




Arts Newsflash

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March 14, 2019

Celebrating 31 Years of Service to the Community

Nominations Now Being Accepted



**Charles County Arts Alliance
Board of Directors
2019-2021**

DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE THE ARTS?

The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) wants you! If you are a leader and want to help promote the arts in our county, nominate yourself to serve on the CCAA Board of Directors! Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes all the arts: performing, visual and literary.

What is the CCAA looking for?

The CCAA is now accepting self-nominations for the CCAA Board of Directors for the next two-year term, from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021. All CCAA Board positions are volunteer.

Do you qualify?

Individuals interested in serving on the CCAA Board of Directors must be current members of the CCAA at the time of self-nomination.

How do I submit my self-nomination?

Please submit a typed brief written statement indicating:

- Why you are interested in serving on the CCAA Board
- What specific contributions you wish to make
- Your background and/or qualifications

Send this written statement (not to exceed one page)

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to: info@charlescountyarts.org with the subject-line to read: "Nomination for CCAA Board of Directors."

What are the requirements for CCAA Board members?

CCAA Board members are expected to:

- Commit to the mission, goals, and objectives of the Charles County Arts Alliance.
- Commit to being a leader. CCAA Board positions are leadership positions.
- Commit the personal time required to:
 - Serve on a "hands-on" volunteer Board
 - Serve on at least one CCAA committee
 - Attend monthly Board Meetings
 - Attend semi-annual Board Retreats
 - Participate in CCAA-sponsored events throughout the year

What is the deadline for submission of self-nominations?

All self-nominations must be received by the CCAA by no later than March 25, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration!

Community Bank of the Chesapeake
Call for Artists



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Exhibit Dates: April 19 - August 23, 2019

Deadline to Submit: March 26

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Submission Details
No Fee and Open to the Public

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.

For more information, contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.

27th ArtsFest is Coming!
Saturday, June 8, 2019
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall



Call for Artist, Exhibitor and Food Vendors!

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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 and Events**

Thanks to Our Sponsors

Early Bird Registration Ends April 30

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 27th annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2019, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. This is our eighth year to present the festival in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

Visual and literary artists of all media are invited to display and sell their works. In addition, nonprofit arts organizations are invited as exhibitors to display information and encourage participation in their performing, visual and literary arts activities. Also invited as nonprofit exhibitors are cultural, historical, heritage and environmental organizations. Local commercial organizations are also invited to distribute information on their products and services. There's live entertainment on two stages, and a variety of great food will be available for purchase throughout the day.

Click [HERE](#) to download a Vendor/Exhibitor Form

Click [HERE](#) to download a Food Vendor Form

Click [HERE](#) to download a Commercial Organization Form

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

ArtsFest is sponsored in partnership with the Town of La Plata. Funding for this project is provided (in part) by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.



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

PERFORMING ARTS [{top}](#)

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theater

Hate Crime

Thursday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 15, 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 16, 8:00 pm

Fine Arts Center Theatre, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

All Tickets: \$5

Due to heavy subject matter, including adult language and racial issues, this show is not suitable for all ages.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

HATE CRIME

A timely and provocative play about race relations in the context of a legal thriller. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

James and the Giant Peach

March 15 - April 7

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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



(Family Musical) Roald Dahl's fantastical tale of a boy, his insect friends and their amazing journey across the ocean on a giant piece of fruit is now a musical for the whole family to enjoy! When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that results in a tremendous peach... and launches a journey of enormous proportions. Suddenly, James finds himself in the center of the gigantic peach, among human-sized insects with equally oversized personalities, but after it falls from the tree and rolls into the ocean,

the group faces hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements. Thanks to James' quick wit and creative thinking, the residents learn to live and work together as a family. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for Ages 16 and Up

Guys and Dolls

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, this award-winning classic gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of Broadway. Set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City, *Guys and Dolls* is an oddball

romantic comedy. Performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from July 12 to August 4, 2019. For more information, visit [Guys and Dolls](#)

[Auditions](#), or contact the Producer, Kathy Mead, at 240-346-6448.

