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January 11, 2018

Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community

Call for Artists! Waldorf West Library Gallery's Winter-Spring 2018 Show



Deadline to Submit Extended to January 15, 2018

Delivery Date: February 3, 2018

Show Runs Until June 2, 2018

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: February 24, 2018

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The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Winter-Spring 2018 Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from February 3 to June 2, 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, February 24, 2018**, 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.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home "Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit: January 15, 2018

Delivery Date: January 31, 2018

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

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Spring Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from January 31, to June 30, 2018. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

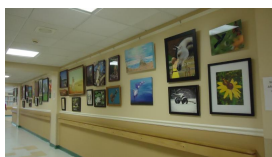
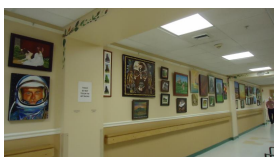
Selections will be made by the Charlotte Hall Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified by January 19, 2018. **All artwork must be wired and ready to hang.**

For more information on the gallery, please contact Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171 ext. 403, or VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

YOU ARE INVITED!

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Saturday, January 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
E-Wing Multipurpose Room
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD
20622



Please join us as we celebrate the artists whose works are on display until January 31, 2018. Take a tour of the hall where 63 works of arts are exhibited by 50 artists! Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171, ext. 403.

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The artScape is a monthly newsletter highlighting FREE art programs at the five library branches in Charles County

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Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre
The Movement: 50 Years of Love and Struggle

Thursday - Friday, January 11 - 12, 7:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$20 Adults; \$15 Students, Active Military; \$10 Seniors



One man - ten characters - the past 50 years of the Black experience in America. For more information, call 301-743-3040, or visit indianheadblackbox.org.



Charles County Youth Orchestra
Winter Concert

Sunday, January 14, 3:30 pm

Westlake High School

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Free Admission!



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All four ensembles will be featured: Youth Orchestra, Encore Strings, Encore Band, and (NEW) Prelude Strings. Also, Auditions for all ensembles will be held on Saturday, January 20, at North Point High School. Go to the [Audition Page](#) for more information and to sign up. For more information, visit <http://www.ccyo.com>.



Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
Auditions for the 2018 - 2019 Season

High School Age Singers and Older

Monday, January 15, 6:30 pm (Alternate dates can be arranged)

Peace Lutheran Church

11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf



Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing at Peace Lutheran Church on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and produces three different concerts throughout the season. To schedule an audition, contact Carol at 301-642-0594. For more information about CCAS, visit www.chesapeakechoral.com.



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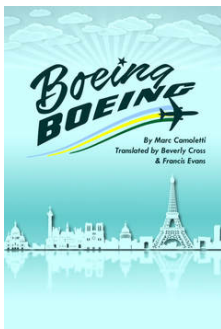
January 19 - February 4, 2018

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Comedy) It's the 1960s, and swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, timid Robert is forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms. A riotous farce! For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819 or visit ptplayers.com.



College of Southern Maryland

Auditions Open for Ages 18 and Up

Monday - Tuesday, January 22 - 23, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Open auditions for these productions:

- *Journey's End* (Cause Theatre)
- *The Impostures of Scapin* (Renaissance Festival)

Prepare a one-minute monologue. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

The Newtowne Players

A Streetcar Named Desire

Friday, January 26 - Sunday, February 11, 2018

Thursday - Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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

\$10 Children 12 and Under

Thursday: All Tickets \$10

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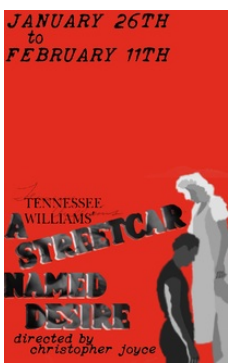
Community Bank of the Chesapeake

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The play reveals to the very depths the character of Blanche du Bois, a woman whose life has been undermined by her romantic illusions, which lead her to reject and ignore the realities of life. For more information, visit <https://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

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Port Tobacco Players Auditions Open for Ages 18 and Up

Calendar Girls

Monday, January 29, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am

Monday, February 5, 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: (Comedy) Based on a true story, members of the Women's Institute in Yorkshire, England, prepare and publicize an unusual "alternative calendar" to raise funds for leukemia research. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, May 4 to 20, 2018. For more information and a complete list of characters, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html>, or contact the producer, Kathy Mead, at 240-346-6448.

