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May 30, 2019

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and Sell Your Creations!



27th ArtsFest
Saturday, June 8, 2019
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

REGISTRATION ENDS TOMORROW

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,

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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

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

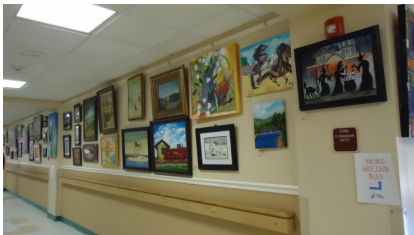
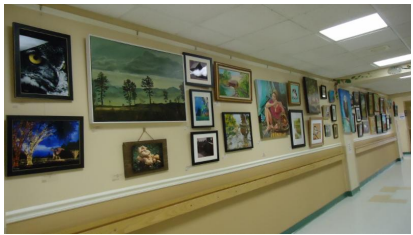
ArtsFest is sponsored in partnership with the Town of La Plata. Funding for this project is provided (in part) by the County Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Call for Artists

Deadline to Submit: June 3

Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details



Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Summer/Fall Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from July 3, 2019 to January 31, 2020. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway. For more information, contact Angela at 301-884-8171, ext. 403, or email VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

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Final Weekend

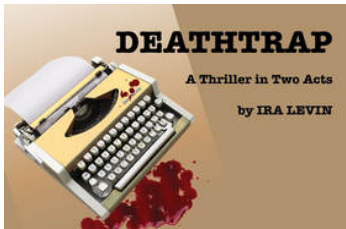
Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

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

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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.

Town of La Plata

Friday Night Concerts

Now through 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 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](#).

Watermelon One-Act Festival

Adjudication Sessions: Saturday, June 1, 10:00 am, 1:00, 4:00, and 8:00 pm

Finals: Sunday, June 2, 2:00 pm

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Bruce Davis Theater, Montgomery Hall Fine Arts Center

18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Admission per Adjudication Session: \$12 General; \$10 Seniors, Students

Finals (includes food, beverages): \$20 General, \$15 Seniors, Students

\$55 Festival Pass for Both Days (\$50 Seniors, Students)

Purchase Tickets at the Door at Least 30 Minutes in Advance of Each Session





Watermelon One-Act Festival

Bullock's Piano Salon
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For the list and times of each performance, go to [Watermelon Festival Schedule](#).

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society *Putting it Together*

Saturday, June 8, 7:30 pm
Sunday, June 9, 3:30 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

Port Tobacco Players Theater
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Seniors, Military



Don't miss the last performance of the season presented by the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society! You'll leave humming, tapping your toes, and singing your favorite Broadway tunes. Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II began "putting it together" in 1943 with their opening blockbuster, *Oklahoma!* They went on to create some of the most beloved musicals during the "golden age" of Broadway: *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, and *The Sound of Music*, just to name a few. Of course, they weren't the only collaborators on Broadway. The concert will also feature songs written by composers such as Stephen Sondheim,

who were influenced by Rodgers and Hammerstein. For more information, visit <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com> or call 301-642-0594.



Port Tobacco Players Encore Kids *Hannah of the Hills*

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 am
508 Charles Street, La Plata
Free and Open to the Public



This family-friendly show is inspired by classics such as *The Secret Garden* and *Anne of Green Gables*. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.



Indian Head Center for the Arts *B.B.'s Kidventure Summer Camp*

Ages 10 - 15: Monday - Friday, June 17 - June 28

REGISTER NOW!

Ages 5 - 10: Monday, Friday, July 15 - 19
Ages 7 - 15: Monday - Friday, July 29 - August 9 or August 5 - 9
4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head
Click [HERE](#) for info on fees and times

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B.B.'s Kidventure Summer camps are an excellent way to explore the arts. Students will learn the fundamentals of the theatre performance as well as have the opportunity to write, direct, design, and act. Each camp is different, but they all end in a presentation for friends and family. For more information, call 301-743-3040.

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Town of La Plata Summer Shows for Kids

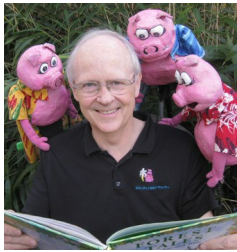
Blue Sky Puppets: Pig Tales

Tuesday, June 18, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn (check the [website](#) for any weather-related cancellations)

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and open to the public; bring blankets or chairs, drinks, snacks



Pigs learn sharing and taking turns while acting out the tales of "The Three Billy Goats' Gruff" and "Jack and the Beanstalk." This 45-minute puppet presentation is filled with loads of audience participation and features "The Sharing Song." Perfect for ages 2-10. For more information, call 301-934-8421.

