



ARTSFEST 2016

Saturday, June 11, 2016

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

La Plata, MD



Rain Date • Sunday, June 12, 2016 • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

"Paint Brushes" artwork by local artist Mary Wilmoth

Prints available at www.CornerStudioArtworks.com

For more info, call Charles County Arts Alliance: 301.392.5900

or email: info@charlescountyarts.org

www.charlescountyarts.org






County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland

Proclamation

ARTSFEST DAY IN CHARLES COUNTY
June 11, 2016

ArtsFest History

This year, the Charles County Arts Alliance is celebrating the 24th anniversary of its first ArtsFest! The Arts Alliance, founded in 1987, spearheaded the first countywide all-day festival of the arts in 1992, called "A Touch of the Arts," and it was held indoors at the St. Charles Towne Center mall in Waldorf. In 1998, the arts festival was moved outdoors to quaint Cobb Island, and it was renamed the "Island Artsfest." Then in 2001, the festival again was on the move, this time to the western part of the county — to the beautiful Village Green in Indian Head, and spent 10 years there, as "River Artsfest." In 2012, ArtsFest moved to the center of Charles County, and the county seat, La Plata. So over the past 23 years the Arts Alliance's arts festivals have been held in the north, south, west and center of Charles County, in order to be easily accessible to adults, children and families everywhere, both in the population center and in underserved areas of the county.

These ArtsFests have become annual events that the citizens of Charles County and all of Southern Maryland look forward to each year. They celebrate ALL the arts and talented artists of our region: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature. Something for every-

one to enjoy! Professional and amateur performing and visual artists, "hands-on" art for all ages, informative displays, great fellowship — and it's all FREE!

Charles County Arts Alliance

Founded in 1987 by a group of concerned citizens, the Charles County Arts Alliance today is a vibrant, dynamic organization. It conducts many programs, projects and events throughout the year in Charles County, and is well-known for its philanthropic activities in supporting other arts organizations, arts education, and individual artists, arts lovers, and patrons of the arts. The Arts Alliance supports all the arts: performing, visual and literary. Some of the current programs and activities of the Charles County Arts Alliance include:

- Five Free Public Gallery Spaces
 - Charles Regional Medical Center
 - County Government Building
 - Waldorf West Library
 - Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
 - Community Bank of the Chesapeake
- "Back to School" Art Boxes
- Charles County Fair Fine Arts Building
- Arts Grants to Nonprofit

- Organizations and Schools
- Arts Scholarships
- Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis
- Celebrate La Plata Day
- Arts Insider Monthly E-Newsletter
- Arts Newsflash Weekly E-News Update
- Arts Vision 2020 Strategic Plan
- ArtsFest 2016

Please join us and help us promote the arts and enhance the quality of life for Charles County citizens. Please use the membership form on this page, and bring it to our Arts Alliance Welcome Tent at ArtsFest 2016! Or you may mail it to us along with your check, or join us online via PayPal at www.charlescounty-arts.org. Thanks!

About the Artist - Mary Wilmoth

Our official artwork for ArtsFest 2016 is "Paint Brushes" by local artist Mary Wilmoth. Color, form and line fascinate Ms. Wilmoth. For many years she explored them through cloth and thread in the form of quilting and needlework. Painting is the continuation of that exploration through the use of pigment and brushes. Her artwork, "Paint Brushes," is fresh, modern, and strikingly beautiful. We love it!

**Charles County Arts Alliance
Join Us!!!**

Membership Form

Membership Categories (check one):

- Platinum Circle - \$500
- Gold Circle - \$250
- Silver Circle - \$150
- Arts Patron - \$125
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**CHARLES COUNTY
ARTS ALLIANCE**

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. 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 Commerce 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.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, 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. The CCAA receives funding in part through grants from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Charles County Government, memberships, corporate, business, and individual donations, and fundraising.

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The Port Tobacco Players was voted one of Maryland's Finest Theaters in the Maryland life magazine poll for the second year in a row! This all volunteer organization has offered live theater to the citizens of Southern Maryland since 1947. Participation is open to anyone who has an interest in theater. The actors and technical crew are populated primarily from the residents of the area. The Players perform in their own theater at 508 Charles Street in La Plata, Maryland.

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In addition to the main stage shows, the Players sponsor the Encore Kids with members from grades 1 through 8. They perform for audiences throughout the county. The youth learn invaluable theatre skills involving stage presence, auditioning, acting and choreography. Venues include the County Fair, the Town of La Plata, nursing homes, the Festival of Trees, ArtsFest and Community Centers

For reservations and more information, call 301-932-6819 or visit our website at www.ptplayers.org


ARTSFEST
2016

Special Events!

“BARRELS BY THE BAY” POTOMAC PROJECT

All Day — West Lawn, Near Splash Pad



The Charles County Arts Alliance is thrilled to announce that we have been selected to kick-off the brand-new “Barrels by the Bay” Potomac Project in Charles County! ArtsFest 2016 is the inauguration!

The “Barrels by the Bay” Potomac Project at ArtsFest 2016 is a community environmental awareness workshop being held throughout the day for adults, families and children to enjoy. Enjoy this truly unique opportunity to learn more about our beloved Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay watershed, and conserving water resources – using artistic expression! This special event takes place just one week following World Environment Day 2016. Other “Barrels by the Bay” workshops have been held in Annapolis, the Eastern Shore, and Baltimore, to name a few.

“Barrels by the Bay” is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on bringing awareness to our world’s water resources. “Barrels by the Bay” has teamed up with The Coca-Cola Company to convert used cola syrup barrels into beautiful, imaginative and functional rain barrels. The Potomac Project, funded in part by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, is an opportunity for the citizens of Southern Maryland, and later this year, students in the Charles County schools, to understand more about water resources, conservation and good environmental stewardship.

The “Barrels by the Bay” Potomac Project is unique in bringing greater understanding and appreciation of the Chesapeake Bay watershed and the critical role of the Potomac River through artistic expression and experiential learning. Charles County is blessed with over 100 miles of Potomac River shoreline. The river is home to waterfowl, fish, crabs and oysters, and is the source of natural beauty, outdoor recreation, and inspiration for our local visual, performing and literary artists!

Participants in the Potomac Project workshop at ArtsFest will have a rare opportunity to learn more and creatively paint their very own rain barrels to take home – all at no charge! “Barrels by the Bay” Potomac Project will involve 25-30 rain barrels being painted throughout the day. Approximately half of the rain barrels are being made available via pre-registration in advance prior to June 11 (go to www.barrelsbay.org), and the other half will be available during ArtsFest 2016 on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, during fall 2016, Charles County school students will be offered over 100 rain barrels to paint while learning environmental curriculum developed by EarthEcho in partnership with “Barrels by the Bay.” These student-painted rain barrels will be installed in public places in and around Charles County. Please be on the lookout!

Come to ArtsFest 2016 to learn about and be inspired by our very own Potomac River! Express yourself through the visual arts, increase your environmental awareness, and take home your very own hand-painted rain barrel. And it’s all free – art supplies, installation supplies, and the rain barrel!

You won’t want to miss this truly special event at ArtsFest 2016!



MEET OUR FEATURED ARTISTS – “TIME TRAVELERS” FROM HISTORIC ST. MARY’S CITY!

12:00 – 4:00 pm — Strolling the Grounds

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to present as our ArtsFest 2016 featured artists two “living history” actors from Historic St. Mary’s City, the first capital of Maryland!

Strolling the grounds of the La Plata Town Hall throughout the day in 17th century costume will be actors Aaron Meisinger and DJ Lavery. For many years, both have interpreted at Historic St. Mary’s City, an outstanding museum of history and archaeology. During that time, both have played a variety of personas of the 1600’s that vary from Maryland’s first political power players to criminals on trial for pig thievery.

For ArtsFest 2016, they will be portraying Leonard Calvert, Maryland’s first Governor, and Hugh Nash, a servant assisting him on his tour of the “northern counties” (including Charles County!). As they travel about the grounds, they will engage ArtsFest attendees as two of the first Maryland colonists, as well as promoting upcoming events at St. Mary’s City, including the “Shakespeare in the City” outdoor summer performance of the bard’s play, *The Tempest*. Family and political drama intertwine with lighthearted comedy and romance as a sorcerer, fools, lovers, and villains alike traverse an abandoned island in the middle of the sea. Enjoy an evening with some of Shakespeare’s most famous characters – Prospero, Miranda, Ariel and Caliban!

