

May 12, 2016

"Call for Visual Artists" Click HERE!



ArtsFest 2016 is Coming!
Saturday, June 11, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, MD
Deadlines Extended!

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4 FOOD VENDORS NEEDED! IF

INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT US.

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.

Click <u>HERE</u> to download the Artist/Exhibitor Vendor Registration Form.

Click <u>HERE</u> to download the Food Vendor Registration Form.

Click <u>HERE</u> to download the Product Sponsorship Registration Form.

Registration forms are also available at www.charlescountyarts.org, or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.

You Are Invited!

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

"Meet the Artists" Reception

Saturday, May 21, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Click **HERE** for details

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In partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home presents their public art gallery, showcasing 36 artists and 44 works of art. The gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway at 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD.

On Saturday, May 21, 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 show. The public is invited to this event, and will have a chance to meet the artists while viewing their works on display. Light refreshments will be served.

The show's theme was "Artist's Choice" and includes works from: Beverly Adams, Theresa Alo, Sar'där Aziz, Albert Belford, Patricia Valdes Biles, Anne Buffington, Suzanne Cassidy, William Cassidy, Brenda Chin, David Cleland, Fanny Cramer, Ralph "Andy" Dixon, Cecelia Dunay, Linda Falcao, Greg Ford, Rita Fox, Sally Marie Goldsmith, Roxana Gonzales, Bryan Hill, Becky Hunter, Gordon R. Johnson, Alie Badarah Rocky Koroma, Ursula Lawrence, Addison Newton Likins, Susannah Lynch, Ivette Marcucci, Bill Meck, Julie Meisel, Kathleen Noel, Jonathan Nordstrom, Josh Owen, Nancy Owens, Ashley Radano, George L. Skypeck, Lucas Steger, and Paula Williams. Most of the artwork is available for purchase; the Security desk has a copy of the price list and artists' biographies.

Floral interpretations of several pieces will be provided by the Crossroads of Hughesville.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home is Maryland's only long-term care and assisted living facility specifically for Veterans and their eligible spouses. 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. 1468#, or VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.

PERFORMING ARTS (top)

Acapella Vocal Ensemble

Call for Voices













Do you like to sing challenging choral music from composers Eric Whittacre, Rene Clausen, Ola Gjeilo, Anton Brukner, Philip Stopford and Bobby McFarren? AVE (the Acapella Vocal Ensemble) is looking for new voices to be a part of their group. There is a need for Sopranos and Tenors, but they also need additional Altos and Basses. The group performs in Southern Maryland (Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert Counties) and

anticipates 2-4 concerts a season. To schedule an audition, contact AVE at acapyocens11@gmail.com.

Christ Church "Old" Durham Parish Songs from the Highway

Friday, May 13, 7:00 pm 8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy

Free Admission, Donations Accepted



Guitarist/vocalist Peter Griggs, from New York City, will perform a selection of instrumentals and songs, including folk, blues, jazz and originals, in this all-American music program. For more information, contact Carl Lockamy at 240-346-4130.

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







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Charles County Public Library

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society



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

Hard Bargain Players

Auditions for Radio Golf

Friday, May 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Callbacks, Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am

Hard Bargain Players Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek



Radio Golf is the final play in August Wilson's unprecedented 10-play cycle chronicling African-American life in the 20th century. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Monologues are welcomed as an adjunct to the readings. All roles are open. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm, August 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27,

2016. Go to www.hbplayers.org for complete information on the play and characters, or contact Terry Spann at terry.spann@yahoo.com.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, College of Southern Maryland Theater & Dance Club and Delta Psi Omega

Kids Night on Broadway

Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, 7:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland

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Port Tobacco Players

Rotary, La Plata, MD

Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

Sunday, May 15, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$12 Students, Seniors, Military



The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, in collaboration with the College of Southern Maryland Theater & Dance Club and Delta Psi Omega, present a family-friendly concert of music for kids of all ages! "Kids Night on Broadway" will feature music from several Disney classics: "Beauty and Beast," "Lion King," and "Mary Poppins," as well as some of the favorite numbers from "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Into the Woods," "Matilda," and "Once on This Island." Countertenor opera singer Jacques

Wieciech joins the program, and CSM students will entertain by performing scenes from several of the musicals. For more information and to reserve tickets, call Carol Charnock at 301-642-0594,

visit http://www.chesapeakechoral.com or find them on Facebook.

