

# Arts Newsflash

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July 12, 2018

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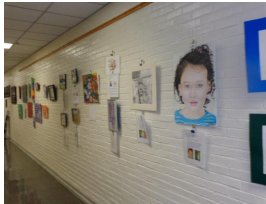
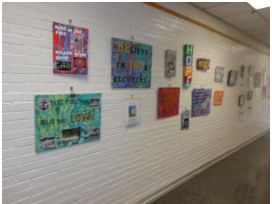
You Are Invited!

### *"Artists Without Limits" Public Reception*

Monday, July 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Charles County Commissioners Building

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata



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Please join us to meet and celebrate the artists whose works are on display at the Commissioners Building through September 5, 2018. There are 25 artists and 41 works of art. Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Spring Dell Center.

Among the artists are: Frisco Barber, Paula Barnes, David Boarman, Joshua Brown, Ronald Dickerson, Ann Marie Dipoli, Devonte Dorsey, Lorenzo Flaim, Jason Foster, Troy Fox, Triniece Gilliam, Jayla Green, Nichol Green, Jennifer Hancock, Ann Lane, Jody Loper, John McGraw, Anissa Morgan, Terri Lynn Morris, Tiffani Patterson, Courtney Trusty, Alice Whitney, Anthony Wills, Angelo Woods and Ed Woody.

For more information, contact Emily Ferren at [emilyferren2014@gmail.com](mailto:emilyferren2014@gmail.com), or 301-848-1273.

**Community Bank of the Chesapeake**  
*Call for Artists*



Theme is "Artists Choice"  
Show Runs from August 24 to December 28, 2018

Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details  
Deadline to Submit: July 27, 2018

July  
Arts Insider Newsletter

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their next art show to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD.

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.

For more information, contact Gale Kladitis at [gkladitis@comcast.net](mailto:gkladitis@comcast.net).

## Attention All Organizations and Businesses Charles County Fair is September 13 - 16 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, coupons, 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 Wednesday, September 5. The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, near the corner of Rts. 488 and 6, in the United Way House. Please call the office at 301-392-5900, if you have any questions. Thank you!

Scroll down for more news on what's  
happening in the Arts!

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

College of Southern Maryland

*Chautauqua: Seeking Justice*

Thursday, July 12, 6:45 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



**Thurgood Marshall**, was a civil rights activist from Baltimore who broke barriers as the lead NAACP attorney in *Brown v. Board of Education* and as the first African American Supreme Court Justice. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Artwork by Tom Chalkley

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# The Newtowne Players

9 to 5

Now through July 29

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00

Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

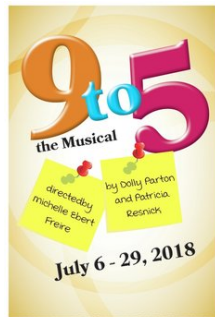
Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Senior, Student, Military; \$13 Child

Thursday: All Tickets are \$13

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



**ART WORKS.**  
arts.gov



Pushed to the boiling point, three female coworkers concoct a plan to get even with the sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot they call their boss. In a hilarious turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy: giving their boss the boot! While Hart remains "otherwise engaged," the women give their workplace a dream makeover, taking control of the company that had always kept them down. For more information, go to [newtowneplayers.org/9-to-5.html](http://newtowneplayers.org/9-to-5.html).



*Charles County*  
**MARYLAND**  
Legends, Lore and Room to Explore

## *Southern Maryland Film Festival*

### Filmmakers Reception

Friday, July 13, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Romauld Hall, St. Mary's Ryken High School

22600 Camp Calvert Road, Leonardtown

Free and Open to the Public



### Movie Screenings

Saturday, July 14, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Leonardtown Square

\$10 Admission

Click [HERE](#) for the Schedule at Each Location



On Saturday, over 20 films produced by local and regional filmmakers will be shown at five locations: The Rex, the St. Mary's County Arts Council Gallery, Crazy for Ewe, Home Elements and the Leonardtown Town Hall. Purchase tickets online today or with cash at the event. For more information, go to [smdff.org](http://smdff.org) or email [smdfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:smdfilmfest@gmail.com).



## Town of La Plata

### Free Concerts

Friday Nights, Now through September 25, 7:00 pm

On the Lawn of the La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and enjoy the music under the open sky. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located in the back of the parking lot; an ice cream truck is stationed there for your



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enjoyment. A play area for children, the Kids' Zone, allows parents to enjoy the concert while keeping an eye on the little ones.

The concerts through July and August are listed below. For the complete schedule and updates on inclement weather cancellations, visit [TownOfLaPlata.org](http://TownOfLaPlata.org). For more information, call 301-934-3870.