College of Southern Maryland Benny C. Morgan Series

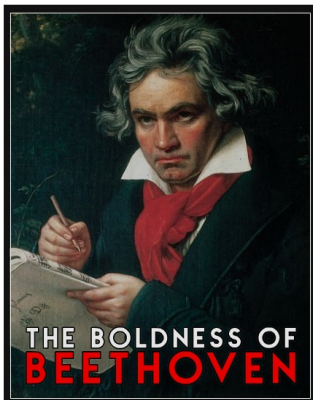
Creative Concert Group: "The Boldness of Beethoven"

Saturday, March 16, 3:00 pm

Building A Auditorium

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Free Admission



Creative Concert Group is a project led by cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan and pianist/arranger Sahun Hong, to present new classical music programs that expand the possibilities of the chamber music repertoire. With each program there is a surprise, a unique musical idea that has never, ever, been done before. Experience an innovative presentation of Beethoven's *Third Piano Concerto*, as well as fresh takes on other Beethoven classics. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Rhythm in Music

Saturday, March 23, 4:00 pm

Christ Church

112 East Charles Street, La Plata

Bullock's Piano Salon

Complete Family Music Center — School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used



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Sunday, March 24, 3:30 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf
Both Concerts are Free and Open to the Public



From waltzes in three-quarter time, to irregular and syncopated rhythms, a mazurka, and a grand tarantelle, this concert shows how rhythms are used to bring excitement to music. With Lucy Snell, flute; Takako Mato, clarinet; Alex Grisos, trumpet; and Eileen Peerless, piano. For more information, email eperless@verizon.net.

Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion
Bluegrass Series: Lonesome River Band

Sunday, March 24, 2:00 pm (doors open at noon)
American Legion Post 238
Rts. 381 and 231, Hughesville
Tickets: \$20, Children under 12 admitted free with a paying adult
Dinner, drinks and dessert available for purchase



For more information, contact Jay at jaychelle1@verizon.net or call 301-737-3004.

Henry E. Lackey High School
Aladdin Jr.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 28 - 30, 6:30 pm
3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head
Tickets: \$7 Adults; \$5 Students, Seniors, Military

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Follow the story of Aladdin, a young man who lives in the streets of Agrabah. He is tricked by the sultan's master, Jafar, to retrieve treasures in a cave only to end up trapped. He finds a magic genie, and uses the genie's powers to escape and help him woo the princess, Jasmine. For more information, call 301-743-5431

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Why Not Join Us Now?

Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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.

The Newtowne Players

Brighton Beach Memoirs

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

March 29 - April 14

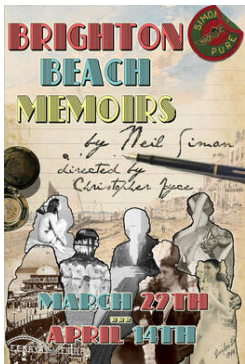
Thursday - Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Senior Citizens, Students, Military; \$10 Child

Thursday Performances (April 4 and 11): All Seats \$10



Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn; formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche and her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and you have a recipe for hilarity. Here is part one of Simon's autobiographical trilogy: a portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. Purchase tickets [online](#) or call 301-737-5447 to make a reservation.

North Point High School

Saturday Night Fever

Thursday - Friday, April 4 -5, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 6, 1:00 and 7:00 pm

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$10 General Admission; \$5 Students, Senior Citizens



Set in the 1970s in New York, the play follows Tony Manero, a teenager from Brooklyn, who spends his weekends at a local discotheque. Follow Tony as he dazzles the crowd with his dancing while trying to forget about his troubles in life, such as his boring job and trouble-making friends. For more information, call 301-753-

1759.

College of Southern Maryland

16th Annual Jazz Festival Concerts

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Friday - Saturday, April 5 - 6, 8:00 pm

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5 Adults in Advance, \$7 Day of the Event;
\$5 Senior Citizens, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below



Concerts feature Solid Brass and guest artists. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Maurice J. McDonough High School

In the Heights

Thursday - Friday, April 11 - 12, 7:00 pm
 Saturday, April 13, 2:00 (Understudy Performance) and 7:00 pm
 7165 Marshall Corner Road, Pomfret
 Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Students, Senior Citizens, Military;
 \$7 Thespians and Children Under 6

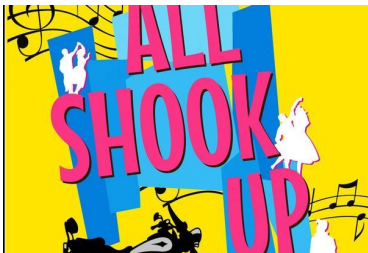


The scene is Washington Heights, a New York City neighborhood, in which a close Hispanic-American community lives. Follow the characters as they deal with social issues, adapt to change and the death of a patriarch family member. For more information, call 301-934-2944.

