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June 15, 2017

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Town of La Plata

Free Friday Night Concerts

Now through September 29, 7:00 pm

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot, an ice cream truck is also stationed there for your enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while

keeping an eye on the little ones. With the variety of music styles ranging from country, jazz, oldies, military bands, and classic rock there is something for everyone at the La Plata Summer Concert Series. For more information, contact Colleen Wilson at cwilson@townoflaplata.org.

June 16: [Three Days of Rain](#) - Today's hits, 80s, Dance, Funk, Classic Rock & Country

June 23: [U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers](#) - Jazz, R&B, Rock, Contemporary & Pop

June 30: [Pork Donut](#) - Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s

July 7: [Four of a Kind](#) - Classic Rock, Southern Rock, Country, Blues & Oldies

July 14: [John Luskey Band](#) - Pop, Country & Rock

July 21: [U.S. Naval Academy Band Superintendent's Combo](#) - Jazz

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August 11: [U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact](#) - Classic/Contemporary Rock & Country

August 18: [Eric Scott Band](#) - Acoustic Soul/Pop

August 25: [Southern Maryland Concert Band](#) - Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes

September 1: [Community Groove](#) - Funky rock, Blues originals & covers

September 8: [Dr. Robert Band](#) - Classic Rock with an emphasis on the works of the Beatles

September 15: [SWILD](#) - Rock, Pop & Dance

September 22: [Trilogy](#) - Rock, Pop, Dance, Hip hop & Country Covers with a twist

September 29: [U.S. Navy Band The Commodores](#) - Jazz



Town of La Plata Summer Kids Shows

[Blue Sky Puppets - Rufus](#)

Tuesday, June 20, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission



A fast-paced and funny story about tolerance and individuality with an adorable main character. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting, no concessions available, but snacks and drinks are welcome. For more information, contact the Town Hall at 301-934-8421.



Indian Head Black Box Theatre

For the Love of Dionne

Saturday, June 24, 7:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$20

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Bullock's Piano Salon

Complete Family Music Center — School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used



Celebrating the living icon, Dionne Warwick, and featuring vocal sensation Mai Maiesha Rashad.

For more information, call 301-743-3040, or visit <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org>.



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Alice Ferguson Foundation

Concert in the Woods

Tamara Wellons

Saturday, June 24, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Online Tickets: \$15 Regular, \$13 Members; \$20 at the Door (Cash Only)

Refreshments Available, Performance is Outdoors

tamara Wellons
SINGER | SONGWRITER | PERFORMER



Tamara was inspired by a variety of traditional spirituals and revival hymns, blues, funk and soul that soundtracked her youth. She's emerged a stunningly versatile artist whose aesthetic encompasses soul, jazz and soulful house. For more information,

visit <http://fergusonfoundation.org/events/concert-in-the-woods-tamara-wellons>.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Concert in the Woods

Lynn & Friends

Friday, June 30, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Online Tickets: \$15 Regular, \$13 Members; \$20 at the Door (Cash Only)

Refreshments Available, Performance is Outdoors

Buy Tickets Now!



JUN 30
Concert in the Woods:
Lynn & Friends
by Alice Ferguson Foundation
\$13 - \$15

A passionate singer and songwriter, Lynn Hollyfield blends her mastery of acoustic guitar and beautiful voice to create a diverse repertoire of contemporary folk, pop, blues and jazz. For more information,

visit <http://fergusonfoundation.org/events/concert-in-the-woods-lynn-hollyfield>.

College of Southern Maryland

Summer Concert Series

Dixie Power Trio with the New Line Brass

Sunday, July 2, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Leonardtwn Campus Lawn

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Free Admission



It's big, it's brassy, and if you want funky New Orleans parade music, here comes the New Line Brass Band. The New Line Brass Band combines the talent and experience of the Dixie Power Trio with one of Washington/Baltimore's finest horn lines. Blending a mixture of traditional brass band standards, spirituals,

zydeco, and original compositions, the group plays music with a loose vibe and a funky groove. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Sister Act

July 7 - 30

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

Buy Tickets Now!

