

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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March 16, 2017

Charles County Arts Alliance and PNC Foundation

Arts Scholarships Are Available!
Deadline to Apply: Noon, Tomorrow!



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 Arts Alliance

Paint Party II

Monday, March 20

7:00 - 9:30 pm

Boston's Restaurant (across from Waldorf West Library)

10440 O'Donnell Place,

Waldorf, MD 20603

Donation: \$35

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2017

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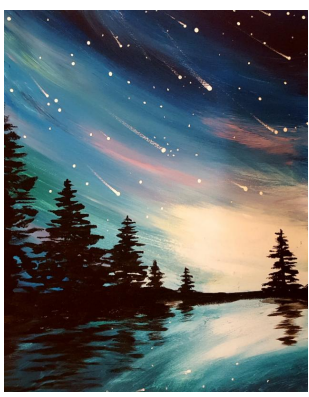
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March 2017
Arts Insider

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.

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. Vicki Marckel, CCAA Board Member and art teacher at Henry E. Lackey High School, will lead in painting "Northern Lights." All supplies are provided and you get to take your masterpiece

home! 100% of your donation goes to the CCAA Arts Scholarship Program.

Boston's has also agreed to donate a percentage of your food and beverage (non-alcoholic) purchases made between 4:00 and 9:00 pm, so plan on joining us for dinner, too!

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

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



PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for Ages 16 and Up *Sister Act*

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am
Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder and is placed in a convent for her safety, she has to trade her sequined gowns for a black-and-white habit and her late-night partying for early-morning Mass. Though she's at odds with the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior, Deloris breathes new life into the choir, the congregation and the community at large. **To Audition:** Prepare 16-32 bars of a song in the style, but not from, the show (contemporary musical theatre, disco, rock, pop, r&b). An accompanist will be provided; bring sheet music in the correct

key and clearly marked. No singing along with recordings or a cappella auditions. Wear comfortable clothing/footwear and be prepared to dance/move. Cold readings to follow. Performances: July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 2017. Go to <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html> for audition details and a complete list of characters. For more information, contact producer Mike Gahan at mikegahan@verizon.net or 301-609-1969.

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre *9 Parts of Desire*

Thursday, March 16, 7:30 pm
Friday, March 17, 8:00 pm

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



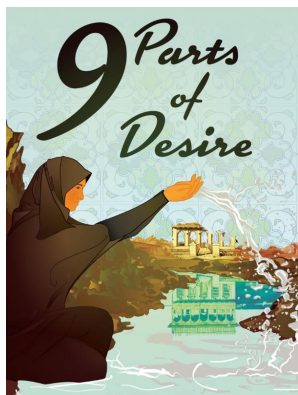
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Saturday, March 18, 2:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5, All Seats

Due to mature subject matter, this production may not be suitable for all ages.



In the playwright's own words, "I intended to write a piece about the Iraqi psyche, something that would inform and enlighten the images we see on T.V. However, the play is equally about the American psyche. It is a dialogue between East and West. The characters are deeply engaged in circumstances unique to them as Iraqis and yet through their passions seem to answer the concerns of the West. The audience plays a vital role in the show with each Iraqi character speaking directly to them in English as if they were a trusted Western friend." For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/cause/index> or call the CSM Box Office

at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Company

Now through April 2

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Senior (60+), Youth to 18, Military

Adult themes and language - not suitable for children

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Modern Musical) Phone rings, door chimes - in comes *Company*, Stephen Sondheim's compelling, funny and heartfelt musical about love and marriage. Facing his 35th birthday, perpetual bachelor Bobby finds himself questioning his singleton life. As he spends time with his friends, each at a different phase of married life, he sees their relationships at their best and worst - and most human - moments. Through their trials and triumphs, Bobby begins to see the merits of not being alone, but "being alive." *Company* is an unflinching love letter by one of America's greatest contemporary composers to the chaotic and sublime possibilities of life. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Watermelon One-Act Festival

Auditions

Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am to Noon

Leonardtwn Library Meeting Room

23250 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown



Open auditions for 17 original, one-act plays being presented at the Watermelon Festival on June 3 - 4, at St. Mary's College of Maryland. There are a variety of roles available and local directors will be at the

audition. Come prepared to do short, cold readings from each play. Most plays are under 30 minutes and the festival is over in a single weekend. This is a great opportunity to get some stage time without the large commitment of a full length production. For more information, visit <http://www.watermeloninc.org> or contact Lisa Gregory at watermelon@watermeloninc.org.

