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May 2, 2019

Now in Our 32nd Year of Service to the Community

Maryland Arts Summit

AEMS Pre-Conference, June 6

Arts Summit, June 7 - 8

UMBC

1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore

Click [HERE](#) for the More Information

REGISTER NOW!

Presented by Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Department of Education and AEMS: Arts Education in Maryland Schools. The 2019 Maryland Arts Summit will be the first of its kind for the arts sector in Maryland, highlighting the work that is being done through our communities. Dialogue, learning and networking opportunities will focus on the growth of Maryland arts. The Maryland Arts Summit will be presented by and for the Maryland arts sector,

which includes, but is not limited to:

- Arts Advocates
- Arts Educators/Teaching Artists
- Independent Artists
- Arts Organizations

For more information, call 410-467-6700, or email events@mdarts.org.

27th ArtsFest is Coming!

Saturday, June 8, 2019

11:00 am to 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall



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MARYLAND STATE
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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

Pippin

Friday, May 3, 7:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday, May 4 - 5, 2:00 pm

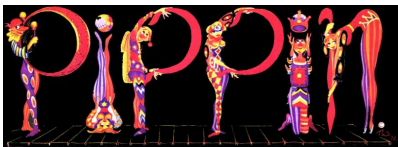
La Plata Fine Arts Center

Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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

Buy Tickets Now!



Pippin is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. Heir to the Frankish throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the

temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father, King Charlemagne the Great). In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the unextraordinary moments that happen every day. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Tantallon Community Players

Annie

Buy Tickets Now!



Now through May 5
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm
Sunday, 3:00 pm
Harmony Hall Arts Center
10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington
Tickets: \$20 Adult; \$18 Student, Senior Citizens



Annie is a Broadway musical based on the popular Harold Gray comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," with music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, and book by Thomas Meehan. The musical's songs "Tomorrow" and "It's the Hard Knock Life" are among its most popular musical numbers. For more information, visit [Tantallon Players](#) or call 301-966-2358.



Kassia Music Collective
Concert
Saturday, May 4, 5:00 pm
Christ Church, Old Durham Parish
8700 Ironsides Road, Nanjemoy
Admission: Free-will Donation



Kassia Music Collective, a chamber ensemble dedicated to bringing contemporary music to the D.C. area, features Southern Maryland violinist duo Bernard and Adina Vallandingham. For more information, contact Carl Lockamy at 240-346-4130.



Charles County
MARYLAND
Legends, Lore and Room to Explore

CANCELED

College of Southern Maryland
7th Annual Renaissance Festival



Due to weather-related damages, the Renaissance Festival, previously scheduled for May 4 and 5, has been canceled. You are invited to join CSM for a performance of "Pippin," which will be held indoors in the La Plata Fine Arts Center. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



College of Southern Maryland
Spring Dance Performance

Buy Tickets Now!

Monday, May 6, 7:30 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater
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



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



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. CSM's dancers come from diverse backgrounds and experiences ranging from credit students on the path



to professional dance careers to community members with strong regional experiences in dance studios and theatres. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.



College of Southern Maryland
Music Student Honors Recital

Friday, May 10, 3:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Free Admission, No Tickets Required



Each semester, CSM's private studio teachers recommend their most accomplished students for performance in this recital to celebrate their individual musical accomplishments. The recitals feature a diversity of musical styles ranging from classical instrumental and vocal music



to popular and jazz renditions for piano, guitar, voice, or other instruments. The Honors Recital represents the highest level of musicianship in the CSM music program. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland
Southern Maryland Concert Band



Friday, May 10, 8:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater
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



The Southern Maryland Concert Band (SMCB), under the direction of Michael Peerless, is a community-based concert band comprised of amateur and professional community musicians and CSM students. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

The Newtowne Players
A Night on Broadway: Sight, Sound and Song

May 10 - 19
Friday and Saturday, 8:00 pm
Sunday, 3:30 pm
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Senior Citizens, Students, Military;
\$12 Children 12 and Under

[African American Heritage Society of Charles County](#)

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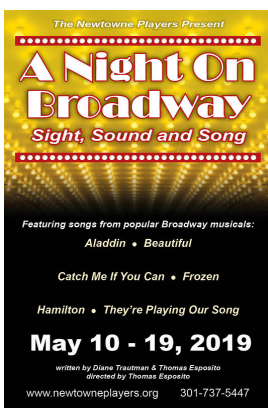
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Returning for its fourth season with all new songs, new shows, and new cast members, this show is sure to delight Broadway musical lovers of every age! Some of this year's shows include: *Hamilton*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Beautiful*, *Frozen*, *They're Playing Our Song*, *Aladdin* and more.

