



Arts Newsflash

 Forward to a Friend

December 8, 2016

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!

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December 2016
Arts Insider

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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>.

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

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.

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

- 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.

College of Southern Maryland
Chorale and Chamber Choir



Friday, December 9, 8:00 pm

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

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.

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 Aventure, 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.

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 for more information.

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

God of Carnage

Friday - Saturday, December 9 - 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!

FLOORING
MAX Design Center

Golden Renaissance
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by Yasmina Reza
translated by
Christopher Hampton

Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.
Nov. 18-19, Dec. 2-3, 9-10

(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.

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Tantallon Community Players

Babes in Toyland, Really

Friday - Saturday, December 9 - 10, 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 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+)



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>.

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

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

Now through December 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



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.

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

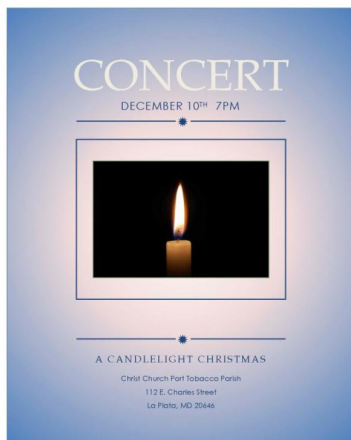


The Choir will present a concert of seasonal favorites with sparkling new arrangements and a sing-along. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.

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.

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

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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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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.

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



Traditional decorations, music, mansion tours, and more. For more information, visit 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.

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

Marcus Brown

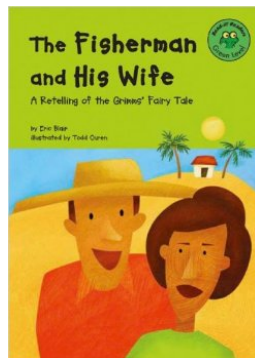
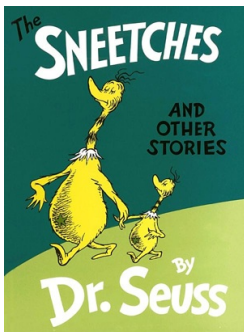
Indian Head Center for the Arts and DaKe Productions

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



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

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

College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery *Gregory T. Davis: Impermanence of Knowledge* Exhibit Ends Today!

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>.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Exhibits, Workshops, Open Studio

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information call 301-743-5159, or
go to www.mattawomanart.org.

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

The Center will be closed from Monday, December 12, 2016;
reopening on Friday, January 27, 2017.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio

Friday, 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.

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!



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)



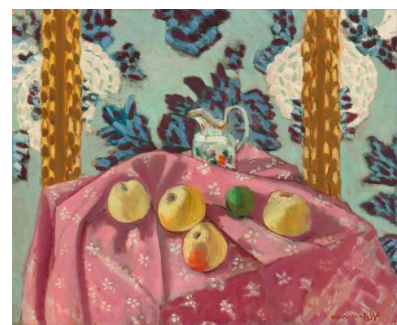
The tours take place on the second
Sunday of every month and last about
an hour. Meet the guide in the Rotunda
of the East Building for the public tour.
The program is interpreted into spoken
English. Assistive listening devices are
available for use on any public tour with
3 weeks' advance notice. To plan your
trip and view hours and maps, go to
www.nga.gov 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.

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.

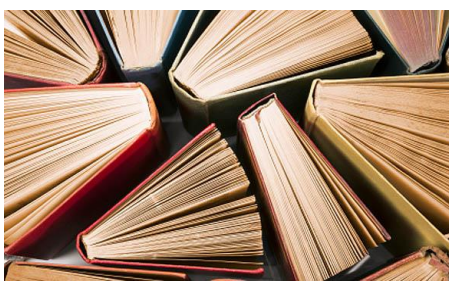
Charles County Public Library
Calling All Artists for the Mobile Library!
Deadline to Submit: December 30, 8:00 pm



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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

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 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

Charles County Public Library

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

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.



[Adult Discussion Book Groups](#)

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.



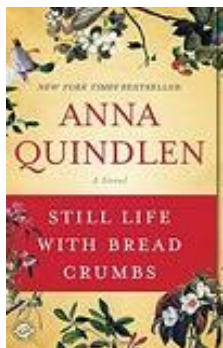
December 8: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

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.

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.

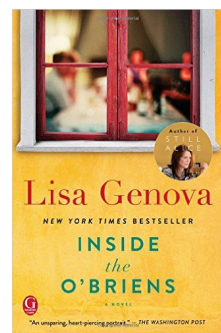


December 28: *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna

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

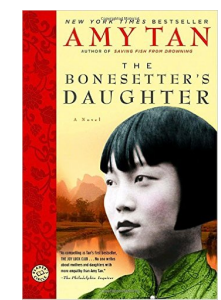
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



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

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.

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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.