 21 - 22 - 23, 7:00 pm**

**3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf**

**Tickets: \$5**



The one-act musical is based on the Rosa Guy novel, *My Love, My Love*. It is set in the French Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean Sea, and follows the life of peasant girl Ti Moune who falls in love with a member of the

**College of Southern Maryland**

**Renaissance Festival**

inspired by the inspiration from "The Little Mermaid" and "Romeo and Juliet." For more information, call 301-645-2601 or 301-753-1756.

**Thursday - Sunday, April 21-24**

**La Plata Campus**

**Fine Arts Center Theatre and Outside Lawn**

**8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata**

**Activities are either free or priced by the vendor**



Travel back to a time when lords ruled and peasants pleased, all in the language and costumes of Shakespeare, at CSM's fourth annual Renaissance Festival!

**Schedule:**

**Thursday, April 21, Madrigals and Choral Concert, 7:30 pm, Admission: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Concert**

**Friday, April 22, *Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, 7:00 pm, Admission: \$10**

**Saturday, April 23, Festival, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

***Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, 2:00 and 7:00 pm, Admission: \$10**

**Sunday, April 24, Festival, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**

***Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, 3:00 pm, Admission \$10**

*The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* will be performed in the Fine Arts Center Theatre. **This production contains strong language and content and is not suitable for younger audiences.** For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/special-events/renaissance-festival>.

**College of Southern Maryland**

***Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert***

**Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 pm**

**La Plata Fine Arts Theatre**

**8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata**

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



CSM's Chorale, under the direction of Krystal McCoy, will be joined by the Chamber Choir in performing an assortment of classics. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, email [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu), or

visit [www.csmd.edu/arts](http://www.csmd.edu/arts).

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## **La Plata High School**

### ***Sweet Charity***

**Thursday - Friday, April 28 - 29, 6:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 30, 2:30 and 6:30 pm**

**6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata**

**Tickets: \$10 Adult, \$5 Student**



The play, with music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy Fields and book by Neil Simon, follows taxi dancer Charity Hope Valentine who is unlucky in love but always looks on the bright side of life. For advance tickets, email [jjoyner@ccboe.com](mailto:jjoyner@ccboe.com). For more information, call 301-934-1100 or 301-753-1754.

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## **The Southern Maryland Chamber Ensemble**

### ***Spring Concerts***

**Friday, April 29, 7:00 pm**

**College of Southern Maryland Leonardtown Campus**

**22950 Hollywood Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

**Saturday, May 14, 3:00 pm**

**Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646**

**Free and Open to the Public!**

**THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**

Friday, April 29, 7 pm  
College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus, 2295 Hollywood Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Saturday, May 14 3 pm  
Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646

Concert will benefit Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Amy Hones, Oboe  
Lucy Snell, Flute  
Takako Mato, Clarinet  
Ashley Adams, Bassoon  
Dan Romagnolo, Horn  
Eileen Peerless, Piano  
Fritz Fuhrmeister  
Donald Croakley  
Mozart  
Jaques Ibert  
Norman Phillip Hart

Gavotte & Tarantelle Op. 6, No.2  
Lyric Essay  
Quintet in Eb Major  
Trois Pièces Breves  
Revolutionary Quintet

Lucy Snell, flute; Amy Hones, oboe; Takako Mato, clarinet; Audrey Adams, bassoon; Daniel Romagnolo, horn; and Eileen Peerless, piano, will perform works by Fuhrmeister, Croakley, Mozart, Ibert & Hart.

For more information, contact Lucy Snell at [ljsnell@comcast.net](mailto:ljsnell@comcast.net).