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre

Lockdown

Thursday, February 1, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 2, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 3, 2:00 pm

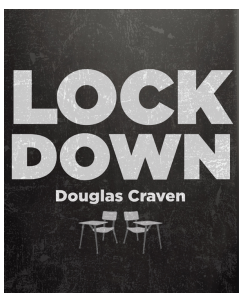
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre Room 143

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5

Due to mature content and heavy subject matter, this production may not be suitable for all audiences.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



In a dark classroom, eight students sit in an "official lockdown," not knowing if it's just a drill or an actual emergency. When a hysterical younger girl bolts from the room and the teacher follows, the remaining students are left alone to decide if it's safer to stay or run. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Watermelon One-Act Festival

Call for Scripts

Submit up to three scripts per playwright, to watermelon@watermeloninc.org

Deadline: February 14



WOAF is scheduled for the weekend of June 2-3 (with technical rehearsals on the previous Thursday and Friday) and will be hosted once again by St. Mary's College of

by mail.

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

Maryland at the Bruce Davis Theater located in the Montgomery Hall Fine Arts Center, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase an original one-act play in a competitive environment. All participants will receive a free DVD of their performance and adjudication. Visit www.watermeloninc.org for more information.

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.

College of Southern Maryland *Call for Performers for the 6th Annual Renaissance Festival*

Performer Worksheets Must Be Submitted by February 28

La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Festival dates: April 21 - 22, 2018



Actors and musicians needed! You could wander the festival with your talent and entertain the people! Street performers are vital for creating an immersive experience at a Renaissance festival. Town Folk and Wandering Talent will be trained in the basics of street performance and improvisation by someone with 19 years of experience performing at Renaissance

Festivals. Evening and weekend rehearsals will be required. Contact the Renaissance Festival Director, Erin Timmermann, at etimmermann@csm.edu.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

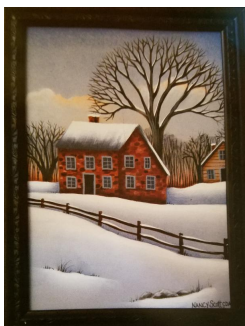
Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Paint-In

Saturday, January 13, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



A business meeting will be followed by painting "Winter Duo Landscapes," designed by Nancy Scott and led by Karen Showalter. Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835 or email smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com for the supplies required for the project.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

January 26 - February 11

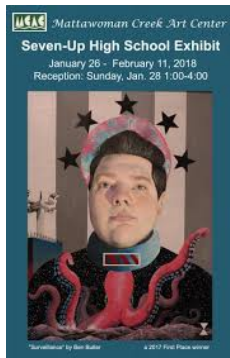
Reception: Sunday, January 28, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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.



This exhibit is only open to local high school student artists who are selected by their art teachers. For more information, call 301-743-5159, or visit mattawomanart.org.

College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery *Baltimore Clayworks Resident Artists Exhibition*

February 5 - March 1

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm;

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



This exhibition showcases contemporary ceramic works made by the resident artists at Baltimore Clayworks. From figure sculpture to functional pottery, the work in this exhibition represents the range of possibilities in the field of ceramics. For more information, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Mattawoman Creek Art Center's "Traveling 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 through January 31, 2018

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, January 20, 2018,

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through April 20, 2018

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 Addison Likins, through January 13, 2018

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through February 3, 2018

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.

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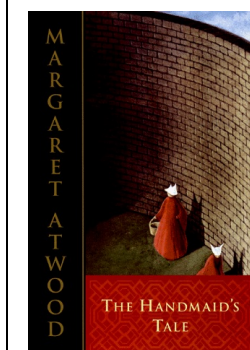
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood.** After a staged terrorist attack kills the President and most of Congress, the government is deposed and taken over by the oppressive and all controlling Republic of Gilead. Offred, now a Handmaid serving in the household of the enigmatic Commander and his bitter wife, can remember a time when she lived with her husband and daughter and had a job, before she lost even her own name. Despite the danger, Offred learns to navigate the intimate secrets of those who control her every move, risking her

life in breaking the rules in hopes of ending this oppression.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Big Quarterly Meeting!

Saturday, January 20, 2018, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free! Donations Accepted!



Empower yourself by writing! Meet with the experts to improve your writing skills, glean from their guest speakers, enjoy networking, food and more. For more information, visit lifejourneyswritersguild.org or contact Yvonne Medley at 240-427-5594, or email info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Readers Lead! Leaders Read! But Writers Rule the World!

Four Sessions!

