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Charles County Arts Alliance

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October 27, 2016

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2016 ANNUAL GRANTEE AND MEMBERSHIP GALA



Sunrise Tuscany by Ernest Sinnes, Charles County Artist

*Bella
Tuscany!*

Saturday, November 19,
2016

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Old Waldorf School
3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD

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

Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch

"Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit Extended to October 28, 2016



Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their fourth art show in 2016, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from November 18, 2016, to March 10, 2017

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

The email must include:

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

The artists will be notified in early November, after the Gallery Committee meets and makes their selections. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang when delivered to the Bank.

Beginning January 1, 2017, all artists participating in the CCAA-managed galleries must be current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance. Nonmembers are encouraged to join to be eligible to submit their art.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.

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18th Annual Ghosts of Sotterley

Witches in the Woods: Will You Make It Out Alive?

Thursday, October 27; Friday, October 28; and Saturday, October 29

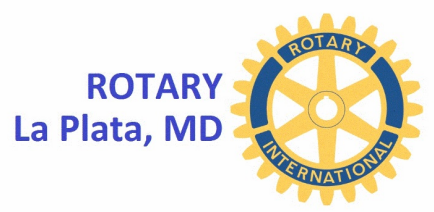
Production/Tour Times: 7:00 - 10:30 pm
 Historic Sotterley Plantation
 44300 Sotterley Lane, Hollywood
 Tickets: \$15, Children Under 2 are Free
 Advance Reservations Required - Online Tickets Only - No Tickets Sold at the Door. Tours are Scheduled for Specific Times and Held "Rain or Shine." Some Content May Not Be Suitable For Young Children.

Buy Tickets Now!

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There are witches in the woods. Can you spot them? Not everyone you encounter is who they seem. Join in for a thrilling adventure that will keep you guessing until the very last scene! Prepare to encounter both the earthly inhabitants and those not of this earth on this spooky outdoor walking tour production! Visitors will also have the opportunity to take the chill off by a roaring bonfire (weather permitting). Visit the Sotterley Museum Shop to purchase goodies for everyone on your holiday gift list. Group rates are available by calling 301-373-2280. For more information about the tour and theatrical production, visit <http://www.sotterley.org/ghosts-of-sotterley.htm>.

St. Charles High School Spartan Theatre Group
Little Shop of Horrors

Friday, October 28, 7:00 pm
 Saturday, October 29, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
 Sunday, October 30, 2:00 pm
 5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf
 Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$5 Students, Senior Citizens, Military

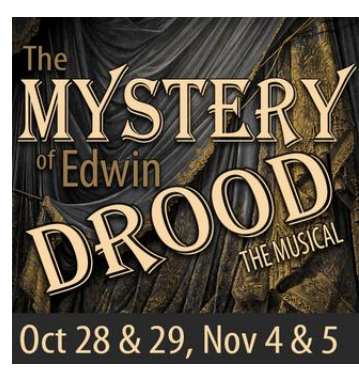


The show is set in a floral shop and follows the main character, Seymour, in his adventures as he cares for a plant that magically appears after the town experiences a solar eclipse. Seymour names the plant Audrey, after his love interest, and soon learns the plant requires human blood to survive. Call 301-753-2090 for additional show information.

Hickory Dickory Dark Productions
The Mystery of Edwin Drood

Buy Tickets Now!

Friday - Saturday
 October 28 - 29, November 4 - 5, 8:00 pm
 Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre
 4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head
 Tickets: \$20



This musical comedy opens with the cast of the Royal Music Hall in London, where the rowdy group of actors is about to portray one of the greatest mysteries of Victorian England. Charles Dickens had begun writing this very mystery "when he committed the one ungenerous deed of his noble career: He died." Accordingly, the cast needs the help of the audience to decide the real ending of the show. Who died? Whodunit? Who witnessed it? Who was the mysterious detective investigating the case? These are all questions the audience will

answer near the final curtain, creating an ending that will never be the same from show to show! And, of course, as with any charming musical, it should end with a love song between two characters of the audience's choice. For more information, go to <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org>.



College of Southern Maryland *Piscataway Connections Exhibit*

November 2 - 4

La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry (BI)
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Opening Ceremony: Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm,
Room 113

Exhibit : Thursday - Friday, November 3 - 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Room 124



Join CSM on Wednesday, November 2, as it celebrates the opening of the Piscataway Connections Exhibit in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. The ceremony will feature Piscataway Conoy Tribal Dancers and Drum. Refreshments will be served.

