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# Arts Newsflash

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August 10, 2017

## Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community

### Attention All Organizations and Businesses Charles County Fair is September 14 - 17 Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!



The Charles County Arts Alliance has been a proud partner with the Charles County Fair Board for many years. We help supervise the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building, and staff a CCAA booth to promote the arts in our county and membership in our organization.

Each year we assemble arts bags filled with interesting flyers, pens, bookmarks, water bottles, rulers, brochures, business cards, press releases, event announcements and other promotional materials to hand out to Charles County Fair-goers. We want to advertise the broad diversity of the arts we offer here in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature, and the businesses that support them.

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can fill these bags. The bags are 12" wide and 15" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. Deadline for delivery is noon on **Tuesday, September 5**. The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, near the corner of Rts. 488 and 6, in the United Way House, La Plata, MD. Please call the office at 301-392-5900, if you have any questions. Thank you!

**Arts Alliance Grant Season Opens August 15!  
Deadlines to Submit: October 13, 2017, for  
CAD Grants  
and October 27, 2017, for AIE Grants**

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CELEBRATING  
**50 YEARS** OF SERVICE  
TO THE ARTS

Maryland State Arts Council Part of the Maryland Department of Commerce



Over the past 30 years, the CCAA has awarded over \$700,000 in grant funding to schools and organizations in Charles County for projects in the performing, visual, and literary arts. This has helped enhance our county's culture and inspire its residents to explore the diverse arts community present in its own backyard.

There are two types of grants: Arts in Education (AIE) for schools, and Community Arts Development (CAD) for nonprofit organizations. Some examples are arts services, children's events, dance, folk arts and heritage, literature, media, and music. Schools may request up to \$800, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible to receive up to \$6,000 in grant monies.

This year, we are offering two mandatory workshops: CAD Grant Training on **Wednesday, September 13**, 7:00 pm, and AIE Grant Training on **Wednesday, October 11**, 7:00 pm, both at the United Way House Conference Room, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646. Application forms will be available on August 15, at the CCAA website: [charlescountyarts.org](http://charlescountyarts.org). Contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org, for more information and to sign up for the applicable workshop.

**Scroll down for more news on what's 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. Concerts are cancelled for inclement weather. For more information, contact Colleen Wilson at cwilson@townoflaplata.org.

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

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



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## Historic St. Mary's City and The Newtowne Players

### *Shakespeare in the City: Love's Labour's Lost*

Friday and Saturday, August 11, 12, 7:30 pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August , 17, 18 and 19, 7:30 pm

State House Lawn

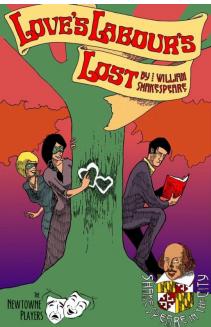
47414 Old State House Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

(Park near The Shop at Farthing's Ordinary)

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Seniors (65+), Students

(12+), Military; \$10 Children (11 and under)

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Join them for a unique outdoor theatrical experience on the State House lawn. One of The Bard's earliest comedies, it tells the story of four best friends who swear off love. For more information, visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/loves-labours-lost.html>.



## The Hard Bargain Players

### *Equivocation*

Fridays and Saturdays, Through August 19, 8:00 pm

Theater in the Woods

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Students, Seniors, Members of the Alice

Ferguson Foundation



William Shakespeare finds himself between a powder keg and the crown in this brilliant new play by Bill Cain that premiered at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in 2009. Reserve your tickets

at <https://hbplayers.wordpress.com/ticket-and-performance-information/>. For more information, call 240-766-8830, or email hbplayersboxoffice@gmail.com.



## The Newtowne Players

### *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

Saturday, August 12, 9:00 am to Noon

Sunday, August 13, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Travel Ticker



Synopsis: The wild holiday adventures of a mouse, an elf

**Synopsis:** The wild holiday adventures of a mouse, an elf, and a spunky little girl who just won't take no for an answer (no matter if that "no" comes from a kindly but easily agitated uncle, a Shakespearean knight, his loyal squire, or Santa Claus himself!), on their quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are November 17 - December 10, 2017. For more information and the complete list of characters, visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/auditions.html>.