With many musical performances from shows you've enjoyed for years as well as some recent releases, you're bound to hear many songs you know and love; and you may even discover something new to delight you. For more information, call 301-737-5447.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

College of Southern Maryland

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Edward L. Sanders Insurance Agency, Inc.

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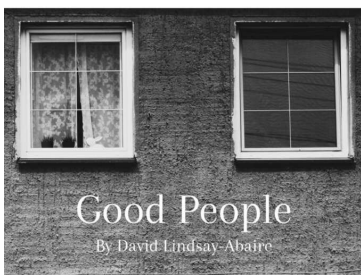
New Dates: Friday and Saturday, May 10 - 25, 8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

THE HARD BARGAIN PLAYERS PRESENT



"Welcome to Southie, a Boston neighborhood where a night on the town means a few rounds of bingo, where this month's paycheck covers last month's bills, and where Margie Walsh has just been let go again from yet another job. Facing eviction and scrambling to catch a break, Margie thinks an old fling who's made it out of Southie might be her ticket to a fresh new start. But is this apparently self-made man secure enough to face his humble

beginnings? Margie is about to risk what little she has left to find out."

(Dramatists Play Service, Inc.). For more information, visit www.hbplayers.org/ or email hbplayersboxoffice@gmail.com.

College of Southern Maryland

POPS Concert

Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Senior Citizens, Military, Youth of High School Age and Below

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Featuring performances by Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus, Ritmo Caché Latin Ensemble, CSM Chorale, and Chamber Choir. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Children's Voices of Southern Maryland

Night of Stars

Saturday, May 11, 7:00 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

4560 Padgett Road, White Plains

Free and Open to the Public



Enjoy an evening of movie melodies and Broadway tunes presented by the 70-voice children's choir. For more information, contact Georgia Bonney at info@childrensvoicesomd.org.

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.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Jazz One: "Happening Now"

Sunday, May 12, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Building B, Multipurpose Room B-104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission



Jazz One is an ensemble from the D.C./Baltimore area, specializing in recreating historic jazz. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Deathtrap

May 17 - June 2

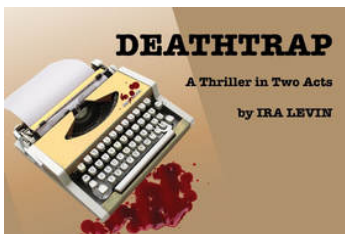
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adults, \$15 Senior Citizens (60+), Military, Youth to 18

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Comedy Thriller) Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a "dry" spell. A possible break occurs when he receives a script from a student in the seminar he has been conducting: a thriller which Sidney recognizes as a potential Broadway hit. He devises a plan, with his wife's help, to offer collaboration to the student. Thereafter suspense mounts

steadily as the plot begins to twist and turn with devilish cleverness, and with such an abundance of thrills and laughter, that audiences will be held enthralled until the final, startling moments of the play. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Port Tobacco Players Auditions

The Crucible

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am

Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

The Crucible

by arthur miller

Synopsis: This drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society. The story focuses upon a young farmer, his wife, and a young servant-girl who maliciously causes the wife's arrest for witchcraft. The farmer brings the girl to court to admit the lie, and it is here that the monstrous course of bigotry

and deceit is terrifyingly depicted. **Auditions** will consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are September 20 - October 6, 2019. For more information, contact the producer at 301-752-5651.

The Kalnasy Concert Series at St. Aloysius

The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland

Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm

St. Aloysius Church

22800 Washington Street, Leonardtown

Free and Open to the Public



Concert features a delightful bouquet of springtime music by contemporary composers, including the entire five movements of [Floris](#) for flute choir and piano by Catherine McMichael. For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

Town of La Plata

Friday Night Concerts

May 24 - August 30, 7:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free Admission



Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. 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. In case of inclement weather, announcements will be posted on their website at <https://townoflaplata.org> or call 301-934-8421 for a recorded message (press #7 for special events).

May and June Schedule:

May 24 - [BackFin](#) - Classic Hits

May 31 - [Bobby McKey's Dueling Piano Show](#)

June 7 - [Pork Donut](#) - Classic Rock 70s, 80s, 90s

June 14 - [Trilogy](#) - Rock, Pop, Dance, Hip Hop & Country Covers with a twist

June 21 - [U.S. Navy Band The Sea Chanters](#) - Traditional choral music, including sea chanteys & patriotic fare, opera, Broadway & contemporary

June 28 - [The Bradley-Turner Band](#) - Country Rock

For the full summer schedule, go to [La Plata Summer Concerts](#).

