

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

Performing • Visual • Literary

May 5, 2016

"Call for Visual Artists" Click [HERE!](#)

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

CCAA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION AND MEETING



*"Rose" Photography by Dianne Shisler,
Charles County Artist*

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

WALDORF WEST LIBRARY

On Saturday, May 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, members, friends and supporters of the Charles County Arts Alliance will gather for the CCAA Annual Membership Reception and Meeting, to be held in the main conference room at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, Maryland.

A full program is planned. During the opening social time, guests can enjoy refreshments while viewing the current art exhibit in the main gallery and on the second floor. The spring show, which runs through June 25, displays 55 works of art by 36 local artists.

Following the "meet and greet," attendees will be treated to presentations by the 2016 CCAA Scholarship recipients:

Henry E. Lackey High School - Quinn Waltman

La Plata High School - Joshua Lewis

Maurice J. McDonough High School - Dezmond Covington

North Point High School - Benjamin Busch

Thomas Stone High School - Cameron Reynolds

During the business session, various Committee Chairs will report on their activities, and members will then vote on the changes to the Bylaws as recommended by the Board of Directors. Click [HERE](#) to review the complete Bylaws and proposed changes.

Please contact the CCAA Office at info@charlescountyarts.org, or call 301-392-5900, to RSVP.

See you on Saturday, May 7!



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!

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, or by calling the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.

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 Bases. 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 acapvocens11@gmail.com.

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College of Southern Maryland

Music Student Honors Recital

Thursday, May 5, 2:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



CSM's best students perform at a public recital each semester. The recitals feature a variety of styles from classical instrumental and vocal solos to contemporary vocal and

guitar performances that represent the highest level of musicianship. For more information, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/recitals/index>.

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

Click [HERE](#) for details

College of Southern Maryland *Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert*

Saturday, May 7, 2:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

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, or visit www.csmd.edu/arts.

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College of Southern Maryland *Latin Ensemble Concert*

Sunday, May 8, 2:00 pm

Leonardtwn Campus

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 at the Door



Ritmo Caché, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Johnson, presents an encore concert from the Latin Festival, with additional music to celebrate Mother's Day. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or

bxoffc@csmd.edu.



Christ Church "Old" Durham Parish *Songs from the Highway*

Friday, May 13, 7:00 pm

Bullock's Piano Salon

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

8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy

Free Admission, Donations Accepted

Songs From The Highway

Peter Griggs, Guitarist



Guitarist/vocalist Peter Griggs from New York City will perform a selection of instrumentals and songs, including folk, blues, jazz and originals, on this all-American music program.

Fri. May 13 at 7 pm

For more information, contact Carl Lockamy 240-346-4130

Christ Church, Old Durham Parish

Admission: Free-will donation

8700 Ironsides Road Nanjemoy MD 20662

"Sizzling guitar playing!" (Dundee, Scotland)
"His fingers flew over the strings!" (Judson, NY)
"Peter Griggs performs magic!" (Cologne, Germany)

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.



Chameleon John



Community Bank of the Chesapeake

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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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



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

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



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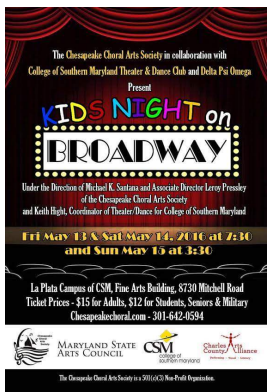
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Charles County Public Library

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society



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 the 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](https://www.facebook.com).

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!



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

For more information, contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.

College of Southern Maryland

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Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

The Newtowne Players

A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song

May 20 - 29

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

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>.

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.

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

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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.

Town of La Plata

Summer Concert Series

Fridays, 7:00 to 9:00 pm

The Grounds of the La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission!

