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## Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows

Exhibits Run through June 2016

**Theresa Alo**

**Charles County Commissioners  
Gallery**



Theresa Alo graduated from Alfred University College of Ceramics in 1989 with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts. Continuing her education, she graduated in 1994 from Gallaudet University with a Masters of Arts Degree in Deaf Education, from Trinity College in 1996 with her Administrative Degree, and from The College of Notre Dame of Maryland University in 2003 with an Educational Specialist Degree in Leadership.

In 2010, Dr. Alo completed her Doctoral

**Nadira Nunez**

**Charles Regional Medical Center  
Gallery**



As a child, Nadira loved drawing but as she got older, she suppressed the artistic side of her for a while as work and family became her priority. As years went by, Nadira discovered that she could no longer suppress her love of art.

One day, Nadira stopped by a craft store and purchased paint and brushes and started painting. At first,



*Sunrise*

her paintings looked like they were done by



*Gravity*

Degree from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland University, contributing to the field of

Arts Education through her research entitled "The Effect of Visual Arts Education on At-Risk Students' Critical Thinking Skills and the Maryland English II High School Assessment," where she uncovered empirical evidence of the value of visual arts education.

Dr. Alo has always created her own artworks, but with her education completed, she is now concentrating on new bodies of work that are reflections of her life experiences. Her goal is to have the viewer experience similar emotions that she encountered through the piece of art.



*Tumble*



*Graceful*

Dr. Alo has been employed with the Charles County Board of Education for the past 27 years as a high school

arts teacher. She currently holds the position of Fine Arts Department Chair at North Point High School in Waldorf, Maryland. Additional artworks can be viewed on her website at [theresa-alo.com](http://theresa-alo.com).

The Commissioners Gallery can be viewed at [Commissioners Gallery](http://Commissioners Gallery). Dr. Alo's art works are available for purchase; she can

a child but that never stopped her from pursuing her dream to express her imagination on canvas for everyone to see.



*Serenity*

Nadira is a self taught artist, and some of her paintings are images from her imagination

while others are from photos. Whenever Nadira travels, she looks at nature's beauty and always imagines what a painting of what she sees would look like. She then puts it a on canvas and makes it come to life.

Her greatest joy comes from people admiring her work and wanting to own a piece of her art. She has been told by many of her viewers that they imagine themselves being in the place they see on the canvas. They find tranquility in her paintings.

Painting is Nadira's passion and the happiest time for her is spending time in her studio



*Red Trees Reflection*

and allowing her imagination to expand onto a canvas. She hopes that her paintings will continue to bring joy to her viewers as she wishes to continue painting as long as it is possible.

The Medical Center Gallery can be viewed at [Medical Center Gallery](http://Medical Center Gallery). Ms. Nunez's art works are available for purchase; she can be reached at [simplegirl451@yahoo.com](mailto:simplegirl451@yahoo.com).

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The Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery is located at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information, contact the Arts Alliance at 301-392-5900, [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org), or [www.charlescountyarts.org](http://www.charlescountyarts.org).