**July 13** - [U.S. Navy Band The Commodores](#) - Jazz

**July 20** - [Bucket List](#) - Classic & Modern Rock

**July 27** - [U.S. Naval Academy Band Superintendent's Combo](#) - Jazz

**August 3** - [257th Army Band](#) - "The Band of the Nation's Capital"

**August 10** - [The Muddy Crows](#) - Americana/Alt Rock

**August 17** - [Band of Gold](#) - Country, Soul, 50's to 90's Rock & Roll

**August 24** - [Southern Maryland Concert Band](#) - Concert Band Favorites & Showtunes

**August 31** - [BackFin](#) - Classic Hits

## Port Tobacco Players

### *Catch Me If You Can*

Friday through Sunday, July 13 - August 5

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Musical Comedy) Follow the real life adventures of Frank Abagnale Jr., a runaway teenager who parlays big ideas and brilliant charm, along with millions in forged checks, into a new and fictional life. Frank passes himself off as a pilot, doctor, and lawyer, all while courting the girl of his dreams; but when FBI agent Carl Hanratty catches wind of Frank's crimes, he sets off on a cross-country chase to bring Frank to justice. For more information, call 301-932-6819.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

### *Comedy in the Woods: Porkchop Volcano Improv Troupe*

Saturday, July 14, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$15 Online; \$20 at the Door

Refreshments Available for Purchase; Performance is Outdoors



Porkchop Volcano is a comedic improv troupe based out of Northern Virginia. They take your suggestions and present a hilarious act. For more information, go to <https://fergusonfoundation.org> or <http://www.porkchopvolcano.com>.

## Port Tobacco Players

### *Camp Mockabee Summer Theatre Camp*

Deadline to Register: July 14

Camp Dates: July 30 - August 3 for Ages 6 Years through 5th



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August 13 - 17 for Grades 6th through 8th  
508 Charles Street, La Plata  
Click [HERE](#) for Details and an Application

THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES

## CAMP MOCKABEE

Summer Theatre Camp

Workshops geared for each age group. Students experience choreography, acting, makeup, singing, designing and much more. For more information, call 301-932-6819

### Port Tobacco Players Auditions, Open to All Ages

#### *A Christmas Carol in Washington*

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 19, 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 21, 10:00 am (Callbacks if necessary)

508 Charles Street, La Plata



This world-premier adaptation is a re-telling of the familiar tale of a miserly businessman and his ghostly encounters on Christmas Eve. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the show. Performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from November 23 to December 16, 2018. For more information, contact producer, Bill Righter, at 240-682-5503, or by email at [Terpfan2018@gmail.com](mailto:Terpfan2018@gmail.com).

### The Newtowne Players Auditions

#### *Wait Until Dark*

Monday and Wednesday, July 16 and 18, 6:00 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Performances Dates: October 5 - 21, 2018



**Synopsis:** *Wait Until Dark* is a suspenseful thriller, set in 1960s New York. Susy is a newly blind woman whose husband brings home a doll from a business trip that, unbeknownst to him, holds something very valuable to some unsavory characters determined to get it back. The play matches their criminal intentions against what should be a very vulnerable woman, except she has a few things in mind to even the playing field with the help of the upstairs neighbor girl. For the list of characters, go to <https://www.newtowneplayers.org/auditions.html>. For more information, contact DJ Lavery at 717-817-1346.

### Maryland State Arts Council

#### *2019 Individual Artist Awards*

Deadline to Apply: Wednesday, July 25, 4:30 pm EST

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Each year, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) recognizes outstanding artistic achievement and honors the contributions artists make to our state through the Individual Artist Awards (IAA) program. IAAs are accompanied by grants

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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.

of \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$6,000 to help support artists as they advance their craft. The 2019 IAA application is now open to Maryland artists in the following categories:

- Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction
- Media
- Digital/Electronic Arts
- Theater Solo Performance
- Painting
- Works on Paper

One more webinar is offered to guide IAA applicants through the application process. Advance registration is required.

- Saturday, July 7, 2018, 10:00-11:30 am - Register [here](#)

For more information, go to <https://www.msac.org/programs/individual-artist-award>, or contact Kimberly Steinle-Super at [kimberly@midatlanticarts.org](mailto:kimberly@midatlanticarts.org).

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

### *Open Mic in the Woods*

Sundays, July 29, August 26, September 23, October 21

7:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Free Admission

**REGISTER NOW!**



Come down to the Hard Bargain Amphitheater and participate in OPEN MIC in the Woods. This event is open to performers and spectators of all ages. Instrumentalists, singers, dancers, storytellers, poets, jugglers, magicians and others are all welcome. Audience seating is on a first-come-first-served basis. For more

information on performing, contact Trey Thomas at 240-766-8830 or [tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:tthomas@fergusonfoundation.org).