Speaker: Thursday, November 3, 2:30 - 4:00, Room 104

Mel Proctor will review Piscataway Conoy history from the time of contact with Europeans to today. Brenda Harley will discuss various factors involved in Piscataway Conoy Indian history. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact mmaddox2@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7659.

Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers

Monday, November 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Leonardtwn Campus Lawn
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Join the Student Association for a popular performance by Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers. For more information, call 240-725-5300 or 301-934-2251.

La Plata High School

Ripcord

Thursday - Saturday, November 3 - 5, 6:30 pm
6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Students



The play, by David Lindsay-Abaire, takes place in the Bristol Palace Senior Living Facility where a sunny room on an upper floor is prime real estate. When a main character, Abby, is forced to share her room with a new arrival, Marilyn, she plots

to find a way to rid herself of her new roommate. A harmless bet between the two women evolves into a game of one-upmanship with each woman revealing secrets from their past. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance through Jennifer Joyner, jjoyner@ccboc.com. Call 301-934-1100 for more

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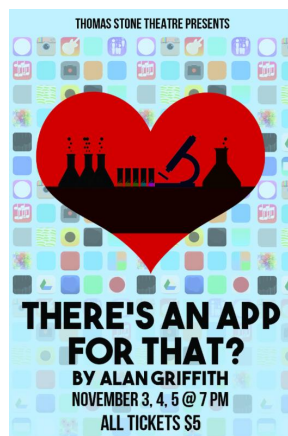
Thomas Stone High School

There's an App for That?

Thursday - Saturday, November 3 - 5, 7:00 pm

3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$5 General Admission



The show, by Alan Griffith, is a farce about high school. The plot includes foreign exchange students, multiple love triangles, a science experiment gone awry, lovable nerds and more. Call 301-645-2601 for more information.

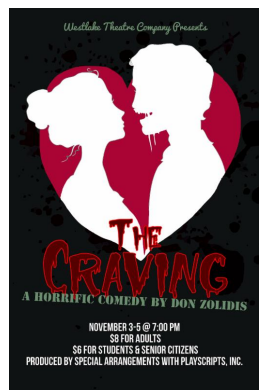
Westlake High School

The Craving

Thursday - Saturday, November 3 - 5, 7:00 pm

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$6 Senior Citizens and Students



The story by Don Zoldis follows a screenwriter, Terry Kyle Morris, who has just written his first screenplay and put his heart and soul into the piece. He is elated when a Hollywood producer picks up his piece and wants to produce it, but disappointed when his script is turned into a zombie horror movie. Call 301-645-8857 for more details.

Grace Church

The Grace Ole Opry

Friday - Saturday, November 4 - 5, 7:00 - 10:30 pm

13000 Zekiah Drive, Waldorf, MD

Free Admission, Donations Accepted



Featured guests for Friday: Bluegrass Gospel Express, Cedar Run, Corrick Brothers, CrossRoads, New Life Grass, Sonrise, Steve Potter Band and Virginia Gospel Singers. On Saturday, the program includes: Band of Brothers, Bluegrass Gospel Express, Cedar Run, CrossRoads, The Flea Bops, Sonrise, Steve Potter Band, and Tom & Elizabeth. For more information, call 301-645-0407.

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Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus

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

Saturday, November 5, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 day of the Concert



Southern Mix is a men's barbershop chorus that rehearses and performs on CSM's La Plata Campus. Membership is open to community members throughout Southern Maryland and music majors studying for credit. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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

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

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

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

Maurice J. McDonough High School

Midsummer Jersey

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Thursday, Friday, November 10, 11, 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 12, 2:00 and 6:30 pm

7165 Marshall Corner Road, Pomfret

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Students, Senior Citizens, Military; \$7

Children



A modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the show is set on the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern day New Jersey, and features an impending marriage of the Governor of New Jersey, the love affairs of four beach-bound high school crushes, a crew of fairies and workers at a local beauty salon. Visit www.mcdonoughdrama.com to purchase tickets. Requests for handicapped seats can be emailed to Jana Heyl at jhey1@ccboe.com. Call 301-934-2944 for more information.

