

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

Performing • Visual • Literary

 Forward to a Friend

April 20, 2017

CCAA News

ArtsFest 2017

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



Second Discount Registration is Available!

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 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. **And, Radio Station WMDM 97.7 is broadcasting live at ArtsFest from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm!**

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}

**Henry E. Lackey High School
*In the Heights***

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

Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm



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



3000 Chicamac Road, Indian Head

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



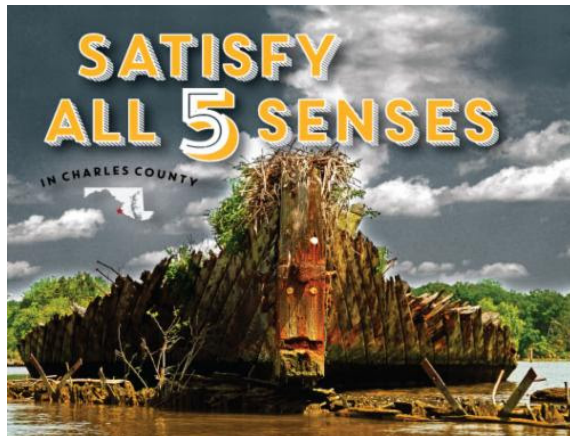
The play, by Lin-Manuel Miranda, takes place in the tight-knit community of Washington Heights in Manhattan and features a young storeowner, Usnavi, as he encounters his neighbors and learns of their successes, struggles and heartbreaks. For more information, call 301-743-5431.



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.



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

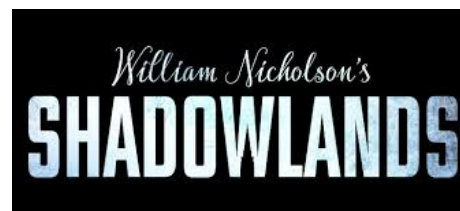
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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>



The Newtowne Players *Over the River and Through the Woods*

April 21 - May 7

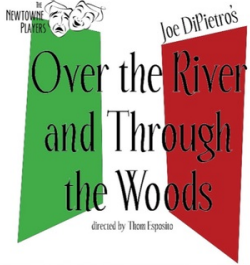
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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



April 21 - May 7, 2017

www.newtowneplayers.org 301-737-5447

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.

Travel Ticker



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



Musicians, vocal performers, and entertainers will grace the outdoor stage at Ye Olde Hawk Tavern. The fields surrounding the FA building will feature weapons demonstrations, historical information, fantastic arts and crafts to buy, and a special appearance by Queen Elizabeth I herself! All activities are priced by the vendor. Come one, come all,

rain or shine! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/special-events/renaissance-festival>.

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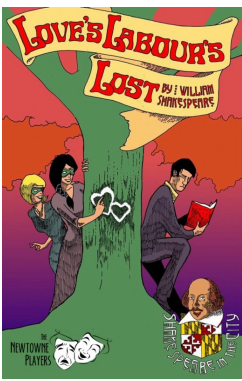
Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Rich Hill Farm Road, Bel Alton, MD 20611
 Free, Donations Accepted

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

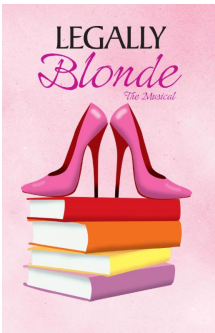
Legally Blonde

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



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

Indian Head Center for the Arts

Jason Fine Jewelry and Home Boutique

La Plata Lions Club

Life Journeys Writers Guild

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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.

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Why Not Join Us Now?

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.



Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

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

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

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.

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.

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College of Southern Maryland *Chorale and Chamber Choir Concert*

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 pm
Leonardtwn Campus
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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

The Tempest

May 5 - 21

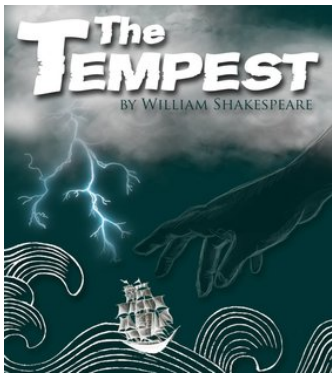
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 E Charles Street, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Romantic Comedy) Prospero, the powerful magician and exiled Duke of Milan, conjures a storm to wreck the ship carrying his betrayers onto the enchanted island he and his daughter have made their home. With a magical spirit and a villainous native, Prospero sends them on a journey to seek his revenge, escape the island, and reclaim his dukedom. Trickery and romance share the stage with magic, music, and mayhem in Shakespeare's final masterpiece. For more information, call 301-932-6819.

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 out 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-](http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html)

[announcement.html](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: That's

Entertainment!

A History of Musical Theater

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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.csm.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}

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

Now through May 5

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>.

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco *8th Annual Market Day*

Saturday, May 6, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Free Admission



Tour the Courthouse, Stagg Hall, Burch House and the Port Tobacco One-Room School House. Authors and artists vendors will have original works for purchase. For more information, contact Mary Fenton at 301-375-7892.

