

Arts Newsflash

Charles Arts
County Alliance

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March 30, 2017

ArtsFest 2017

Saturday, June 10, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street
La Plata, MD 20646



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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

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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!

Click [HERE](#) for the Arts Vendors and Exhibitors Form

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For more information, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email at info@charlescountyarts.org.



PERFORMING ARTS {top}

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.



Bullock's Piano Salon

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Thomas Stone High School

Shrek: The Musical

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

3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf

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



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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

Click [HERE](#) for the Video Announcement

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



14th Annual



Hosted by CSM's Solid Brass Big Band Jazz Ensemble
Directed by Randy Runyon

JAZZ FEST

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1

LA PLATA CAMPUS FINE ARTS CENTER THEATRE

PUBLIC SCHOOL BAND CLINICS
Friday, March 31 All Day
Free Admission

JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT
Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m.
\$5 in advance, \$7 day of event
Featuring CSM's Solid Brass, North Point High School Jazz Ensemble, and Phil Burlin Quartet

Featuring Guest Artist Phil Burlin

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For tickets for the 2016-2017 season, visit www.csm.edu/Arts or contact the Box Office at 301-932-7628 or boxoffice@csmd.edu

CSM School of Maryland
www.csm.edu/Arts

Friday's concert features The Phil Burlin Quartet. Saturday's program includes performances by the North Point High School Jazz Band and CSM's Solid Brass Big Band Jazz Ensemble, with special guest artist and world-renowned saxophonist Phil Burlin, lead tenor saxophonist with the Navy Commodores for over 25 years. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit www.csm.edu/arts.

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Bluegrass Concert

Sunday, April 2, 2:00 pm (Doors open at Noon)

Corner of Rts. 381 and 231, Hughesville

Tickets: \$15, Children Under 12 Free with Paying Adult



Concert features Sideline Bluegrass and 15 Strings. Dinner, drinks and dessert available for purchase. For tickets and more information, call 301-737-3004 or visit www.americanlegionbluegrass.com.

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.

North Point High School

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

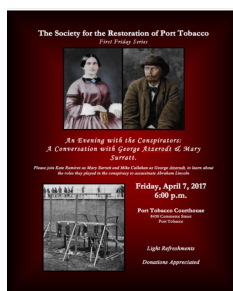
An Evening with the Conspirators: A Conversation with George Atzerodt and Mary Surratt

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@aol.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

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Mattawoman Creek Art Center

The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society presents
Under the Direction of Michael K. Santana and Associate Director Larry Pressley

If We Could Sing To The Animals

With songs including "G3333", "The Pink Panther", "Baby Elephant Walk", "The Lion King", "Cats", and "The Pink Panther".

**Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM
and Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 3:30 PM**

Port Tobacco Players Theater, 508 Charles St., La Plata, MD
Ticket Prices - \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Students, Seniors & Military

Purchase tickets online at chesapeakechoral.com or at the door.
For more information, call 301-642-0594.




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.

College of Southern Maryland
Ward Virts Concert Series
Hannah Baslee, Mezzo-Soprano
Sunday, April 9, 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>.

College of Southern Maryland
Benny C. Morgan Recital Series
Southern Maryland Chamber Players
Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm
Leonardtown Campus
Building A, Room 206, 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Free Admission



The Southern Maryland Chamber Players features members from the Chamber Ensemble as well as CSM faculty performers. The group performs traditional chamber music for winds, strings and piano that reflects a variety of musical styles. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit www.csmd.edu/arts.

College of Southern Maryland
Shadowlands
Friday, April 21, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 22, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 23, 3:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

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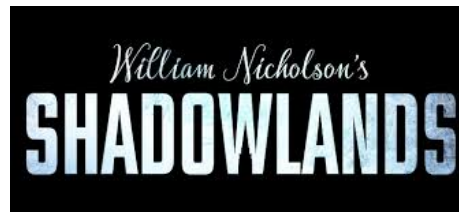
Haven't Joined Us?

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10

Why Not Join Us Now?

This West End and Broadway hit is the love story of C.S. Lewis - Oxford don and author of "The Chronicles of Narnia" and "The Screwtape Letters" - and American poet Joy Davidman. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/special-events/renaissance-festival>



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Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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Henry E. Lackey High School

In the Heights

Friday - Saturday, April 21 - 22, 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm

3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head

Tickets: \$8 Adults, \$7 Senior Citizens, Military, Students, \$6

Thespians



The play, by Lin-Manuel Miranda, takes place in the tight-knit community of Washington Heights in Manhattan and features a young storeowner, Usnavi, as he encounters his neighbors and learns of their successes, struggles and heartbreaks. For more information, call 301-743-5431.

