

# Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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July 6, 2017

## 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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:GKladitis@comcast.net).

## July 2017 Arts Insider

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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



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](mailto:cwilson@townoflaplata.org).

**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



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### *River Concert Series*

Now through July 22

Grounds open at 5:00 pm, Concerts begin at 7:00 pm (except where noted)

Townhouse Green, 47645 College Drive, St. Mary's City  
Free Admission!

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>.

## Port Tobacco Players

### *Sister Act*

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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

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



## The Newtowne Players

### *Once Upon a Mattress*

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

July 7 - 30

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

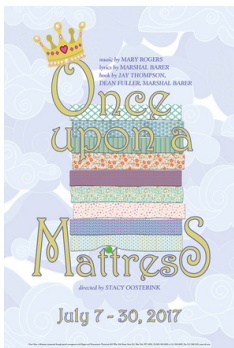
Sundays, 3:30 pm

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

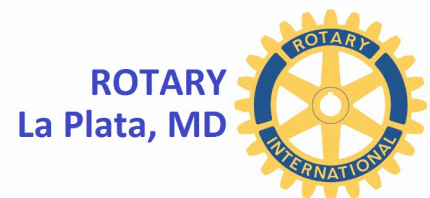
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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

Thursday Performances: \$13 All Seats



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](mailto: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.

## *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](mailto:KeithHight@yahoo.com).

## *Auditions for Grades 9 - 12*

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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](mailto:KeithHight@yahoo.com).

## 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

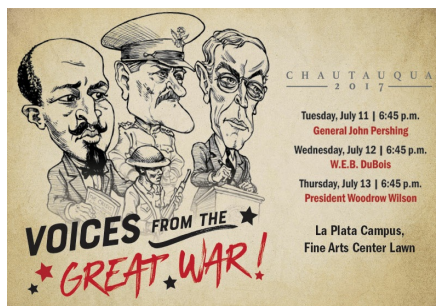
### *23rd Annual Chautauqua*

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

THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES

# 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.

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](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.

## *Southern Maryland Film Festival*

Saturday, July 15

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 and to order tickets, 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](mailto:kimberly@midatlanticarts.org).

## Town of La Plata Summer Kids Shows

### [The Balloon Nerd Show](#)

Tuesday, July 25, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission



Get ready to dance, scream and shout! The Balloon Nerd is ready to take you into his fantastic world of balloons and magic, along with his friends Scooter the giant dancing balloon snake, and Teddy the mind reading teddy bear. Don't get too comfortable in your seats because The Balloon Nerd will need your help on stage. He can't make the magic happen without you, so make sure you are there! For more information, call the Town Hall at 301-934-8421.

## 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](http://msac.org/artist-registry) or

[mdartplace.org/opportunities/resource-bulletin](http://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](http://mattawomanart.org).

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### **Southern Maryland Decorative Painters**

#### *Meeting and Paint-In*

Saturday, July 8, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



This will be a free day to paint various surfaces that will be provided for their craft show and community services. Guests are always welcome; supplies will be provided. For more information, contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835, or email [smdp.learnpaint@gmail.com](mailto:smdp.learnpaint@gmail.com).

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### **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!  
2015 1st Prize Winner: Ma Bell by Monna Kauppinen

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### **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](http://mattawomanart.org).

**Mattawoman Creek Art Center**

***Art as Meditation***

July 14 - August 13

Reception: Sunday, July 16, 1:00 - 4:00 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.

The new exhibit features monotype, prints and paintings by Harriett Lawler-Hernick, and metal and other sculpture by Harold Kyle.

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

## Southern Maryland Artists Collective Workshop

### *Mind Your Beeswax*

New Date: Sunday, July 16, 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://somedartistscollective.com/workshops>.

## 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.

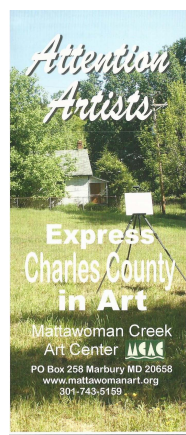
**ART FESTIVAL**  
The Town of North Beach is seeking juried artists to display at the SUNRISE: A Celebration of the Arts festival. This festival will be held in conjunction with the Annual MD Wineries Association event, DRINKMARYLAND.

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	

**NB**  
The Town of North Beach, Maryland  
8916 Chesapeake Avenue  
North Beach, MD 20714  
301.855.6661

SEE [WWW.NORTHBEACHMD.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHBEACHMD.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS.

The celebration consists of an outdoor sculpture competition and art festival. For more information, visit [northbeachmd.org](http://northbeachmd.org).

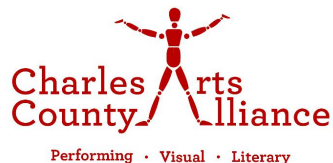


**Mattawoman Creek Art Center**  
*Express Charles County in Art*  
**Call for Artists 18 Years of Age and Up**  
Entry Fee: \$35 for up to 3 pieces through July 31;  
\$45 after July 31  
Cash Prizes Awarded  
Art must have been created in 2017, delivery date is  
September 8  
Show runs from September 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](http://mattawomanart.org).

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## 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 - New Show Opens July 8  
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603  
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
**"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: Saturday, July 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

# 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/programsevents>.

## 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.

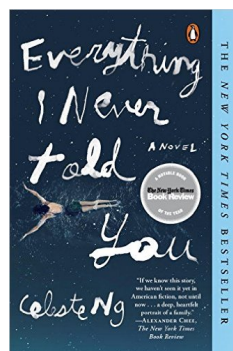
## P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

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.

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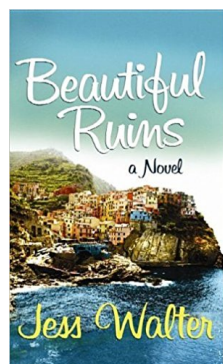
## La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

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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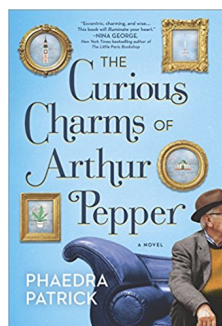
## Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

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.

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## 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](http://www.lifejourneyswritersguild.org) or contact Yvonne Medley at 240-427-(LJWG) 5594.

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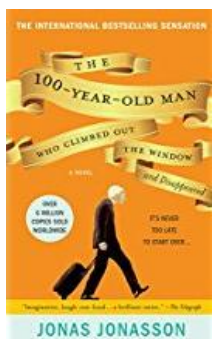
## Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, August 2, 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 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson.** After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested, so he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey. It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important

events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. Starting out in munitions as a boy, he somehow finds himself involved in many of the key explosions of the twentieth century and travels the world, sharing meals and more with everyone from Stalin, Churchill, and Truman to Mao, Franco, and de Gaulle.

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## Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, August 3, 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



***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly.**

Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. Starting in World War II and moving through to the Cold War, the Civil Rights

Movement and the Space Race, *Hidden Figures* follows the interwoven accounts of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Christine Darden, four African American women who participated in some of NASA's greatest successes. It chronicles their careers over nearly three decades as

they faced challenges, forged alliances and used their intellect to change their own lives, and their country's future.

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### Community Senior Centers

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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 [July](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

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category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream and download free dynamic content with your library card, and the best part... no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month. All content is accessible via hoopla's mobile app and online at [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com).

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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.