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

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

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



Concertgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot, an ice cream 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 - Country

June 3: Franklin Square Band - Rock, Country, Blues, 90s Alternative, & Acoustic

June 10: US Navy Band Country Current - Country & Bluegrass

June 17: Three Days of Rain - Today's hits, 80s Dance, Funk, Classic Rock & Country

June 24: US Navy Band The Commodores - Jazz

July 1: Pork Donut - Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s

July 8: Sara Gray Band - Top 40 Country/Classic Rock

July 15: U.S. Naval Academy Band Electric Brigade - Pop & Rock Favorites

July 22: US Navy Band The Sea Chanters - Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, & contemporary

July 29: Dr. Robert Band - Classic Rock with an emphasis on the works of the Beatles

August 5: 257th Army Band - "The Band of the Nation's Capital"

August 12: Eric Scott Band - Acoustic Soul/Pop

August 19: The Muddy Crows - Americana/Alt Rock

August 26: Southern Maryland Concert Band - Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes

September 2: John Luskey Band - Pop, Country, & Rock

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.

September 9: Paul Thomas and The M W B Band - 50s & 60s Oldies

September 16: BackFin - Pop, Rock, Oldies, Country, Blues, & Funk

September 23: Port Tobacco Pickers - Bluegrass

September 30: Robbie Boothe - Country

For more information, visit www.townoflaplata.com.

CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS }

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. 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.

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

Date: Sunday, May 15, 2016
 Registration at 1:00 p.m.
 Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina
 100 Heron Blvd. at Route 30, Cambridge, MD 21613

No Entry Fee: There is no fee to enter. Just your participation includes the cocktail party. Plain air golf benefits also extend to the other golf courses in the area.
 Theme: Any artist (professional or amateur) may paint or draw any subject or scene at the golf course. Completed painting/drawing includes any golf on the 9-hole event course, or the Hyatt Dining Room (which could contain golf clubs, objects and apparel). The artwork must be completed by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Parking: 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Artists must check in at the event registration table by 1:00 p.m. and have the back of their original drawing/drawing completed, with their names on the back, to the location by 1:00 p.m. Golf cart party: Includes the use of a golf cart and a beverage bar at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina. \$150.00. Includes an appetizer only on Monday in the Hyatt Dining Room. \$150.00. Includes a beverage bar at 1:00 p.m. All other entries will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. (Judging will be done by the event committee, which includes art professionals, artists and art collectors.)

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____

Contact: Dorchester Center for the Arts*
 311 High Street, Cambridge, MD 21613
 dorchesterarts.org • 410.228.7782

*Send entry forms to this address.
 DCA Plain Air Golf Committee: Brittany Andrew, Alan Beck,
 Melissa Cook, Alison Hancock
 Meet us at the table of the cocktail party.
 Meet your local instructors during cocktail party.
 Golf proceeds benefit Dorchester Center for the Arts.



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 multi-media 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:

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

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

Exhibition Dates: Now through May 6

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

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, May 8, 1:00 pm

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



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

with 3 weeks' advance notice. To plan your trip and view hours and maps, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

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

Friday, May 6, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Barbara Stepura, member of MAPAPA (Mid-

Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association)



Experience the challenge of painting outdoors. This first session will include a brief explanation about plein air painting, demonstration, individual instructor attention and a lunch time critique. Any medium that you are experienced with may be used. Bring your lunch, painting supplies, one support (canvas or board), and a sturdy, portable easel suitable for outdoor work. Intermediate or advanced levels.

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

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

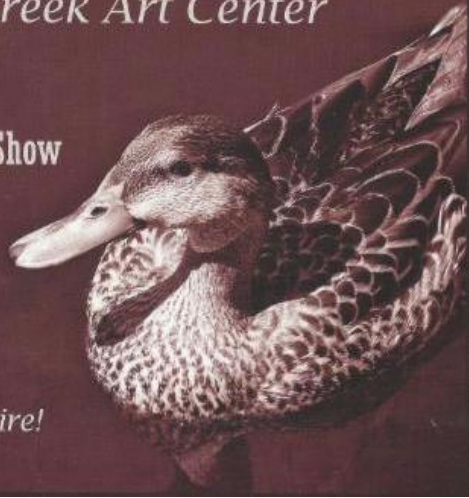


2016 Open Photography Show

April 22 through May 22

Reception: April 24 1:00-4:00

*Come join us to view
Images to enjoy and inspire!*



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 [HERE](#) 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.

You Are Invited!

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

"Meet the Artists" Reception

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



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.

