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Arts Newsflash

 Forward to a Friend

April 13, 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



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
First Early Discount Ends April 15

Attention Artist Vendors and Exhibitors, Food Vendors and Commercial Displayers

Register Now for ArtsFest 2017!

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

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April 2017
Arts Insider

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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!

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

Click [HERE](#) for the Food Vendors Form

Click [HERE](#) for the Commercial Displayers Form

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

You are Invited!



"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Saturday, April 29, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

On display through July 8, 2017, are 50 works of art by 23 artists, including 10 sculptures by Dr. Theresa Alo. This is the 18th show the Arts Alliance has sponsored in partnership with the Library since the opening in 2012.

Come meet the artists and view their works located throughout the Library. Admission is FREE and light refreshments will be served.

You can also view the artworks online at <https://charlescountyarts.org/galleries/waldorf-west-library-gallery-2>.

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

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

College of Southern Maryland
Benny C. Morgan Recital Series
Southern Maryland Chamber Players
Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm



Shop using ChameleonJohn to Save Money and Support the Charles County Arts Alliance



Leonardtwn Campus
Building A, Room 206, 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Free Admission



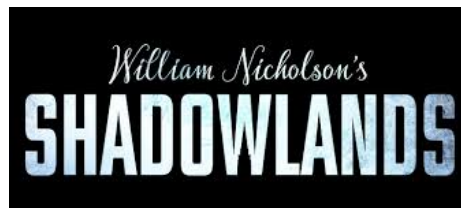
The Southern Maryland Chamber Players features members from the Chamber Ensemble as well as CSM faculty performers. The group performs traditional chamber music for winds, strings and piano that reflects a variety of musical styles. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit 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
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$10

[Buy Tickets 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>



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
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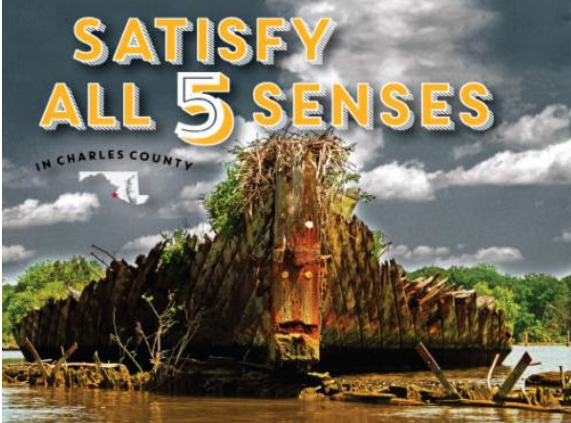


The play, by Lin-Manuel Miranda, takes place in the tight-knit community of Washington Heights in Manhattan and features a young storeowner, Usnavi, as he encounters his neighbors and learns of their successes, struggles and heartbreaks. For more information, call 301-743-5431.

Charles County Government *World War I Commemoration Weekend*

Friday - Sunday, April 21 - 23
Click [HERE](#) for the Complete Schedule of Activities and Fees





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**World War I
 Commemoration
 Weekend**
 April 21-23, 2017



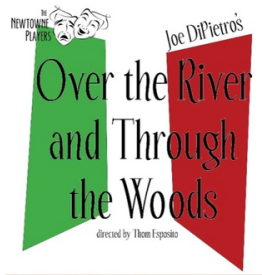
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Events include World War I exhibits; kayaking; guided walks; and tours of historic homes, parks and archaeological sites at various locations. For more information, contact the Office of Tourism at 301-645-0610, 301-396-5819, or 301-645-0601.

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
 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.



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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->

The Historical Society of Charles County *Open House at Rich Hill*



Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Rich Hill Farm Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611
Free, Donations Accepted

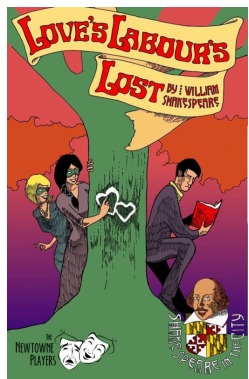
Enjoy re-enactors, Civil War encampments, archaeological digs and historical organization displays. For more information, contact friendsofrichhill@gmail.com or

visit <https://richhillfriends.org> or <http://charlescountyhistorical.org>.