## ***Honoring Our Heros Award Ceremony and The Adventures of Uncle Rocky, Fireman***

**Friday, April 29, 10:00 am**

**Saturday, April 30, 2:00 and 5:00 pm**

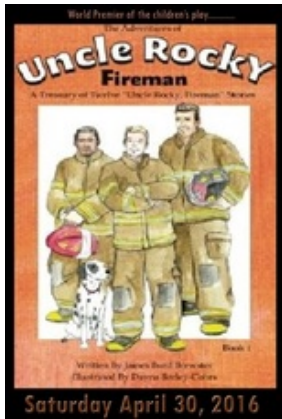
[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

**Port Tobacco Players Theatre**

**508 Charles Street, La Plata**

**Tickets: April 29, All Tickets are \$5**

**Tickets: April 30, \$10 Adult, \$5 Child**



There are heroes living among us! Come join the *Honoring Our Heroes Award Ceremony* to thank and honor five Charles County fire, police and EMS heroes for their courage, bravery, and public service. Then rev up your fire engine with the dramatic presentation of *The Adventures of Uncle Rocky, Fireman*. Participate with Officer Jack, Uncle Rocky and EMT Morales as they put out fires, rescue people, and stop crime. Be ready to scream like a siren, honk like a fire truck and shout "Glad to do it!" just like Uncle Rocky. Patrol cars, a

fire truck and an ambulance will be on display outside the theater. Take your picture with Moxie, a champion Dalmatian, and be impressed as Jr Miss Fire Prevention (11 years old) talks about fire safety. For more information, call 301-932-6819, or visit [www.ptplayers.org](http://www.ptplayers.org).

*Uncle Rocky, Fireman* children's books are available in all Charles County libraries; Maries Diner and Country Store, La Plata; and at Keepin It Local, Morganza. For more information, go to [www.gladdoito.net](http://www.gladdoito.net).

## ***Celebrate La Plata!***

**Saturday, April 30, Noon to 4:00 pm**

## La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

### Free Family Fun!



Enjoy a day of activities for children of all ages at Celebrate La Plata: Face painting, displays, entertainment, refreshments for sale from local favorites and the ever entertaining Bed Races!

Go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org> and click on [Events](#) to see the complete schedule.

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## Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

### *Born to Entertain Broadway Cabaret*

Saturday, April 30, 7:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$8



Staring Broadway hopefuls Amelia Arrigo and Kristin Kauffman, who will wow you with their brassy voices and hilarious patter. Enjoy classics from shows like *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and *Les Miserables*, peppered with more modern showstoppers from *Nunsense*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, and *Hairspray*. Watching these two

women switch from a high-energy comedic duet to an introspective dramatic song is captivating! For more information, call 301-743-3040, email

[web.ihca@gmail.com](mailto:web.ihca@gmail.com), or visit <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org>.

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## College of Southern Maryland

### *Concert Band*

Saturday, April 30, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



Under the direction of Michael Peerless, CSM students can join community members and professional musicians in the SMCB for ensemble credit. For more information, contact the

Box Office at 301-934-7828, email [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu), or visit [www.csmd.edu/arts](http://www.csmd.edu/arts).

## Friends of Old Waldorf School

### *Friendship Tea: Celebration of Spring*

Sunday, May 1, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf School Auditorium

3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf (access across from Jaycees Hall)

**Free Admission! Donations Accepted.**



The exhibit features past May Festivals and Maypole dances including a 1932 photo of Waldorf School's first May Queen, Margaret "Berry" Dodson. In addition, delicious scones, assorted teas, tea sandwiches, tea cakes and cookies will be available for purchase, plus vendor tables with nice gifts for sale for home and/or Mother's Day. There will be affordable artists' works from Mattawoman Creek Art Center; flower bed plants such as Marigolds, waxed Begonias, etc., and fresh asparagus sold by the pound.

FOWS will have a table with affordable gifts including local history books and ornaments; there will be door prizes; and a 50/50 raffle. Seating is limited to 100; please RSVP to Sandi at 301-752-5198, Peggy at 301-645-5564, or email [waldorfschl@aol.com](mailto:waldorfschl@aol.com). For more information about the school, visit <http://oldwaldorfschool-com.webs.com>.