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

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

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

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

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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 Movie *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 Workshop

The Power of Color

Monday - Tuesday, May 22 - 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

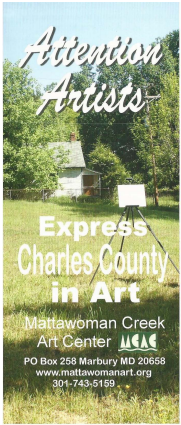
Fee: \$220 Members / \$240 Non-members

Instructor: Hugh O'Neill (www.oneillgalleries.com)

HUGH O'NEILL



Learn new and valuable color mixing techniques that will last you a lifetime from internationally acclaimed artist Hugh O'Neill. This intense two-day workshop will feature exciting demos and a chance for you to work in your own favorite medium and various subject matter. Bring supplies and paper/canvas for your favorite medium. (all levels)



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 October 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, September 23, 2:00 - 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 Dr. Theresa Alo, through July 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 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

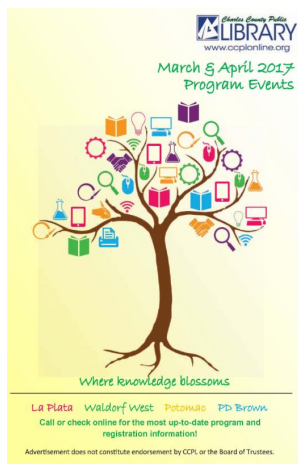
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LITERARY ARTS {top}

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

Friday, April 21, Members Day (non-members may join at the door)

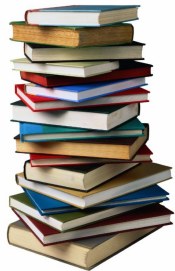
Saturday, April 22 - Saturday, April 29 (Open to all)

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

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College of Southern Maryland *Connections Literary Magazine Reading*

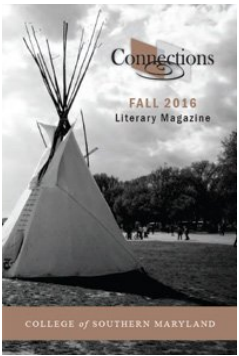
Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm

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>.

Charles County Public Library *Call for Authors for the Semi-Annual Authors Reception*

Deadline to Submit: June 17, 5:00 pm



Charles County Public Library will host its semi-annual Authors Reception on Saturday, August 19, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library, located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. Local authors (currently living in Southern Maryland) who would like to have their work featured at the Reception must submit a copy of their book to Sarah Guy, Program Coordinator, through

any branch of the Charles County Public Library system. The book can be returned to the author after the event or can be added to the library's circulating collection. All items submitted will be reviewed by CCPL's Acquisitions Department to verify the submission meets library minimum standards. When submitting books, authors must include contact information and must be able to attend the Authors Reception on August 19. Authors will present a brief (2 - 3 minute) overview of their book and will be able to sell copies to the public. For more information, contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395 x417, or SGuy@ccplonline.org.



[Book Groups for Ages 18+](#)

Potomac Library Book Discussion Group

"Pushing the Limits" discussion series brings together popular books and videos featuring authors, scientists and everyday people who thrive on

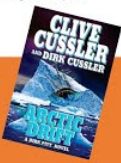
exploring the natural world. This is the second of four discussions, meeting at 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. For more information, call 301-375-7375.

NEW Adult Book Club at Potomac Branch Library!

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.

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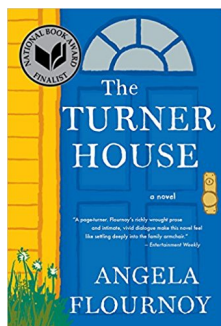
Charles County Public Library reserves the right to modify or cancel this program at any time without notice. Please contact us at 301-375-7375 or visit our website for more information.

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.

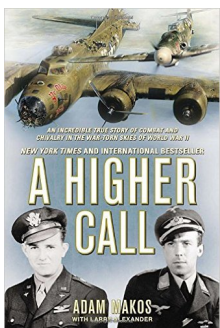


April 26: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy.

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.



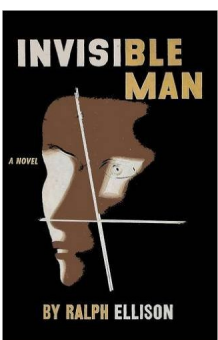
May 3: *A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II* by Adam Makos with Larry Alexander.

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.

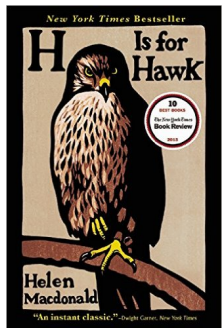


May 4: *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison. *Invisible Man* is a milestone in American literature, a book that has continued to engage readers since its appearance in 1952. A first novel by an unknown writer, it remained on the bestseller list for sixteen weeks, won the National Book Award for fiction, 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

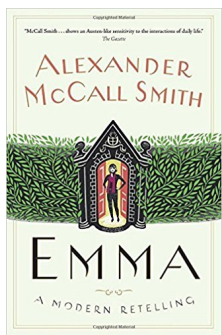
Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



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*).

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.



May 11: *Emma: A Modern Retelling* by Alexander McCall Smith. The summer after university, Emma Woodhouse returns home to the village of Highbury, and to the household of her hypochondriac father, who has been living alone on a steady diet of vegetables and vitamin supplements. Cultivating grand plans for the future, she prepares to launch her interior-design business and strike out on her own, but in the meantime turns her attention to the matching of people, rather than fabric patterns. Soon Emma befriends Harriet Smith, the naïve but charming young teacher's assistant at an English-language school run by the hippie-ish Mrs. Goddard. Harriet is Emma's

inspiration to do the two things she does best: offer guidance to those less wise in the ways of the world and put her matchmaking skills to good use.

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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.