



Arts Newsflash

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December 15, 2016

You are Invited!

Charles County Arts Alliance Hosts *"Paint Party"*

All Proceeds Benefit
CCAA Arts Scholarship Program



Monday, January 9, 2017

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Boston's Restaurant
(across from Waldorf West Library)
10440 O'Donnell Place
Waldorf, MD 20603

REGISTER NOW!

Registration Fee is \$35

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2017

Snow Date: Monday, January 23, 2017

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December 2016
Arts Insider

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Every year, the Charles County Arts Alliance offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a talented, high-achieving student at each of our 7 high schools in Charles County, to be applied to tuition at a 4-year college or university for studies toward a career in the performing, visual and literary Arts.



The public is invited to join us at our very first Arts Alliance "Paint Party" fundraiser to be held at Boston's Restaurant in Waldorf, on Monday evening, January 9, 2017, from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. If the minimum of 8 registrants is not met, or in case of inclement weather, the Paint Party will be postponed to Monday, January 23, 2017.



Come join in the fun of creating your very own artwork while helping us raise the \$7,000 needed to provide the 7 CCAA Arts Scholarships in 2017. Lorina Harris of ArtSmart Studio in Bryans Road, will lead the paint party. All supplies are provided and you get to take your masterpiece home! 100% of your payment goes to the CCAA Arts Scholarship Program. Boston's has also agreed to donate a percentage of your food purchases made during the Paint Party.



The all-inclusive cost for this Arts Alliance fundraising event is \$35 (non-refundable). You can register and pay through PayPal, send a check to CCAA, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695, or pay in person at the CCAA Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, at 10250 La Plata Road (Rt. 488), La Plata, MD.

Thank you for your support!

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



PERFORMING ARTS {top}



Port Tobacco Players

Irving Berlin's White Christmas

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

December 15 - 18

Thursday - Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Seniors (60+), Military, Youth to 18



Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs! Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a

Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. White Christmas is an uplifting musical for the whole family! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

The Newtowne Players

Holmes for the Holidays or the Game's Afoot

December 15 - 18

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior/Student/Military; \$10 Child

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



It is Christmas Eve, 1936. William Gillette, an actor famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. This glittering whodunit has murder, infidelity, wit, and surprises—something for everyone. For more information, call 301-737-5447.

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Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre *Holiday Sing-Along and Open Mic*

Friday, December 16, 7:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$10, Available at the Door, Cash Only



Join in for a festive holiday sing-along event! Singers from across Southern Maryland will be coming together for an evening of merry music, and they want you to join in! You'll hear your favorite classics mixed with some modern tunes. Holiday raffle baskets, Christmas punch and festive decorations make for a warm evening of holiday cheer. For more

information, call 301-743-3040, or visit indianheadblackbox.org.

Watermelon, Inc.

Christmas Show

Friday - Saturday, December 16 - 17, 7:00 pm

College of Southern Maryland Leonardtown Campus

Building A Auditorium, 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tickets: \$5 at the Door, Children 12 and under are FREE



Watermelon's

Christmas Show

The Watermelon, Inc. Choir and children from the local community present an evening of Christmas cards and other songs that are sure to lift your spirits.

Santa will make a visit, too! For more information, go to www.watermeloninc.org, or email watermelon@watermeloninc.org.

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre *Comedy with a Cause, Featuring Marcus Brown*

Saturday, December 17, 7:30 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$20, Available at the Door



New series of comedy shows. Native Washingtonian Marcus Brown will keep you in stitches with his versatile, educated and urban style of comedy. For more information, call 301-743-3040, or go to indianheadblackbox.org



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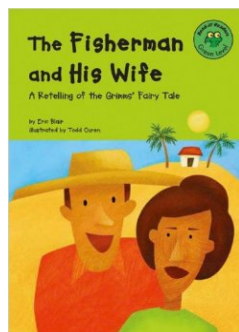
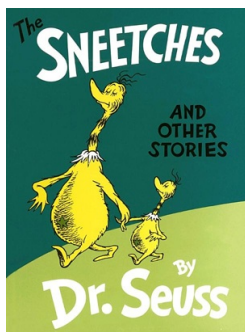
Indian Head Center for the Arts and DaKe Productions

The Sneetches and *The Fisherman and His Wife*

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$5 Adults, \$7 Children (under 15), Available at the Door



Enjoy an afternoon of children's plays. For more information, call 301-743-3040, or visit indianheadblackbox.org

Watermelon One-Act Festival

Call for Script Submissions!

Deadline to Apply: February 14, 2017



Watermelon
One-Act Festival

The Baltimore Regional Representative for The Dramatists Guild of America will be one of the adjudicators for the Watermelon One-Act Festival (WOAF) hosted by St.

Mary's College of Maryland on June 3-4, 2017. Given this special opportunity to receive professional feedback on original works, WOAF will consider original script submissions that have been shown in past WOAF festivals.

Playwrights, this is a special opportunity to submit your best short plays! Preference will be given to plays less than 30-minutes running time and with a committed director. For more information about The Dramatists Guild of America, go to <http://www.dramatistsguild.com>. For more information about the festival, visit www.watermeloninc.org.

