

# Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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November 29, 2018

**Celebrating 31 Years of Service to the Community**

## CCAA NEWS

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



Community Bank  
of the Chesapeake\*

Theme is "Artists Choice"

Exhibit Dates: December 28, 2018 - April 19, 2019

Deadline to Submit: December 7, 2018

Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their next multi-media 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).

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Port Tobacco Players  
*A Christmas Carol in Washington*

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Buy Tickets Now!

Now through December 16

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



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(Family) *A Christmas Carol in Washington* is a world premier of an adaptation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* written by one of PTP's own, Kim Bessler. It is a re-telling of the familiar tale of a miserly businessman and his ghostly encounters on Christmas Eve and his ultimate redemption. The play has a local setting, depicting true history in Washington, DC, and Southern Maryland during the Great Depression. For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com>.

### St. Charles High School

#### *Jungalbook*

Friday, November 30, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 1, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December, 2:00 pm

5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$5 Senior Citizens, Students, Military



Follow the adventures of Mowgli, a boy abandoned in the jungle and raised by wolves with the help of a bear named Baloo. Mowgli is pursued by the tiger Sherakhan, who killed his parents, but is protected by a panther with the help of Baloo. Mowgli is left to figure out how to deal with Sherakhan. For more information, call 301-753-2090.

### The Newtowne Players

#### *Christmas Belles*

November 30 - December 16

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior, Student, Military; \$10 Child

Thursday Shows: All Tickets are \$10

Buy Tickets Now!



It's Christmas-time in the small town of Fayro, Texas, and the church Christmas program spins hilariously out of control in this Southern farce about squabbling sisters, family secrets, a surly Santa, a vengeful sheep and a reluctant Elvis impersonator. For more information, visit [newtownplayers.org](http://newtownplayers.org) or call 301-737-5447.

### Music Teachers Association of Charles County

#### *Carols and Cookies Winter Recital*

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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  
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MARYLAND STATE  
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Saturday, December 1, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm  
Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata  
Free and Open to the Public



The recitals are winter-themed and range from the very beginner to advanced students. After each recital, cookies and milk will be provided to the guests. For more information, contact Christine Heins at [cihviolinstudio@gmail.com](mailto:cihviolinstudio@gmail.com).



## College of Southern Maryland

### *Music Student Honors Recital*

Thursday, December 6, 3:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



Each semester, CSM's private studio teachers recommend their most accomplished students for performance in this recital to celebrate their individual musical accomplishments. The Honors Recitals represent the highest level of musicianship in the CSM music program. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

## The Newtowne Players Auditions

### *Brighton Beach Memoirs*

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

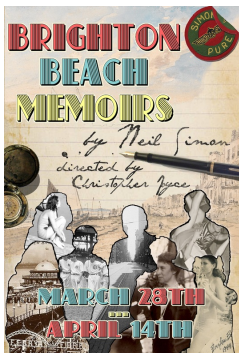
Wednesday, December 5, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Call Backs Saturday, December 8, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Performance dates: March 28 - April 14, 2019



Set in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, New York in September 1937 during The Great Depression, the coming-of-age comedy by Neil Simon, focuses on Eugene Morris Jerome, a Polish-Jewish American teenager. Auditions consist of predetermined monologues posted on their website at [Brighton Beach Monologues](http://www.brightonbeachmonologues.com). For the complete list of characters and more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/auditions.html>.



## Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

### *Third Annual Christmas Renaissance Concert*

Thursday, December 6, 7:30 pm  
 Saturday, December 8, 6:30 pm, Concert and 3-Course Meal  
 Sunday, December 9, 3:30 pm, Concert and **Buy Tickets Now!**

**Bullock's Piano Salon**  
 Complete Family Music Center — School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used

Dessert  
 Peace Lutheran Church, 11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf  
 Tickets: Thursday, Free Admission, Donations Accepted  
 Saturday: \$40 Adults; \$35 Students, Seniors, Military  
 Sunday: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Seniors, Military

 **Chameleon John**

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Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Presents  
**A Renaissance Concert**  
 thru the years  
 Performed in period dress  
 Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:30pm  
 Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 6:30pm  
 Benefit Concert for Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry  
 Free, Donations Accepted  
 Tickets must be reserved in advance  
 Check our website for prices.  
 December 9, 2016 Sunday at 3:30pm  
 Depart to Follow  
 \$15 for Adults \$12 for students, seniors & military  
 All concerts at: Peace Lutheran Church 401 E. Smallwood Dr. Waldorf, Maryland Call 301-642-0594 for more information  
 Purchase tickets online at: [www.chesapeakechoral.com](http://www.chesapeakechoral.com) or at the door.  
 Chesapeake Choral Arts Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