## College of Southern Maryland

### *Auditions for Ages 5 and Up*

Monday - Tuesday, August 14 - 15, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

## AUDITIONS

Open auditions for these productions:

- *The Voice of the Prairie* (Main Stage)
- *My Children! My Africa* (Children's Theatre)
- *Know Your Role* (Cause Theatre)
- *Ragtime* (Main Stage Musical)

Prepare a one-minute monologue and 16 bars of a song with music for the accompanist. Come dressed to move. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

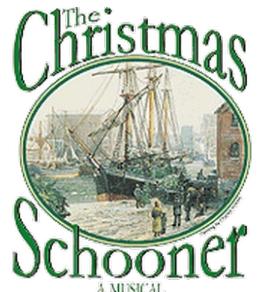
## Port Tobacco Players

### *Auditions for The Christmas Schooner*

Tuesday and Thursday, August 22 and 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 26, 9:00 am - Noon

508 Charles Street, La Plata



**Synopsis:** The whole family will enjoy this heart-warming story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the Christmas spirit. Based on the historic Great Lakes voyages of Christmas tree ships during the late 1800s and early 1900s, *The Christmas Schooner* tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the century Chicago. To audition, be prepared to perform 8-16 bars of a classical musical theater piece

(no recorded, a capella or songs from the show). Performance dates are November 24 - December 17, 2017. For more information and the list of characters, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html>.

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

### Concert in the Woods

#### 8 Ohms

Saturday, August 26, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$15 Online; \$20 at the Door (Cash Only)

Refreshments Available

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

## CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

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Performance is outdoors. Concert features the reggae funk music of 8 Ohms. For more information, visit [fergusonfoundation.org/events/concert-in-the-woods-8-ohms](http://fergusonfoundation.org/events/concert-in-the-woods-8-ohms).

## VISUAL ARTS {top}

### Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

#### *Meeting and Paint Project*

Saturday, August 12, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville

#### BUZZING OF BEES



@ DecorativePaintingStore.com

© Lonna Lamb

This month's project is "Buzzing of the Bees," designed by Lonna Lamb and led by Garnett Joy and Debbie Williams. Guests are always welcome. For the list of supplies and more information, contact Garnett at 301-884-2835 or email [smdp.learntopaint@gmail.com](mailto:smdp.learntopaint@gmail.com).

### Southern Maryland Artists Collective

#### *Needle-felting Landscapes*

Saturday, August 12, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Quality Printers

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Instructor: Laura Lisak

Class fee: \$40

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



If you enjoy working with fiber, knitting, or sewing, then this class is for you! Needle felting is the art of using wool to form a sculpture or a textured 2D work of art. In this workshop, you will be making a landscape painting out of wool. This class is open to all levels. Note: You will be using very sharp needles to do this process; it's recommended you bring a pair of work gloves. For more information, contact Joseph Wimberly at 240-349-2953.

### Charles Regional Medical Center Foundation

#### *20th Annual Autumn Wine Tasting*

Call for Artists to Donate Art

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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](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.

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September 9, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Deadline to Donate: August 15, 2017

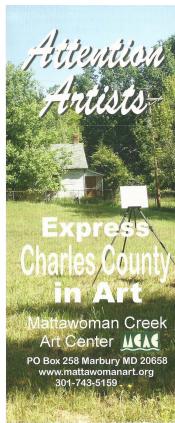
Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Click [HERE](#) for details on donations and submission form



The Medical Center Foundation is asking artists to donate art for a silent auction to raise funds for the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center. For more information, contact Holly Gonzalez at 301-609-4319.



## Mattawoman Creek Art Center *Express Charles County in Art* Call for Artists 18 Years of Age and Up

Entry Fee: \$45

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).

## Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

### *Learn to Paint*

Saturday, October 7, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church Social Hall

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville

FREE! Pre-registration is Open Now and Strongly Recommended!



This project is based on the design  
"Beneath the Harvest Moon"  
by Nancy Wood

Here's your chance to give decorative painting a try! The project is a design by Nancy Wood called "Beneath the Harvest Moon," and will be painted on an 8" x 10" canvas. You will be provided with everything you need to complete the project and an instructor will be with you every step of the way to help you. Students will learn how to trace, basecoat and use a variety of decorative painting techniques to include floating color, dry brushing and line work. Open to adults and children 11 years

and older. Children (ages 11-17) must be accompanied by an adult during the entire session. Bring a bag lunch for the 1/2 hour break at 12:30 pm. You can pre-register at [Smdp.learntopaint@gmail.com](mailto:Smdp.learntopaint@gmail.com) by providing the name(s) of attendee(s), ages of children (11-17), email address and phone number. For more information, send an email to [president@smdpaint.org](mailto:president@smdpaint.org) or visit <http://www.smdpaint.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMDPaint>.