Indian Head Center for the Arts

What Kind of Man

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Saturday, May 25, 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 26, 3:00 pm

Tickets: \$25

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Due to this shows strategic raw nature and content, audience members under 18 are not permitted



"What Kind of Man" was written with the intent of spotlighting familiar issues and truths that individuals are often not willing to address, such as gender biases regarding psychological, physical and emotional abuse, and communication barriers and self-esteem issues. For more information, go

to <https://www.indianheadblackbox.org>.

Flute Magic

Camp for Ages 8 - 18

Monday - Friday, July 8 - 12, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

First Baptist Church of Waldorf
10045 Bunker Hill Road, Waldorf

Cost: \$270

Deadline to Register: June 30

Click [HERE](#) to Download a Registration Form



The week offers new musical challenges to flutists of all levels in a friendly environment. Activities include performances, group lessons, master classes, private lessons, mock auditions, flute choir, and arts and crafts. Parents are invited to the 3:00 pm

concert every day, and students will present the Grand Finale on Friday, July 12, at 2:30 pm. For more information, contact Lucy Snell at 301-751-5029, or go to [Flute Magic Camp](#).

Southern Maryland Film Festival

Call for Original Movie Submissions

Deadline to Submit: July 1

Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details



The Steering Committee for the Southern Maryland Film Festival is currently accepting submissions of locally-produced films for the 4th annual film festival to be held at the R/C Theatres' Lexington Exchange 12 in California, MD, the weekend of August 23-24, 2019. There is a \$10 submission fee per film; filmmakers under the age of 18 may submit for free. Questions for the

committee can be sent via email to SMDfilmfest@gmail.com.

Port Tobacco Players

Camp Mockabee Summer Theatre Camp

For Ages 6 - 12th Grades

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) for Dates, Fees and Registration Form

Deadline to Apply: July 14, or when filled

THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES

CAMP MOCKABEE

Summer Theatre Camp

Elementary Camp (ages 6 through 5th grade) runs from July 29 - August 2. Middle School (grades 6th - 8th), runs from August 12 - 16, with a show on August 17. High School (grades 9th - 12th) runs from August 5 - 9, with a show on August 10. Sessions are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, call 301-932-6819.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

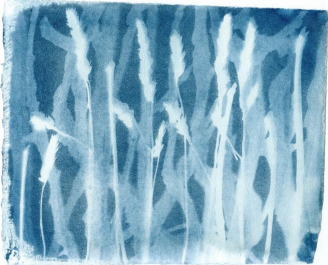
Annual Juried Student Exhibition

Now through May 8

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



Untitled Cyanotype by Ashley Saldana

Paintings in broad brush strokes, photos in captivating focus, and sculptures molded with playfulness are among the types of artwork showcased each spring as part of the College of Southern Maryland Annual Juried Student. For more information, go to [Tony Hungerford Exhibit](#) or call 301-934-7828.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

25th Annual All-Media Juried Exhibition

May 3 - June 2

Reception, Awards and Juror Talk: Sunday, May 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
25th Annual All-Media
Juried Exhibition
May 3 - June 2, 2019



2018 First Place Winner: *A Walk in Key West* by David Zippi

Reception, Awards, and Juror Talk:
Sunday, May 5 from 1 - 4 p.m.

A variety of media created by regional artist!

Celebrating 50 years promoting the visual arts in Southern Maryland

The exhibition features a variety of media created by regional artists. For more information, visit Mattawoman Art.

Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association

MAPAPA Paint Out

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am

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



Hosted by Barbara Stepura. Paint anywhere in the park and enjoy a day with fellow artists. Bring a bag lunch. For more information go to mattawomanart.org.

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Meeting and Paint-In

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville (Hall behind the Church)



Following the business meeting, Michelle Pollhein will lead a Marlene Kruetz project titled, "Oscar the Ostrich." Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835 or smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com for the list of supplies.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Blue Moon Zentangle Inspired Art

Saturday, May 18, Noon - 3:00 pm

Cost: \$55 for MCAC Members, \$65 for Non-Members

Save \$10: Register and Pay Before May 10

Additional Fee: \$10 Paid to the Instructor (includes all supplies)

Instructor: Jill Smithson

Click [HERE](#) for a Registration Form

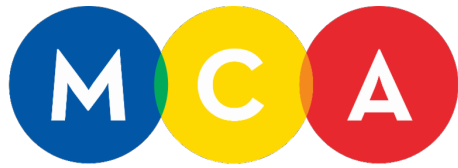
Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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This class is an opportunity to work in meditative creativity, learning and combining five simple strokes to create patterns that become the pigments as we apply them to the paper. These patterns woven together with applications of shading and toning create your unique piece of art. To register, contact Nancy Owens and nancypaints@verizon.net.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts
Mind Your Business: A Free Legal and Financial Education Workshop for Artists
Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
Leonardtwn Town Hall
22670 Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD 20650
Click [HERE](#) to Register