The Newtowne Players Auditions

Love's Labour's Lost

Monday - Tuesday, April 24 - 25, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Historic St. Mary's City's Visitor Center Auditorium
18751 Hogaboom Lane, St. Mary's City, MD 20686



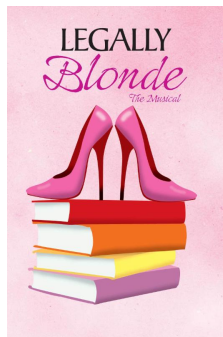
Synopsis: The King of Navarre decides to focus on his studies for three years, making himself and his three friends sign a pact to swear off women, food, and sleep. This production will be set in the present day, mixing pieces of the 17th century with a modern look. Performance dates: August 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19, outside on the State House Lawn of Historic St. Mary's City. To audition, be prepared with a 2-minute comedic monologue (preferably Shakespearean). If you do not have a Shakespearean monologue prepared, you may be asked to read a monologue from the script. For a complete list of characters, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/auditions.html>. For

more information, contact Shard at 240-895-4980 or email shardy@digshistory.org.

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

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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.

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Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

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.

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.

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.



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College of Southern Maryland *Spring Dance Performance*

Monday, May 1, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 day of the Performance

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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

College of Southern Maryland
Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 pm
Leonardtwn Campus
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of the Concert

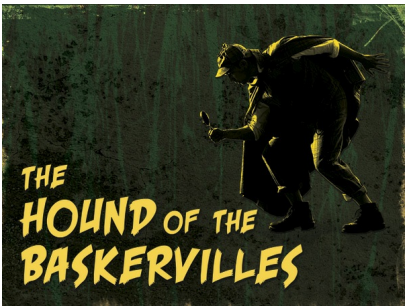


CSM's Chorale is a mixed choir of women's and men's voices that performs a variety of styles, including traditional and modern choral music, gospel music, contemporary popular music, and historical styles such as the madrigal. For more information, call the

Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players Auditions
The Hound of the Baskervilles

Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am
Monday - Tuesday, May 8 - 9, 7:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: A diabolical creature stalks the Baskerville family, killing off all in line for the Baskerville Hall. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson are enlisted to solve the mystery before it's too late. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Come prepared to "trot our your British accent." Performance dates: September 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, October 1, 6, 7 and 8. For a list of characters, go to

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

College of Southern Maryland
Southern Maryland Concert Band

Saturday, May 6, 8:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$5 in Advance, \$7 Day of the Concert





The Southern Maryland Concert Band collaborates with CSM's music program in a pair of performances on the La Plata Campus. CSM students can join community members and professional musicians in the SMCB for ensemble credit. The SMCB plays a variety of music from marches to Broadway

medleys and contemporary concert band music. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Latin Ensemble Concert

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

Flagship Building, Room 119

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

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



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.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Ara Gregorian, Violin

Sunday, May 14, 3:00 pm

Prince Frederick Campus

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission



Violinist/Violist Ara Gregorian has been in demand as a soloist since his 1997 performance with the Boston Pops Orchestra. Professional venues for his performances have included New York's Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center. In addition, he has performed internationally in Vancouver, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tel Aviv, and Helsinki. Gregorian has been a member of the violin faculty at East Carolina University since 1998. He performs on a Francesco Ruggieri violin from 1690 and a

Grubaugh and Seifert viola from 2006. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828 or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/music/ward-virts-series/index>.

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.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Now through May 5

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

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 molded 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.csm.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

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



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!