Performing in period dress, you will be taken back to the time of great feasts in great halls with the joy and merriment of the Christmas Season. With their Procession of the Court into the Banquet Hall with *Masters in This Hall*, you will be transported to the world of Elizabethan England. There will also be some well-known Christmas carols and other holiday songs to put you in the Spirit of the Season. For more information, call 301-642-0594, or visit <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com/>

  
**Community Bank**  
*of the Chesapeake*

**The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland**

*Ring in the Season*  
 Saturday, December 8, 4:00 pm  
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
 4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf  
 Free and Open to the Public

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The concert features charming new compositions and arrangements, along with seasonal favorites, including *The Night Before Christmas*, narrated by Ed Harris. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at [ljsnell@comcast.net](mailto:ljsnell@comcast.net).

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**College of Southern Maryland**

*Winter Dance Performance* **Buy Tickets Now!**  
 Monday, December 10, 7:30 pm  
 La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre  
 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata  
 Tickets: \$5 Adults (Advance Only); \$7 Adults Day of the Performance  
 \$5 Seniors, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below;

*Golden Renaissance*  
**JEWELLERS**





 **PNC BANK**

Whether it's a Balanchine ballet, or breaking, locking, and popping, CSM's Dance Ensemble performs a variety of pieces to appeal to all lovers of

dance. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

**College of Southern Maryland**  
*CSM Chorale and Chamber Choir with Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus*

Friday, December 14, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Tickets: \$5 Adults (Advance Only); \$7 Day of the Performance;  
\$5 Seniors, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below



Enjoy the variety of chorale, chamber and barbershop selections. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

**College of Southern Maryland**  
*Latin and Jazz Ensemble Concert*

Saturday, December 15, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Tickets: \$5 Adults (Advance Only); \$7 Day of the Performance;  
\$5 Seniors, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below



Ritmo Caché Latin Ensemble and Solid Brass Jazz Ensemble come together to bring you this winter concert. For more information, contact the Box Office at 934-7828.

**VISUAL ARTS** [{top}](#)

**Mattawoman Creek Art Center**  
*Holiday Salon and Small Works Show*

Now through December 9  
Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2, Arm Knitting Demonstrations  
Cookies and Hot Beverages Served All Weekend  
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



Six 3-day weekends to buy art and gifts, just in time for Christmas! For more information, contact Jo Ann Gilhooly at jogilhooly@verizon.net, or 301-934-1430.

**College of Southern Maryland**  
**Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery**  
*Chris Troutman: Time and Line - Drawing and Narrative*

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Now through December 13

La Plata Fine Arts Center  
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday,  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm



In the artist's words: "Figures and environments in individual compositions present singular moments within a suggested narrative, which I enhance by dividing images into sections to tell stories in multipart works. Additionally, I use multiple sections in drawings to juxtapose imagery from the US and Japan, the two places I live each year. Influences on my work are artists that focused on composition and the relationship of the human figure and their surrounding urban space, which include Edgar Degas, Edward Hopper, and Robert Birmelin. Also, graphic novels and comic books have had a large influence on my work." For more information, go to [Hungerford Exhibit](#).

## Maryland State Arts Council

*From The Mountains, To The Ocean - Maryland Landscapes Inspired by Countryside, City and Sea*

Exhibit Runs Now through January 14, 2019

MSAC Office, 175 W. Ostend Street, Baltimore, MD 21230



Maryland has a rich and diverse tradition of capturing and expressing the physical and cultural fabric of our state and its people. The range of expression from *plein air* painting, to urban photography, to writing and poetry, reveals and communicates the

environments of the present influenced by the past. For more information, go to [msac.org/arts-across-maryland/call-maryland-artists](http://msac.org/arts-across-maryland/call-maryland-artists).

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



### Charles County Government Commissioners Building

**Solo Show with Susannah Lynch, through January 16, 2019**

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 December 28, 2018**

3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

## University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Show with Bill and Suzanne Cassidy, through January 15, 2019

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

## Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show through December 15, 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).

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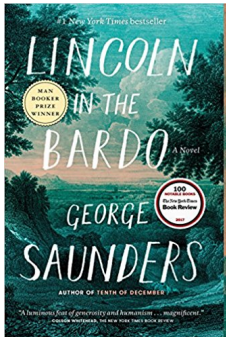
### P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



#### ***Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders.**

February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. The fighting has begun in earnest, and the nation has begun to realize it is in for a long, bloody struggle. Meanwhile, President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, lies upstairs in the White House, gravely ill. In a matter of days, despite predictions of a recovery, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying.