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Spring Concert

Christ Church

Saturday, March 25, 7:00 pm

112 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

Free Admission and Open to the Public



A Spring Benefit Concert

Christ Church Capital Campaign
Restoration of organ and other projects

Saturday, March 25th, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Christ Church

Lucy Snell, Flute
Takako Mato, Clarinet
Eileen Peerless, Piano

Witold Lutoslawski
Claude Debussy
Ernesto Lecoua
Francis Poulenc
Wilhelm Stenhammar
Camille Saint-Saëns

Enjoy an evening of delightful music with Lucy Snell, flute; Takako Mato, clarinet; and Eileen Peerless, Piano. The program includes music by Witold Lutoslawski, Claude Debussy, Ernesto Lecoua, Francis Poulenc, Wilhelm Stenhammar and Camille Saint-Saëns. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at ljsnell@comcast.net.

Travel Ticker



Maurice J. McDonough High School

Seussical: The Musical

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Thursday - Friday, March 30 - 31, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 1, 2:00 and 6:30 pm

7165 Marshall Corner Road, Pomfret

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Students, Senior Citizens, Military



The show features several lovable Dr. Seuss characters from classic books such as "Horton Hears a Who!," "Horton Hatches the Egg," and "Miss Gertrude McFuzz." For more information, call 301-934-2944.

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Thomas Stone High School

Shrek: The Musical

Thursday - Friday - Saturday, March 30 - 31, April 1, 7:00 pm

3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$5 Adults, Children Under Age 4 are Free



The show features the adventures of a lovable green ogre, Shrek, as he encounters fairy tale characters and falls in love. The production is based on the popular 2001 DreamWorks movie "Shrek." Call 301-645-2601 for more information.

College of Southern Maryland

14th Annual Jazz Festival

Friday - Saturday, March 31 - April 1, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Event

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Friday's concert features The Randy Runyon Trio with Randy Runyon Jr. on guitar, John Young on bass and Tom Hartman on drums. Saturday's performances include CSM's Solid Brass Big Band Jazz Ensemble with special guest artists: The Randy Runyon Trio. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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Guys and Dolls

Thursday - Friday, April 6 - 7, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8, 1:00 and 7:00 pm

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$10 General Admission; \$5 Students, Senior Citizens



The musical is a romantic comedy based in New York City. The main character, a gambler named Nathan, owes several debts and the show follows him as he attempts to pay them while turning to his girlfriend and other gamblers for help. For

more information, call 301-753-1759.

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

First Friday

An Evening with the Conspirators: A Conversation with George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt

April 7, 6:00 pm

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Free and Open to the Public, Donations Accepted



Join Kate Ramirez as Mary Surratt and Mike Callahan as George Atzerodt, to learn about the roles they played in the conspiracy to assassinate Abraham Lincoln. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, go to <https://restoreporttobacco.wordpress.com/societys-calendar/events> or email keechjoyce@ad.com or call Mary Fenton at 301-375-7892.

College of Southern Maryland

Barbershop Extravaganza

Saturday, April 8, 4:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of the Performance

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Pops Concert

If We Could Sing To The Animals

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, 3:30 pm

Port Tobacco Players Theater

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Senior Citizens, Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Concert features a "menagerie" of songs that reference animals or are from films or shows about animals.

"Baby Elephant Walk", the theme from "The Pink Panther," medleys from "Cats" and "The Lion King" along with many other well-known songs will be performed. For more information, call 301-642-0594, email info@chesapeakechoral.com, or visit

www.chesapeakechoral.com.