## ***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](http://www.smdff.org). Contact [smdfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:smdfilmfest@gmail.com) with any questions.

## VISUAL ARTS (top)

### Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

#### *Paint In*

Saturday, April 9, 11:30 am

Charlotte Hall Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall



Brenda Orvis leads the Paint In with a Nilda Rodriguez colored pencil project. Guests are always welcome and should contact SMDP for the list of supplies needed for this project. For more information, contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835, email

[LearnToPaint@Outlook.com](mailto:LearnToPaint@Outlook.com), or visit <http://www.smdpaint.org>.

### National Gallery of Art

#### *Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices*

Tour on Sunday, April 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](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.

## College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery *Annual Juried Student Exhibition*

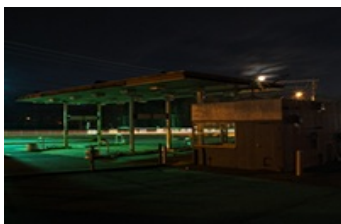
**Exhibition Dates: April 11 - May 6**

**Award Reception: Tuesday, April 19, 2:30 pm**

**Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm;**

**Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.**

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



For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index> or call 301-934-7828.

*Gas Station #1*

by Tom Siehl, 2015 Faculty  
Purchase Prize Recipient

## Congressman Steny Hoyer Presents The 2016 Congressional Art Competition *An Artistic Discovery*

**Open to All High School Students  
Residing in Maryland's 5th  
Congressional District!**

**Deadline to Submit: Wednesday, April  
13**

**Click [HERE](#) to Download the Invitation,  
Submission Checklist and Competition  
Form**

*Congressman Steny Hoyer Presents... The 2016 Congressional Art Competition*

The Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery" recognizes high school students who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District - which includes Calvert Cliffs and St. Mary's Counties and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties - who create original art to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

Through the annual Congressional Art Competition, Members of Congress observe the artistic side of high school students within their districts. The contest is held during congressional recess (April - May) in the main rotunda connecting the House office buildings with the U.S. Capitol - a hallway through which millions of visitors to the Capitol travel each year.

For general information about the competition, please contact Ms. Teresita Camp Rouse at 410-486-2077 or email at [teresita.camp@congress.gov](mailto:teresita.camp@congress.gov) or visit <http://www.congress.gov/education/arts-competitions/> to obtain the competition guidelines online, visit this address: <http://www.baines.com/congressional-art-competition/>

All artwork must be submitted to the office of Congressman Hoyer's District office located at Waldorf on葛葛葛葛葛葛 by April 13, 2016.



the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, DC, throughout the year.

All participating students will be invited to a reception in June and receive recognition for their work. For more information, contact Ms. Stefanie Carey Barone at 301-843-1577, [Stefanie.Carey@mail.house.gov](mailto:Stefanie.Carey@mail.house.gov) or go to <https://hoyer.house.gov/high-school-art-competition> or [http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art\\_competition](http://www.house.gov/content/educate/art_competition).

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## **College of Southern Maryland Global Initiatives Committee**

### ***A Passport to China: Chinese Calligraphy Exhibit***

**Exhibit Held on Two Campuses!**

**La Plata: Now through April 15**

**Calligraphy Demonstration, Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 pm**

**Traditional Dragon Dance, Tuesday, April 12, 3:00 pm**

**Library Resources (LR) Building, 8730 Mitchell Road, La  
Plata**

**Leonardtwn: April 18 - 30**

**Building A, Room 206, 22950 Hollywood Road,  
Leonardtwn, MD**

**Special Presentation at the Prince Frederick Campus**

**Tuesday, April 19, Traditional Dragon Dance, 3:00 pm**

**115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick, MD**



For more information, visit [www.csmd.edu/PassportToChina](http://www.csmd.edu/PassportToChina).