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(Musical) Based on the 1992 hit film, *Sister Act* is sure to have audiences jumping to their feet. When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder and is placed in a convent for her safety, she has to trade her sequined gowns for a black-and-white habit and her late-night partying for early-morning Mass. Though she's at odds with the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior, Deloris breathes new life into the choir, the congregation and the community at large. Powerful music and outrageous dancing combine to make *Sister Act* a feel-good story about the power of sisterhood. For more



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information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Theatre Camp for Grades 6 - 8

Three Weeks of Classes, Two Sessions per Week, Monday - Friday
July 10 - 14; July 17 - 21; July 24 - 28, 8:00 am - Noon; 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Indian Head Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Costs: Full Day per Week - \$100; Half Day per Week - \$60

Discount rates available for more than one student from the same family



This class is a fun, high-energy program that allows young people to fully engage their imaginations as they experience the thrill of creating live theatre. From learning the basic techniques of acting for the stage, to developing improvisation and physical comedy skills, to putting it all together in a public performance, it's a summer your child will never forget.

Taught by some of College of Southern Maryland's best-known theatre professionals and educators, the theatre class is a great way to discover the joys of drama, explore the creative self, and make wonderful new friends.

Campers participate in a wide variety of theatre activities, including improvisation, scene study, storytelling, and creative writing, all taught by caring artists dedicated to meeting each child at his or her level.

Classes emphasize drama games and exercises designed to increase spontaneity, engage the imagination, promote self-confidence, and encourage ensemble spirit. At the end of each session (Friday evenings), students share their work in a free performance open to the public.

For more information and to register, contact Keith Hight at KeithHight@yahoo.com.

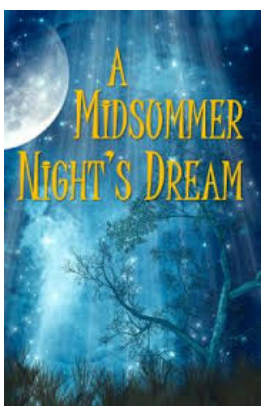
Auditions for Grades 9 - 12

Monday and Tuesday, July 10 and 11, 6:00 pm

Cost: \$50

Indian Head Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head



Students in grades 9 - 12 will perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on August 5, at the Black Box Theatre. To audition, come prepared to give a one-minute monologue. After the roles are cast, the rehearsal schedule will be announced. For more information and to sign up, contact Keith Hight at KeithHight@yahoo.com.

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Town of La Plata Summer Kids Shows

[Bright Star Theatre - Alice in Wonderland](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission



The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45 minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take you on an imaginative ride. Join the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and Alice on this adventure in Wonderland. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting, no concessions available, but snacks and drinks are welcome. For more information, contact the Town Hall at 301-934-8421.

College of Southern Maryland

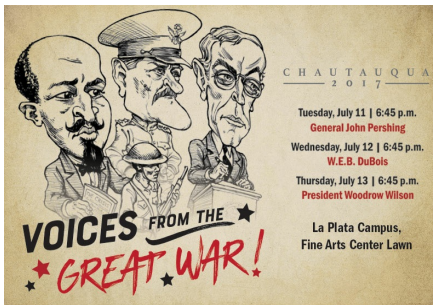
23rd Annual Chautauqua

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 11 - 13, 6:45 pm

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Lawn

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



This summer's Chautauqua commemorates the centennial of the United States' entry into World War II by featuring three pivotal historical figures:

July 11 - General John Pershing

July 12 - W.E.B. DuBois

July 13 - President Woodrow Wilson

CHAUTAUQUA
2017
Tuesday, July 11 | 6:45 p.m.
General John Pershing
Wednesday, July 12 | 6:45 p.m.
W.E.B. DuBois
Thursday, July 13 | 6:45 p.m.
President Woodrow Wilson
La Plata Campus,
Fine Arts Center Lawn

In case of inclement weather, the performances will be held in the Fine Arts Center Theatre. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/special-events/chautauqua>.

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.

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

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.

Maryland State Arts Council 2018 Individual Artist Awards

Deadline to Apply: Friday, July 21, 4:30 pm EST

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Each year, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) recognizes outstanding artistic achievement through the Individual Artist Awards (IAA) program. Grants of \$1,000-\$6,000 honor the

unique contributions of Maryland artists to the state's creative economy and help support artists to advance their craft.

Categories Offered for the 2018 Fellowships:

- Non-Classical Music: Composition
- Non-Classical Music: Solo Performance
- Playwriting
- Visual Arts: Crafts
- Visual Arts: Photography

Visit <http://www.midatlanticarts.org/grants-programs/grants-for-artists/#state-fellowships> and select the "Maryland" tab for complete details, guidelines, online videos and webinar registration. If you need additional assistance, contact Kimberly Steinle-Super at 410-539-6656, ext. 101, or kimberly@midatlanticarts.org.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658
 The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors! Inform the Park Ranger when entering the Park.