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco 7th Annual Market Day

Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (Rain Date: May 21)
Port Tobacco Courthouse
8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco
Free Admission



Enjoy shopping, baked goods, a plant sale, tour the courthouse, listen to music, explore archaeology! For more information, call Mary Fenton at 301-375-7892.

The Southern Maryland Chamber Ensemble Spring Concert

Saturday, May 14, 3:00 pm Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD 20646 Free and Open to the Public! St. Charles Towne Center

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

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Town of La Plata

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Ashley Adams, bassoon; Daniel Romagno, horn; Eileen Peerless, piano; Lucy Snell, flute; Takako Mato, clarinet; and Amy Hones, oboe, will perform works by Fuhrmeister, Croakley, Mozart, Ibert & Hart. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at Ijsnell@comcast.net.

Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir "Homeward Bound" Spring Concert

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 pm St. Mary's Ryken High School Auditorium 22600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown

Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$3 Youth 5 - 12 Years, Free for

Children Under 5



SMYOC presents an exciting and beautiful concert featuring 60+ talented southern Maryland youth instrumentalists and vocalists. The orchestra, under the direction of Andrew Smouse, and both choirs - *TrebleMakers* and *Capella* - under the direction of Jaclyn Chapman, join forces to share their "Homeward Bound" Spring Concert with you! Program includes selections from Broadway to Elgar and Journey to Aaron Copland! Find more concert details and SMYOC listings in the upcoming events at www.smyoc.org. Next round of auditions: May and August, 2016.

TWO LOCATIONS!

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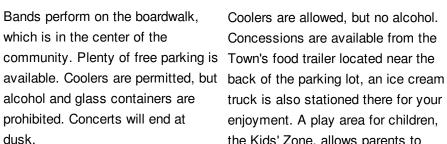
The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

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

SITTING



Thursdays, 7:00 pm O'Donnell Lake 10400 O'Donnell Place Waldorf



May 19 - US Army Rock Band, Downrange

May 26 - Anthony "Swampdog" Clark

June 2 - Project Natale

June 9 - Bucket List

June 16 - US Navy Band, Country Current

June 23 - Marguerite and NexXzit

June 30 - Eric Scott

July 7- US Naval Academy Band,

Electric Brigade

July 14 - I and I Riddim

July 21 - Franklin Square Acoustic

July 28 - Earl Carter

August 4 - Peterson Brothers

August 11 - Groovespan



Fridays, 7:00 pm La Plata Town Hall 305 Queen Anne Street La Plata

Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol. Concessions are available from the truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

May 27 - Drivin' Muzzy

June 3 - Franklin Square Band

June 10 - US Navy Band Country Current

June 17 - Three Days of Rain

June 24 - US Navy Band The Commodores

July 1 - Pork Donut

July 8 - Sara Gray Band

July 15 - U.S. Naval Academy Band

Electric Brigade

July 22 - US Navy Band The Sea

Chanters

July 29 - Dr. Robert Band

August 5 - 257th Army Band

August 12 - Eric Scott Band

August 18 - Sin Miedo

August 19 - The Muddy Crows

August 25 - US Navy Band,

Commodores

August 26 - Southern Maryland

Concert Band

September 1 - Tomorrow's Time

September 2 - John Luskey Band

For more information, go St. Charles

Sunset Concert Festival.

September 9 - Paul Thomas and

The M W B Band

September 16 - BackFin

September 23 - Port Tobacco

Pickers

September 30 - Robbie Boothe

For more information, go to La Plata

Summer Concert Series.