Tuesdays, January 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

3261 Old Washington Road, Suite 2020, Waldorf

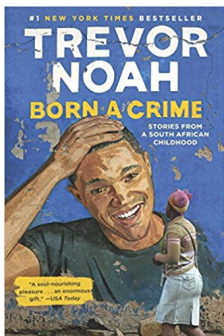
Registration Required. Fee: \$30 per Session
Deadline to Register: Friday Before Each Class
Click [HERE](#) to go to the Website to Pay with PayPal



In these classes, you will discover how to perfect your elevator speech, self-branding and presentation, story creation, publishing industry knowledge, critical thinking/persuasiveness/ communication skills, purpose and literary passion, and much more! This class is a must for business owners, and aspiring entrepreneurial adults and young adults. For more information, call Yvonne Medley at 240-427-5594, or info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org.

Writers of Color Book Club

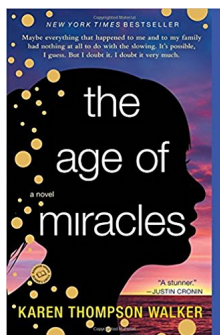
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 pm
Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month
P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf
For more information, call 301-645-2864



***Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah.** This is the true story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother – his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

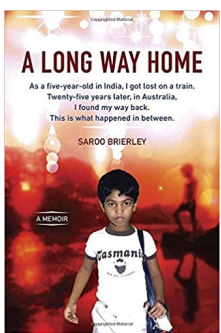
Wednesday, January 24, 11:00 am - Noon
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month
100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head.
Call 301-375-7375 for more information



***Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker.** On an ordinary Saturday, Julia awakes to discover that something has happened to the rotation of the earth. The days and nights are growing longer and longer, gravity is affected, the birds, the tides, human behavior and cosmic rhythms are thrown into disarray. In a world of danger and loss, Julia faces surprising developments in herself, and her personal world --divisions widening between her parents, strange behavior by Hannah and other friends, the vulnerability of first love, a sense of isolation, and a rebellious new strength.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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



A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley. At only five years old, Saroo Brierley got lost on a train in India. Unable to read or write or recall the name of his hometown or even his own last name, he survived alone for weeks on the rough streets of Calcutta before ultimately being transferred to an agency and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite his gratitude, Brierley always wondered about his origins. Eventually, with the advent of Google Earth, he had the opportunity to look for the needle in a haystack he once called home, and pore over satellite images for landmarks he might recognize or mathematical equations that might further narrow down the labyrinthine

map of India. One day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for and set off to find his family.

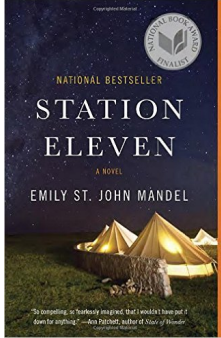
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, February 3, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel. Kirsten Raymonde will never forget the night Arthur Leander, the famous Hollywood actor, had a heart attack on stage during a production of *King Lear*. That was the night when a devastating flu pandemic arrived in the city, and within weeks, civilization as we know it came to an end. Twenty years later, Kirsten moves between the settlements of the altered world with a small troupe of actors and musicians, dedicated to keeping art and humanity alive. When the troupe arrives in St. Deborah by the Water, they encounter a violent prophet who will threaten the tiny band's existence. And as the story takes off, moving

back and forth in time, and vividly depicting life before and after the pandemic, the strange twist of fate that connects them all will be revealed.

COMMUNITY ARTS {top}

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day

REGISTER NOW!

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm

Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD

Early Bird Registration: \$25 until February 9, 2018

Regular: \$40 February 10 through February 16, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Adam Lerner, Museum of Contemporary Art

Denver

Limited Scholarships Available. Click [HERE](#) and click on "Scholarships" for more information.



Register NOW for the most important arts advocacy event of the year. Join the chorus of voices that will be making the case to Maryland

lawmakers for public funding for the arts. This exhilarating event brings together more than 500 arts advocates, artists, educators, administrators, board members, volunteers, and more from across the state. In addition to remarks from lawmakers passionate about the arts and the presentation of the annual Sue Hess Arts Advocate of the Year Award, attendees will hear from dazzling keynote speaker Adam Lerner (Director and Chief Animator, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver), and have the opportunity to champion the arts directly with their lawmakers. For more information,

Community Senior Centers

Get the **SCOOP** on What's Happening!



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

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CCPL is excited to announce the public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. Hoopla is a

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.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

Mailing Address: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646

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.