Thomas Stone High School

All Shook Up

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11 - 13, 7:00 pm
 3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf
 Tickets: \$5 All Seats



Set in a small Midwestern town, the play features the music of Elvis Presley. A new community member named Chad comes to town and challenges its conservative views. Follow the characters as they learn about music, love and pursuing their dreams. For more information, call 301-645-2601.

Westlake High School Theatre Company

Smokey Joe's Cafe: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 11 - 13, 7:00 pm
 3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf
 Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$6 Students, Senior Citizens



The musical revue, written by songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, highlights music such as pop, rhythm and blues, and rock and roll. The show is set to feature popular hits such as "On Broadway," "Hound Dog," and "Charlie Brown." For more information, call 301-645-8857

College of Southern Maryland

Barbershop Extravaganza

Saturday, April 13, 4:00 pm
 La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
 Tickets: \$5 Adults in Advance, \$7 Day of the Concert;



\$5 Senior Citizens, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below



Southern Mix, under the direction of Paul Douglass, is a men's barbershop chorus consisting of community members and CSM students taking the ensemble for credit. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

A Glorious Concert!

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Saturday, April 13, 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 14, 3:30 pm

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Senior Citizens, Military

St. Joseph Catholic Parish Center

4590 St. Joseph's Way, Pomfret, MD



The concert features different settings of the *Gloria*. Arnold Freed's *Gloria* is a very powerful modern work performed with brass ensemble and timpani. The Haydn *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* is a very traditional setting of the work. Dufay's work was written in the 1400s, and the medieval tone is haunting and more somber than the other two settings. A highlight will be the premiere performance of *The "Gloria" Variations* by W.G. Pete Stokes, which will feature Director Emeritus Michael Santana as a soloist. Concluding the concert is Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*. For more information, visit [A Glorious Concert](#) or call 301-642-0594.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

**College of Southern Maryland
Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery**

Sukjin Choi: Path

Now through March 14

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Artist Lecture: Thursday, March 14, 2:30 pm

Community Education Building (CE), Room 101; Reception to Follow

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

10:00 am to 6:00 pm



"We cannot stop our journey here in life. When we wake, we cannot deny having another morning and then another night. And we cannot deny our memories. The wheel also, then, is who we are, our identity cycling like the oceans caught in the tidal dance between the moon of memory and the earth of our living day." For more information, go to [Tony Hungerford](#)

[Exhibit](#) or call 301-934-7828.

TwoRiversArtWorkshops

Advanced Alcohol Inks

Saturdays, April 6 and 13, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$225 (**\$100 deposit due no later than March 15**)

Instructor: Pat Troiani

Email tworiversworkshops@gmail.com to register

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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



In this workshop, you will learn how to make texture with modeling paste; combine texture and collage; use various tools such as straws, air compressor, canned air, hair dryer and an air puffer blower, and much more. If you are a beginner, a short introductory class taught by Carole Purell will be held from 9:00 - 10:00 am on April 6. The materials list will be provided upon registration; you can also purchase supplies at the workshop. Bring a lunch, snacks provided.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio on Fridays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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



Come and paint at your leisure. Bring your own supplies and a friend. For more information, contact Nancy Owens at nancypaints@verizon.net.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

2019 Winter Open All-Media Show: Winter Wonders

Now through March 24

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



The members of the Charles County Chapter of the Maryland Writers' Association are collaborating on this show, writing opening lines of a story based on each piece of artwork they have selected. The stories will be available at the reception and the writers will talk about what they wrote. For more information, visit mattawomanart.org.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Theresa Alo: Living in the Medium

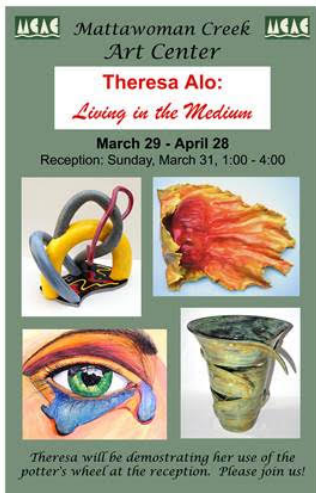
March 29 - April 28

Reception: Sunday, March 31, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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The show includes works created in clay, glaze, paint, pencil, charcoal, watercolor, acrylic and more. Come to the reception and watch Theresa demonstrate her use of the potter's wheel. For more information, visit mattawomanart.org.