The Newtowne Players

A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song

May 20 - 29

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

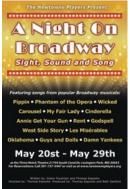
Three Notch Theater

21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Military, Senior, Member,

Student;

\$13 Children under 12



Join them for a magical journey to the heart and soul of Broadway as the Newtowne Players present renditions of favorite Broadway songs. For more information and to order tickets, call 301-737-5447, or visit http://newtowneplayers.org/index.html.

Port Tobacco Players

Rabbit Hole

May 20 - June 5

Buy Tickets Now!

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult, \$15 Senior, Youth to 18, Military



(Adult Drama & Language) Becca and Howie Corbett suffer a soul-shattering loss that takes them from the perfect family to a family adrift, searching for a way back. David Lindsay-Abaire's 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 the story with intelligence, candor, wit, and subtlety. After the loss, comes the journey. For more information call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or go to www.ptplayers.com.

Cecil Ray Comedy Club

Willie Brown & Friends

Saturday, May 21, 7:30 pm

Indian Head Black Box Theatre
4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$25, \$35 VIP (includes dinner, limited seating)



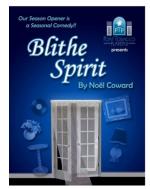
Cecil Ray Comedy Club Show was birthed out of a vision to entertain people through laughter and allow other comedians to showcase their gifts and talents without compromising, using vulgar language or explicit material. Special appearances by Cornbread, Cecil Ray, Miss Clareese and Curtis Gaskins. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to http://www.cecilraycomedy.com, or contact Tracy Chase at 571-245-7379, or

cecilraycomedy@gmail.com.

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for *Blithe Spirit*

Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am Monday, May 23, 7:00 pm

508 E. Charles Street, La Plata



Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward is a "seasonal comedy" in three acts calling for 5 women and 2 men. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are September 23 - October 9, 2016. For more information and character descriptions, go

to http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-

announcement.html, or contact the producer at rhonda@protocad.com.

Tantallon Community Players

Dreamgirls

May 27, 28, June 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior



Set to the beat of the rise of Motown, this dynamic musical pits the bonds of love and friendship against the pressure cooker of fame, image, and prejudice.

For more information, go to tantallonplayers.org.

Ms. Georgia's Summer Camps

Musical Beginnings For Children Ages 3 - 12

7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata, MD

Little Kids Camp (for ages 3-5)

June 6 - 9, July 18 - 21, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Big Kid Camps (for ages 5 - 12)

June 13 - 16, 27 - 30, July 11 - 14, 25 - 28, August 1 - 4,

9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Click <u>HERE</u> for the flyer with details of each exciting camp and fees.



Camps include archery, swimming, miniature golf, table tennis, open art and more. Each week focuses on a different theme. Call 301-542-9359, email georgiabonney@gmail.com, or go

to http://www.msgeorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net/ to register.

CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS

Indian Head Business Association
Local Artists Wanted
4th Annual Taste of Indian Head
Saturday, May 14, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Indian Head Village Green Pavilion
100 Walter Thomas Road, Indian Head Highway, Indian Head



The Association is seeking local artists, sculptors and painters. Each year, this event attracts over 500 people. There will be food, vendors, entertainment for all ages, expo's, dance performances, and fashion shows. Vendor space is \$25.00 for non-members and \$20.00 for members of the Indian Head Business Association. Contact Pam at 301-743-6777, for applications and more information, and visit their Facebook page, Taste of Indian Head, for updates.

Calling All Artists Dorchester Center for the Arts 2nd Annual Plein Air Golf Tournament and

Cocktail Party

Sunday, May 15, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Registration: 1:00 pm

Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and

Marina

100 Heron Boulevard (at Route 50), Cambridge, MD 21613

No Entry Fee, Participation Includes the Cocktail Party



Calling all artists to paint or draw any subject or scene at the golf course. Cash awards for Best of Show, placing 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention, with a \$25 gift certificate drawing for all other entries. Each completed painting will be entered in a live auction; the artists receive 65% of the sale (the balance benefits the Dorchester Center for the Arts). Click HERE to view the entry form and complete rules. For more information, call 410-228-7782, or visit dorchesterarts.org.