Maryland Arts Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. John's College
Mellon Hall, Francis Scott Key Auditorium
60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD



Registration for Maryland Arts Day 2017 is now OPEN!
Early Bird Registration : \$25 per Person until February 3
\$40 per Person February 4 - 10

Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch,
parking and free shuttle to St. John's College

REGISTER NOW!

Join hundreds of arts advocates in Annapolis as we raise our voices in support of public funding for the arts. This year will be extra special as MCA celebrates its 40th Birthday!

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state, this state-wide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland.

Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and the impact they have on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.

For more information, visit <http://www.mdarts.org>.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

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

Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS

PNC Bank

Port Tobacco Players

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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 March 10, 2017

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.

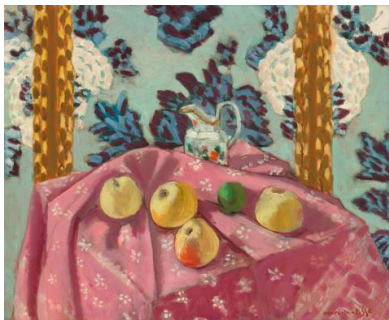
National Gallery of Art

Picture This! An Explosion of Color! Matisse and Bonnard

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Saturday, December 17, and Wednesday, December 28, 1:00 pm

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



Still Life with Apples on a Pink Tablecloth by Henri Matisse, 1924

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 East 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 Bradford 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.

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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.

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>.

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Saturday, January 14, 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 Saturday of every month and last about an hour. Meet the guide in the Rotunda of the East 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](#).

Beginning January 7, 2017, ASL Family Tours will be offered on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 am. For more information, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Bradford at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Charles County Public Library

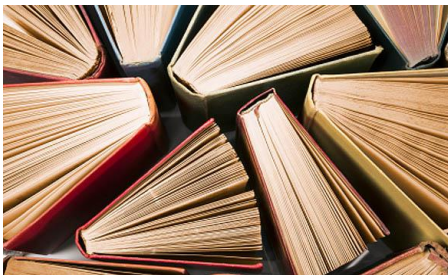
Call for Authors

Deadline to Submit: TODAY! 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 Arts Alliance and PNC Foundation

Arts Scholarships Are Now Available!

Deadline to Apply: March 17, 2017



Each year, the Arts Alliance offers \$1000 scholarships to one eligible graduating student from each of the high schools in Charles County. The funds are to be applied toward tuition in a 4-year college or university to advance the education of the student toward a career in the arts. In addition, the Arts Alliance has partnered with the PNC Foundation to award \$1000 scholarships to three seniors who meet certain financial requirements.

Click [HERE](#) to download the CCAA Scholarship Application.

Click [HERE](#) to download the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application.

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

Charles County Library Programs For November/December 2016 and January/February 2017



Get a copy of the November/December and January/February 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

Click [HERE](#) to start your hoopla experience today!



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

category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow,

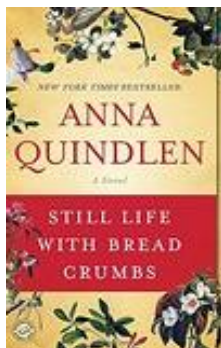
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[Adult Discussion Book Groups](#)

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

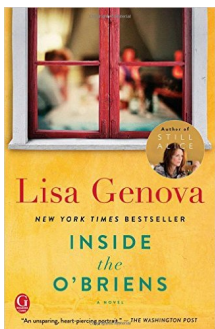
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information.



December 28: *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen. The novel begins with an imagined gunshot and ends with a new tin roof. Between the two is a wry and knowing portrait of Rebecca Winter, a photographer whose work made her an unlikely heroine for many women. Her career is now descendent, her bank balance shaky, and she has fled the city for the middle of nowhere. There she discovers, in a tree stand with a roofer named Jim Bates, that what she sees through a camera lens is not all there is to life.

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.



January 5: *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.

P.D. Brown Library Adult Book Discussion Group

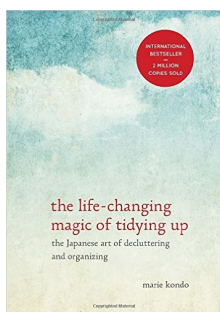
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



January 7: Self-Selected Poetry. Bring in a favorite poem or two to share with the group. Original compositions welcomed.

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

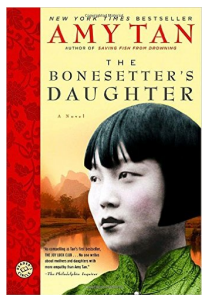
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



January 12: *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo. Despite constant efforts to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles? Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Meets on the last Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, contact the Waldorf Senior Center at 301/638-4420.



January 25: *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy

Tan. Ruth Young and her widowed mother, LuLing, have always had a tumultuous relationship. Now, before she succumbs to forgetfulness, LuLing gives Ruth some of her writings, which reveal a side of LuLing that Ruth has never known. In a remote mountain village where ghosts and tradition rule, LuLing grew up in the care of her mute Precious Auntie as the bonesetter. When headstrong LuLing rejected the marriage proposal of the coffinmaker, a

shocking series of events were set in motion, following Ruth and LuLing to modern San Francisco. The truth that Ruth learns from her mother's past will forever change her perception of family, love, and forgiveness.

COMMUNITY ARTS {top}

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

Contact Us

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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.