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.

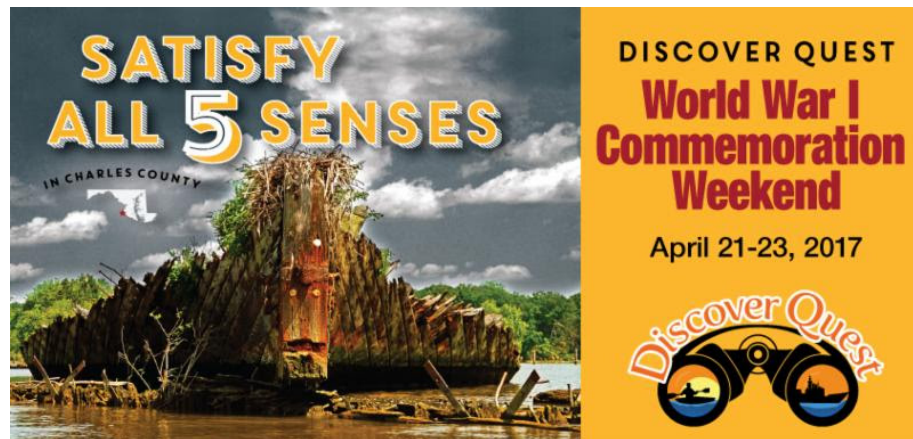
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Charles County Government

World War I Commemoration Weekend

Friday - Sunday, April 21 - 23

Click [HERE](#) for the Complete Schedule of Activities and Fees



Events include World War I exhibits; kayaking; guided walks; and tours of historic homes, parks and archaeological sites at various locations. For more information, contact the Office of Tourism at 301-645-0610, 301-396-5819, or 301-645-0601.

The Newtowne Players

Over the River and Through the Woods

April 21 - May 7

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

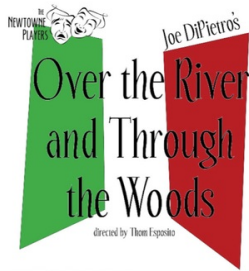
Sunday, 3:30 pm

Thursday, April 27, May 4, 8:00 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior (65+), Student, Military; \$10 Children;
\$13 for Thursday Performances



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 as a marketing executive, which would take him away from his beloved, but annoying grandparents. When he tells them, the news doesn't sit so well. Thus begins a series of schemes to keep Nick around, including bringing to dinner the lovely - and single - Caitlin O'Hare as bait. For more information, call 301-737-5447.



April 21 - May 7, 2017

www.newtownplayers.org 301-737-5447

College of Southern Maryland *4th Annual Renaissance Festival*

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 23, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theatre and Lawn

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission, Fees for Food, Purchases and Games



Travel back to a time when lords ruled and peasants pleased, all in the language and costumes of Shakespeare! Enjoy musical performances, face-painting, games, mock combat demonstrations, and more! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/special-events/renaissance-festival>.

La Plata High School

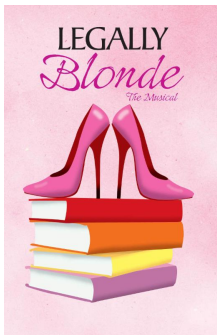
Legally Blonde

Thursday - Friday, April 27 - 28, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 29, 2:30 and 6:30 pm

6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$5 Students



The production is a fun musical based on the movie "Legally Blonde" and follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she learns about stereotypes, snobbery and scandal while pursuing her dream to become a lawyer. For more information, call 301-934-1100

Westlake High School

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Thursday - Saturday, April 27 - 29, 7:00 pm

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 Adults, \$7 Senior Citizens, \$6 Students



The show is a musical comedy set at Putnam Valley Middle School, where six quirky students participate in the school spelling bee, coordinated by three equally quirky adults. For more information, call 301-645-8857.

Celebrate LA PLATA!

Town of La Plata Annual Spring Festival & Bed Races

Saturday, April 29, Noon to 4:00 pm
Grounds of the La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata
Free Admission!