TwoRiversArtWorkshops

Painting Live Flowers - With Oil Pastels

Tuesday - Wednesday, April 23 - 24, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$225 (\$100 Deposit due no later than April 10)

Instructor: [Luba Sterlikova](#)

Click [HERE](#) to Register

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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



Oil pastel is a unique medium. Neither oil paint nor pastel, it combines the best qualities of both. You will learn basic techniques for this medium, some basics of flower drawings, and then you'll use oil pastel for creating an enlarged image of a tulip. Each student will complete a drawing on 19"x24" Canson Mi-Teintes paper. For more information, email tworiversartworkshops@gmail.com.

2019 Congressional Art Competition

An Artistic Discovery

Open to all High School-Age Students, Including Home-Schooled Students

All art must be delivered to one of Congressman Hoyer's offices in White Plains or Greenbelt by **April 17, 2019**



Students residing in Maryland's Fifth District (Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties) are invited to submit their art for consideration.

Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol. For more information, contact Stefanie Carey Barone at 301-843-1577, Stefanie.Carey@mail.house.gov, or visit [Congressional Art Competition](http://CongressionalArtCompetition.gov).

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Arts Summit Artists Bazaar

June 6 - 8, Deadline to Apply is April 26

University of Maryland Baltimore County



Hosted by MCA, in conjunction with the Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland State Department of Education and AEMS: Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance. The artists bazaar will be held during the Arts Summit, which will serve as a networking and promotional opportunity, as well as a free space for Maryland artists to showcase and potentially sell their work. For more information and to register for the Artists Bazaar, go to [Arts Summit Bazaar](http://ArtsSummitBazaar.org)

or call 410-467-6700.

Call for Artists

Waldorf West Library

Spring 2019 Art Show

Click [HERE](#) for More Information



The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2019 Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf

West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors. **Exhibit dates will be determined after the walls in the Library are re-painted.**

A maximum of two works of 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional art on any subject can be submitted. Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Waldorf West Spring 2019 Show" in the subject line.

For more information, contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show with David Zippi, through April 10, 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 June 30, 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 April 19, 2019

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 Dorothy Crown, through April 17, 2019

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

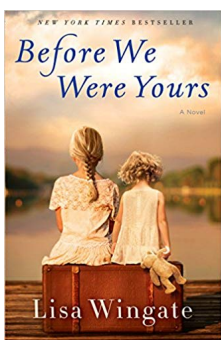
La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge-until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents-but they quickly realize the dark truth. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals-in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based

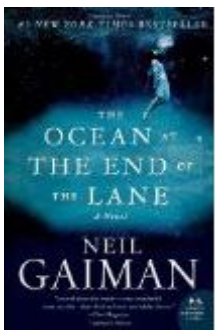
adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country.

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 20, 1:00 pm (Note date change)

Meets on the First Wednesday of each Month

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf



The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman.

A middle-aged man returns to his childhood home to attend a funeral. Although the house he lived in is long gone, he is drawn to the farm at the end of the road, where, when he was seven, he encountered a most remarkable girl, Lettie Hempstock, and her mother and grandmother. He hasn't thought of Lettie in decades, and yet as he sits by the pond (a pond that she'd claimed was an ocean) behind the ramshackle old farmhouse where she once lived, the unremembered past comes flooding back. And it is a past too strange, too frightening, too dangerous to have happened to anyone,

let alone a small boy.

Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



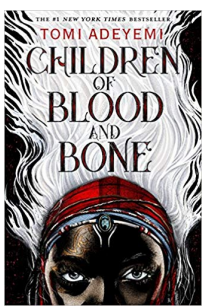
Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews. In contemporary Russia, state intelligence officer Dominika Egorova has been drafted to become a "Sparrow," a spy trained in the art of seduction to elicit information from their marks. She's been assigned to Nathaniel Nash, a CIA officer who handles the organization's most sensitive penetration of Russian intelligence. The two young intelligence officers, trained in their respective spy schools, collide in a charged atmosphere of tradecraft, deception and, inevitably, a forbidden spiral of carnal attraction that threatens their careers and the security of America's valuable mole in Moscow.

