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November 22, 2018



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



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.

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Port Tobacco Players

A Christmas Carol in Washington

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

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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 or call 301-737-5447.

a Jones Hope Wooten comedy
November 30 - December 16

Music Teachers Association of Charles County
Carols and Cookies Winter Recital

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.

College of Southern Maryland
Music Student Honors Recital

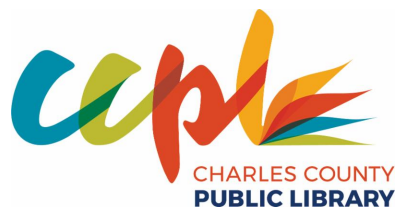
Thursday, December 6, 3:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Free and Open to the Public

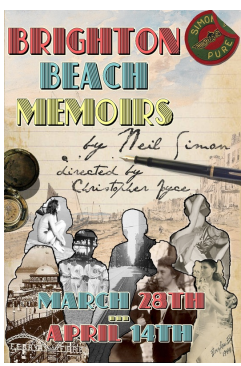


Each semester, CSM's private studio teachers recommend their most accomplished students for performance in this recital to celebrate their individual musical accomplishments. The Honors Recitals represent the highest level of musicianship in the CSM music program. For more information, contact the Box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



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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 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



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/>

College of Southern Maryland
Winter Dance Performance



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;

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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

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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
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

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

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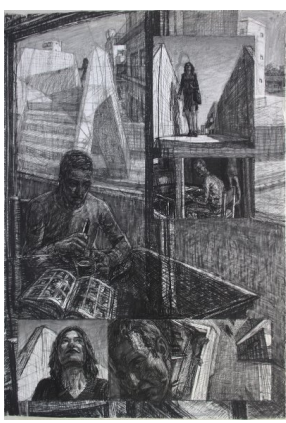
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In the artist's words: "Figures and environments in individual compositions present singular moments within a suggested narrative, which I enhance by dividing images into sections to tell stories in multipart works. Additionally, I use multiple sections 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](#).

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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 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.

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.

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

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.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Writers of Color Book Club

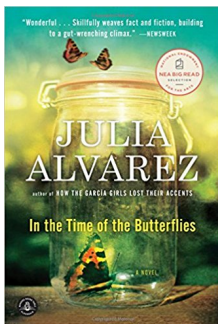
Tuesday, November 27, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



***In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez.** It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas: "The Butterflies."

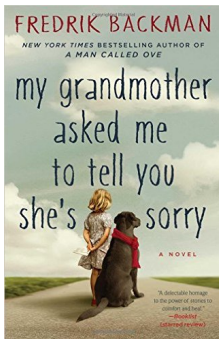
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, November 28, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



***My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman.** Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and Elsa's best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother's stories, in the Land-of-Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas, where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old

crones but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

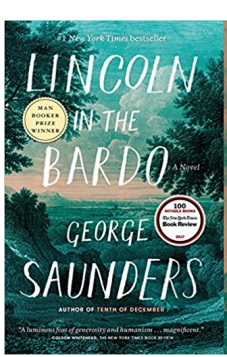
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

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



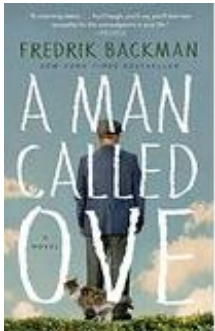
As part of the National Novel Writers' Month celebration, Yvonne Medley will present a workshop to help with your creative journey. Bring your laptop, notebook or flash drive. For more information, contact Yvonne at 240-427-5594.

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.

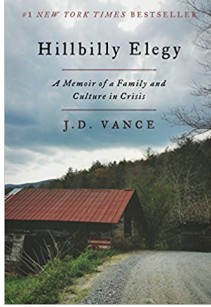
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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.

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.

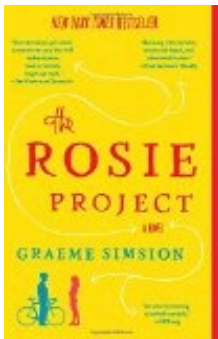
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

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

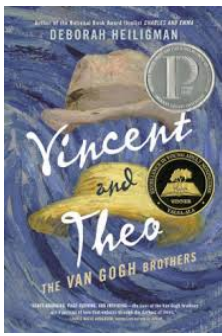
as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie, and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

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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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.

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

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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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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.