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August 22, 2019

Now in Our 32nd Year of Service to the Community

Attention All Organizations and Businesses
Charles County Fair is September 12 - 15
Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!



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The Charles County Arts Alliance has been a proud partner with the Charles County Fair Board for many years. We help supervise the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building, and staff a CCAA booth to promote the arts in our county and membership in our organization.

Each year we assemble arts bags filled with interesting flyers, pens, bookmarks, coupons, water bottles, rulers, brochures, business cards, press releases, event announcements and other promotional materials to hand out to Charles County Fair-goers. We want to advertise the broad diversity of the arts we offer here in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and

literature, and the businesses that support them.

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can fill these bags. The bags are 12" wide and 15" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. **Deadline for delivery is noon on Wednesday, September 4.** The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, near the corner of Rts. 488 and 6, in the United Way House. Please call the office at 301-392-5900, if you have any questions. Thank you!

Waldorf West Library
Call for Artists
For the Fall - Winter 2019 Art Show



Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details

Final Deadline to Submit: September 11

Exhibit Dates: September 28, 2019 - February 1, 2020
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception: October 19
Submission is Free and Open to the Public

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Fall/Winter 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.

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 Fall/Winter 2019 Show" in the subject line.

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

**Arts Alliance Grant
Season is Now Open!**



Grant Application Deadlines:
Community Arts Development - October 4, 2019
Arts in Education - October 31, 2019

Over the past 32 years, the Charles County Arts Alliance has awarded more than \$800,000 in grant funding to nonprofit organizations and schools in Charles County to support activities in the performing, visual, and literary arts. This has helped enhance our county's arts and culture, and inspired our fellow residents to explore the diverse arts community and arts offerings present in our own backyard.

Our Community Arts Development (CAD) and Arts in Education (AIE) grant season is now open with the posting of applications on our website at www.charlescountyarts.org/grants, and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office.

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

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happening in the Arts!**

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Town of La Plata

Friday Night Concerts

Now through August 30, 7:00 pm

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Maryland Artist Registry

Maryland Artist Market Place

**Maryland Art Place
Resource Bulletin**

Arts Across Maryland

**Charles County Public Library
the artScope**

*The artScope is a monthly newsletter
highlighting FREE art programs at the
five library branches in Charles County*

**Charles County Public Library
Programs and Events**

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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).



August 23 - [Southern Maryland Concert Band](#) - Band Favorites and Showtunes

August 30 - [Sam Grow with Opening Act Flippin' Eyelids](#) - Country

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



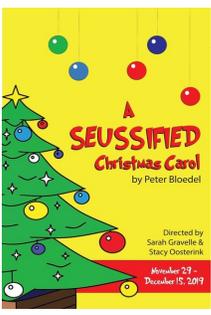
Cosmic Symphony
Skilled Musicians Wanted, high-school age and up
Rehearsals for 2019-2020 season begin August 20
To arrange a formal audition, send an email to orchestra@cosmicsymphony.org



Cosmic Symphony is seeking experienced players for all string sections. They are in special need of cellists and double bassists. There are no paid positions. Performance season has four concerts in November, December, March, and May. For more information, visit their [website](#) or call 240-561-9799.



The Newtowne Players
Open Auditions for "A Seussified Christmas Carol"
Monday, August 26, 9:00 pm
Tuesday, August 27, 9:00 pm
Three Notch Theatre Stage
21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Auditions will consist of reading scenes from the script and open to ages 8 and up. Bring your personal calendar with conflicts that would affect rehearsals between September 9 - December 15. Performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, November 29 - December 15, 2019. For more information, contact Sarah Gravelle at auditions@newtowneplayers.com or call 240-237-3463.



Port Tobacco Players
Open Auditions for "Elf The Musical"
Saturday, August 24, 9:00 am
Monday, August 26, 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 28, 7:00 pm



Port Tobacco Players Rehearsal Hall and Main Stage
508 Charles Street, La Plata





Come prepared with 16-32 bars of a musical theater song (nothing from Elf, The Musical), dressed and ready to move, and bring sheet music in the correct key. An accompanist is provided. Also be prepared to provide personal conflicts between auditions and closing night. Performance dates are November 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and December 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. For more information, email Producer Mike Gahan at mikegahan@verizon.net or call 301-609-1969.



Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions for High School Ages and Older

Monday, August 26, and September 9, 6:30 pm, by Appointment

Alternate Audition Dates May Be Arranged

Peace Lutheran Church

11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf



The Choral group focuses on extended Choral works as well as various choral styles and periods of music. Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary! The chorus is especially looking for tenors and baritones/basses, but ALL voices are appreciated. The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, and performs three different concerts throughout the season. Contact Carol at 301-642-0594 for audition appointments. For more information, visit www.chesapeakechoral.com.



Town of La Plata Summer Shows for Kids

Mr. Skip

Tuesday, August 27, 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



"It's all about the kids!" declares young children's musical artist, Mr. Skip, who's been entertaining, educating and enlightening young children for over 40 years. Combining an innate ability to connect with the sticky finger set and enthusiastically strumming his guitar to deliver fresh original tunes and familiar favorites, he delights audiences with good humor and grace. For more information, call

301-934-8421.

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Children's Voices of Southern Maryland

Auditions for 2019-2020 Season

Saturday, August 31 through September

Ms. Georgia's Creative Arts Academy

7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata



The Children's Voices of Southern Maryland are holding auditions for its 2019-2020 season. They have three dynamic choirs of



different skill levels and provide children with music education and performance opportunities throughout its season. For more information and to sign up to audition, visit their [website](#).

College of Southern Maryland
Open Auditions for "Junie B. Jones, the Musical"

Friday, September 6, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturday, September 7, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fine Arts Center, Brad and Linda Gottfried Theater
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Children's musical. