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December 1, 2016

**Free Workshop! Register Today!**

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***Mind Your Business Seminar: Financial and  
Legal Education for Maryland's Creatives***

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Charles County Government Building  
200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646  
Free Admission! Refreshments Served!

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# MIND YOUR BUSINESS

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL EDUCATION FOR MARYLAND'S CREATIVES

**FREE!!!**

Topics Include:

Copyright  
Insurance  
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LLCs+More!

Saturday,  
December 3,  
2016

9:30am-1pm

Join  
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a  
workshop on  
legal issues  
for Artists!

Charles  
County  
Government  
Building  
200 Baltimore St.  
La Plata, MD  
20646

Space is limited! RSVP  
at [info@mdarts.org](mailto:info@mdarts.org) or call  
410-467-6700



Presented By PNC Bank, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts,  
Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Charles County Government  
and the Charles County Arts Alliance

Free seminar on financial and legal issues affecting artists, presented by PNC Bank, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Art, Maryland Citizens for the Arts, the Charles County Government and the Charles County Arts Alliance. This event is a state-wide opportunity, directed at artists in all media of the arts (literary, visual, and performance), to provide guidance and legal advice on cash flow, copyright laws, insurance, banking and other issues unique to protecting the rights of artists. Register at [info@mdarts.org](mailto:info@mdarts.org) or call 410-467-6700.

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

### College of Southern Maryland *Bringing It Home Barbershop Concert*

Friday, December 2, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of the Concert

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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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.

**FLOORING MAX** Design Center

*Golden Renaissance*  
**JEWELLERS**

**Tantallon Community Players**

*Babes in Toyland, Really*

Fridays - Saturdays, December 2, 3, 9 and 10, 8:00 pm

Sundays, December 4 and 11, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

John Addison Concert Hall

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

Tickets: \$20 Adults; \$15 Students and Seniors (60+)

**Buy Tickets Now!**



A little boy unwillingly exiting childhood wishes he could live in Toyland instead of the real world, and he gets his wish! But living with nursery rhymes come to life, from Little Bo Peep to Humpty Dumpty, isn't as much fun as it sounds. For more information, visit <http://www.tantallonplayers.org>.



**Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre**

*God of Carnage*

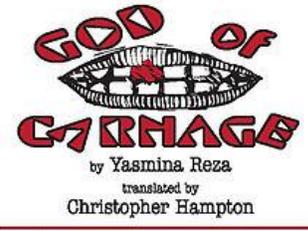
Fridays, Saturdays, Now through December 10, 8:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Adult content and language not suitable for children

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Seniors, Military, Youth

**Buy Tickets Now!**



(Adult Drama/Language) Winner of the 2009 Tony Award, the play begins with a playground altercation between eleven-year boys which brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters. Performed by the Port Tobacco Players. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-743-3040.



**Travel Ticker**

**Port Tobacco Players**

*Irving Berlin's White Christmas*

Now through December 18

Thursdays, December 8 and 15, 8:00 pm

Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm

**Buy Tickets Now!**



Sundays, 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 2 - 18

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturday, 8:00 pm

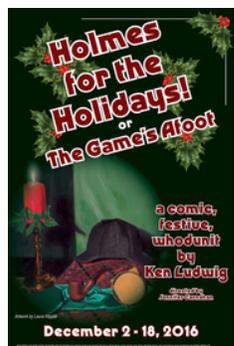
Sundays, 3:30 pm

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.

## Port Tobacco Players Auditions

### *Company*

Ages 17 and Up

Saturday, December 3, 9:00 am

508 Charles Street, La Plata



*Company* is Stephen Sondheim's compelling, funny and heartfelt musical about love and marriage. To audition: prepare 16-32 bars of a musical theater song (not one from *Company*, though). An accompanist is provided; bring sheet music in the correct key. No singing along to recordings or a *cappella* auditions. Cold readings will follow. Performance dates: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, March 10 - April 2, 2017. For more information, contact the producer, Ann Marie Watson, at [amwatson77@gmail.com](mailto:amwatson77@gmail.com), or go to <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html>.

## Dr. Samuel Mudd House

### *15th Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration*

Saturday - Sunday, December 3 - 4, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Road, Waldorf

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Admission: \$8 Adults, \$2 Children

Port Tobacco Players



Enjoy music, refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Civil War soldiers and a walking tour of the house. The house will be decorated as it would have been in the Victorian Period. For more information, call 301-274-9358, or go to [www.drmudd.org](http://www.drmudd.org).

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## Buggé Ballet and the Studio Cooperative

### *The Nutcracker*

Saturday, December 3, 3:00 and 7:00 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$16 for Groups of 10 or more, Free for Children 5 and Under

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The story of Clara and her nutcracker doll has delighted audiences since it premiered in 1892. Accompanied by Tchaikovsky's immortal music, "The Nutcracker Ballet" has been a holiday ritual for American audiences for many years. The parade of delightful scenes - the children on Christmas morning, the Kingdom of Sweets, the various national dances performed by costumed characters - presents a child's view of the season and is arguably the most performed ballet. The performance will feature dancers of all ages from The Studio Cooperative in Waldorf and the local community, who will be performing choreography by Nicole Buggé, of Buggé

Ballet from New York City. For more information, call 301-861-4345.

## CCAA Board of Directors

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## College of Southern Maryland

### *Big Band Holiday Jazz Concerts*

Tickets: \$5 in advance, \$7 day of concert

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

December 3, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

December 5, 7:30 pm

Leonardtwn Campus, 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

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## Town of La Plata

### *Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering*

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 - 6:00 pm



*Solid Brass*, directed by Randy Runyon, is CSM's jazz ensemble, comprised of CSM students, local high school students, community members, and professional musicians. This December, *Solid Brass* will present its Holiday Concert at both the La Plata and Prince Frederick campuses. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7878.



The sounds and spirit of the season bring friends and neighbors together for an afternoon of good cheer. Join in for holiday music, activities, refreshments, and a visit from Santa!

**Event Schedule:**

- Lighting Ceremony - 3:10 pm
- Horse Drawn Carriage Rides - 3:30 pm to 5 pm

**Activities in the Tent:**

- The Balloon Nerd - 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Be sure to see The Balloon Nerd. He will be making fun holiday balloons for you to wear and take home.
- Crafts for children - 3:00 to 5:15 pm
- Story time with the Charles County Public Library - 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm
- "Meet and Greet" with Holiday Characters Gracie's Guys and Gals Show Troupe - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Entertainment in the Council Chamber:**

- Peace Ringers - 3:20 pm -3:45 pm
- La Plata United Methodist Church Cherubs and Crimson Angels - 4:00 to 4:15 pm
- Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus - 4:35 to 5:05 pm
- Holiday Sing-Along - 5:15 pm (outside)

SANTA ARRIVES - 5:30 pm!

For more information, call 301-934-8421.

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**The Newtowne Players Auditions**  
*Over the River and Through the Woods*

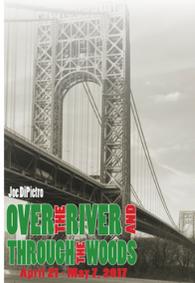
Monday, December 5, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm

Call Backs, Saturday, December 10, 10:30 am

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



**Synopsis:** Nick is a single Italian-American guy from New Jersey. His parents retired and moved to Florida. That doesn't mean his family isn't still in Jersey. In fact, he sees both sets of grandparents every Sunday for dinner. This is his routine until he has to tell them that he's been offered a dream job. The job he's been waiting for - marketing executive - that would take him away from his beloved, but annoying grandparents. He tells them. The news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around. **Auditions** will be cold readings from the script.

Performance dates are April 21 - May 7, 2017. For more

information and the list of characters,

visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/auditions.html>.