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)**

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,



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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.

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

College of Southern Maryland *Spring 2016 "Connections" Magazine*

Publication Reading

Friday, May 6, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus Center for Business and Industry (BI)
Building

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room 103

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



Contributors to the Spring 2016
"Connections" Literary Magazine will
read and discuss their published
works. For more information,

visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community>.

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

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>.

Charles County Public Library

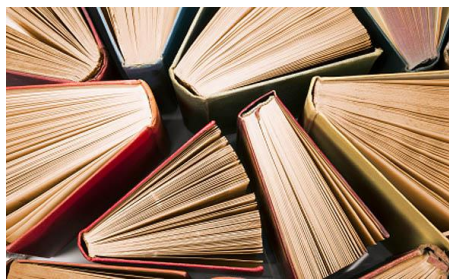
Semi-Annual Author's Reception

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

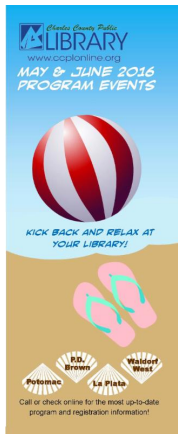


Local authors who would like to have their work featured at the Author's Reception need to submit a copy of their book to Sarah Guy, Program Coordinator, at any Charles County Public Library branch. Authors must include contact information and must be able to attend the Author's

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



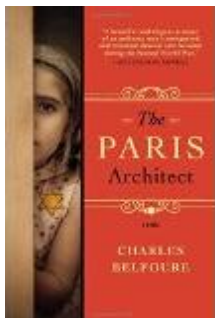
Get a copy of the [May/June](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information,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



Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

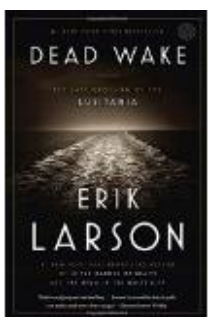


May 5: *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. In 1942 Paris, gifted architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money -- and maybe get him killed. But if he's clever enough, he'll avoid any trouble. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a wealthy Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a

challenge he can't resist. But when one of his hiding spaces fails horribly, and the problem of where to hide a Jew becomes terribly personal, Lucien can no longer ignore what's at stake. *The Paris Architect* asks us to consider what we owe each other, and just how far we'll go to make things right.

Waldorf Book Discussion Group

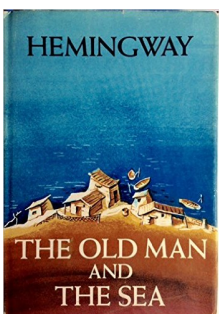
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



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 aching-- hubris, a chance fog, a closely guarded secret, and more-- all converged to produce one of the great disasters of history.

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.

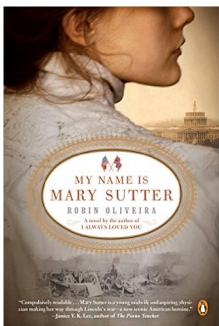


May 12: *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. Told in language of great simplicity and power, it is the story of an old Cuban fisherman, down on his luck, and his supreme ordeal -- a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream. Here Hemingway recasts, in strikingly 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.

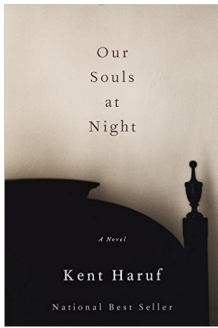


May 14: *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira. Mary Sutter is a brilliant young midwife who dreams of becoming a surgeon. Eager to run away from recent heartbreak, Mary travels to Washington, D.C., to help tend the legions of Civil War wounded. Under the guidance of two surgeons, who both fall unwittingly 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.

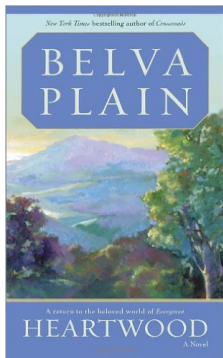


May 25: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in the small town of Holt, Colorado, they naturally have known of each other for decades; in fact, Addie was quite fond of Louis' wife. His daughter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

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.