



# Arts Newsflash

 Forward to a Friend

**April 6, 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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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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

### 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@adl.com](mailto:keechjoyce@adl.com) or call Mary Fenton at 301-375-7892.



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# 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!](#)

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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.

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## Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Pops Concert

### *If We Could Sing To The Animals*

Saturday, April 8, 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 9, 3:30 pm

Port Tobacco Players Theater

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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

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

[www.chesapeakechoral.com](http://www.chesapeakechoral.com).



## College of Southern Maryland

### Ward Virts Concert Series

#### *Hannah Baslee, Mezzo-Soprano*

Sunday, April 9, 3:00 pm

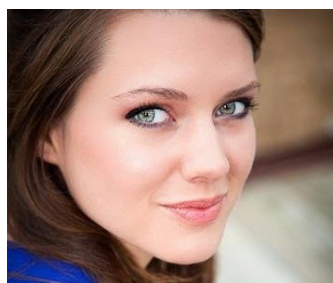
Prince Frederick Campus

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission

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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>.



**ROTARY**  
La Plata, MD 



## 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](http://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

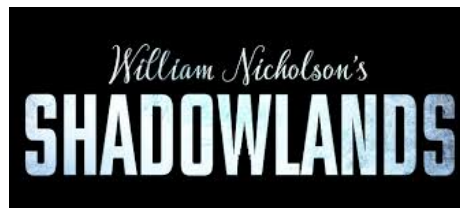
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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

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



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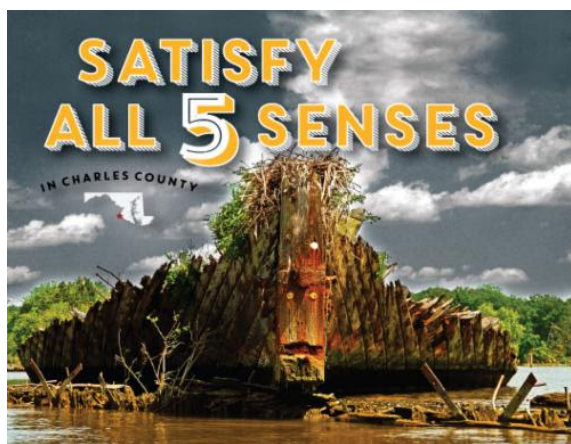
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Events include World War I exhibits; kayaking; guided walks; and tours of historic homes, parks and archaeological sites at various locations. For more information, contact the Office of Tourism at 301-645-0610, 301-396-5819, or 301-645-0601.

### 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.

**April 21 - May 7, 2017**  
[www.newtowneplayersonline.org](http://www.newtowneplayersonline.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->

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- Music Teachers Association of Charles Co., Inc.
- Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS
- PNC Bank
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## 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 friends@richhill.org or friends@richhill@gmail.com or

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

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## La Plata High School

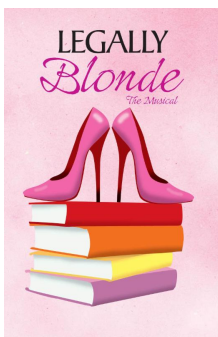
### *Legally Blonde*

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

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## 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.

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## 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

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

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

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The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto: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.



## 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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## 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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## 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

THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES

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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}](#)

## Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

### *Paint-In*

Saturday, April 8, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659



Cordy Dickson will lead the Paint-in of "A Fairy in My Garden" by artist Monika Brint. Guests are always welcome and should contact SMDP for supplies needed for the project. For more information, visit [www.smdpaint.org](http://www.smdpaint.org) or contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835 or email [smdp.learnpaint@gmail.com](mailto:smdp.learnpaint@gmail.com).

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## **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>.

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## **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](mailto:JMW@QP2Creative.com).

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## **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](http://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



## 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 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*

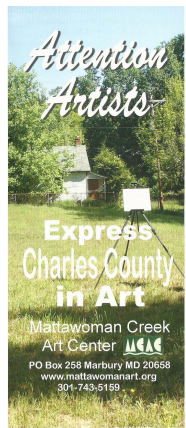
Saturday, April 29, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Fee: \$50 Members / \$60 Nonmembers

Instructor: Vicki Marckel ([vmarckel.com](http://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

## College of Southern Maryland

### Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

### *Annual Juried Student Exhibition*

April 10 - 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.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

## 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](mailto:emilyferren2014@gmail.com).

## 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

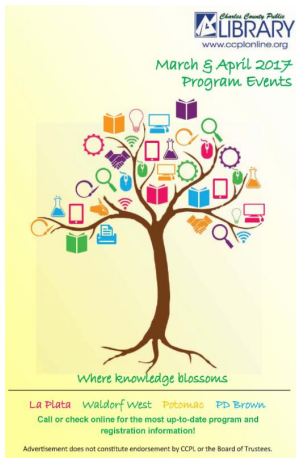
## Waldorf West Library

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](mailto: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>.

## 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  
Free and Open to the Public



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>.

# 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](http://www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org) or contact

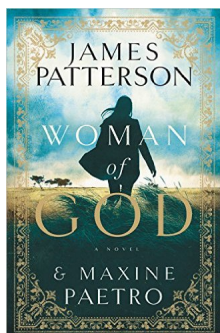
Yvonne Medley at 240-427-(LJWG) 5594.



### [Book Groups for Ages 18+](#)

## 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.

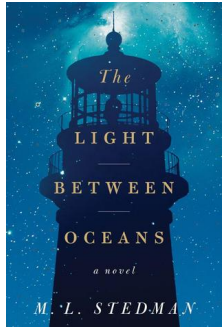


**April 6: *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.** The world is watching as massive crowds gather in Rome, waiting for news of a new pope, one who promises to be unlike any other in history. It's a turning point that may change the Church forever. Some followers are ecstatic that the movement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

## 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.

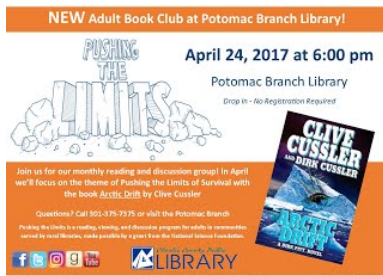


**April 13: *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman.** After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day's journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once 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.

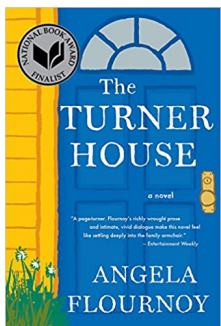


**April 24: Pushing the Limits of Survival: *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler.**

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.



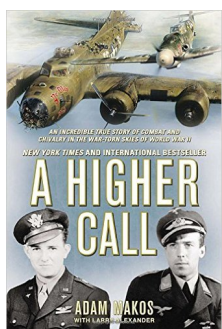
**April 26: *The Turner House* by Angela Flournoy.**

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.



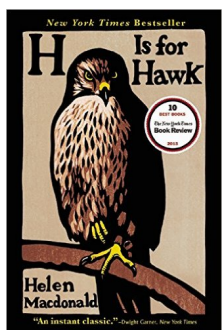


**May 3: *A Higher Call: An Incredible True Story of Combat and Chivalry in the War-Torn Skies of World War II* by Adam Makos with Larry Alexander.** December, 1943: A badly damaged American bomber struggles to fly over wartime Germany. At the controls is twenty-one-year-old Second Lieutenant Charlie 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."

## 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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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.