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center Exhibits and Workshops

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

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!

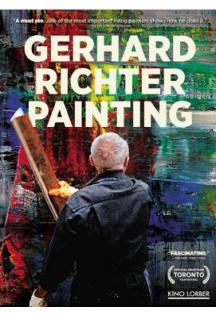


Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Bring your friends (both members and nonmembers). Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process! For more information, go to [mattawomanart.org](http://mattawomanart.org).

## **Free Movie and Popcorn**

### ***Gerhard Richter Painting***

Sunday, August 13, 2:00 pm



This is a thrilling documentary of legendary German artist Richter's creative process, juxtaposed with intimate conversations and rare archive material. From your "fly-on-the-wall" perspective, you will watch the 79-year-old create a series of large-scale abstract canvases, using fat brushes and a massive squeegee to apply (and then scrape off) layer after layer of brightly colored paint. Considered by many to be the greatest living artist, in 2015, a 1983 painting of his sold for \$46.5 million. This mesmerizing footage, of a highly charged process of creation and destruction, turns Belz's portrait of an artist into a work of art itself. In German with English subtitles; 97 minutes.

## ***Art as Meditation***

Exhibit runs through August 13

The poster for the "Art as Meditation" exhibit features the Mattawoman Creek Art Center logo at the top. Below it, there are two rows of artwork samples. The top row includes a monotype print of a feather, a glass sculpture, a botanical illustration, and a painting of red flowers. The bottom row includes a painting of a fruit, a metal sculpture, and another metal sculpture. To the right of the artwork, text reads: "presents", "Art as Meditation", "July 14 - August 13", "Monotype, Prints, Paintings by Harriett Lawler-Hernick", "Metal & Other Sculpture by Harold Kyle", and "Art to stimulate the mind."

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

## ***Vibrant Landscapes (Pastel Drawing)***

New Date: Friday, August 18, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$115 Members / \$125 Non-members

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



Learn how to create dynamic color harmony by using soft pastels. Vicki will lead you through all the stages of the artistic process with demonstrations on how to: work with pastels, create color vibrancy by placing pastels next to each other, and utilize critiques to improve your artwork. This class will emphasize the fundamental element of color for a strong composition. You will receive individual

attention to help improve your painting techniques and confidence by rendering images from a photograph of your choice into a successful piece of art. A materials list will be available prior to class. Drawing experience will be helpful but not necessary.

### ***Summer Open All-Media Show***

August 18 - September 17

Reception: August 20, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



### ***Atmospheric Watercolors***

Tuesday, August 29, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Instructor: Peter Ulrich ([www.UlrichArt.com](http://www.UlrichArt.com))



Wet-into-wet watercolor offers wonderful opportunities for creating a mood or "atmosphere." Landscapes and cityscapes in the rain, fog, or haze are especially good candidates for expressive treatment by transparent washes and subtle effects. However, this approach is not limited to somber, bad-weather scenes. Bright shimmering sunlight, especially when dappled by overhead trees or sparkling on water, also lends itself to watercolor's unique effects. This workshop explores a gamut of atmospheric subjects. Students work from photographs and imagination.

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### **Call for Artists**

### **Waldorf West Library Gallery's Fall-Winter Show**





**Deadline to Submit: September 14, 2017**

**Delivery Date: October 14, 2017**

**Show Runs until February 3, 2018 (Date Changed)**

**"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: October 28, 2017**

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

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Fall-Winter Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from October 14, 2017, to February 3, 2018. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional art on any subject for consideration (there is no submission fee). Non-members are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art. Click [HERE](#) to download a Membership Form.

On Saturday, October 28, 2017, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the show.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900.

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## **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.

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



### **Charles County Government Commissioners Building**

"Artists without Limits" Show

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

20440 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

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 Renee Fuqua

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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

## CULTURAL ARTS {top}

### Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

*First Friday: Smokehouse Dedication*

Friday, September 1, 6:00 pm

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Free and Open to the Public. Donations Accepted.



Serving history, family fun, smoked meats and cheeses. For more information, contact Joyce Edelen at 301-934-9056, or 301-752-2354, [keechjoyce@aol.com](mailto:keechjoyce@aol.com).