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



Deadline to Submit is May 16, 2016 Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from June 27 to September 24, 2016. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any

subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

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

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

On Saturday, July 23, 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 summer show.

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

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home "Call for Artists" For the Summer Art Show



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit: May 24, 2016

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Summer Art Show, a multimedia exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from June 16, 2016 to October 19, 2016. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway.

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 June. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.

On Saturday, September 24, 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 summer show.

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

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. Please include Special Summer Art Show in the subject line.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- o Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- o 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.

VISUAL ARTS (top)

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Paint-In

Saturday, May 14, 9:30 am

Charlotte Hall Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall



This month's project is a Renee Mullins' mini flag design, "Bless our Country." Click <u>HERE</u> to see a photo; the design is on the second row -- the house with the flag in red, white and blue. Guests are always welcome and should

contact SMDP for supplies required for this project. Email LearnToPaint@Outlook.com, or visit http://www.smdpaint.org. Any questions, contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835.

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.

Click **HERE** for their spring brochure!

MCAC Workshop

Plein Air

Fridays, May 13, 20, 27, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Fee: No Charge



There will be no instructor for these sessions. Come and paint. At 1:00 pm, eat lunch and critique each other's work. If there is rain, the participants will set up a still life inside.

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.

MCAC Open Photography Show Now through through May 22, 2016



National Gallery of Art Picture This! American Seascapes!

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind Wednesday, May 25 and Saturday, May 28, 1:00 pm 6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (use the Constitution Avenue or Madison Drive entrances for easiest access to the Rotunda)



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 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.

Port Tobacco Courthouse

First Friday Grand Opening

Friday, June 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Tickets: \$10, Call Mary at 301-375-7892, to Reserve Your

Ticket

Wine and Light Hors d'oeuvres will be Served

Public Exhibit: Saturday - Sunday, June 4 - 5, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free Admission, Donations Accepted



Visit the historic Port Tobacco Courthouse as local artists of all media display and sell their works. Members of the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Charles County Garden Club will exhibit their creations and many will be available to share their inspirations and techniques. For additional information, call 301-375-7892

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, June 12, 1:00 pm

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



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

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

LITERARY ARTS (top)

Life Journeys Writers Guild Nuts and Bolts Gathering Saturday, May 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm Waldorf West Library 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf Free and Open to the Public



A special feature for the Gathering will be a workshop on *Blogging: Get it started, and keep it flourishing!* They will tear down the challenges of blogging and build up your confidence to blog. Bring your laptops to go head-to-head (or come to listen), to learn and create your Blog. Blogging is a writer's tool to promote and build one's platform. Don't miss this

event. Invite your friends! For more information, call Yvonne J. Medley at 240-545-5594, or email yvonnejmedley@lifejourneyswritersguild.org.

Weekend Mini Writing Retreat

Getting Focused

Cheryl Holloway, Host Writer

Saturday - Sunday, May 28 - 29, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Click **HERE** for the Flyer

Cost: \$149, Includes continental breakfast, lunch and

snacks for both days

Call 1-877-974-8318 to register and for location details



Start or finish your novel. Write those poems. Revise that short story. Become part of an instant writing community.

There will be structured writing time and free writing time, as well as writing workshops. For more information, go

to http://www.cherylholloway.net or http://www.cherylholloway.net/Blog.