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College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Hannah Baslee, Mezzo-Soprano

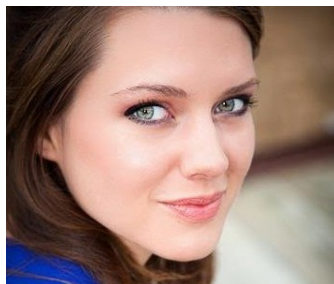
Sunday, April 9, 2017, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission



Mezzo-soprano Hannah Baslee received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Vocal Performance in her home state of Texas. Now a D.C. native, Hannah is an active voice teacher and performer. She is also voice faculty member at Cardon Studios and is an adjunct instructor of Music Appreciation at the College of Southern Maryland. She also maintains her interest in choral singing by participation in the 18th Street Singers and the early music

ensemble Illuminare. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts>.

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.

ArtsFest 2017

Saturday, June 10, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street

La Plata, MD 20646



REGISTRATION IS OPEN! First Early Discount Ends April 15

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 25th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 10, 2017, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. This is our sixth year to present the festival in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

ArtsFest is our annual outdoor celebration of all the arts and artists - visual, literary and performing. It is our "free gift" to the citizens of Charles County and Southern Maryland, and there is no charge for the public to attend. It is a family-friendly, wonderful way to kick off the summer season!

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations. Local commercial organizations are also invited to distribute information on their products and services, and a variety of great food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Our audience attendance at ArtsFest averages 2000 people each year. At last year's ArtsFest, we presented nonstop music and dance performances on two stages, 60 artists and exhibitors on display, food vendors, and a Kid's Art Tent with a wide variety of hands-on creative projects. This year's ArtsFest promises to be even bigger and better than last year's!

Port Tobacco Players Arts Vendors and Exhibitors Form

Camp Mockabee

Summer Theatre Camp for Children Ages 6 through Grade 12

Deadline to Apply: July 14, 2017

508 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at

Click [HERE](#) for complete details and to download the application

THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES

CAMP MOCKABEE

Summer Theatre Camp

Camps for elementary, middle and high school students. Workshops offer instruction in multiple areas of acting, choreography, singing, stage design and more. For more information, call 301-932-6819.

Quality Printers and Southern Maryland Artists Collective (SMAC)

Visions of Maryland: Selected Works by Addison Likins

Now through Saturday, March 18, 2017

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

NEW! SMAC Workshops

Click [HERE](#) for the Workshop Schedule



Quality Printers and SMAC (Southern Maryland Artists Collective) are proud to present the art works of Addison Likins. For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact Joseph Wimberly at 240-349-2953, or JMW@QP2Creative.com.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

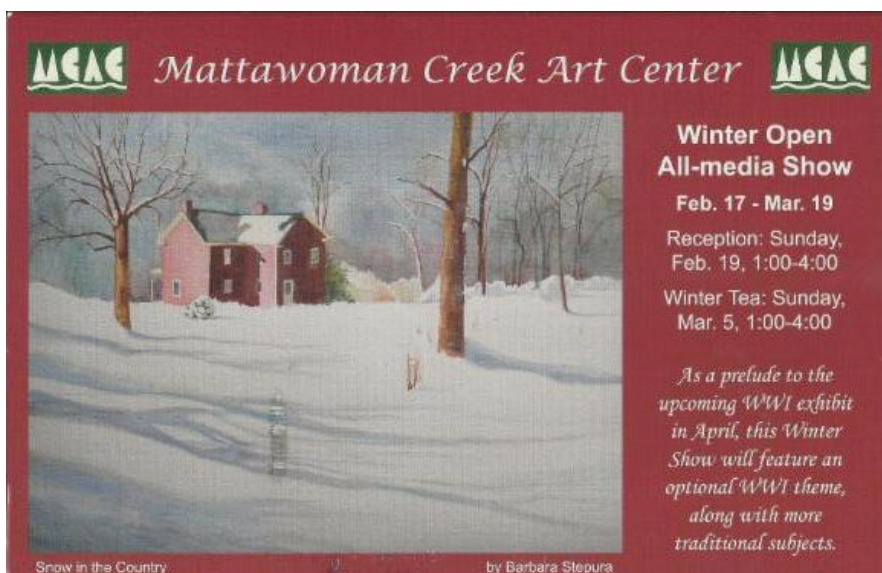
Click [HERE](#) for the 2017 Calendar of Exhibits

