

Arts Newsflash

Charles Arts
County Alliance

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August 9, 2018

Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community

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!

Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open!



Grant Application Deadlines:
Community Arts Development - October 1, 2018
Arts in Education - October 31, 2018

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

Charles County Public Library Programs

Over the past 31 years, the Charles County Arts Alliance has awarded more than \$750,000 in grant funding to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to support activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Last year, the Arts Alliance provided nearly \$49,000 in funding to 20 nonprofit organizations and schools. This has helped enhance our county's arts and culture, and inspire our fellow residents to explore the diverse arts community and arts offerings present in our own backyard.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. Schools may request up to \$500, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible for grants up to \$7,000.

Go to <https://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants> or click on the links below to download the applications:

Click [HERE](#) for an AIE Grant Application for Non-Public Schools

Click [HERE](#) for an AIE Grant Application for Public Schools

Click [HERE](#) for a CAD General Operating Application

Click [HERE](#) for a CAD Special Project Application

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

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

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Jay Armsworthy

"L'il" Margaret's Bluegrass & Old Time Music Festival

Thursday, August 9, 2:00 - 9:50 pm

Friday, August 10, 1:00 - 9:50 pm

Saturday, August 11, 11:00 am - 9:50 pm

Goddard Farm, 21810 Clay Hill Road, Leonardtown

Tickets at the Gate: \$65 for All Three Days

Thursday Only: \$25; Friday Only: \$30; Saturday Only: \$35

Children Under 12 Free with a Paid Adult



Three days (27 hours) of Bluegrass music! Food will be available for purchase. For more information and the complete schedule, visit <http://www.lilmargaretsbluegrass.com>.

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!](#)

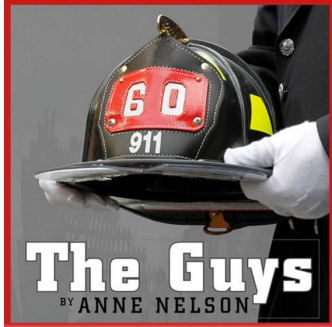
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Based on a true story. Less than two weeks after the September 11 attacks, New Yorkers are still in shock. One of them, an editor named Joan, receives an unexpected phone call on behalf of Nick, a fire captain who lost most of his men in the attack. 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>.



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Town of La Plata

Free Concerts

Friday Nights, Now through September 28, 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 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 August and September are listed below. For the complete schedule and updates on inclement weather cancellations, visit TownOfLaPlata.org. For more information, call 301-934-3870.

- 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
- September 7** - [U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters](#) - Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare, to opera, Broadway & contemporary
- September 14** - [Funkzilla](#) - Hits from the 60's to modern rock
- September 21** - [Pork Donut](#) - Classic Rock 70s, 80s & 90s
- September 28** - [John Luskey Band](#) - Pop, Country & Rock

The Newtowne Players

Romeo & Juliet

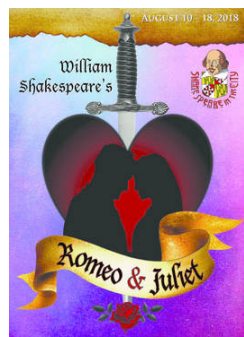
Buy Tickets Now!

Friday - Saturday, August 10 - 11, 7:30 pm
Thursday - Friday - Saturday, August 16 - 17 - 18, 7:30 pm
Historic St. Mary's City on the State House Lawn
Old State House Road, Saint Marys City, MD 20653

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Seniors, Military, Students; \$10 Children 6 - 11; Free for Children 5 and Younger; Thursday: All Tickets are \$10

Event is Outdoors, Dress Accordingly and Bring Blankets or Chairs

Food is Available for Purchase, or Bring Your Own



One of Shakespeare's most famous works, this is the story of two star-crossed lovers who are caught in the ongoing conflict of their feuding families. In their quest for eternal love, their choices and twists of fate lead them to tragedy. For more information, go to

newtowneplayers.org.

College of Southern Maryland Auditions for Ages 10 and Up

Monday and Tuesday, August 13 and 14, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Register for Each Production by Clicking on the Links Below



Open auditions will be held for these productions:

- [Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike](#) (Cause Theatre, September)
- [Frankenstein](#) (Children's Theatre, October)
- [The Fardale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society's Production of A Christmas Carol](#) (Main Stage Musical, November/December)

To Audition: Prepare a one-minute monologue. You may be asked to perform a song. Come dressed to move. For more information, go to <https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/theatre-and-dance/auditions/index>.