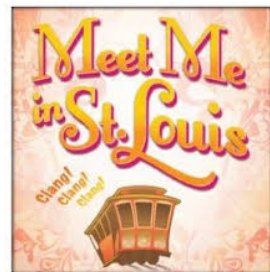
North Point High School

Meet Me in St. Louis

Thursday - Saturday, November 10 -12, 7:00 pm

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$10 General Admission; \$5 Students and Senior Citizens



The show follows the adventures of the Smith family in the early 1900s and their four beautiful daughters as they prepare to abruptly leave the area and relocate to New York just as the World Fair is scheduled to be held there. Call 301-753-1759 for more information.

College of Southern Maryland

Pinocchio

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Thursday, November 10 and 17, 7:30 pm

Friday, November 11 and 18, 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 12, 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 19, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below



Pinocchio is an original musical based on the classic fairy tale by Carlo Collodi about the puppet who wanted to become a real boy. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Maryland State Arts Council

2016 Maryland Traditions Heritage Awards

Friday, November 11, 7:30 pm

Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center

7995 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Click [HERE](#) to Reserve Your Free Ticket

Presented by THE MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

THE 2016 MARYLAND TRADITIONS HERITAGE AWARDS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:30 P.M. **RESERVE YOUR FREE TICKETS!**

Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center

The poster features a dark red background with a subtle pattern of traditional Maryland items like a horseshoe and a wooden barrel. The text is in bright yellow and white.

Join us in honoring outstanding keepers of Maryland's heritage in three categories:



Person
CHUM NGEK
MONTGOMERY COUNTY
MASTER OF
CAMBODIAN TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Place
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AND AMUSEMENTS**
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Tradition
**MAPLE SYRUP MAKING
BY THE STEYERS
AND SHINHOLTS**
GARRETT COUNTY
ALLEGANY COUNTY

ALSO FEATURING MARYLAND'S TWO 2016 NEA NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOWS:

IN PERFORMANCE BILLY McCOMISKEY Master of the Irish button accordion IN CONVERSATION MIKE VLAHOVICH Maritime culture advocate

Honoring outstanding keepers of Maryland's heritage in three categories: Person, Place and Tradition. For more information, call 240-567-5973 or 240-567-5794, or visit <http://mcblogs.montgomerycollege.edu/cac/maryland-traditions>.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Jacques Wiecech, Countertenor

Sunday, November 13, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus



Jacques Wiecech is a professional countertenor, a singer who specializes in male vocal repertoire that is written in a range usually sung by women. A popular genre in the 18th century, countertenor music was performed by the leading singers of the era. In 2010, Wiecech was a student of Brian Parsons of the Conservatory of Lyon while studying in London. He has been invited to sing in two high-profile operatic performances in 2017: in January, the role of Third Spirit in Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at Anne Arundel Community College; and in the summer, the music of the early Baroque master Claudio Monteverdi in a production of *The Coronation of Poppea* at

professional venues in Italy. A resident of Baltimore, Wiecech uses funding from his professional vocal performances to support charitable causes such as the Anne Arundel County Foster Parent Association. He uses his diverse background as performer and athlete to combat stereotyping through his work in anti-bullying campaigns in the schools. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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Auditions for Ages 8 and Older

Monday - Tuesday, November 14 - 15, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Open auditions for these productions:

- *The Library/The Amish Project* (Cause Theatre)
- *Blood Relations* (Main Stage)
- *A Wrinkle In Time* (Children's Theatre)
- *Knuffle Bunny* (Children's Theatre musical)

Performances will take place between January 26 and March 11, 2017.

- Prepare a one-minute monologue.
- Prepare 16 bars of a song with music for the accompanist
- Come dressed to move

For more information, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/auditions/index> or call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Henry E. Lackey High School

Do Not Go Gentle

Friday, Saturday, November 18, 19, 6:30 pm

Sunday, November 20, 2:00 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$7 Students, Senior Citizens, Military; \$6

Thespians

**DO NOT
GO GENTLE**

The production features the life of Lillian, an 84-year-old woman who recently passed away. The show follows Lillian as she attempts to teach her surviving loved ones lessons about life, and features flashbacks of Lillian's life. Call 301-743-5431 for more information.