Click [HERE](#) for the 2017 Spring Brochure of Workshops and Events

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Winter Open All-Media Show

Now through March 19



MCAC *Mattawoman Creek Art Center* **MCAC**

Winter Open All-media Show
Feb. 17 - Mar. 19
Reception: Sunday, Feb. 19, 1:00-4:00
Winter Tea: Sunday, Mar. 5, 1:00-4:00

As a prelude to the upcoming WWI exhibit in April, this Winter Show will feature an optional WWI theme, along with more traditional subjects.

Snow in the Country by Barbara Stepura

MCAC Open Studio

Fridays, Now through May 26, 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.

MCAC Workshop *Drawing with Pencil*

Friday, March 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fees: \$30

Maryland Veterans Museum, 11000 Crain Highway, Newburg, MD 20664

Instructor: Nicole Stewart (NStewartStudio.com)

To register, call 301-743-5159, or email mattawomanart@aol.com



An art form all on its own, drawing with pencil is an excellent way for painters to sharpen their skills on perspective, composition and values. Explore using graphite to create work that strengthens these themes. Some supplies needed. **Note:** This workshop will be held at the Maryland Veterans Museum. (Beginning and Intermediate Levels)

March 17: Critiquing homework and working on WWI images (landscape, figure and portrait), including the still life set up of a WWI soldiers' billet.

MCAC Workshop *Pysanky by Mary* *(Handcrafted Ukrainian Eggs)*

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Mary Whitmore



Mary Whitmore learned how to make Ukrainian painted eggs at the age of 8 from her Slovenian grandmother. Eggs are made with simple to complex designs using a wax stylus and dyes. Mary will teach simple Easter designs and then convert them to hanging ornaments if preferred.

Painted eggs are traditionally given to friends, neighbors and religious leaders as a symbol for rebirth, resurrection and a good harvest. A \$5.00 fee will be paid to the instructor for a Ukrainian egg

decorating kit that will include many designs, stylus, wax and dyes to make further eggs as desired. (All levels)

MCAC Exhibit

On & Off the Wall by Addison Likins

March 24 - April 23

Reception: Sunday, March 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Belly Wound, First Light, Tree, Game Over, Butterfly



by Addison Likins

Presents

"On & Off the Wall"

by
Addison Likins

March 24-April 23

Reception:
March 26 1-4 p.m.

Enjoy the variety
and imagination of
his sculptures
and photographs!

MCAC Workshop *Watercolor Monotype*

Saturday, March 25, Noon - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers, Plus \$10 Fee to the Instructor

Instructor: Harriett Lawler



Monotype is often called the "painterly print," and was a favorite of the impressionists. A monotype is a one-of-a-kind print where the paint is applied directly to a printing plate and transferred to the printing paper by running the plate and damp paper through an etching press. For this workshop, you will focus on watercolor techniques using watercolor pencils, watercolor crayons, Prang watercolors, and Speedball block printing ink. You may want to bring a photo for reference if you want to produce a realistic image.

MCAC Workshop *Spring Basketry*

Sundays, March 26, April 23, May 21, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$169 (All materials are included)

Instructor: Pam King

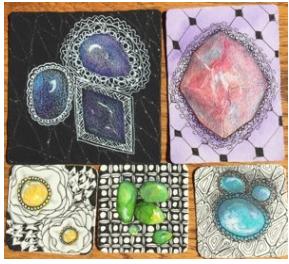


Three baskets will be completed: Easter Basket with wooden eggs woven right into the basket; Square Tote Basket with overlays creating a plaid pattern; and a Plaited Basket with a maple rim woven on the diagonal for a sturdy basket with an attractive design. The workshop is hosted by Mattawoman Creek Art Center, but registration is through the College of Southern Maryland, course AAA-7280-140127. Register at www.csmd.edu/Go/Register.