Upcoming Exhibitions at Mattawoman Creek Art Center

World War I Exhibition

April 21 - May 21

Open House: April 21 - 23

Art by MCAC Member Artists

Inspiring Artistic Expression

April 28 - May 28

Reception: Sunday, May 7, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Art by CalvART Gallery Members

MCAC Mattawoman Creek Art Center **MCAC**

calvART

Inspiring Artistic Expression
April 28 - May 28
Reception: Sunday, May 7, 1:00-4:00

All-media artwork by the artists of **calvART Gallery** plus descriptive writing by the Charles County Chapter of the **Maryland Writers Association**

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

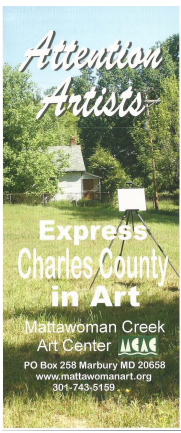


MCAC Paint Party

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.



MCAC Express Charles County in Art
Call for Artists 18 Years of Age and Up
Entry Fee: \$35 for up to 3 pieces through July 31;
\$45 after July 31
Cash Prizes Awarded
Art must have been created in 2017, delivery date is September 8
Show runs from September 22 to October 29, 2017
Click [HERE](#) for the Brochure
Click [HERE](#) for the Entry Form and Rules

Call for Artists

Waldorf West Library Gallery Summer Show

Deadline to Submit: May 19

Delivery Date: July 8; Show Runs until October 14, 2017

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: July 22

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details on Submitting Art



The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from July 8, to October 14, 2017. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional art on any subject for consideration (there is no submission fee). Non-members are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art. Click [HERE](#) to download a Membership Form.

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

Call for Artists

Artists without Limits

Deadline to Apply: June 30

Exhibit Runs from July 12 to September 5, 2017

Charles County Government Building

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details on Submitting Art



The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for a Special Summer Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Charles County Government Building, 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, Maryland from July 12 to September 5, 2017. The gallery is adjacent to the front lobby entrance.

The month of July is Americans with Disabilities Month. Celebrate with the Charles County Arts Alliance, The Charles County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities and the Tri-County Council for this event. Local artists with disabilities are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject.

For more information about the Gallery, contact The Charles County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities at (301) 848-1273 or emilyferren2014@gmail.com.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show by Roxana Gonzales, through July 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 19, 2017
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

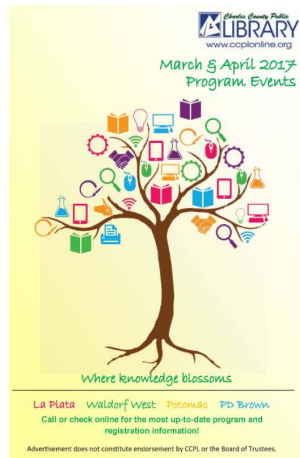
Multi-Artist Show, through July 8, 2017
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: Saturday, April 29, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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>.

Citizens for the Charles County Public Library (C4CCPL)

Spring 2017 Used Book Bazaar

Saturday, April 22 - Saturday, April 29
Friday, April 21, Members Day (non-members may join at the door)
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday and Saturday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
La Plata Branch Library, Lower Level
2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata



Each C4CCPL membership is entitled to 5 free books during the bazaar. Hardback books: 50 cents each; paperback books: 25 cents each. Friday, April 28 - Grocery-size "Bag Full of Books" - \$2.00 each. Saturday, April 29 - Grocery-size "Bag Full of Books" - \$2.00 each (Larger bags will be charged more). For more information, call Ann Chess at 301-259-4615.

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



Join them for dinner, networking and to learn from their guest speakers, firsthand, how to get a polished project to the finish line (on a deadline), and how it feels to have one of the Big Five Publishers or National TV Magazines seek your work! Excellent manuscripts/deliveries and marketing can hand you the keys! Come and learn what LJWG does year-round to inform, inspire and support. For more information, go to www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org or contact

Yvonne Medley at 240-427-(LJWG) 5594.

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Connections Literary Magazine Reading

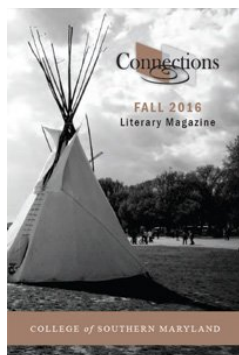
Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm

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

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

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



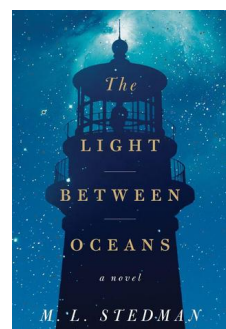
Contributors to the Fall 2016 "Connections" Literary Magazine will read and discuss their published works. For more information, contact Neal Dwyer at 301-934-7864, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/connections>.