National Cherry Blossom Festival

Sing into Spring Competition

Open to Residents of DC, Maryland and Virginia, Ages 15 and Up

Applicants Under 18 Require Parental Consent

Deadline to Apply: November 18, 2016

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details and to Register

Click [HERE](#) for Videos of Last Year's Applicants



The National Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. is seeking vocal talent for the 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade®. The Festival will present vocal soloists and/or group vocalists from the Washington, DC, area to perform in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade® on Saturday, April 8, 2017. To be considered, submit the online application and \$15 entry fee (payable by credit card only). All entry fees are non-refundable. The competition is comprised of video entries posted at youtube.com. For more information, contact Diana Cirone at dcirone@ncbfdc.org.

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HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW! CCAA-SPONSORED ART GALLERIES



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show by Ernest Sinnes, through January 11, 2017

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646

Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show, through April 19, 2017

E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway

29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through November 18, 2016

3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Solo Show by David Zippi, through January 12, 2017
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through January 7, 2017
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Exhibits, Workshops, Open Studio

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.

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors! Inform the Park Ranger
when entering the Park.

Click [HERE](#) for the Fall Brochure and Information on Early Bird
Registration Discounts!

Mattawoman Creek Art Center *Open Studio*

Fridays, Now through December 9, 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.

Plein Air Workshop

Saturday, October 29, 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.)

Pysanky by Mary (Handcrafted Ukrainian Eggs)

Saturday, November 12, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Mary Whitmore



Mary Whitmore learned how to make Ukrainian painted eggs at the age of 8 from her Slovenian grandmother, a tradition she has carried on through today. Eggs are made with simple to complex designs using a wax stylus and dyes. Mary will teach simple Christmas designs and then convert them to hanging ornaments, if preferred. Painted eggs are traditionally given to friends, neighbors and religious leaders as a symbol for rebirth, resurrection and a good harvest. A \$5.00 fee will be paid to the instructor for a Ukrainian egg decorating kit that will include many designs, stylus, wax and dyes to make further eggs as desired.

MCAC Holiday Tea

Sunday, November 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free, Donations Appreciated



Enjoy scrumptious delights and shop their Holiday Show.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Holiday Salon

Now through December 11

**The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and
Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.**

Come shop for beautiful and unique presents for the holidays!



44th Annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival

2017 Cover Art Competition

Deadline to Enter: November 1, 2016

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details and Entry Form



Each year the Festival uses art celebrating sheep and wool to create a new design for the catalog cover, poster, t-shirts and other items available at the Festival. This has become a distinctive part of each year's Festival and prizes are awarded to the winners. For more information, go to <http://sheepandwool.org>.

College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Dominic Sansone's #the drone life

Now through November 3

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Sansone's current body of artwork is a critical response to the disproportionate role of the Military Industrial Complex in our society. There is always a new enemy or evil to vanquish leading to war without end. Ultimately, his body of work is born of his own identity and his response to it as a former member of the Military Industrial Complex, and having grown up during the

height of the Cold War in the 1980s. In the end, these works do not answer the questions or propose solutions, but hopefully cause the viewer to consider, with more than a cursory glance, the visual culture of our cities, our entertainment, our public art, and our media.

Quality Printers

Holi-Pop 2016

Call for Submissions

Deadline: November 4, 11:59 pm

Click [HERE](#) for the Complete Guidelines and Submission Form

Public Reception: November 25, Exhibition Runs to January 7, 2017

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains



In an effort to increase the visibility of artists in the Tri-County area of Southern Maryland, local artists Eric Giles, Laura Lisak and Joseph Wimberly have joined forces with Quality Printers and SMC3 to bring forth the second annual Holi-Pop Gallery. Up to three (3) works may be submitted. This is a juried exhibition. All accepted works must be framed and ready to hang. Accepted artists will be notified on or before November 11, 2016. For more

information, contact holipop.gallery@gmail.com.

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



Deadline to Submit is November 10, 2016 **Theme is "Artists Choice"**

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Winter Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from January 9 - April 8, 2017. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Nonmembers are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Waldorf West Winter 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

Arts Alliance members 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 in December. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang at time of delivery.

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, 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 winter show.

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

National Gallery of Art ***Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices***

Tour on Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm
East Building, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC (use the Mall entrance or 6th and Constitution
Avenue 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.

Maryland Federation of Art

Focal Point Annual Photography show

Circle Gallery

18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401

Deadline to Apply: November 15

Click [HERE](#) for Details and Entry Instructions

Click [HERE](#) to Download the Prospectus.