MCAC Workshop *Gemtangles - No fooling!*

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers, Plus \$10 Materials Fee
Instructor: Jill Smithson



Gift yourself with some Bling, Zentangle style! You will create realistic gemstones with colored pencils and specialty paints then embellish your sparkling jewel with basic Zentangle patterns. Anyone may attend, and anyone with Zentangle experience will have many more options to make their Gems sparkle! (all levels)

MCAC Workshop *Watercolor Abstracts on Yupo Paper*

Tuesday, April 11, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Jung Lea Smith (<http://www.jungsmith.com>)



Abstract art uses a visual language of shape, form, color, line and texture to create a composition. Yupo paper has a smooth surface which allows the user to combine colors on the paper with unique textures and to remove paint to uncover shapes. It makes for a perfect paper on which to create abstracts. Bring your watercolor supplies. Yupo paper will be

supplied. (all levels)

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home "Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice" Deadline to Submit: March 27, 2017

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Spring/Summer Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from April 20, 2017, to October 18, 2017. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway.

The Crossroads of Hughesville Garden Club will also create floral interpretations of selected art to be included in the show.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number

- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable
- Optional: Background information or inspiration of artwork (100 words or less)

Selections will be made by the Charlotte Hall Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified in early April. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang when delivered to the Veterans Home.

On Saturday, September 23, 2017, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home E-Wing Multi-Purpose Room, to honor all the artists participating in the show.

For more information on the gallery please contact Melissa Canada at 240-577-7034 or VeteransHomeArt@gmail.com.

College of Southern Maryland
Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery
Annual Juried Student Exhibition

April 10 - May 5

Submissions Accepted from March 28 - April 1

Click [HERE](#) for Guidelines and Form

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

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



Dumpster Lines by CSM Alumna Selene La Marca

For more information, call 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW!
CCAA-SPONSORED ART GALLERIES



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show by Renée Fuqua, through April 12, 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 July 14, 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 Sar'där Aziz, through April 13, 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 April 8, 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.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Charles County Library Programs

For [March/April 2017](#)



Get a copy of the [March/April](#) 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>.

Life Journeys Writers Guild Workshop

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

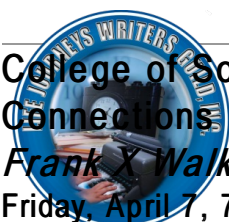
Saturday, March 18, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public

Listen and critique some great reads from LJWG members, gain valuable industry news, networking and more. This March & April will feature a surprise guest, and you get to encourage a young poet, as well! Come and see what they do. Great refreshments. For more information, click on www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org or contact Yvonne McJannet at 240-427-(LJWG) 5594.



**College of Southern Maryland
Connections Literary Series**
Frank X Walker, Poet
Friday, April 7, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$3 in Advance, \$5 at the Door



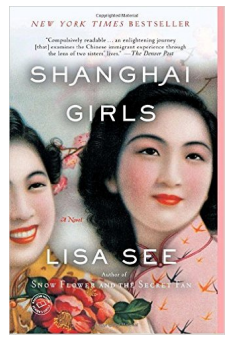
Former Kentucky Poet Laureate, [Frank X Walker](#) is a professor in the Department of English and the African American and Africana Studies Program at the University of Kentucky and the founding editor of *Pluck! The Journal of Affrilachian Arts & Culture*. Voted one of the most creative professors in the south, he is the originator of the word, Affrilachia, and is dedicated to deconstructing and forcing a new definition of what it means to be Appalachian. For more information, contact Neal Dwyer at 301-934-7864, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections>.



Book Groups for Ages 18+

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.



March 22: *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. In 1937 Shanghai, the Paris of Asia, 21-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are having the time of their lives. Both are beautiful, modern, and carefree-until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. To repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime, from the Chinese countryside to the shores of America. Along the way they make terrible sacrifices, face impossible choices, and confront a devastating, life-changing secret, but through it all the two heroines of this astounding new novel hold fast to who they are-Shanghai girls.

Potomac Branch Adult Book Discussion

"Pushing the Limits" discussion series brings together popular books and videos featuring authors, scientists and everyday people who thrive on exploring the natural world. This is the first of four discussions, meeting at 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

NEW Adult Book Club at Potomac Branch Library!