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# 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](http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife), or contact Christopher Markin at [Christopher.Markin@maryland.gov](mailto:Christopher.Markin@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8584.

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### ***"Mind Your Business" Symposium***

**Thursday, April 28, 1:00 - 4:30 pm**

**College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus**

**Building A, 206 - Auditorium**

**22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

**Free Admission!**

**Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up!**

# MIND YOUR BUSINESS

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL EDUCATION FOR MARYLAND'S CREATIVES

**FREE!!!**

Topics Include:  
Copyright  
Insurance  
Banking  
LLCs+More!

Thursday,  
April 28,  
2016  
1-4:30pm

College  
of Southern  
MD, Leonardtown  
Campus  
Building A,  
206-Auditorium  
22950 Hollywood  
Rd, Leonardtown,  
MD 20650

Join  
us for  
a  
workshop on  
legal issues  
for Artists!

Space is limited! RSVP  
at [info@mdarts.org](mailto:info@mdarts.org) or call  
410-467-6700



Presented By PNC Bank, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts,  
Maryland Citizens for the Arts, the St. Mary's County Arts  
Council, and the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District

PNC Bank, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Maryland Citizens for the Arts, St. Mary's County Arts Council, and the Leonardtown Arts & Entertainment District present a symposium to help the state's creative class better navigate budgets, cash flow, copyright, insurance, and more! For more information, go to [http://www.mdarts.org/news\\_events/mind-your-business-legal-and-financial-workshop-for-artists](http://www.mdarts.org/news_events/mind-your-business-legal-and-financial-workshop-for-artists) or call 410-467-6700.

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

### Spring 2016 Events

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](http://www.mattawomanart.org).

Click [HERE](#) for their spring brochure!

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

*Open Studio*

**Fridays through May 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Free!**



Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Bring your friends (both members and nonmembers). Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process! For more information, go to [mattawomanart.org](http://mattawomanart.org).

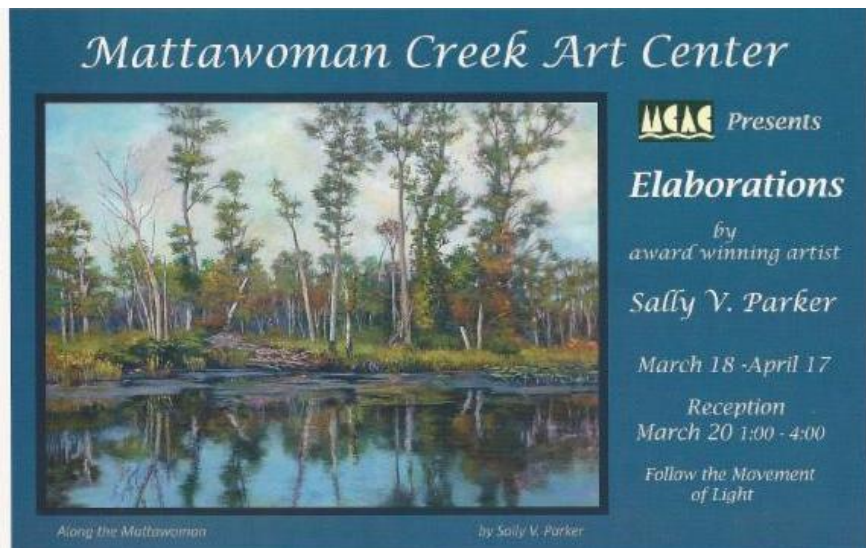
## **MCAC Invitational Art Show**

***Elaborations: Paintings by Sally V. Parker***

**Now through April 17**

**The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays,**

**11:00 am - 4:00 pm**



## **MCAC Workshop**

***The Ancient Art of Encaustic***

**Two Dates: Friday, April 15, or Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm**

**Fee: \$150 per person (no early bird special)**

**Instructor: Carolyn Goodridge**



Join esteemed artist and curator of Art Impact, USA, Carolyn Goodridge, as she guides you through the exciting and colorful ancient technique of painting with melted beeswax mixed with pigment. In a fun and relaxed atmosphere, you will learn about encaustic and its uses and personal applications through demonstrations and hands-on guidance. No prior art experience is required, and you will go home with a finished work of art! All materials, lunch, and an

instructional DVD (for her first-time students) are included. Wear old clothing and/or bring an apron. Class size is limited to 6 and some spots are already taken, so register soon. Register online at:

<http://www.artimpactusa.org/encaustic-workshop> or by mailing your payment, made out to Carolyn Goodridge, to MCAC, P.O. Box 258, Marbury, MD 20658.

## MCAC

### ***Call for Entry: Open Photography Show***

**Artwork Delivery Dates: Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.**

**The Show Runs from April 22 through May 22, 2016**

**Entry Fee: Members - \$5.00 per piece; Non-members - \$10.00 per piece for 1 or 2 pieces or \$25 for 3 pieces**

**Reception: Sunday, April 24, 1:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Click [HERE](#) for the complete guidelines for submitting your photos**



**Retrieval Dates:** Sunday, May 22, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Monday, May 23, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more Information: contact MCAC at 301-743-5159 or [mattawomanart@aol.com](mailto:mattawomanart@aol.com), or Harriett at 301-868-0364 or [ahahproduct](mailto:ahahproduct)

[ions@yahoo.com](mailto:ions@yahoo.com).

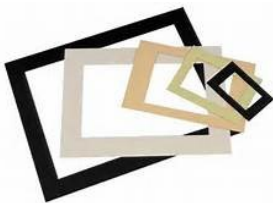
## MCAC Workshop

### ***The Art of Framing***

**Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Non-members**

**Instructor: Shelby Oppermann, CPA (Certified Picture Framer)**



The art of framing is an entire field of study, and after this presentation you will look at custom framing in a new way, and understand why Shelby has loved this career field for 35 years. Please bring your questions, willingness to learn, and two pieces of art with you. Bring a canvas, art on

paper, or a photograph to use in the "Play Time" section on the agenda. Your work may also be used as examples throughout the presentation.

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## National Gallery of Art

***Picture This! Titans of the Italian Renaissance!***

## Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Saturday, April 23, and Wednesday, April 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)



*Florentine,  
Lorenzo de' Medici*

*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](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905. Verbally described tours are also available by request with 3 weeks' notice by e-mailing [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov). For more

information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov).

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## Art Impact USA

### Call for Artists

### *Caribbean Jubilee Juried Exhibition*

#### Torpedo Factory

105 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA

Deadline to Enter: Friday, April 29, 11:59 pm

Reception: Saturday, June 11, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Entry Fees Apply



*Rhythms of the Diaspora*  
by Clifford Darrett

AIUSA's second annual juried exhibition for National Caribbean-American Heritage Month June 2016 will be held on two floors at the Site Gallery Two and Site Gallery Three at The Torpedo Factory. The art must be joyful and related to and/or inspired by any Caribbean nation or

Caribbean historical figure. The work can be abstract. All works with a joyful Caribbean theme are welcome. Dimensions of work must not exceed 72" H x 36" W (including frame.) Selections will be announced on Monday, June 2; drop off time is Saturday, June 4, noon to 5:00 pm; To read the full prospectus and to submit art, go to <http://www.artimpactusa.org/caribbean-jubilee-artist-call.html>. For more information, contact Carolyn Goodridge, 877-772-6045 or 202-297-3040.

# Community Bank of the Chesapeake

## Waldorf Branch

### "Call for Artists"



**Community Bank**  
*of the Chesapeake*

**Theme is "Artists Choice"**

**Deadline to Submit is May 6**

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their third art show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from May 20 to August 19, 2016.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to [waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com](mailto:waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com). Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line.