### Life Journeys Writers Guild

#### ***NaNoWriMo Workshop***

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Lexington Park Library, Meeting Room B

21677 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Boulevard, Lexington Park

Light Refreshments Served

Click [HERE](#) to Register



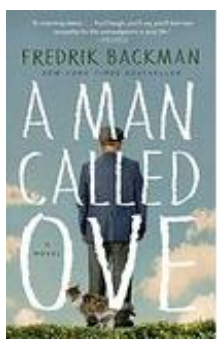
As part of the National Novel Writers' Month celebration, Yvonne Medley will present a workshop to help with your creative journey. Bring your laptop, notebook or flash drive. For more information, contact Yvonne at 240-427-5594.

### Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 5, 1:00 pm

Meets on the First Wednesday of each Month

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf



**A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman.** Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected

friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

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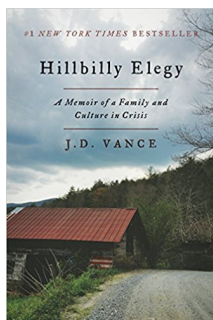
## Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, December 6, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



**Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance.** The Vance family story begins hopefully in postwar America. J. D.'s grandparents were "dirt poor and in love," and moved north from Kentucky's Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But as the family saga plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of

their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still carries around the demons of his chaotic family history.

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## College of Southern Maryland

### *Connections Literary Magazine Publication Reading*

Friday, December 7, 7:30 pm

Center for Business and Industry (BI), Room 103

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Admission is Free and Open to the Public



Contributors to the Fall 2018 "Connections" Literary Magazine will read and discuss their published works. For more information, contact [Connections@csmd.edu](mailto:Connections@csmd.edu).

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## La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

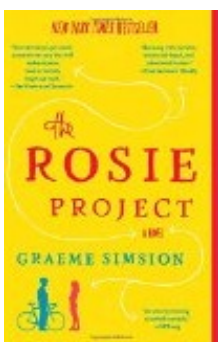
Thursday, December 13, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001





**The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion.** Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers. Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is "quite intelligent for a barmaid"). But Don is intrigued by Rosie's own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops

as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie, and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

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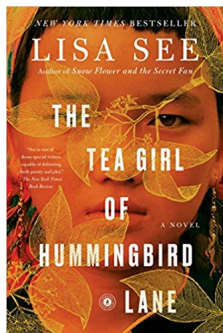
## Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 19, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month (Note Change for December)

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See.**

In their remote mountain village, Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. When Li-yan has a baby out of wedlock, she rejects the tradition that would compel her to give the child over to be killed, and instead leaves her, wrapped in a blanket with a tea cake tucked in its folds, near an orphanage in a nearby city. As Li-yan comes into herself, leaving her insular village for an education, a business, and city life, her daughter, Haley, is raised in California by loving adoptive parents. Over the course of years, each searches for meaning in the study of Pu'er, the tea that has shaped their family's destiny for

centuries.

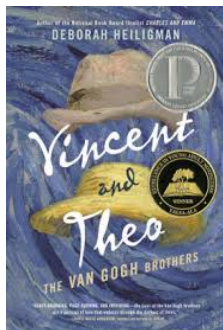
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## Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, December 29, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



**Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers by**

**Deborah Heiligman.** The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend, Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions.

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## Writers of Color Book Club

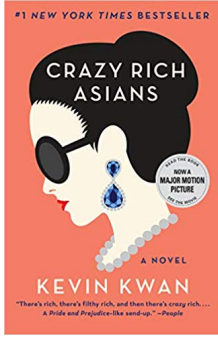
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



**Crazy Rich Asians** by Kevin Kwan. When New Yorker Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home and quality time with the man she hopes to marry. But Nick has failed to give his girlfriend a few key details. One, that his childhood home looks like a palace; two, that he grew up riding in more private planes than cars; and three, that he just happens to be the country's most eligible bachelor.

## COMMUNITY - HERITAGE - CULTURAL ARTS {top}

### Charles County Holiday Trail November 30 - December 2



Beginning on Friday, November 30, with a tour of the Dr. Mudd House, through Sunday, December 2, over 28 events will take place at 14 locations throughout the County. For the complete list of events, times and locations go to [Holiday Trail 2018](#). For more information, contact [info@charlescountyhistorical.org](mailto:info@charlescountyhistorical.org).

### Town of La Plata *Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering* Sunday, December 2, 3:00 - 6:00 pm La Plata Town Hall 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Celebrate the season with music, children's activities, refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides by Suttler Post Farm and a visit from Santa! For more information, contact Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421.

### 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 **November** 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

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## Contact Us

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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.