## LITERARY ARTS {top}

### Charles County Public Library

*Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge: Build A Better World*

Now through August 26

BUILD A BETTER™

# WORLD

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

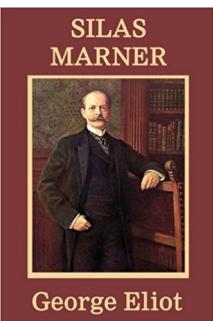
## La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



George Eliot

**Silas Marner by George Eliot.** Wrongly accused of theft and exiled from a religious community many years before, the embittered weaver Silas Marner lives alone in Raveloe, living only for work and his precious hoard of money. But when his money is stolen and an orphaned child finds her way into his house, Silas is given the chance to transform his life.

## Life Journeys Writers Guild

*Write on Saturdays - with a Twist*

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact Yvonne Medley for Location Details

Fee: \$79.99



Dedicate just one Saturday to electrify your passion - to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Bring your works in progress. Expect to write, critique and edit. Gain invaluable writing, publishing and promotional tips, with time to create. Professional editor on site. Refreshments, continental breakfast and full lunch provided. To register and pay with PayPal, visit [lifejourneyswritersguild.org](http://lifejourneyswritersguild.org). For more information and location, contact Yvonne Medley at 240-427-5594.

## Charles County Public Library

*Local Authors' Reception*

Saturday, August 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public



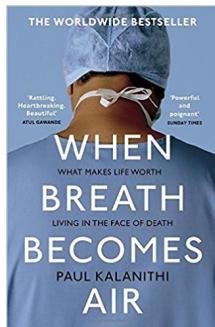
Meet and celebrate our local authors! Some of the authors whose works will be featured are: David Robert Berry, Yashalina Blair, Bonnie Carr, Asha Fields, Richard Gold, Ashley Guigan, Jai, Jim McDonald, Lewis McIntyre,



Valerie Ormond, Jeanna Pryor, Andrea Renfroe, and Tokasonia Smith. For more information, call the Library at 301-645-1395.

## Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 23, 11:00 am - Noon  
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month  
100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head.  
Call 301-375-7375 for more information



**When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi.

At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing a decade's training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, the next he was a patient struggling to live. *When Breath Becomes Air* chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a medical student asking what makes a virtuous and meaningful life into a neurosurgeon working in the core of human identity - the brain - and finally into a patient and a new father. What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when when life is catastrophically interrupted? What does it mean to have a child as your own life fades away?

## Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Wednesday, September 6, 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf  
Meets on the first Wednesday of every month  
For more information, call 301-638-4420

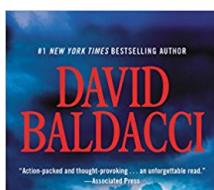


**One Summer** by David Baldacci. It's almost Christmas, but there is no joy in the house of terminally ill Jack and his family. With only a short time left to live, he spends his last days preparing to say goodbye to his devoted wife, Lizzie, and their three children. Then, unthinkably, tragedy strikes 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.

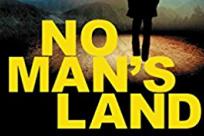
## Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, September 7, 1:00 pm  
1210 Charles Street, La Plata  
Meets the first Thursday of each month  
For more information, call 301-934-9001



**No Man's Land** by David Baldacci. John Puller's mother, Jackie, vanished thirty years ago from Fort Monroe, Virginia, when Puller was just a boy. Paul Rogers has been in prison for ten years. But twenty years before that, he was at Fort Monroe. One night three decades ago, Puller's and Rogers'

words collided with devastating results, and the truth has been buried ever since. Until now.



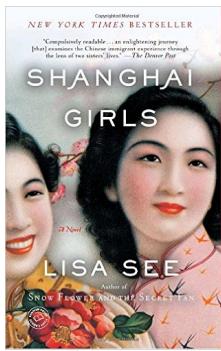
## P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, September 9, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month (Note change for September)

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**Shanghai Girls** by Lisa See. In 1937 Shanghai, the Paris of Asia, 21-year-old Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are having the time of their lives. Both are beautiful, modern, and carefree, until the day their father tells them that he has gambled away their wealth. To repay his debts, he must sell the girls as wives to suitors who have traveled from Los Angeles to find Chinese brides. As Japanese bombs fall on their beloved city, Pearl and May set out on the journey of a lifetime, from the Chinese countryside to the shores of America. Along the way they make terrible sacrifices, face impossible choices, and confront a devastating, life-changing secret.

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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.