## Town of La Plata Summer Shows for Kids

### *Storybook Tales by Bright Star Touring Theatre*

Tuesday, July 31, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



These hilarious actors will have everyone laughing in the aisles with the productions of *Pinocchio* and *Robin Hood*. Packed with audience interaction, the 45-minute adventure is brimming with character education lessons, audience participation and plenty of puns to bring these literary classics to life in an unforgettable fashion. For more information call 301-934-8421.

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

## ***Theater in the Woods: The Guys***

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 9 - 18, 8: 00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$10 Online, \$15 at the Door

Refreshments Available for Purchase

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Based on a true story. Less than two weeks after the September 11 attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan, receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who lost most of his men in the attack. He's looking for a writer to help him with the eulogies he must present at their memorial services. Nick and Joan spend a long afternoon together, recalling the fallen men through recounting their virtues and their foibles, and fashioning the stories into memorials of words. For more information, go

to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/theater-in-the-woods-the-guys-tickets-45231830623>.

## **Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre**

### ***B.B.'s Kidventure Theatre Camp***

Open to Ages 5 - 16

Now through August 10

Different Weeks for Different Age Groups

Choice of Half or Full Day Sessions

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

[REGISTER NOW!](#)



These 1 and 2 week Summer Theatre Camps will give new and experienced students performance and backstage skills that will last a lifetime. They will explore improvisation, cold readings, writing, directing, costuming, hair, make-up, and more. At the end of camp, students will show what they have learned and leave having a greater appreciation for the arts. For more information, go

to <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org/camp>.

## **VISUAL ARTS** {top}

### **Mattawoman Creek Art Center**

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

July 13 - August 12

Reception: Sunday, July 15, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; inform the Park Ranger when entering the Park



Come to the Art Center, located on the shore of the beautiful Mattawoman Creek, and enjoy artwork celebrating the fun of summer! For more information, call 301-743-5159, or go to [MattawomanArt.org](http://MattawomanArt.org)

## Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

### *Meeting and Paint-In*

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 am, Doors Open at 9:00 am  
 Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)  
 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville, MD 20659



Following the business meeting at 10:00 am, Anne Krech will lead a Sandra Philips project titled "Blow Fish and Angel Fish Trivets." Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy at [smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com](mailto:smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com) or 301-884-2835 for the list of supplies needed for the project. For more information, go to <http://www.smdpaint.org/Calendar.html>.

## Alice Ferguson Foundation

### *Art Camp for Ages 7 - 14*

**REGISTER NOW!**

Monday - Friday, July 23 - 27, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Hard Bargain Farm, 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek  
 Cost: \$200 Per Participant



This summer art camp will introduce young art enthusiasts to the world of creativity. Kids new to art and young veterans are welcome, with activities ranging from beginner to advanced concepts and

techniques. Each day, students will experience a creative Art curriculum that includes Drawing, Painting, Clay, Origami, T-Shirt Design, Wood Sculpture and their Spectacular Friday ART SHOW. (3:00pm). For more information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/childrensARTcamp>.

## Art Comes Alive

### *National Call for Artists*

Deadline to Enter: August 5, 2018

Exhibit Dates: October 6 - November 30, 2018

310 Culvert Street, 5th Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45202



ADC, Art Design Consultants, Inc. proudly sponsors ART COMES ALIVE (ACA), an annual, fine-art contest and exhibit that awards the best emerging and professional



artists working in North America. For registration information and fees, go to <https://adcfineart.com/pages/aca>. For more information about ACA, call the gallery at 513-723-1222.

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## Spotsylvania's Historic Courthouse District

### *Spotsy Arts Festival Call for Artists and Artisans*

Some Non-Juried Spots Available

Fee to Register: \$300

Festival Dates: August 11 and 12

Spotsylvania Court House

9102 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

### Spotsy Arts Festival



Each second weekend in August, the shade covered lawns of the Spotsylvania Court House are transformed into a massive indoor/outdoor art gallery for 200+ artists and artisans from

across the region and all around the United States. For more information and to register, call Janice Jones at 703-887-2878, or go to [spotsyartsfestival.com](http://spotsyartsfestival.com).

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## Washington County Arts Council and the Maryland Theatre

### *Call for Artist for Theatre Expansion Project*

Deadline to Submit: 5:00 pm, September 14, 2018



The Maryland Theatre seeks an artist to create a permanent indoor light fixture to be installed on the top floor event space within the expansion of the historic theatre. The total budget for the work is to be determined with artist input. The call is open to all artists living within a 100-mile radius of The Maryland Theatre, 21 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740. For more information and complete submission details, go to <https://www.washingtoncountyarts.com/md-theatre-light>.