Enjoy a day of activities for children of all ages: face painting, displays, entertainment, refreshments for sale from local favorites and the ever entertaining Bed Races! Visit the Family Fitness Zone, sponsored by Coal Road CrossFit, on the west lawn, to enjoy health, wellness, and fitness vendors, inflatable obstacle course and demonstrations for the entire family. For more information, call 301-934-8421.

College of Southern Maryland *Pops Concert*

Saturday, April 29, 7:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$15, All Seats

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

CSM's inaugural Pops Concert will showcase performances by Southern Mix, CSM's barbershop chorus; Ritmo Caché, the Latin ensemble; and CSM's Chorale and Chamber Choir. The special event features an extended evening of the music you love from some of CSM's popular ensembles. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



Port Tobacco Players *Camp Mockabee*

Summer Theatre Camp for Children Ages 6 through Grade 12
Deadline to Apply: July 14
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Click [HERE](#) for complete details and to download the application

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.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo)

10th Annual 6x6x2017 Art Exhibition

Rochester Contemporary Art Center

137 East Avenue Rochester, NY 14604

Deadline to Submit: April 16

Exhibit Runs from June 3 - July 16, 2017

Click [HERE](#) for an Entry Form



RoCo is seeking art from all over the US for their tenth show. Art must be 6" x 6" on any subject. To view art from previous exhibits and for more information, go to <http://www.roco6x6.org>.

Southern Maryland Artists Collective (SMAC)

Polaroid Emulsion Lifts

Saturday, April 29, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Class Fee: \$50

Instructor: Laura Lisak

Quality Printers, 10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains



This is a blast from the past for those of you old enough to remember the original Polaroid cameras; you will be utilizing them for this class! If you have an old Polaroid camera bring it along, otherwise there will be several for you to play with. You will be producing transfers onto a variety of papers. Polaroid images are unique and one of a kind. You will

learn how to remove the emulsion and "lift it" and place it on other surfaces. Come make a unique piece of artwork! This class is open to all skill levels. All supplies are included in this workshop. For more information, go to <http://smdartistscollective.com/workshops>, or contact Joseph Wimberly at 240-349-2953, or JMW@QP2Creative.com.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center (MCAC)

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

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 Exhibit

***On & Off the Wall* by Addison Likins**

Now through April 23

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

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!

Belly Wound, First Light, Tree, Game Over, Butterfly
by Addison Likins

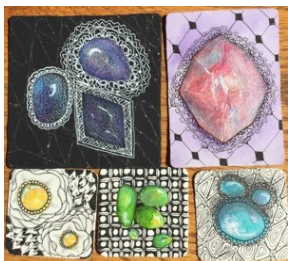
The image shows a promotional poster for an art exhibit. At the top, the MCAC logo is displayed on either side of the text "Mattawoman Creek Art Center". Below this, there are five small images: a sculpture of a person's face, a photograph of a boat at a dock, a sculpture of a butterfly, a photograph of a tree, and a photograph of a butterfly. To the right of these images is text that reads "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!". At the bottom, there are two lines of text: "Belly Wound, First Light, Tree, Game Over, Butterfly" and "by Addison Likins".

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)

MCAC *Yankee Doodle Dandy*

Saturday, April 22, 2:00 pm

Free

Film features songs like "Over There" and "You're a Grand Old Flag" that were popular during WWI. This nostalgic biography is told in flashbacks to the WWI era, covering Cohan's formative years becoming Broadway's brightest star. approx. 126 minutes



MCAC *Paint Party*

Saturday, April 29, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Fee: \$50 Members / \$60 Nonmembers

Instructor: Vicki Marckel (vmarckel.com)



Everyone is welcome -- no painting experience is needed, just the desire to have fun! Vicki Marckel, who has over a decade of teaching, can work with anyone -- from the advanced painter to someone who has never held a paint brush. Beautiful compositions are created because of their simplistic designs, so anyone can create a masterpiece in just two hours. All materials, supplies, and refreshments are included.