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi. Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orisha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie's Reaper mother summoned forth souls. But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope. Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers and her growing feelings for an enemy.

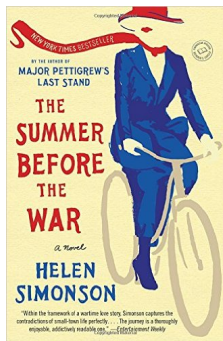
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, March 27, 11:00 am

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



***The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson.**

It is late summer in East Sussex, 1914. Amidst the season's splendor, fiercely independent Beatrice Nash arrives in the coastal town of Rye to fill a teaching position at the local grammar school. There she is taken under the wing of formidable matriarch Agatha Kent, who, along with her charming nephews, tries her best to welcome Beatrice to a place that remains stubbornly resistant to the idea of female teachers. But just as Beatrice comes alive to the beauty of the Sussex landscape, and the colorful characters that populate Rye, the perfect summer is about to end. For the unimaginable is coming - and soon the limits of progress, and the old ways, will be tested as this small town goes to war.

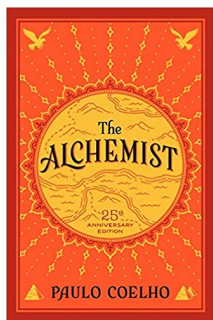
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, April 4, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.** This is the story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different and far more satisfying than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, of recognizing opportunity and learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, most importantly, to follow our dreams.

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

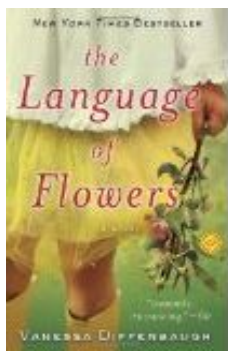
Saturday, April 6, 9:30 - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

College of Southern Maryland Connections

Visions of Verses: Artworks and Poetry

Reception: Saturday, April 13, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Gallery Dates: April 10 - May 5

Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Sunday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

calvART Gallery, 110 South Solomons Island Road, Prince Frederick



CSM, in collaboration with the Arts Council of Calvert County and the calvART gallery, will host a very special evening to celebrate the value of art in our lives. The program will feature paintings by calvART Gallery member artists and a reading of poems by Southern Maryland poets inspired by the artwork. The evening is offered as an opportunity for the Southern Maryland community to come together to experience and reflect on the ways the arts can serve to enrich our lives with beauty and understanding. For more information,

visit www.calvertarts.org or call 410-535-9252.

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Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

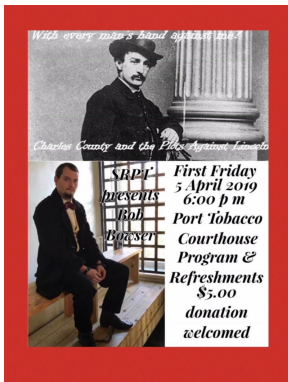
First Friday Series: "With Every Man's Hand Against Me"

Friday, April 5, 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm)

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

\$5 Donation Welcomed; Refreshments Served



Bob Bowser's presentation discusses Charles County and the plots against President Abraham Lincoln. For more information, contact Joyce Edelen at keechjoyce@aol.com.

Maryland State Arts Council

Creativity Grants

Click [HERE](#) for the Guidelines and Application Process

Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
Deadlines for the Creativity Grant Program are rolling. MSAC began accepting applications on February 1, 2019, for the FY19 Application cycle; and will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2019, for the FY20 Application cycle. The grant period for FY19 is February 1, 2019 - June 30, 2019. The grant period for FY20 is July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.



The purpose of the program is to strengthen the vitality and sustainability of artists and small organizations to maintain a strong and stable arts infrastructure in the State of Maryland. The Creativity Grant also provides opportunities to serve the

growing needs of relevant arts projects and collaborations within Maryland communities. For more information, go to [Creativity Grants](#).

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

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

category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream and download free dynamic content with your library card, and the best part... no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month. All content is accessible via hoopla's mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com.

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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 under-served 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.