Dates for the summer performances of *The Tempest* are August 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 on the

beautiful lawn of the reconstructed Maryland State House overlooking the St. Mary’s River. Bring a blanket and chairs, and enjoy a sunset picnic in a spectacular setting while enjoying this timeless play by Shakespeare under the stars! For more information, email aaronm@digshistory.org.

Aaron Meisinger started working at Historic St. Mary’s City in 1986 as an interpreter and has not stopped trying to educate people since first donning his breeches and doublet. His experience includes: script writing, performing, directing, training, and developing traditional as well as innovative living history programming. He is presently the Interpretive Programs Manager at Historic St. Mary’s City, and a co-producer for *The Tempest*.

DJ Lavery attended Leonardtown High School and St. Mary’s College, and became an interpreter at Historic St. Mary’s City. Since 2002, he has played many parts, ranging from Henry Fleet to John Halfhead. Presently he is the Floating Lead Interpreter where he is responsible for interpreting at each of the four living history sites, and guiding other interpreters in their craft. He also dabbles in graphic arts – check out his event flyers for Historic St. Mary’s City.

Be sure to meet and greet these two Maryland history “time travelers” from the 1600’s when you see them strolling the grounds of the La Plata Town Hall!



JUST FOR KIDS! “HANDS-ON” ART TENT & BIG ART CUBE

All Day — East Lawn, Near Entrance

It’s baaaaack! Our annual tradition at every ArtsFest is to have a special Kids Art Tent with cool things to do and make throughout the day! It’s an opportunity for children to explore their creativity and imagination, and have great fun with a wide variety of hands-on art activities. And they can express themselves even further by boldly painting the large wooden Big Art Cube with their favorite

colors and designs! The Kids Art Tent activities are being led by local visual artist Lorina Harris of Bryans Road. Lorina is the owner of Art Smart Studio and current member of the Board of Directors of the Charles County Arts Alliance. Our special thanks to the Town of La Plata for loaning us their large tent and wonderful Big Art Cube again this year. Look for the Kids Art Tent and Big Art Cube on the East Lawn near the entrance to ArtsFest 2016!

Visual Artists and Exhibitors - Site Map



VISUAL ARTISTS AND EXHIBITORS

- 1 Kids Art Tent
- 2 David Zippi
- 3 Teachers with Cameras
- 4 Kay Simkins
- 5 Joanne Yates Woven Baskets
- 6 Mattawoman Watershed Society
- 7 Mark Timothy Hayes
- 8 Grace at Work
- 9 Mattawoman Creek Art Center
- 10 Elf Sea Glass
- 11 Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- 12 Pops Jewelry
- 13 Conservancy for Charles County
- 14 Wood Sand Paint
- 15 Taide Henna
- 16 e.c. ornaments
- 17 Charles County Community Mediation Center
- 18 Glassware Designs by Jackie L.
- 19 Southern Maryland Carousel Group
- 20 Regina Durgin

- 21 Unique Jewelry Fashion by JC
- 22 Sandra Santana
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- 24 SP Unlimited
- 25 Charles County Literacy Council
- 30 Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
- 31 Cyn Sational Art
- 32 Pysanky by Mary
- 33 Susannah H. Lynch
- 34 Yankee Dyer Yarns
- 35 Yankee Dyer Yarns
- 36 Natural Wood Workings
- 37 Shop 53 Tattoo & Art Studio
- 38 Leah & Matthew McKinley
- 39 Moss & Mist Jewelry/KLP Designs
- 40 Beverly Adams
- 41 Lorrie Fowler
- 42 njb Basket of Jewels
- 43 Handcrafted Designs by Deborah
- 44 Unique & Just Right for You
- 45 Laura Lisak and Eric Giles
- 46 Photoz by Suzi

- 47 Renee Fuqua Fine Art
- 48 College of Southern Maryland

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- F1 County Manners
- F2 Sir Pops Alot Kettle Corn
- F3 Myra's New Orleans Food & Snowballs
- F4 Lifestyles of Maryland
- F5 Johnson Family Funnel Cakes
- F6 John's Ice Cream

"Barrels by the Bay"
Potomac Project

(Exhibitors and exhibitor locations subject to change prior to day of event.)