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

April 10 - May 5

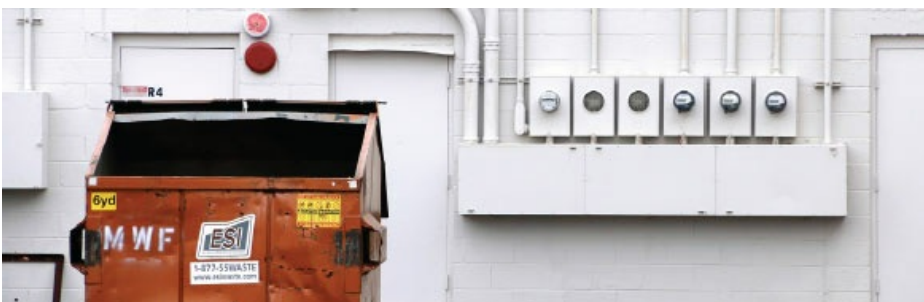
Submissions Accepted until April 1

Awards Reception: Tuesday, April 18, 2:30 pm

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

Paintings in broad brush strokes, photos in captivating focus, and sculptures

modeled with playfulness are among the types of artwork showcased each spring as part of CSM's Annual Juried Student Exhibition. 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

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

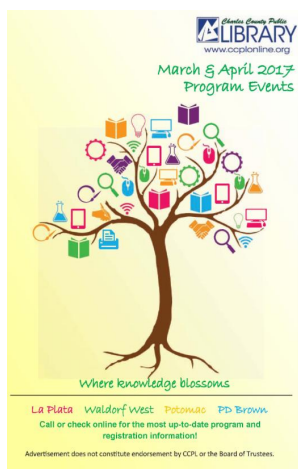
For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

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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>.



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>.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Big Quarterly Gathering!

Saturday, April 29, 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Martini's Restaurant & Lounge

10553 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains, MD 20695

Tickets (includes dinner): \$20 by April, 19; \$25 after April 19

Reservations are Limited; Click [HERE](#) to Pay with PayPal



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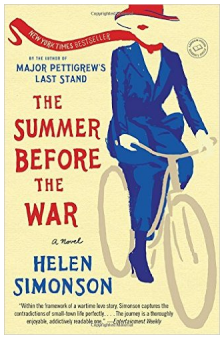
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[Book Groups for Ages 18+](#)

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

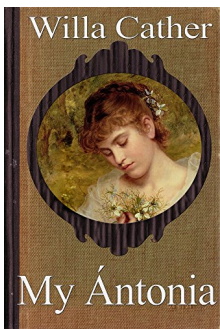


April 1: *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson. East Sussex, 1914. Hugh Grange, down from his medical studies, is visiting his Aunt Agatha, who lives with her husband in the small, idyllic coastal town of Rye. Agatha has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment 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

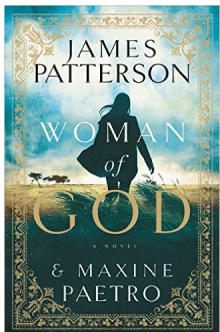
Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, contact the Waldorf Senior Center at 301-638-4420.



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.

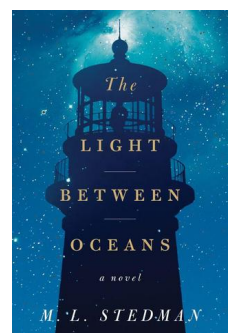


April 6: *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. The world is watching as massive crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new pope, one who promises to be unlike any other in history. It's a turning point that may change the Church forever. Some followers are ecstatic that the movement 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.

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 second of four discussions, meeting at 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call 301-375-7375.

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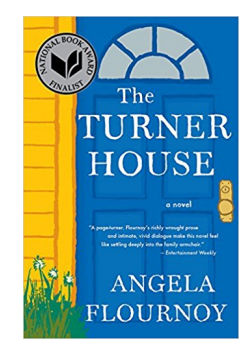
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April 24: Pushing the Limits of Survival: *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler. When an act of sabotage aims to slow down a technological breakthrough in American clean energy, it puts the United States on the brink of war with one of its closest allies. Tension boils on the homefront, too, as gas prices surge to an all-time high. The solution might just be a mysterious silvery mineral traced to a long-ago expedition in search of the fabled Northwest Passage.

But no one survived from that doomed mission. And if the Dirk Pitt and his team are not careful, the very same fate may await them...and the world.

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.



April 26: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy. For over fifty years the Turners have lived on Yarrow Street. Their house has seen 13 children get grown and gone--and some return. It has seen the arrival of grandchildren, the fall of Detroit's East Side, and the loss of a father. But when their powerful mother falls ill, the Turners are called home to decide their house's fate and to reckon with how their past haunts--and shapes--their future. *The Turner House* is a striking examination of the price we pay for our dreams, and the ways in which our families bring us home.

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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 [April](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

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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.