Indian Head Black Box Players & New Direction Community Theater

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Friday, June 21, 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 23, 3:00 pm

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students, Seniors

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Edward Albee's "unflinching portrait of marital allegiance and warfare set over the course of a boozy night on a New England college campus" (The Hollywood Reporter). For more information, call 301-743-3040, or visit [IndianHeadBlackBox](#).

The Newtowne Players

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas

June 28 - July 21

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Students, Seniors, Military

Thursdays (July 4, July 11, July 18): All Seats are \$13

Recommended for mature audiences

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



This happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political side-stepping recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch. It's the late 1970s and the institution has been operating outside Gilbert, Texas, for more than a century. When crusading television reporter Melvin P. Thorpe focuses his television cameras and his righteous indignation on the institution, political ramifications mean its demise. For more information, call 301-737-5447.

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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.

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.

College of Southern Maryland

Chautauqua

Tuesday - Thursday, July 9 - 11, 6:45 pm

Fine Arts Center Theater

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free Admission



In their 25th season, Maryland Humanities is diving into how water has shaped our history. They will celebrate those who have navigated ice, waves, and the depths below by bringing three historical adventurers to life on the Chautauqua stage:

Tuesday, July 9: Matthew Henson, a polar explorer, craftsman, author and said to be the first African-American to reach the North Pole.

Wednesday, July 10: Jacques Cousteau, oceanographer, filmmaker, and scientist. He is known for his deep-sea explorations and his invention of the aqua-lung.

Thursday, July 11: Grace O'Malley, a 16th century Irish Pirate Queen, who commanded ships, men, and the respect of Queen Elizabeth I.

For more information, visit Chautauqua 2019, or call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Summer Theater Camp for Ages 7 - 14

Monday - Friday, July 22 - 26, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tuition: \$200 per Participant

To Register, Go to [Summer Theater Camp](#)



The summer theater workshop will introduce young theater enthusiasts ages 7-14 to the world of the theater. Both kids new to theater and young veterans are welcome, with activities ranging from beginner theater to advanced theatrical concepts and acting techniques. For more information, visit [Alice Ferguson](#)

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Maryland State Arts Council *Grant Opportunities*



Applications are now being accepted for three programs: [Artist in Residence](#), [Presenting and Touring](#), and [Creativity Grants](#). Click on each grant type for guidelines. For more information, visit <https://www.msac.org/programs> or call

410-767-6555.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

25th Annual All-Media Juried Exhibition

Now through June 2

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 Zippel

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

A variety of media created by regional artists!

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.](#)

Maryland Federation of Art

Paint Annapolis

June 2, 5, 6

Click [HERE](#) to Register for One, Two or All Three Events



It's Paint Annapolis - the week when international professionals and local artists take to the streets to interpret, in paint, Maryland's capital city! For the complete schedule, visit

<https://mdfedart.com/paint-annapolis-2019>.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Materials Matter

June 7 - July 7

Reception: Sunday, June 9, 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

Materials Matter

June 7 - July 7, 2019 - Reception, Sunday, June 9

Sculptures by a group of artists who meet and create at P.G. County Community College.

Harold Kyle and sculptors from Prince George's Community College present their works. For more information, visit mattawomanart.org.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Paper Mâché Sculpture Class

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee (includes lunch): \$65 Members, \$75 Non-members

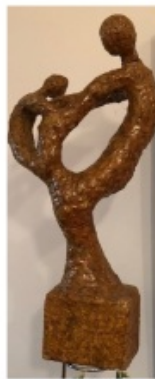
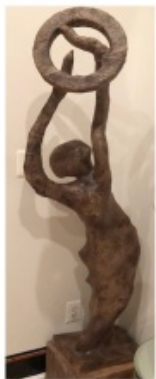
Take \$10 off by registering with payment before June 12

Instructor: Jung Lea Smith (jung@jungsmith.com)

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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

Click [HERE](#) for a Registration Form



You will create your own paper mâché sculpture from old newspapers, wire, string, and glue. All supplies included. Just bring wire cutting pliers if you have them, your imagination and be prepared to enjoy the day. For more information, contact Nancy Owens at nancypaints@verizon.net.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio on Fridays, 11:00 am - 2:00 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. *Plein Air* outings will be held on June 7, July 5 and August 2. 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 - Waldorf

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.

