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Charles County Arts Alliance

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December 22, 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!

Scholarship Donation is \$35

RSVP 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 donation goes to the CCAA Arts Scholarship Program and is tax-deductible. Boston's has also agreed to donate a percentage of your food and beverage (non-alcoholic) purchases made during the Paint Party.



This makes a great Christmas gift for you or a friend! There are three ways to sign up: 1) Use PayPal by clicking on the *Register Now!* button above or by going to www.charlescountyarts.org; 2) Mail a check to CCAA, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695; or 3) 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

Don't Dress for Dinner

January 20 - February 5, 2017

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Comedy) Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Parisian mistress in his charming converted French farmhouse, whilst his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Well.... suppose Robert turns up not realizing quite why he has been invited. And then suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently Jacqueline is determined she will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress is unable to cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed. For

more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit <http://www.ptplayers.com>.



Port Tobacco Players

Auditions for Ages 17 and Up

The Tempest

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am



Monday - Tuesday, January 23 - 24, 7:00 pm
Callbacks (if needed) - Thursday, January 26
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: Prospero, the powerful magician and exiled Duke of Milan, conjures a storm to wreck the ship carrying his betrayers onto the enchanted island he and his daughter have made their home. With a magical spirit and a villainous native,

Prospero sends them on a journey to seek his revenge, escape the island, and reclaim his dukedom. Trickery and romance share the stage with magic, music and mayhem in Shakespeare's final and most musical masterpiece.

Auditions: Casting for male and female performers, all roles open. Looking for 13 characters and up to 6 ensemble members. Come prepared with a Shakespearean monologue (does not have to be memorized); cold readings will follow. Performance dates are May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, 2017.

For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html> or contact Debbie Gilley at gilleyclan@gmail.com.

College of Southern Maryland

Auditions for Ages 18 and Up

Monday - Tuesday, January 23 - 24, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Open auditions for these productions:

- [9 Parts of Desire](#) (Cause Theatre)
- [Shadowlands](#) (Renaissance Festival)

Prepare a one-minute monologue. Performances will take place between March 16 and April 23, 2017. For more information, contact Keith Hight at khight@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7827.

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre

The Library and The Amish Project

Thursday, January 26, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 27, 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 28, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5

Due to mature content and heavy subject matter, this production may not be suitable for all audiences.

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This special Cause Theatre event features two plays, presented back to back, exploring how two communities that were rocked by tragedy had very different reactions. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community>.

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>.

Watermelon One-Act Festival

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 Life Journeys Writers Guild
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 Moore Admin Help
 Music Teachers Association of Charles Co., Inc.
 Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS
 PNC Bank
 Port Tobacco Players

Call for Script Submissions!

Deadline to Apply: February 14, 2017



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.

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
New show opens on January 9, 2017. "Meet the Artists" Public Reception is Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

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Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

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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.

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

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>.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs *Call for Artwork by Women Veterans* Deadline to Submit: December 31, 2016 Click [HERE](#) to download the complete details



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PROGRAM

The Veteran Artist Program has partnered with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Center for Women Veterans to lead the call for artwork created by women veterans for display at 10 VA medical centers around the United States. The project launches in March 2017, to coincide with Women's

History Month and the 100th anniversary of women being allowed to enlist in the US military with military rank and pay. Announcement of selected works will be made on January 15, 2017.

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.

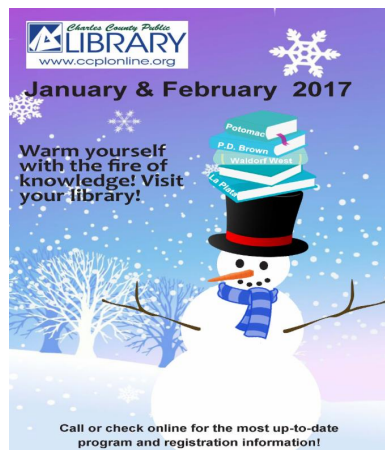
Click [HERE](#) to download the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application.

For more information, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or

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 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>.

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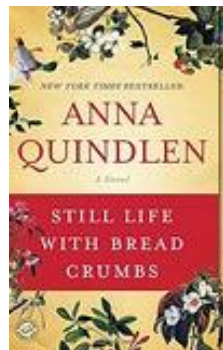
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Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

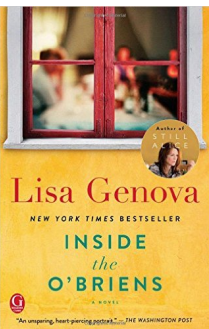
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information.



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.

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

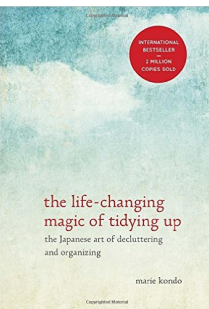
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



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

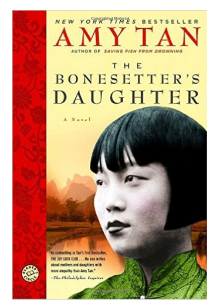
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



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 family endured a curse laid upon a relative known 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

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org
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.