Town of La Plata Summer Shows for Kids

Rolie Polie Guacamole

Tuesday, August 14, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public, Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Sitting



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Town of Indian Head



Join this award-winning "kindie" band from Brooklyn, NY, for a high energy, interactive show that's a mix of funk, rock and folk music mashed into original tunes about natural living, eating healthy and staying active! For more information call 301-934-8421.

Town of La Plata Summer Shows for Kids

Sciencetellers

Wild West: The Mystery of the Golden Piano

Tuesday, August 21, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public, Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Sitting



Grab your spurs and journey to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again! After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids must saddle up to foil the great heist - but not before stopping a runaway train,

escaping an abandoned mine shaft and discovering how a mysterious piano can play an 'instrumental' part in putting a rotten cowboy back behind bars. Throughout this absolutely wild adventure story, volunteers from the audience will help explore the fascinating science behind chemical reactions, combustion, air pressure, inertia and more. For more information call 301-934-8421.

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for Ages 15 and Up

Next to Normal

Tuesday and Thursday, August 21 and 23, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 25, 9:00 am

Callbacks: Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and three Tony Awards, "Next to Normal" is a modern musical theatre masterpiece that takes a searing and honest look at mental illness and the personal crises that accompany it. **To audition:** prepare 16 - 32 bars of a musical theater song (not one from this production) and bring the sheet music

to the audition. Performance dates are January 18 - February 3, 2019. For more information, go to <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html> or call 301-932-6819.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Open Mic in the Woods

Sundays, 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.

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

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions for the 2018 - 2019 Season

Open For High School Age and Older
 Mondays, August 27 and September 10, 6:30 pm by Appointment
 Peace Lutheran Church, 11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf



Auditions consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary. The choir meets on Monday evenings from September to June, and produces three different concerts throughout the season. Call Carol at 301-642-0594 to set up an audition appointment. For

more information about the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, visit chesapeakechoral.com.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Meeting and Paint-In

Saturday, August 11, Meeting at 9:30 am
 Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)
 28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



Starting at 10:00 am, Michelle Pollhein will lead a Susan Boerman project titled "Starfish on the Beach," from *Paint World Magazine*, February 2018. Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy for the list of supplies for the project. Call 301-884-2835, or email smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Summer Open All-Media Show

Now through August 12
 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

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Beauty in Beeswax

August 17 - September 16

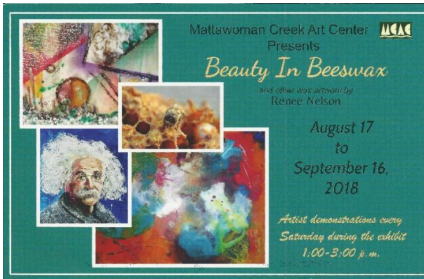
Reception: Sunday, August 19, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Artist Demonstrations Saturdays During this Exhibit, 1:00 - 3:00 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



Enjoy the wax artworks by Renee Nelson. For more information, visit mattawomanart.org

Howard County Arts Council

Art Maryland 2018

Exhibit Runs from November 2 - December 14, 2018

Deadline for Entries: August 31, 11:59 pm

8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City

Entry Fee: \$25



This is a multi-media juried exhibit, open to artists 18 years or older, residing within a 100-mile radius of Ellicott City, Maryland. For more information, go to <https://www.hocoarts.org/explore/opportunities-artists-arts-groups/exhibit-opportunities-apply/specific-exhibits/art-maryland>.

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>.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

"Artists without Limits," through September 5, 2018

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

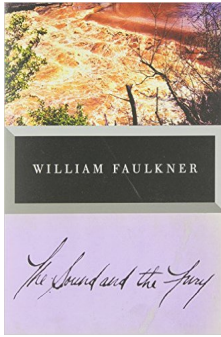
For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, August 9, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata
Meets on the second Thursday of every month
For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner.** This is the tragic story of the Compson family, featuring some of the most memorable characters in literature: beautiful, rebellious Caddy; the manchild Benjy; haunted, neurotic Quentin; Jason, the brutal cynic; and Dilsey, their black servant. Their lives fragmented and harrowed by history and legacy, the character's voices and actions mesh to create what is arguably Faulkner's masterpiece and one of the greatest novels of the twentieth century.