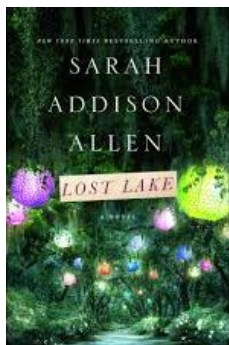
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

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

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Lost Lake by Sarah Addison Allen. The first time Eby Pim saw Lost Lake, it was on a picture postcard. Just an old photo and a few words on a small square of heavy stock, but when she saw it, she knew she was seeing her future. That was half a life ago. Now Lost Lake is about to slip into Eby's past. All that's left is a once-charming collection of lakeside cabins succumbing to the Southern Georgia heat and damp, and an assortment of faithful misfits drawn back to Lost Lake year after year by their own unspoken dreams and desires. It's a lot, but not enough to keep Eby from relinquishing Lost Lake to a developer with cash in hand, and calling this her final summer at the

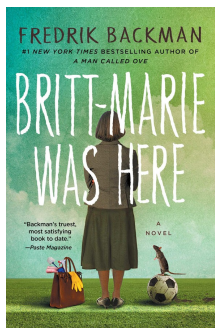
lake. Until one last chance at family knocks on her door.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, June 6, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



Britt-Marie was Here by Fredrik Backman.

Britt-Marie can't stand mess, but hidden inside the socially awkward, fussy busybody is a woman who has more imagination, bigger dreams, and a warmer heart than anyone around her realizes. When Britt-Marie walks out on her cheating husband and has to fend for herself in the miserable backwater town of Borg, she finds work as the caretaker of a soon-to-be demolished recreation center. Most alarming of all, she's given the impossible task of leading the supremely untalented children's soccer team to victory. In this small town of misfits, can Britt-Marie find a place where she truly

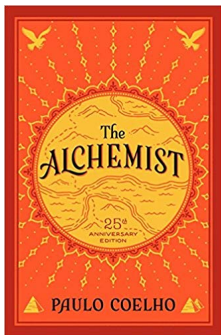
belongs?

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



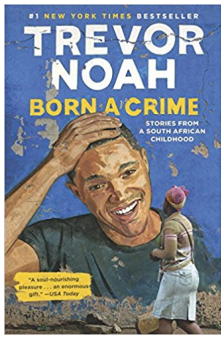
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. This is the mystical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. His quest will lead him to riches far different, and far more satisfying, than he ever imagined. Santiago's journey teaches us about the essential wisdom 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.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, June 13, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



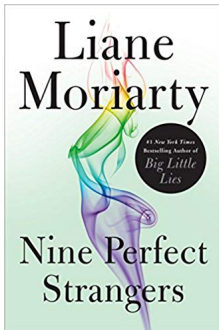
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. He tells his story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother, his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

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.

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



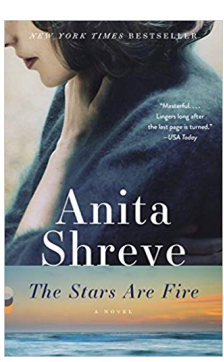
Self-Selected Short Stories and Poetry. Bring you favorite stories and poems to share and discuss. For more information, call 301-645-2864.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, June 26, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve. In October 1947, Grace Holland is experiencing two simultaneous droughts. An unseasonably hot, dry summer has turned the state of Maine into a tinderbox, and she and her husband have fallen out of love and barely speak. Five months pregnant and caring for two toddlers, Grace has resigned herself to a life of loneliness and domestic chores. One night she awakes to find that wildfires are racing down the coast, closer and closer to her house. Forced to pull her children into the ocean to escape the flames, Grace watches helplessly as everything she knows burns to the ground. By morning, her life is forever changed: she is homeless,

penniless, awaiting news of her husband's fate, and left to face an uncertain future in a town that no longer exists.

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Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

First Friday

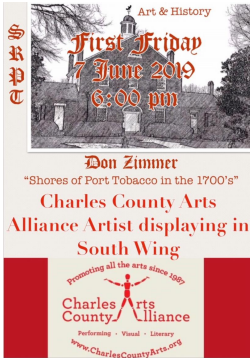
June 7, 2019

Reception: 6:00 pm (Doors Open at 5:30 pm)

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Donations Welcomed; Light Refreshments will be Served



Back by popular demand! A dual attraction! Artist Don Zimmer presents history and art work on the "Shores of Port Tobacco in the 1700s" and unveils his new Port Tobacco Great Mill art. And, in the South Wing, the Charles County Arts Alliance hosts a gallery of local artists' works. 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 April 1, 2019, for the FY20

Application cycle (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

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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.