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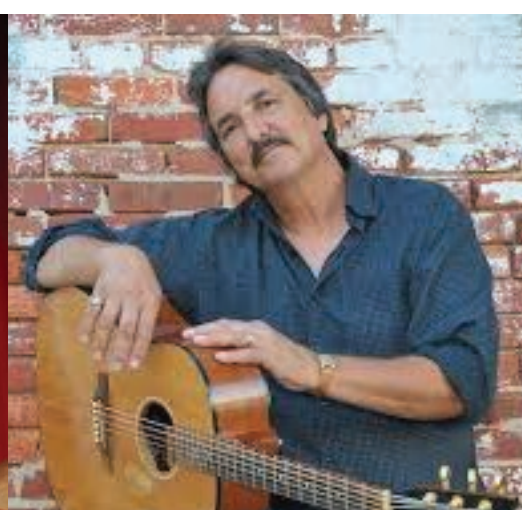
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Performance Schedule

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to present the following great music entertainment throughout the day at ArtsFest 2016!



Swan Creek Junction



Higher Standards



Cedar Run



Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra



Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret



Encore Band



Chesapeake Choral Arts Society



Steve Potter Blues Band



Charles County Youth Orchestra



CrossRoads



Southern Maryland Sound

West Lawn Stage

- 11:00 am: Southern Maryland Sound - Barbershop
- 12:00 pm: Higher Standards - Jazz Trio
- 1:00 pm: Cedar Run - Folk Music
- 2:00 pm: Steve Potter Blues Band - Blues
- 3:00 pm: Sonrise - Gospel Bluegrass
- 4:00 pm: Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra - Jazz Favorites

East Lawn Stage

- 11:00 am: Gretchen Richie Jazz Cabaret - Jazz Favorites
- 12:00 pm: Charles County Youth Orchestra - Popular Selections
- 1:00 pm: Encore Band - Classic and Popular Selections
- 2:00 pm: Chesapeake Choral Arts Society - Choral Music
- 3:00 pm: Swan Creek Junction - Provincial Folk Music
- 4:00 pm: CrossRoads - Bluegrass



Cobb Island Day Festival

Old Fisherman's Field, Cobb Island, Maryland

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Schedule of Events

Parade
 9:00 am Parade assembles (Main Ave and Audrey)
 10:00 am Cobb Island Day Parade Starts / National Anthem

Field Events (Old Fisherman's Field)

ALL DAY ACTIVITIES
 CICA Bake Sale / Hot Dogs / Sodas / T-shirts / Raffles
 Arts and Crafts Vendors / Face Painting
 "Food Provided by Scuttlebutt's, Ledo's, and The Rivah"
 KONA ICE Hawaiian style shaved ice
 Water Dunking Game ("Dunk the Chief")
 Community Service, History, and Educational Exhibits
 Music Provided by Port Tobacco Pickers and Southern Maryland Jazz

SCHEDULED FIELD EVENTS

10:45 am	Best Dressed Dog and Best Decorated Bike Awards
11:00 am	Crab Races
11:00 - 1:00 pm	Children's Games
11:00 am	Tug-of-War (Younger kids first followed by teenagers)
11:30 am	Three-legged Race
12:00 noon	Bucket and Stick Race
12:30 pm	Balloon Race
12:00 noon	Hot Dog Eating Contest
12:30 pm	Pie Eating Contest
1:00 pm	Adult Tug of War -- CIVFD against any challengers
1:30 & 2:30 pm	Fire Truck Rides
1:30 pm	Live Music Concert
3:00 pm	Raffle Winners Announced
4:00 pm	Cobb Island Day Festival Officially Ends

Festival held rain or shine. In case of rain, vendors and most games will be moved to the Cobb Island Fire House

For More Information, Call Rochelle Creighton-Tompa 301-392-6221, Ned Chalker 301-259-4458 or Andie Corby 301-259-4284.

FISHING FOR (SCHOLARSHIP) FUNDS!

All Day – Charles County Arts Alliance “Welcome Tent”

The Charles County Arts Alliance is “fishing for (scholarship) funds” at ArtsFest 2016!

Help us raise funds for our annual Arts Scholarship Program!

Each year, the Charles County Arts Alliance offers a \$1000 Arts Scholarship to a highly talented graduating senior at each of our Charles County seven (7) high schools to help further his/her higher education at a four-year college or university, leading to a career in the performing, visual and literary arts. The Charles County Arts Alliance conducts a variety of fundraising efforts throughout the year, including silent auctions, gourmet gift baskets, partnering with local retail businesses and restaurants, in addition to cash donations by the Arts Alliance Board of Directors and individual members.