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**College of Southern Maryland Dance Ensemble**

*Winter Nights*

Monday, December 5, 7:30 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

deductible.

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The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto: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.

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata  
Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of the Performance



Whether it's a Balanchine ballet or breaking, locking, and popping, CSM's Dance Ensemble performs a variety of pieces to appeal to all lovers of dance. Directed by Joanne Lunsford, the dance ensemble presents two performances each year, which may include traditional ballet alongside modern styles such as hip hop, contemporary, and jazz dance. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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## College of Southern Maryland *Music Student Honors Recitals.*

Thursday, December 8, 2:30 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre  
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. The recitals take place during CSM's afternoon activity period in the

La Plata Campus Theatre. For more information, call the Box Office 301-934-7828.

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## Chesapeake Choral Arts Society *A Renaissance Christmas* Peace Lutheran Church, 11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf



Thursday, December 8, 7:30 pm, Concert Only  
Donations Accepted, Benefits Peace Lutheran Church

Saturday, December 10, 6:30 pm  
Dinner and Performance  
Limited Seating, Order Your Tickets Online Now!

Tickets: \$30 Adult;  
\$25 Students, Senior,  
Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

- Full course, single visit buffet dinner
- Concert Performance
- Period Dress
- Singing, Dancing, and Merriment

Sunday, December 11, Concert and Dessert  
\$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Senior, Military. Call to Reserve Tickets.

Performers will appear in period dress. For more information, call 301-642-0594.

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## College of Southern Maryland *Chorale and Chamber Choir*

Friday, December 9, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



CSM's Chorale is a mixed choir of women's and men's voices that performs a variety of styles, including traditional and modern choral music, gospel music, contemporary popular music, and historical styles such as the madrigal. Membership is open to all without audition. The Chamber Choir is open

to music majors and others who audition for membership. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

## Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

### *Call for Film Submissions*

Deadline to Submit: December 9, 2016



Apply now for the opportunity to take your film on the road with Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation's film touring program. All-expense-paid tours connect filmmakers with new audiences across the mid-Atlantic

region. **On Screen/In Person** provides opportunities for independent filmmakers to tour throughout the mid-Atlantic region with their recent films and foster greater understanding and appreciation of their work through direct audience engagement. Film submission is free and is open nationwide to filmmakers! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the program, eligibility requirements, and connect to the online application.

Want to become a host site and meet the filmmakers, present the films and engage your community? Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the program. Contact Kimberly Steinle-Super at [Kimberly@midatlanticarts.org](mailto:Kimberly@midatlanticarts.org) for more information.

## *2016 Charles County Holiday Trail*

December 9 - 11, 2016



- Kris Kringle Christmas Market at the Charles County Fair
- Maryland Veterans Museum at Patriot Park
- St. Ignatius Church, Chapel Point
- Port Tobacco Historic Village
- Port Tobacco One-Room School
- African American Heritage Society of Charles County, Inc.
- Christ Church Port Tobacco Parish
- Thomas Stone National Historic Site
- Friendship House
- Mount Carmel Monastery
- Old Waldorf School
- Chesapeake Choral Arts Society at Peace Lutheran Church
- Maxwell Hall
- Serenity Farm
- Mount Aventine, Chapman State Park
- General Smallwood's Retreat at Smallwood State Park
- Christ Church Old Durham Parish

The annual Charles County Holiday Trail will offer locals and visitors alike an opportunity to get into the holiday spirit, while visiting county landmarks. Admission costs, dates, and times vary with each location. Click [HERE](#) for the complete list of locations and times. For more information, visit [charlescountyholidaytrail.org](http://charlescountyholidaytrail.org).

## Flute Choir of Southern Maryland

### *Holiday Classics*

Saturday, December 10, 3:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public



The Choir will present a concert of seasonal favorites with sparkling new arrangements and a sing-along. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at [ljsnell@comcast.net](mailto:ljsnell@comcast.net).