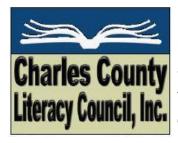
The Charles County Literacy Council Teach Adults to Read Volunteer Tutor Training Workshop June 18, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Christ Church, Old Durham Parish

8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy

FREE; \$30 Fee is WAIVED

Pre-registration required by June 8, and 4 hours online preparatory work required prior to the workshop



If you can read this you can teach an adult to read! Tutor notebooks and resources as well as light lunch fare will be provided. Once trained, volunteer tutors will be ma tched one-on-one with adults who need help improving their reading, math and English-speaking

skills, along with GED and ASVAB help. To register, visit the <u>News</u> page of CCLC's website at <u>www.charlescountyliteracy.org</u>, email the Literacy Council at charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net, or call the office at 301-934-6488.

Charles County Public Library Semi-Annual Author's Reception

Saturday, 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.

Charles County Library Schedules For May/June 2016



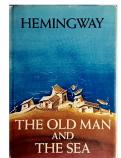
Get a copy of the May/June brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-645-1395 or go to http://www.ccplonline.org.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.



May 12: The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest

Hemingway. Told in language of great simplicity and power, it is the story of an old Cuban fisherman, down on his luck, and his supreme ordeal -- a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream. Here Hemingway recasts, in strikingly contemporary style, the classic theme of courage in the face of defeat, of personal triumph won from loss.

Written in 1952, this hugely successful novella confirmed his power and presence in the literary world and played a large part in his winning the 1954 Nobel Prize for Literature.

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

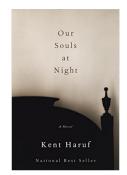
Oliveira. Mary Sutter is a brilliant young midwife who dreams of becoming a surgeon. Eager to run away from recent heartbreak, Mary travels to Washington, D.C., to help tend the legions of Civil War wounded. Under the guidance of two surgeons, who both fall unwittingly in love with her, and resisting 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.

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.

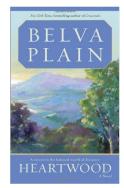


May 25: Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in the small town of Holt, Colorado, they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis' wife. His daughter lives hours away in Colorado Springs, her son even farther away in Grand Junction, and Addie and Louis have long

been living alone in houses now empty of family, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. This is a spare yet eloquent, bittersweet yet inspiring story of a man and a woman who, in advanced age, come together to wrestle with the events of their lives and their hopes for the imminent future.

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.

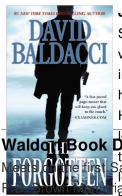


June 1: Heartwood by Belva Plain. Though Iris Stern considers herself a modern woman, with a successful career and a happy marriage, she still holds steadfast to her old-fashioned sensibilities. However, she often finds those sensibilities challenged by her children and the choices they have made. For Iris's daughter, Laura, a fresh start in New York City may be the last chance to save her troubled marriage, but as Laura copes with an impending separation and its effect on Iris' young granddaughter, Iris herself must come to grips with a

long-held family secret. An emotional parting of another kind looms most prominently on Iris' horizon, as neither her beloved husband nor her marriage is immune to the ravages of time. But like the inmost rings of a tree that abide through the generations, Iris will be as strong as heartwood.

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.



June 2: The Forgotten by David Baldacci. Army

Special Agent John Puller is the best there is. A combat veteran, Puller is the man the U.S. Army relies on to investigate the toughest crimes facing the nation. Now he has a new case--but this time, the crime is personal:

His aunt has been found dead in Paradise, Florida. The

local police have ruled his aunt's death an unfortunate, **Discussion Group** tragic accident. But just before she died, she mailed a Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the letter to Puller's father, telling him that beneath its ial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, For more beautiful veneer, Paradise is not all it seems to

information, call 301-645-2864. be. What Puller finds convinces him that his aunt's death was no accident .

June 4: Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brien.

This, the first in the splendid series of Jack Aubrey er revealed.

Aubrey, R.N., and Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and intelligence agent, against a thrilling backdrop of the Napoleonic wars. Details of a life aboard a man-of-war in Nelson's navy are faultlessly rendered: the conversational idiom of the officers in the ward room and the men on the lower deck, the food, the floggings,

the mysteries of the wind and the rigging, and the roar of broadsides as the great ships close in battle.

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 May copy 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.