Click [HERE](#) for the Summer Brochure. Check out their Early Bird Special Rates for registering for workshops in advance!

Mattawoman Creek Arts Center

Plein Air Workshop

Friday, June 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$55 Members / \$65 Non-members

Instructor: Lynn Mehta (<http://lynnmehta.com>)

Thomas Stone National Historic Site, 6655 Rose Hill Road, Port Tobacco

(In case of rain, event will be held at MCAC, Smallwood State Park)



This workshop will focus on how to identify and translate the elements of a scene that is inspiring to you using the *plein air* tools which you have accumulated. Instruction includes the importance of color notes, light and dark values, and composition. The demonstration will focus on how to paint quickly and coming to a stopping point as the light changes. You will then paint and individual instruction will be

offered as you progress.

Southern Maryland Collective Artists

Paint-By-Rhythm

Saturday, June 17, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Quality Printers

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

REGISTER NOW!



Open to all Southern Maryland artists. Some of you may have heard or participated in a paint by music exercise. The act of visually representing a piece of music can definitely open up your ability to present complex ideas in an abstract way. Since this is an [open space project], you can expect an interesting twist or two. Canvases, paint and

brushes will be supplied. If you have a favorite easel, bring it. To sign up, visit <http://somedartistscollective.com/open-space-project>.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Friday Open Studio

Now through August 25, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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.

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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Workshop

Pine Needle Baskets

Monday - Tuesday, June 19 - 20, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$130 Members / \$150 Non-members

Materials Fee: \$10

Instructor: Becky Butler

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



Learn the unique and addictive art of coiling pine needles. Participants will create their own pine needle basket from start to finish. The class will include pine needle varieties, preparation and supplies, stitching materials, starting on a nut slice center, the basic stitch and techniques of creating a coil, adding needles, adding threads, shaping, using the wrap stitch for embellishment, and finishing. Starts and materials for a second basket or larger first basket are included.

Participants will have the opportunity to make style and color choices for their baskets. Printed information about sources for supplies and opportunities to learn more advanced techniques will be available.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Summer Tea

Sunday, June 25, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free Admission

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.



Enjoy hot and iced teas, sandwiches, pastries, and other treats. And, tour the current art exhibit!

Southern Maryland Artists Collective Workshop

Mind Your Beeswax

Sunday, July 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

REGISTER NOW!

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10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Pains

Class Fee: \$35



Come join in for a mixed media workshop where you take many elements and bring them together to make interesting Beeswax collages. Got leftover tissue paper? Old candy wrappers? Used coffee filters with stains that resemble a famous person? Bring 'em in and make some art! Students are encouraged to bring rigid surfaces on which to create their art

(wood, cardboard or stiff paper such as watercolor) and some personal elements to incorporate into their work. For more information and to sign up visit <http://somedartistscollective.com/workshops>.

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.

Mattawoman Creek Arts Center 23rd Annual All-Media Juried Exhibition

Now through July 9

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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
MCAC Presents MCAC

**23rd Annual
All-media Juried Exhibition**

June 9 through July 9

Reception: June 11, 1:00-4:00
Awards and Juror's Gallery Talk at 2:00
Summer Tea: Sunday, June 25, 1:00-4:00

*Some of Southern Maryland's
finest artists display their artwork
created in a variety of styles and media.*

Please join us to enjoy this show!

2016 1st Prize Winner: Ma Bell by Monna Kauppinen

Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch

"Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit: July 21, 2017

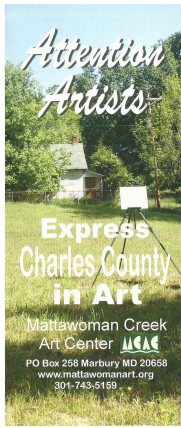
Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details on Submitting Art

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their second art show in 2017. This is a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from August 25 to November 10, 2017.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of 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.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line. Artists will be notified by email in early August; all accepted art must be wired, ready to hang and delivered to the Bank on August 25.

For more information, contact Gale Kladitis at GKladitis@comcast.net.



Mattawoman Creek Art Center
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
Reception: October 1
Click [HERE](#) for the Brochure

Click [HERE](#) for the Entry Form and Rules

For more information, go to mattawomanart.org.

ArtSmart Studio

Visual Intelligence Art Camp

REGISTER NOW!