[Book Groups for Ages 18+](#)

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.

NEW Adult Book Club at Potomac Branch Library!

PUSHING THE LIMITS
April 24, 2017 at 6:00 pm
Potomac Branch Library
Drop In - No Registration Required

Join us for our monthly reading and discussion group! In April we'll focus on the theme of Pushing the Limits of Survival with the book *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler.

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

Pushing the Limits is a reading, listening, and discussion program for adults. It is presented weekly by local libraries, video provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

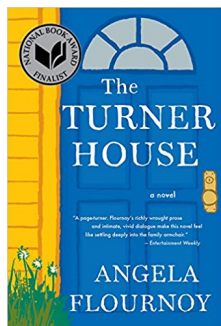
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Charles County Public Library reserves the right to modify or cancel this event. For special needs, please contact us at 301-375-1115 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

April 24: Pushing the Limits of Survival: *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler. Jack Belle of the James E. Richmond Science Center will lead a discussion with an overarching theme of real people, real stories and real science. Complimentary copies of *Arctic Drift*, are available for pick up at the Potomac Branch while supplies last. The title is also available in large print, audio, or eBook format. Light refreshments will be served.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

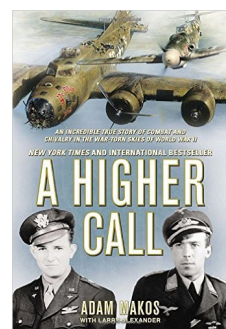
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information.



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.

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.



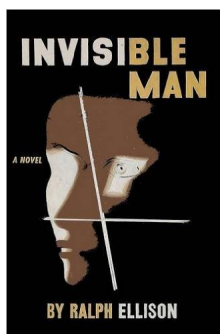
May 3: *A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II* by Adam Makos with Larry

Alexander. December, 1943: A badly damaged American bomber struggles to fly over wartime Germany. At the controls is twenty-one-year-old Second Lieutenant Charlie Brown. Half his crew lay wounded or dead on this, their first mission. Suddenly, a Messerschmitt fighter pulls up on the bomber's tail. The pilot is German ace Franz Stigler--and he can destroy the young American crew with the squeeze of a trigger. What happened next would defy imagination and later be called "the most incredible

encounter between enemies in World War II."

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.

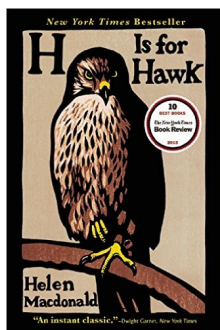


May 4: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison. *Invisible Man* is a milestone in American literature, a book that has continued to engage readers since its appearance in 1952. A first novel by an unknown writer, it remained on the bestseller list for sixteen weeks, won the National Book Award for fiction, and established Ralph Ellison as one of the key writers of the century. The nameless narrator of the novel describes growing up in a black community in the South, attending a Negro college from which he is expelled, moving to New York and becoming the chief spokesman of the Harlem branch of "the Brotherhood," and retreating amid violence and confusion

to the basement lair of the "Invisible Man" he imagines himself to be.

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.



May 6: *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. Helen Macdonald's story of adopting and raising one of nature's most vicious predators has soared into the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel's temperament mirrors Helen's own state of grief after her father's death, and together raptor and human "discover the pain and beauty of being alive" (*People*).

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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.

Community Senior Centers Get the [SCOOP](#) on What's Happening!



The Department of Community Services operates each of the County's Senior Centers, where citizens 60 and older may access a variety of programs and services, including: Social/Recreational activities, Clubs, Special Events, Trips, Nutritious Lunches, Health and Screenings Programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, Educational programs, Physical Fitness programs, Creative Arts, and Computer Lab/Classes. For more activities and events, get the [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.