The Selected Works will be on Exhibit January 26 - February 25, 2017



From photography to filmmaking, computers have forever expanded ways for artists to capture and produce their work. MFA celebrates this disruption by changing their annual photography show, *Focal Point*, to an exhibition examining artistic use of digital media. Eligible artwork may be either 2-D or 3-D work that is created and/or produced through the use of software, whether purchased or artist-created, including photography, graphic design, digital painting, video, projection, and limited only by the artist's imagination. Juror is Hamidah Glasgow, Executive Director and Curator at [The Center for Fine Art Photography](#). Cash awards total \$1000.

Mr. Callahan
by Nan Thompson

Western Maryland Blues Fest

"Call for Visual Artists"

Deadline to Apply: November 16, 2016

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details and Guidelines



The Western Maryland Blues Fest is currently searching for their 2017 Visual Artist. This artist's work will be featured on all of the merchandise and official advertising for the event, which will take place from June 1-4, 2017, in Hagerstown, MD. For more information, visit

<http://blues-fest.org>, or contact Lauren Metz at 301-739-8577, ext. 116, or email lmetz@hagerstownmd.org.

National Gallery of Art

Picture This! Home Sweet Home: American Life through the Ages

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Wednesday, November 23, and Saturday, November 26, 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)



A Pastoral Visit
by Richard Norris Brooke

Picture This tours incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art. Tours meet at 1:00 pm by the information desk 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.

Charles County Public Library

Calling All Artists for the Mobile Library!

Deadline to Submit: December 30, 8:00 pm



The Library is looking for high-quality graphics fitting the theme of learning, discovery and technology to use on their new mobile library (debut date: April 2017). If you have design talent, submit your art for the mobile library to marketing@ccplonline.org in a .tiff, .jpg or .psd format, no later than December 30, 2016, at 8:00 pm. Include your name and your contact information to be notified if your art is chosen to decorate their

vehicle. All art that is submitted MUST be original and un-copyrighted. For more information, go to <https://ccplonline.org/services/mobilelibrary>.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Big Quarterly Gathering: Authors 'n Things

Showcase Party

Saturday, October 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

The Legends Club, Blue Crabs Stadium, 11765 St. Linus Drive, Waldorf

Free Admission



Be part of the Literary Party, complete with food, fun, music, and more! Get the literary jump on your holiday shopping, too! Give the gift of a good read. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 240-545-5594.

College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Series

Rick Benjamin, Poet

Friday, November 4, 7:30 pm

Leonardtwn Campus

Building A, Auditorium

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tickets: \$3 in Advance; \$5 at the Event



Rick Benjamin is the State Poet of Rhode Island. He teaches or has taught at Brown University, the Rhode Island School of Design, the MFA Program in Interdisciplinary Arts at Goddard College, in many schools, and in community and assisted living centers, where he spent good time in the company of people who ranged in age from six to ninety-six. Rick believes that poetry can play a primary role in helping to build community and that communities are vibrant and connected when they are engaged with the medium of poetry. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series>.

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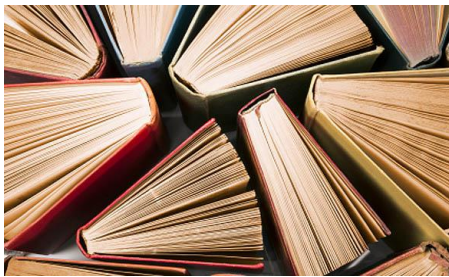
Call for Authors

Deadline to Submit: December 15, 2016; 8:00 pm

Reception: February 18, 2017, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

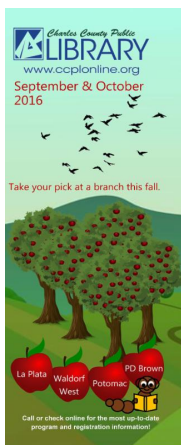


Local authors (currently living in Southern MD) who would like to have their work featured at the Author's Reception should submit a copy of their book (it will be returned at the author's request after the event or it can be added to the library's circulating collection) to Sarah Guy, Program Coordinator, at the any Charles County Public Library branch. All items

submitted will be reviewed by CCPL's Acquisitions Department to verify the submission meets library minimum standards. Authors must include contact information and must be able to attend the Author's Reception on February 18, 2017. Authors will present a brief (2 - 3 minute) overview of their book and will be able to sell copies to the public. For more information, contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395, ext. 417, or SGuy@ccplonline.org.