The email must include:

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

The artists will be notified later in May. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

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

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**Arts Alliance "Special Call for Artists"**

# for the Summer Art Show at the Charles County Government Building



**Deadline to Submit: June 1, 2016!**

**Theme is "Artists Without Limits"**

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for a Special Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland, from July 13 to September 26, 2016. The gallery is adjacent to the front entrance lobby. The exhibit will recognize local artists with disabilities. The month of July is *Americans with Disabilities Month*. Celebrate with the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Commission on Individuals with Disabilities for this event.

Local artists with disabilities 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](mailto:waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com) Please include Special Summer Art Show 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

Selections will be made by the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Commission on Individuals with Disabilities, and the artists will be notified in mid-June. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.



On Tuesday, July 19, 2016, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Charles County Government Building to honor all the "Artists without Limits" participating in the summer show.

For more information about the Gallery, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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

### **Citizens for the Charles County Public Library, Inc.**

#### ***Spring 2016 Used Book Bazaar***

**Saturday, April 9 through Saturday, April 16**

**Friday, April 8 - Preview Day for C4CCPL Members (Non-members may join at the door; every member is entitled to 5 free books during the Bazaar)**

**Bazaar Hours: Fridays and Saturdays: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**La Plata Branch Library, Lower Level**

**2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata**



Hardbacks are 50 cents each; paperbacks are 25 cents each. Clearance Day is Saturday, April 16: grocery-size bag full of books is only \$2.00! For more information, go to <https://sites.google.com/a/ccplonline.org/c4ccpl>, or call the library at 301-934-9001.

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### **Life Journeys Writers Guild**

#### ***Big Quarterly Gathering***

**Saturday, April 16, 2:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Waldorf West Library**

**10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf**



Come learn from a bookseller about your book's journey, behind-the-scenes, and join in to celebrate the combined commitment of all involved. Expect an exciting guest speaker -- just how do you get your self-published offering on the bookshelves of brick-and-mortar bookstores?-- giveaways/raffles, networking, industry news, food, their famous LJWG

(non-alcoholic) Champagne Toast and more! For more information, contact

Yvonne Medley at 240-545-5594, email  
yvonnejmedley@lifejourneyswritersguild.com, or  
visit [www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org](http://www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org).

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## Charles County Public Library

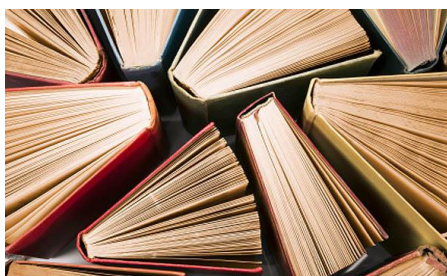
### ***Semi-Annual Author's Reception***

**August 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Waldorf West Library**

**10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf**

**Deadline for Authors to Apply: Thursday, June 30, 8:00 pm**



Local authors who would like to have their work featured at the Author's Reception need to submit a copy of their book to Sarah Guy, Program Coordinator, at any Charles County Public Library branch. Authors must include contact information and must be able to attend the Author's

Reception on August 20. Authors will present a brief (2 minute) overview of their book and will be able to sell copies to the public. Submitted books will be returned at the author's request after the event or the books can be added to the library's circulating collection. CCPL reserves the right to restrict which authors' works will be included at the Author's Reception. For more information, contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395, x417, or SGuy@ccplonline.org.