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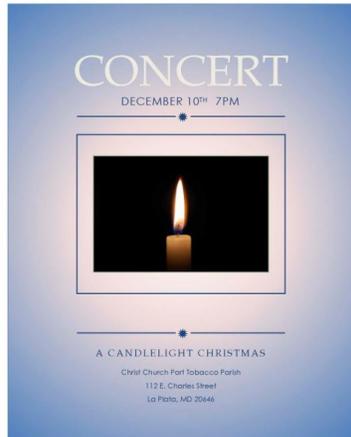
## Christ Church

### *Candlelight Christmas*

Saturday, December 10, 7:00 pm

112 Charles Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



Michael and Eileen Peerless, accompanied by additional professional musicians, will offer a program of traditional Christmas favorites...by candlelight! For more information, call 301-392-1051.

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## College of Southern Maryland

### *Latin Ensemble Concert*

Saturday, December 10, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of Concert

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



CSM's Latin Ensemble Ritmo Caché, directed by Dr. Stephen Johnson, specializes in Salsa, Mexican, Afro-Cuban, Merengue, Latin Jazz, and other musical styles of Latin America. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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### *Christmas at Mt. Aventine*

Saturday - Sunday, December 10 - 11, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head

Donation of \$5 per Vehicle Suggested



**CHRISTMAS at MOUNT AVENTINE**  
 Chapman State Park, 3452 Ferry Pl, Indian Head, MD  
 (take Rte 210 to Chapman's Landing Road)

**DECEMBER 10 & 11, 10 to 5 PM**

*Traditional decorations, music, mansion tours, gift shop & bake sale, antiques, mini-Mt. Aventure doll house, refreshments...*

**MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC**

**Saturday, Dec 10:** 1-2 "Rosewood" Recorder Duo  
 2:30-4:30 John O'Loughlin & Friends – vocals, fiddle, banjo & more

**Sunday, Dec 11:** 1:00-2:30 Hand Bell Choir, Good Samaritan Church  
 3-5 John O'Loughlin & Friends

**CRAFTS WITH CARRIE STAPLES both days**  
 In addition to crafts, Carrie will be available to sign copies of her newest book, *The Single Minded Prince*

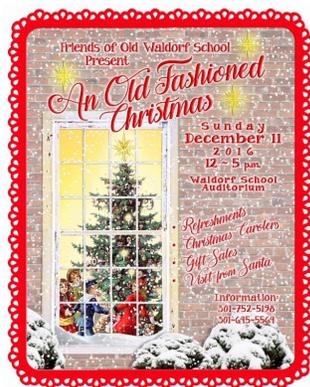
*Donation of \$5.00 per vehicle suggested*

*This program is supported in part by a grant from the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Maryland State Arts Council*

For additional information [www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org)  
[www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com](http://www.charlescountyholidaytrail.com)

Traditional decorations, music, mansion tours, and more. For more information, visit [www.friendsofchapmansp.org](http://www.friendsofchapmansp.org).

**Old Waldorf School**  
***An Old Fashioned Christmas: Holiday Open House***  
 Sunday, December 11, Noon - 5:00 pm  
 3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf  
 Free Admission!



Santa will visit all afternoon, and he will have a small gift for each child who comes to see him. There will be Christmas Carolers and song sheets for those who wish to sing along. A delicious assortment of holiday treats and refreshments will be provided, and many affordable gift ideas will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Sandi Middleton, President, Friends of Old Waldorf School (FOWS), at 301-752-5198.

**Henry E. Lackey High School**  
***Winter Concert***  
 Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm  
 3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head  
 Free Admission. Donations Accepted



Join the symphonic band, the orchestra and the concert band for a concert featuring a variety of band and orchestra music. This includes traditional holiday favorites and a good old fashion sing - along. For more information,

contact the school at 301-743-5431.

**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 carols and other songs that are sure to lift your spirits.

Santa will make a visit, too! For more information, go to [www.watermeloninc.org](http://www.watermeloninc.org), or email [watermelon@watermeloninc.org](mailto:watermelon@watermeloninc.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](http://www.watermeloninc.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

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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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## 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](http://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!