Charles County Library Programs

For [September/October](#) and [November/December](#) 2016



Get a copy of the [September/October](#) and [November/December](#) brochures to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are art classes, computer classes, book discussions for all ages, movies, 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>.

Charles County Public Library

Stream TV, Movies and Music for FREE

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CCPL is excited to announce the public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. hoopla is a

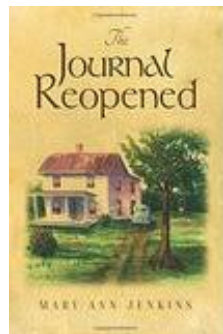
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[Adult Discussion Book Groups](#)

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.



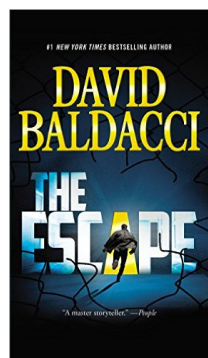
November 2: *The Journal Reopened* by Mary Ann Jenkins.

This is the sequel to *The Witch's Journal*. "When I began reading my grandmother's journal, I knew that my grandmother, Sadie Crowe, was talking to me from beyond the grave through her words. I really didn't want to hear all those things Grandmother told me, but she convinced me to start my own journal and trust in God. What I wrote in my journal was straight from my heart, just like grandmother suggested. However, the secrets I revealed could possibly come back to haunt me in the future. Hard feelings, hate, and misunderstandings might have a way of rearing their ugly heads for me as they did

for Grandmother."

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

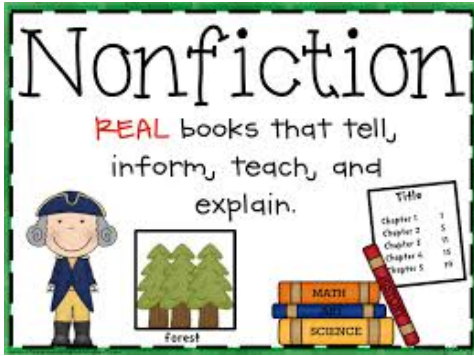
Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more information, call 301-934-9001.



November 3: *The Escape* by David Baldacci. It's a prison unlike any other. Military discipline rules. Its security systems are unmatched. None of its prisoners dream of escaping. They know it's impossible . . . until now. John Puller's older brother, Robert, was convicted of treason and national security crimes. His inexplicable escape from prison makes him the most wanted criminal in the country. Some in the government believe that John Puller represents their best chance at capturing Robert alive, and so Puller must bring in his brother to face justice. As the nationwide manhunt for Robert grows more urgent, Puller's masterful skills as an investigator and strengths as a fighter may not be enough to save his brother-or himself.

P.D. Brown Library Adult Book Discussion Group

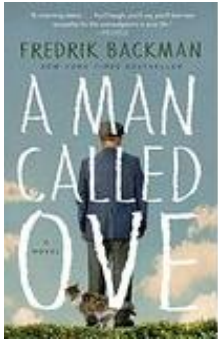
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



November 5: Self-Selected Non-Fiction. Choose any non-fiction title and share your reactions with the group.

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

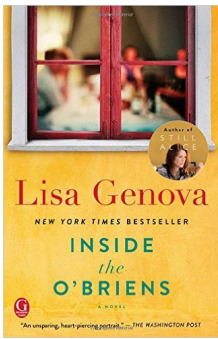
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



November 10: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. Behind the cranky exterior, there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

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.



November 23: Inside the O'Briens by Lisa Genova. Joe O'Brien is a 43-year-old police officer from the Irish Catholic neighborhood of Charlestown, Massachusetts. A devoted husband, proud father of four children in their twenties, and respected officer, Joe begins experiencing bouts of disorganized thinking, uncharacteristic temper outbursts, and strange, involuntary movements. He initially attributes these episodes to the stress of his job, but as these symptoms worsen, he agrees to see a neurologist and is handed a diagnosis that will change his and his family's lives forever: Huntington's disease.

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Community Senior Centers
Get the [SCOOP](#) on What's Happening!



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

Contact Us

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.