

Charles Arts County Alliance

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Arts Newsflash

 Forward to a Friend

June 29, 2017

Call for Artists

Artists without Limits

Deadline to Apply: Tomorrow, 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

Reception: July 17, 6:30 pm



The Charles County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities 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 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.

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happening in the Arts!**

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Town of La Plata

Free Friday Night Concerts

Now through September 29, 7:00 pm

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

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**June 2017
Arts Insider**

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Concertgoers 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



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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 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
- July 28:** [The Muddy Crows](#) - Americana/Alt Rock
- August 4:** [257th Army Band](#) - "The Band of the Nation's Capital"
- 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



River Concert Series

Now through July 22
 Grounds open at 5:00 pm, Concert begin at 7:00 pm (except where noted)
 Townhouse Green
 47645 College Drive, St. Mary's City
 Free Admission!

- Friday, June 30 - [An Evening of Americana for Our Independence Holiday](#)
- Friday, July 7 - [The GLORIA of Singing](#)
- Friday, July 14 - [Muy Caliente!](#)
- Friday, July 21 - 5:00 - 6:00 pm - [The Spirit of Jazz and Democracy](#)
 -Auerbach Auditorium, St. Mary's Hall

Friday, July 21 - [The Roaring Twenties Redux!](#)

Saturday, July 22 - [The DNA of It!](#)

For more information, visit <http://www.smcm.edu/events/calendar>.



Alice Ferguson Foundation Concert in the Woods



Roses and Rye

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



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

Award-winning Singer-Songwriters Annette Wasilik, Nicole Belanus, Lynn Hollyfield and Kevin Dudley join together as supergroup "Roses and Rye." For more information,

visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-in-the-woods-roses-rye-tickets-34680207434>.



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

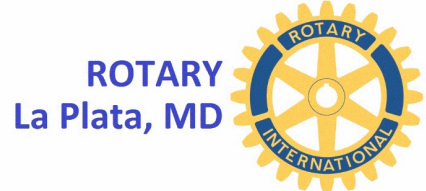
July 7 - 30

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





(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.

The Newtowne Players

Once Upon a Mattress

July 7 - 30

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

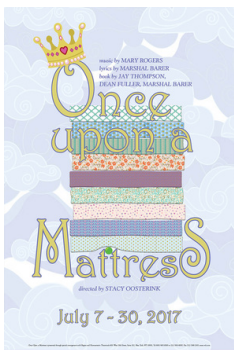
Thursdays, July 13, 20, and 27, 8:00 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Senior/Student/Military; \$13 Child

Thursday Performances: \$13 All Seats

Buy Tickets Now!



Due to an unhappy curse, King Sextimus is unable to speak; and, his terror-of-a-wife, Queen Aggravain, has taken control of the kingdom. In an attempt to keep Prince Dauntless single, she has decreed that only the princess who can pass her test may marry her son; and no one else in the kingdom may marry until Prince Dauntless does. Luckily, Sir Harry is able to find an amazing princess: Winnifred the Woebegone. For more information, visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

Johns Hopkins University

Call for Actors Ages 8 - 23

Deadline to Apply: July 9



JHU is calling for actors for "Operation First Light," a short student film about a group of young boys at summer camp who plan a mischievous raid on the girls' cabins only for the advantage to be reversed as the boys' war-efforts face an ambush unleashed by a ruthless, well-oiled pranking machine. Filming location is near

Newburg; the casting is at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood campus in Baltimore City. They are looking for male and female actors to fill the roles of campers and two counselors. To apply for casting and more details, send an email to projectkesemcrew@gmail.com (optional, but not necessary: include a résumé and headshot).

Hard Bargain Players

Children's Theater Camp for Ages 7 - 16

Monday - Friday, July 10 - 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Performance: Friday, July 21, 7:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

REGISTER NOW!



Sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation and the Hard Bargain Players, the summer theatre workshop will introduce newcomers to the world of the theater and challenge young veterans with advanced theatrical concepts and production techniques. The workshop will engage and entertain participants as they work in the areas of stage management, acting, costuming, lighting, set design and construction, and will culminate in a final production on July 21. Visit the [website](#) for fees and registration information.

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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

Indian Head Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Cost: \$50



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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Why Not Join Us Now?

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.

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.

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

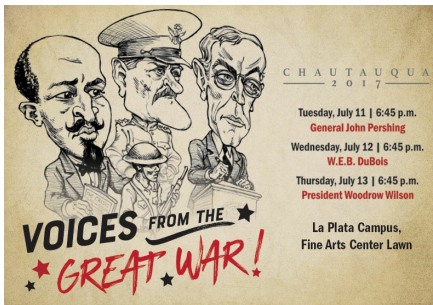


The Lewis Carroll literary classic is magically brought to life in this 45 minute adventure. Join Alice on her journey into the rabbit hole, packed with some eccentric and fantastical characters who take you on an imaginative ride. Join the Queen of Hearts, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter and Alice 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 - 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 I by featuring three pivotal historical figures:

July 11 - General John Pershing
July 12 - W.E.B. DuBois
July 13 - President Woodrow Wilson

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.

Southern Maryland Film Festival

Saturday, July 15

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

4:00 - 6:00 pm - Family Friendly Films

7:00 - 9:00 pm - For Mature Audiences

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$3 per block of films, \$5 for both blocks



For more information, visit <http://www.smdfs.org>, or call Pam Frank at 202-361-5300.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Concert in the Woods

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Blues Night

Saturday, July 15, 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



Linwood Lee Taylor, Steve Wolf and Joe Wells will entertain with an evening of "red hot blues." For more information, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/concert-in-the-woods-blues-night-tickets-34680326791>.

Maryland State Arts Council

2018 Individual Artist Awards

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

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}

Maryland State Arts Council *Calling All Maryland Artists!*



Join the [Maryland Artists Registry](#). This free resource is an effective tool for those seeking to reach curators, consultants, collectors and others looking to commission or review contemporary artwork.

The [Marketplace](#) provides an image and link to where Maryland-based artists' works can be purchased. For more information, visit msac.org/artist-registry or

mdartplace.org/opportunities/resource-bulletin, or call the Registry Coordinator at 410-962-8565.

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!

Friday Open Studio

Now through August 25, 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.



Southern Maryland Artists Collective Workshop

Mind Your Beeswax

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

REGISTER NOW!

Quality Printers

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://smdartistscollective.com/workshops>.

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

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Workshop

Drawing with Three Color Pencil/Chalk Technique

Wednesday, July 12, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (bring a lunch)

Fee: \$75 Members / \$85 Non-members

Materials Fee: \$8 for all supplies

Instructor: Pat Spradlin

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors. Inform the Park Ranger when entering the Park.



This workshop uses Prismacolor Verithin red and black colored pencils and white chalk to render still life drawings using the classic three chalk or "trois crayon" technique used by the old masters. It will include how to prepare paper, use of pencils and drawing "how to" techniques. (All levels). For more information, visit mattawomanart.org.

Southern Maryland Artists Collective

WIP Get-Together

Saturday, July 15, 1:00 pm

Quality Printers

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains



Do you need some feedback on your work from a fellow artist? Stuck on a piece and could use some constructive feedback? Or do you just love talking about process and art with your peers? Then you need the WIP.

Open to all Southern Maryland artists, the session will last approximately 90 minutes. Bring a work-in-progress, if you have one. For more information, contact Joseph Wimberly at 240-349-2953 or JMW@QP2Creative.com.

Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf Branch

"Call for Artists"



Community Bank
*of the Chesapeake**

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.

The Town of North Beach

Sunrise: A Celebration of the Arts

Call for Art Entries

Saturday, July 22, Noon to 6:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details



CALL FOR ENTRIES

Sculpture Competition & Art Festival 2017

The Town of North Beach is placing a call for entries for

SUNRISE: A Celebration of the Arts

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017
12:00 to 6:00 pm along the beautiful Chesapeake Bay

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE COMPETITION

The Town of North Beach is seeking approximately FIVE outdoor sculptures to be displayed for one year at the Sunrise Garden located at the corner of 3rd Street & Bay Avenue.

ART FESTIVAL

The Town of North Beach is seeking juried artists to display at the SUNRISE: A Celebration of the Arts festival. This festival will be held in conjunction with the Annual MD Wineries Association event, DRINKMARYLAND.

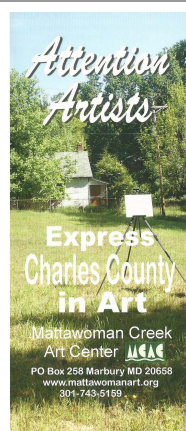
PRIZES	
SCULPTURE COMPETITION	ART FESTIVAL
1st Place \$1,000	1st Place \$500
2nd Place \$750	2nd Place \$250
3rd Place \$500	3rd Place \$100
4th Place \$250	
5th Place \$100	



The Town of North Beach, Maryland
8914 Chesapeake Avenue
North Beach, MD 20714
301.855.6661

SEE WWW.NORTHBEACHMD.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

The celebration consists of an outdoor sculpture competition and art festival. For more information, visit northbeachmd.org.



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.

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.

CULTURAL ARTS {top}

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY

Throughout June and July, Historic St. Mary's City is hosting a variety of events for all ages. Visit the websites for details, locations, and admission fees.

Summer Camp: The Archaeology of Food

Monday - Friday, July 10 - 14, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

For 7th and 8th Grades; registration required
For more information, call 240-895-4990, or visit [The Archaeology of Food](#)

Little Pirates!

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July 19, 20, 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am

For Children 3 to 6 years, with an accompanying adult
For more information, call 240-895-4990, or visit [Little Pirates](#)

Day Camp: Pirates - Fact vs. Fiction

Sunday, July 23, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

For Children 9 to 12 years
For more information, call 240-895-4990, or visit [Pirates - Fact vs. Fiction](#)

Tidewater Archaeology Days

Saturday - Sunday, July 29 - 30, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For all ages
For more information, call 240-895-4990, or visit [Tidewater Archaeology Days](#).

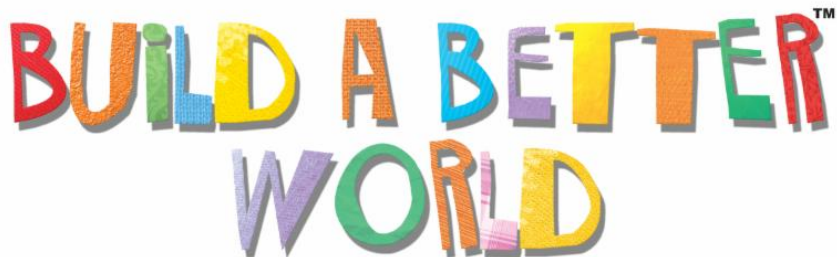
For more information on their events, go to <http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org/programs-tours/programmevents>.

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.

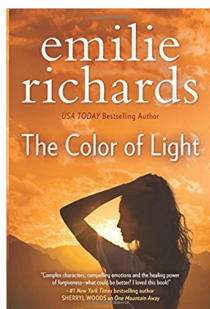
Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

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.

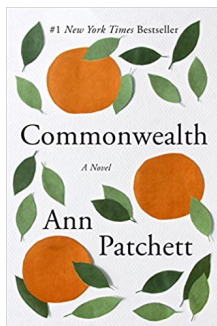
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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.

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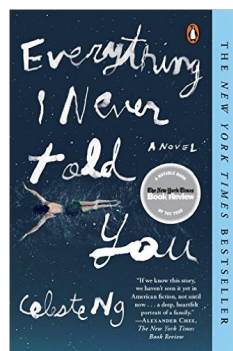
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

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.

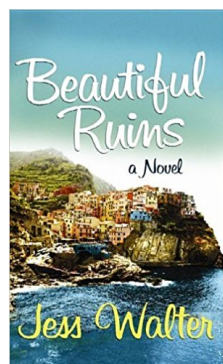
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

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.

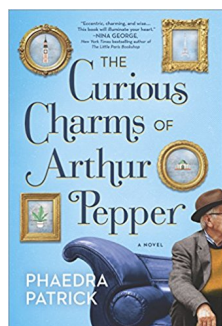
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, July 26, 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



The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick. Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 am, just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, Frederica, and heads out to his garden. But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam's death, something changes. Sorting through Miriam's possessions, Arthur finds an exquisite gold charm bracelet he's never seen before. What follows is a surprising and unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur from London to Paris and as far as India in an epic quest

to find out the truth about his wife's secret life before they met, a journey that leads him to find hope, healing and self-discovery in the most unexpected places.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Big Quarterly Gathering

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

The Legends Club, Inside the Blue Crabs Stadium

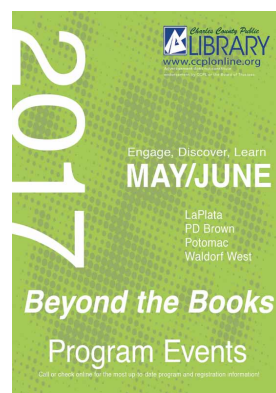
11765 St. Linus Drive, Waldorf



Join them to glean from their guest speakers, firsthand, about "The Business of Books!" Enjoy great food, giveaways and raffles, networking, encouragement to get your literary projects to the finish line, publishing tips, and more! Learn about what they do, year-round, to inform, inspire and support. Take part in their Famous LJWG Champagne Toast to our Success! (a Cash Bar will be available). Free to the public. For more

information, click on www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org or contact Yvonne Medley at 240-427-(LJWG) 5594.

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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.