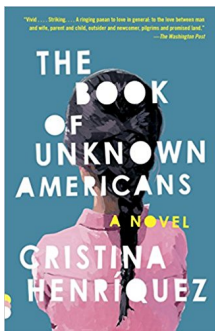
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

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.

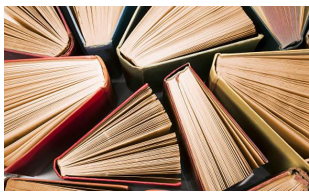
Waldorf West Library

Local Authors' Reception

Saturday, August 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public



Meet and celebrate our local authors and hear the latest on their literary creations. Their works will be featured and available for purchase. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

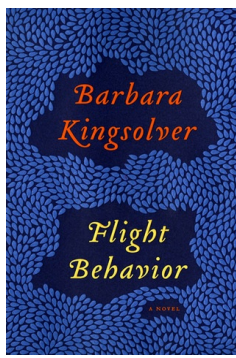
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 22, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Set in present day Appalachia, the story is a parable of catastrophe and denial that explores how the complexities we inevitably encounter in life lead us to believe in our particular chosen truths. A young wife and mother on a failing farm in rural Tennessee experiences something she cannot explain, and her discovery energizes various competing factions -- religious leaders, climate scientists, environmentalists, politicians -- trapping her in the center of the conflict and ultimately opening up her world.

Charles County Literacy Council

Adult Spelling Bee

Saturday, September 8, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Deadline to Register: August 24

Old Waldorf School

3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf

Admission: \$30 per Person



Come have some old-fashioned fun! Admission includes food, water, sodas, entertainment and cheering! Represent yourself, your business or organization, or form a team with 3 or 4 friends. Become the Local Adult Spelling Bee Team Champions! For more information and to register, call Linda Heimpel at 301-934-6488, or email charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net,

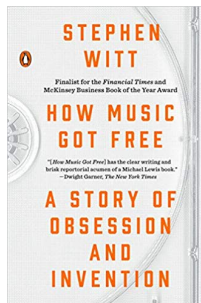
Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, August 25, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month.

For more information, call 301-645-1395



How Music Got Free by Stephen Witt. Journalist Stephen Witt traces the secret history of digital music piracy, from the German audio engineers who invented the mp3, to a North Carolina compact-disc manufacturing plant where factory worker Dell Glover leaked nearly two thousand albums over the course of a decade, to the high-rises of midtown Manhattan where music executive Doug Morris cornered the global market on rap, and, finally, into the darkest recesses of the Internet. Through these interwoven narratives, Witt has written a thrilling book that depicts the moment in history when ordinary life became

forever entwined with the world online, when, suddenly, all the music ever recorded was available for free.

Writers of Color Book Club

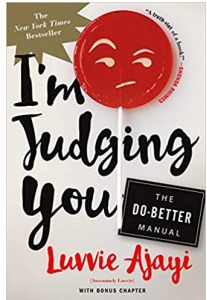
Tuesday, August 28, 6:30 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



***I'm Judging You* by Luvvie Ajayi.** Social commentary delivered as a guide to modern manners. Luvvie dissects our cultural obsessions and calls out bad behavior in our increasingly digital, connected lives. With a lighthearted, rapier wit and a unique perspective, it's the handbook the world needs now, doling out the hard truths and a road map for bringing some "act right" to our popular culture, social media, and our lives.

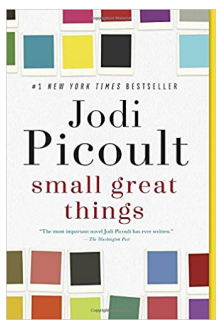
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, September 6, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult.** Ruth Jefferson is a labor and delivery nurse at a Connecticut hospital with more than twenty years' experience. During her shift, Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told a few minutes later that she's been reassigned to another patient. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African American, to touch their child. The hospital complies with their request, but the next day, the baby goes into cardiac distress while Ruth is alone in the nursery. Does she obey orders or does she intervene?

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}

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 [August](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or

click [here](#) to go to their website.

Charles County Public Library

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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.