For Ages 6 to 17

August 21 - 25

Morning Session from 9:00 am to Noon

Afternoon Session from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Register by July 15

Bryans Road



Here's an opportunity for your children to have a wonderful visual art experience that will intrigue and encourage them while building up their self-esteem and abilities. For complete information, fees and to register, visit [Visual Intelligence Art Camp](#).

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show by Roxana Gonzales

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646

Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show

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

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

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603

Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Charles County Public Library

Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge: Build A Better World

Now through August 26



Sign up to win prizes. Open to individuals, families and groups.
Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, June 17, 2:30 - 4:40 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



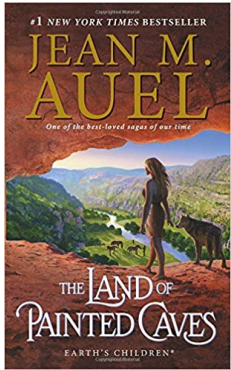
LJWG members - bring your creative works. Visitors come and help them critique! Expect writing and publishing tips, networking, refreshments, and more!!! Come and see what they do, and how you can join. For more information, email emeddle@aol.com or call 240.427.LJWG (5594).

Potomac Library Book Discussion Group

Monday, June 26 , 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head

"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 last of four discussions. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



The Land of Painted Caves by Jean M. Auel. The conclusion to Jean Auel's epic 6-part series of survival during the ice age.

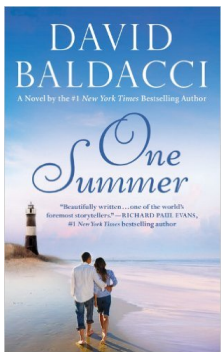
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 28, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head.

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



One Summer by David Baldacci. It's almost Christmas, but there is no joy in the house of terminally ill Jack and his family. With only a short time left to live, he spends his last days preparing to say goodbye to his devoted wife, Lizzie, and their three children. Then, unthinkable, tragedy strikes again: Lizzie is killed in a car accident. With no one able to care for them, the children are separated from each other and sent to live with family members around the country. Just when all seems lost, Jack begins to recover in a miraculous turn of events.

Struggling to rebuild their lives after Lizzie's death, he reunites everyone at Lizzie's childhood home on the oceanfront in South Carolina. And there, over one

unforgettable summer, Jack will begin to learn to love again, and he and his children will learn how to become a family once more.

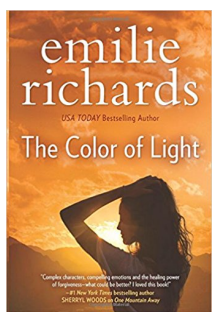
Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, July 5, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month

For more information, call 301-638-4420



The Color of Light by Emilie Richards. For more than a decade, minister Analiese Wagner has felt privileged to lead her parishioners along a well-lit path. Her commitment has never been seriously tested until the frigid night she encounters a homeless family huddling in the churchyard. Offering them shelter in a vacant parish house apartment and taking teenage Shiloh Fowler, a girl desperate to rescue her parents, under her wing, she tests the loyalty and faith of her congregation.

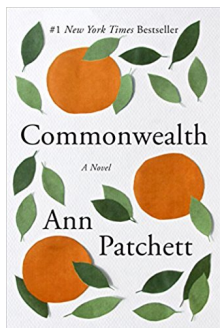
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, July 6, 1:00 pm

Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly, thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children involved. Told with equal measures of humor and heartbreak, *Commonwealth* is a meditation on inspiration, interpretation, and the ownership of stories. It is a brilliant and tender tale of the far-reaching ties of love and

responsibility that bind us together.

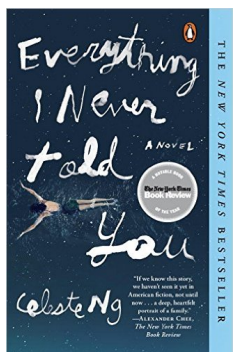
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, July 8, 9:30 - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864.



Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. "Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet." So begins this exquisite novel about a Chinese American family living in 1970s small-town Ohio. Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos. A profoundly moving story of family, secrets, and longing, *Everything I Never Told You* is both a gripping page-turner and a sensitive family portrait, uncovering the ways

in which mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and husbands and wives struggle, all their lives, to understand one another.

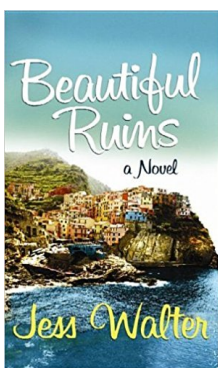
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 pm

La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter. This is the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962, and is rekindled in Hollywood 50 years later.

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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.