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



### Charles County Government Commissioners Building

"Artists without Limits," through September 5, 2018

Public Reception, Monday, July 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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, 2019**

E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway  
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622  
Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

## Community Bank of the Chesapeake

**Multi-Artist Show through August 24, 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 with Gina Durgin, through October 10, 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 October 13, 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](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

## LITERARY ARTS {top}

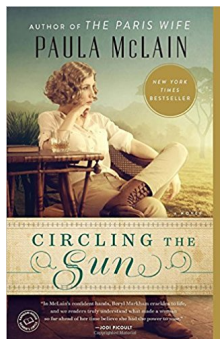
### La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, July 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain.** Brought to Kenya from England as a child and then abandoned by her mother, Beryl is raised by both her father and the native Kipsigis tribe who share his estate. Her unconventional upbringing transforms Beryl into a bold young woman with a fierce love of all things wild and an inherent understanding of nature's delicate balance. But even the wild child must grow up, and when everything Beryl knows and trusts dissolves, she is catapulted into a string of disastrous relationships.

### Writers of Color Book Club

Tuesday, July 24, 6:30 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

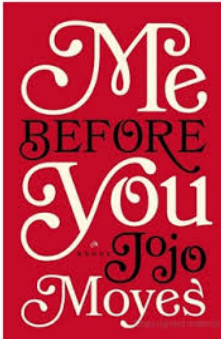
50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864

**Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group**  
 Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 am - Noon  
 Meets on the first Wednesday of every month  
 100 Cornwall Square, Indian Head  
 Call 301-934-9001 for more information



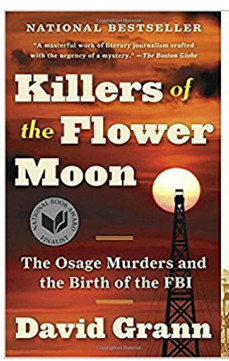
CHOIR BOY



**Me Before You by Jojo Moyes.** Louisa Clark is an ordinary girl living an exceedingly ordinary life. She takes a badly needed job working for ex-Master of the Universe Will Traynor, who is wheelchair bound after an accident. Will is acerbic, moody, bossy, but Lou refuses to treat him with kid gloves, and soon his happiness means more to her than she expected. When she learns that Will has shocking plans of his own, she sets out to show him that life is still worth living.

**Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion**

Thursday, August 2, 1:00 pm  
 1210 Charles Street, La Plata  
 Meets the first Thursday of each month  
 For more information, call 301-934-9001

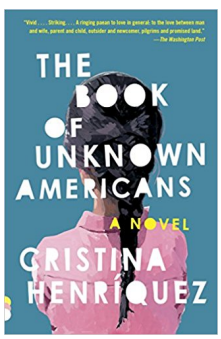


**Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann.** Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. The family of an Osage woman, Mollie Burkhart, became a prime target. One of her relatives was shot. Another was poisoned. And it was just the beginning, as more and more Osage were dying under mysterious circumstances, and many of those who dared to investigate the killings were themselves murdered. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to try to unravel the mystery. White put

together an undercover team, including a Native American agent who infiltrated the region, and together with the Osage began to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

**P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group**

Saturday, August 11, 9:30 - 10:30 am  
 50 Village Street, Waldorf  
 Meets on the first Saturday of every month (note change for August)  
 For more information, call 301-645-2864



**The Book of Unknown Americans by Cristina Henríquez.** When fifteen-year-old Maribel Rivera sustains a terrible injury, the Riveras leave behind a comfortable life in Mexico and risk everything to come to the United States so that Maribel can have the care she needs. Once they arrive, it's not long before Maribel attracts the attention of Mayor Toro, the son of one of their new neighbors, who sees a kindred spirit in this beautiful, damaged outsider. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved.

**Attention Teachers!**  
**Maryland Poetry Out Loud**

Registration is Open

Deadline to Register: October 5, 2018



Poetry Out Loud (POL) is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students co-created and cosponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. POL encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation.

Teachers register on behalf of their school.

Registration ends October 5, with a cap of

60 schools so get in early! Maryland State Arts Council will mail program materials in August - October. The deadline to report school winner is December 14. For more information, go to <http://www.msac.org/poetry-out-loud-pol> or contact Program Director Christine Stewart at 410-767-6476.

## COMMUNITY - HERITAGE - CULTURAL ARTS {top}

### Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

#### First Friday Program Series

#### *When is Our Nation's Birthday?*

Friday, August 3, 6:00 pm

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Light Refreshments Served

Donation of \$5 Welcomed

Thomas Stone  
National Historic Site

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Thomas Stone National Historic Site  
Port Tobacco, Maryland

## When is Our Nation's Birthday?

A very patriotic lecture  
designed to inspire,  
confuse, and entertain!

Port Tobacco Courthouse  
Friday, August 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm  
8430 Commerce Street  
Port Tobacco, Maryland  
Call 301-375-7892 for details  
Light refreshments will be served!  
The Society for the Restoration of Port  
Tobacco's "First Friday" Program Series

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

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## Charles County Public Library

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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

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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.