PUSHING THE LIMITS

March 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Potomac Branch Library
Drop in - No Registration Required

Join us for our monthly reading and discussion group! In March we'll focus on the theme of Pushing the Limits of Nature with the book *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle.

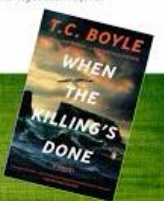
Questions? Call 301-375-7375 or visit the Potomac Branch.

Pushing the Limits is a reading, writing, and discussion program for adults in communities served by local libraries, made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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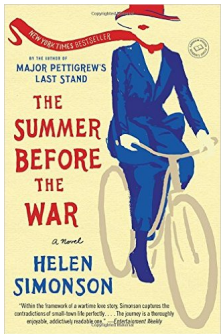
March 27: Pushing the Limits on Nature: *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle. Principally set on the wild Channel Islands off the coast of California, T.C. Boyle's novel is a gripping adventure with a timely theme. Alma Boyd Takesue is a National Park Service biologist spearheading the efforts to save the islands' native creatures from invasive species. Her antagonist, Dave LaJoy, is a



local business man who is fiercely opposed to the killing of any animals whatsoever and will go to any lengths to subvert her plans.

P.D. Brown Library 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.

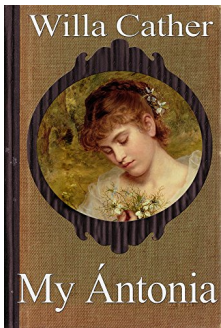


April 1: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson. East Sussex, 1914. Hugh Grange, down from his medical studies, is visiting his Aunt Agatha, who lives with her husband in the small, idyllic coastal town of Rye. Agatha has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment of a woman to replace the Latin master. When Beatrice Nash arrives with one trunk and several large crates of books, it is clear she is significantly more freethinking and attractive than anyone believes a Latin teacher should be. But just as Beatrice comes alive to the beauty of the Sussex landscape and the colorful characters who populate Rye, the perfect

summer is about to end. Soon the limits of progress, and the old ways, will be tested as this small Sussex town and its inhabitants go to war.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

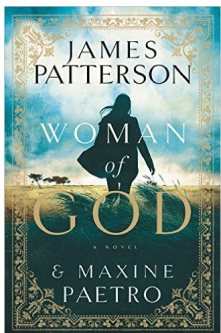
Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, contact the Waldorf Senior Center at 301-638-4420.



April 5: *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather. *My Ántonia* evokes the Nebraska prairie life of Willa Cather's childhood, and commemorates the spirit and courage of immigrant pioneers in America. One of Cather's earliest novels, written in 1918, it is the story of Ántonia Shimerda, who arrives on the Nebraska frontier as part of a family of Bohemian emigrants. Her story is told through the eyes of Jim Burden, a neighbor who will befriend Ántonia, teach her English, and follow the remarkable story of her 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.

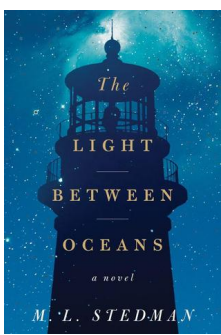


April 6: *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. The world is watching as massive crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new pope, one who promises to be unlike any other in history. It's a turning point that may change the Church forever. Some followers are ecstatic that the movement reinvigorating the Church is about to reach the Vatican, but the leading candidate has made a legion of powerful enemies who aren't afraid to kill for their cause. Spanning the globe-- from the drug dens, high-powered law firms, and churches of Boston to the horrific brutality of a civil war in the Sudanese desert to the beauty, violence, and spiritual

enlightenment of the Holy Land--*Woman of God* is an epic, thrilling tale of perseverance, love, trust and nothing less than what it means to live in a fallen world.

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.



April 13: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. Tom, who keeps meticulous records and whose moral principles have withstood a horrific war, wants to report

the man and infant immediately. But Isabel insists the baby is a "gift from God," and against Tom's judgment, they claim her as their own and name her Lucy. When she is two, Tom and Isabel return to the mainland and are reminded that there are other people in the world and their choice has devastated one of them.

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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.