This traveling event is a symposium to help the state's independent artists better navigate budgets, contracts, copyright laws, insurance, and more. In partnership with Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, PNC Bank, St Mary's Arts Council and Maryland Citizens

for the Arts. Lunch is provided. For more information, to go mdarts.org.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Open Studio on Fridays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury
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Come and paint at your leisure. Bring your own supplies and a friend. For more information, contact Nancy Owens at nancypaints@verizon.net.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building
Solo Show with Works by Walter Pearsall, through July 9, 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 22, 2019

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: June 22, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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 23, 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 Marie Parham, through July 10, 2019

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, June 1 - September 28, 2019

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: Saturday, June 29, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

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.

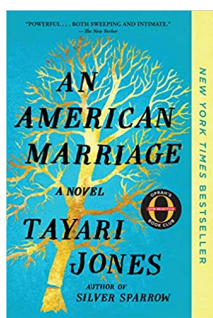
LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, May 2, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***An American Marriage* by Tayari Jones.** Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

College of Southern Maryland La Plata Campus

Spring 2019 Connections Literary Magazine Reading

Friday, May 3, 7:30 pm

Free Admission, No Tickets Required

Center for Business and Industry (BI) Building

Dr. John M. Sine Conference Room (Room 103)

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission, No Tickets Required

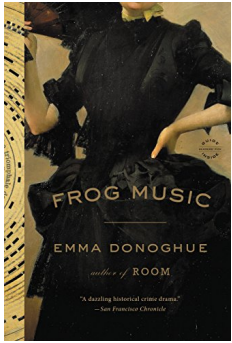
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



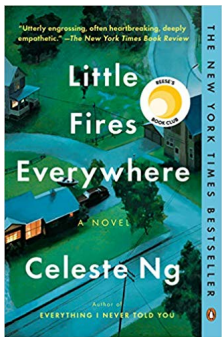
Frog Music by Emma Donoghue. Summer of 1876: San Francisco is in the fierce grip of a record-breaking heat wave and a smallpox epidemic. Through the window of a railroad saloon, a young woman named Jenny Bonnet is shot dead. The survivor, her friend Blanche Beunon, will risk everything to bring Jenny's murderer to justice. The story Blanche struggles to piece together is one of free-love bohemians, desperate paupers, and arrogant millionaires; of jealous men, icy women, and damaged children. It's the secret life of Jenny herself, a notorious character who breaks the law every morning by getting dressed: a charmer as slippery as the frogs she hunts.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, May 9, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



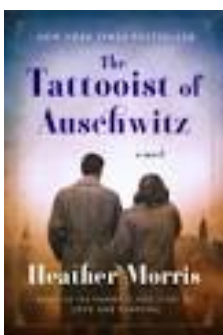
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. In Shaker Heights, a placid, progressive suburb of Cleveland, everything is planned, from the layout of the winding roads, to the colors of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. And no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. Enter Mia Warren, an enigmatic artist and single mother, who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl, and rents a house from the Richardsons. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries

with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past, but her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf



The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners.

Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific atrocities and barbarism-but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto

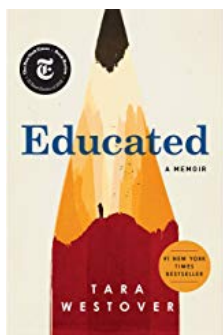
her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 22, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



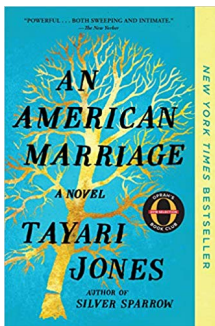
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled

too far, if there was still a way home.

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf



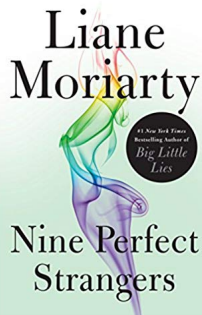
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together.

Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty. Nine people gather at a remote health resort. Some are there to lose weight, some are there to get a reboot on life, some are there for reasons they can't even admit to themselves. Amidst all of the luxury and pampering, the mindfulness and meditation, they know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be.

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Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

10th Annual Market Day

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (Rain Date: May 18)

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Free Admission



Enjoy shopping at the many vendor tables, tour the Courthouse, Stagg Hall, Burch House and the Port Tobacco One-Room School House. For more information, contact Mary Fenton, 301-375-7892.

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

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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.