### *Wreath Design Class*

Sunday, December 4, 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers  
Instructor: Bryan Swann

Materials cost of \$30 paid to the instructor



Learn how to make a beautiful wreath for your front door with evergreens you can cut from your yard. Bryan Swann will demonstrate how to make a wreath from scratch using a mixture of evergreens including pines, firs, magnolia, boxwood and other seasonal evergreens. You will then be able to enhance a pre-constructed base wreath with other evergreens, adornments, flowers, ribbon and cones. Everyone will leave with a beautiful wreath you will take pride in hanging on your front door.

Class limited to twelve people.

## 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](http://mattawomanart.org).



## ***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!



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## **College of Southern Maryland**

### **Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery**

#### ***Gregory T. Davis: Impermanence of Knowledge***

Now through December 8

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



Gregory T. Davis is an artist living and working in Lexington, KY. He received his BFA in art studio from the University of Kentucky in 2002, and his MFA in photography in 2006. He works in different media, including photography, sculpture, and bookmaking. For his photographic work, his preferred material is film and large format cameras. For more information, visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

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## **National Gallery of Art**

### ***Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices***

Tour on Sunday, December 11, 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 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](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Visit](#).

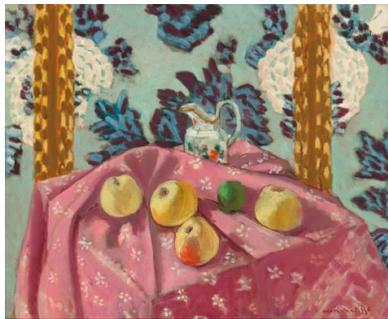
Beginning January 7, 2017, ASL Family Tours will be offered on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 am. For more information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Bradford at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:access@nga.gov). For more information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://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](mailto: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}

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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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## College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Series

"Connections" Literary Magazine Publication Reading

Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

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

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room (Room 103)

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



Spring 2016

Contributors to the Fall 2016 "Connections" Literary Magazine will read and discuss their published works.

For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections-literary-series>.

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## Charles County Public Library

### *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 will 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.

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## Charles County Library Programs For **November/December** 2016



Get a copy of the November/December brochure 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>,

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## 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

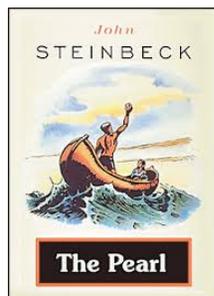
that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream and download free dynamic content with your library card, and the best part... no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month. All content is accessible via hoopla's mobile app and online at [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com).



### [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.

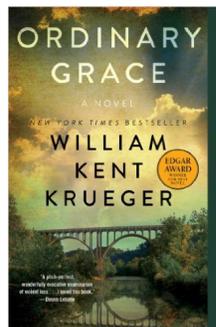


**December 1: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck.** Like his father and grandfather before him, Kino is a poor diver, gathering pearls from the gulf beds that once brought great wealth to the Kings of Spain and now provide Kino, Juana, and their infant son with meager subsistence. Then, on a day like any other, Kino emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a sea gull's egg, as "perfect as the moon." With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and of security. A story of classic simplicity, based on a Mexican folk tale, *The Pearl* explores the secrets of man's nature, the darkest depths of evil, and the luminous possibilities of love.

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#### **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.



**December 3: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.** New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder. Told from Frank's perspective forty years after that fateful summer, *Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

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### 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.



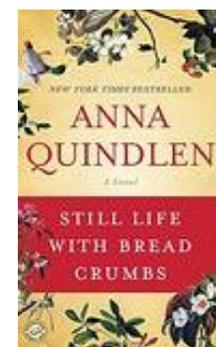
**December 8: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.** France, 1939. In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the

women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women.

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### 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.

## 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.

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## 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.