At ArtsFest 2016, our final fundraiser for Arts Scholarships for the current school year will take place. We are delighted to announce that Charles County resident, deep sea diver and underwater photographer/artist Henry L. Font, III, has donated two beautiful, stunning artworks to the Charles County Arts Alliance. In turn, we will be offering to those ArtsFest attendees making donations to our Arts Scholarship Fund an opportunity to take these fabulous artworks home! The two artworks are large, bold canvas photo prints entitled, *Queen Angel Fish* and *Sea Turtle*, and are signed by the photographer/artist. The artworks are valued at \$250/each.

Be sure to stop by the Charles County Arts Alliance “Welcome Tent” at ArtsFest 2016 to see these two fabulous artworks on display. Learn more about our Arts Scholarship Program and please join us in “fishing for (scholarship) funds”!



About the Photographer/Artist:

Henry Font, III, was born in Puerto Rico in 1963. Henry graduated from the University of Puerto Rico (Mayaguez Campus) in 1987, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Henry has resided in Charles County since 1988.

He worked as a Test Engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head, MD from 1988 to 1996. In 1996, Henry became a Quality Engineer for the U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Acquisitions, where he worked until 2001.

In 2001, Henry moved to the U.S. Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center where he implemented the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. In 2005, he deployed to the State of Louisiana as part of the Federal emergency response contingent to Hurricane Katrina. In response to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico BP Oil Spill (the first spill of national significance in U.S. history), he deployed for a total of 18 months while serving at the Gulf Coast Incident Management Team's Command Post. From 2010 to 2014, Henry served as the U.S. Coast Guard's Case Officer tracking all the Federal Government's expenditures of the oil spill cleanup response (which totaled nearly \$1 billion).

In 2004, Henry became a diver and realized that wanted to share the beauty of our oceans through underwater photography. It was then that the long training process began, allowing the realization of this dream. In 2005, he became an Advanced Open Water Diver; in 2006 a Master Diver, and in 2008, he became a Certified Dive Master under the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). Henry recently ventured into doing sports photography, which can be seen at FontPhoto.Photoshelter.com. He may be reached at: henryfont@verizon.net.



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Town of La Plata 2016 CONCERT SCHEDULE

JUNE

Friday June 3rd: 7 PM to 9 PM
Franklin Square Band
Rock, Country, Blues, 90s Alternative, & Acoustic

Friday June 10th: 7 PM
US Navy Band Country Current
Country & Bluegrass

Friday June 17th: 7 PM
Three Days of Rain
Today's hits, 80s Dance, Funk, Classic Rock & Country

Friday June 24th: 7 PM
US Navy Band
The Commodores
Jazz

JULY

Friday July 1st: 7 PM to 9 PM
Pork Donut
Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s

Friday, July 8th: 7 PM
TBD

Friday July 15th: 7 PM
U.S. Naval Academy Band
Electric Brigade
Pop & Rock Favorites

Friday July 22nd: 7 PM
US Navy Band
The Sea Chanters
Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway, & contemporary

Friday July 29th: 7 PM to 9 PM

Dr. Robert Band
Classic Rock with an emphasis on the works of the Beatles

AUGUST

Friday August 5th: 7 PM
257th Army Band
“The Band of the Nation's Capital”

Friday August 12th: 7 PM to 9 PM
Eric Scott Band
Acoustic Soul/Pop

Friday August 19th: 7 PM to 9 PM
The Muddy Crows
Americana/Alt Rock

Friday August 26th: 7 PM to 9 PM
Southern Maryland Concert Band
Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes

SEPTEMBER

Friday September 2nd: 7 PM to 9 PM
John Luskey Band
Pop, Country, & Rock

Friday September 9th: 7 PM to 9 PM

Paul Thomas and The M W B Band
50s & 60s Oldies

Friday September 16th: 7 PM to 9 PM
BackFin
Pop, Rock, Oldies, Country, Blues, & Funk

Friday September 23rd: 7 PM to 9 PM
Port Tobacco Pickers
Bluegrass

Friday September 30th: 7 PM
Robbie Boothe
Country



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