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## Charles County Library Schedule

### For March/April 2016



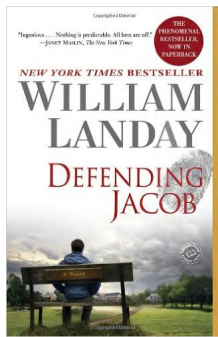
Get a copy of the [March/April](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, 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-



**April 7: *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.** Andy

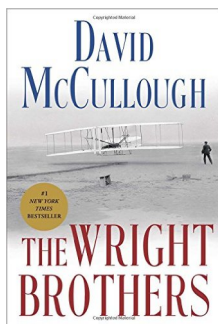
Barber has been an assistant district attorney for two decades. He is respected and admired in the courtroom. Happy at home with the loves of his life: his wife, Laurie, and their teenage son, Jacob. Then Andy's quiet suburb is stunned by a shocking crime: a young boy stabbed to death in a leafy park. And an even greater shock: the accused is Andy's own son -- shy, awkward, mysterious Jacob. It is the ultimate test for any parent: How far

would you go to protect your child and how well can a parent know a child?

For Andy Barber, a man with an iron will and a dark secret, it is a test of guilt and innocence in the deepest sense. How far would you go?

### La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

**DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL!** 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.



**April 21: *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough.**

On a winter's day in 1903, in the Outer Banks of North Carolina, two unknown brothers from Ohio changed history. But it would take the world some time to believe what had happened: the age of flight had begun, with the first heavier-than-air, powered machine carrying a pilot.

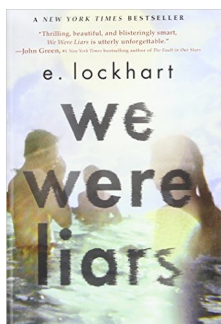
Who were these men and how was it that they achieved what they did? In this thrilling book, master historian

David McCullough draws on the immense riches of the

Wright Papers, including private diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, and more than a thousand letters from private family correspondence to tell the human side of the Wright Brothers' story, including the little-known contributions of their sister, Katharine, without whom things might well have gone differently for them.

### 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.

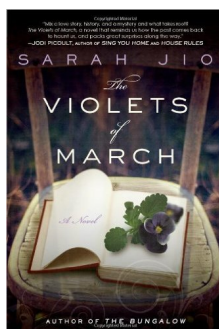


**April 27: *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart.** This is

a modern, sophisticated suspense novel about a beautiful and distinguished family; a brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy; and a group of four friends-the Liars-whose friendship turns destructive.

### 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.



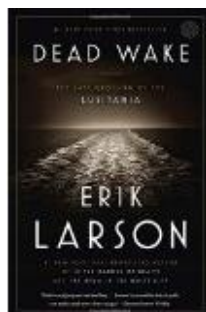
**May 4: *The Violets of March* by Sarah Jio.** In her twenties, Emily Wilson was on top of the world: she had a bestselling novel, a husband plucked from the pages of GQ, and a one-way ticket to happily ever after. Ten years later, the tide has turned on Emily's good fortune. So when her Great Aunt Bee invites her to spend the month of March on Bainbridge Island in Washington State, Emily accepts, longing to be healed by the sea.

Researching her next book, Emily discovers a red velvet diary, dated 1943, whose contents reveal startling connections to her own life.

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## Waldorf Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



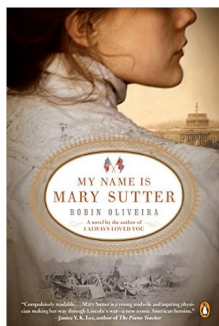
**May 7: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larsen.** On May 1, 1915, with WWI entering its tenth month, a luxury ocean liner as richly appointed as an English country house sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. The passengers were surprisingly at ease, even though Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone. For months, German U-boats had

brought terror to the North Atlantic. As a U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces both grand and achingly small--hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more-- all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

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## Adult Book Discussion

Meets monthly at 10:30 am at Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



**May 14: *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira.** Mary Sutter is a brilliant young midwife who dreams of becoming a surgeon. Eager to run away from recent heartbreak, Mary travels to Washington, D.C., to help tend the legions of Civil War wounded. Under the guidance of two surgeons, who both fall unwittingly in love with her, and resisting her mother's pleas to return home to help with the difficult birth of her twin sister's baby, Mary pursues her medical career against all odds.

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

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## Contact Us

301-392-5900 | [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org) | [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://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.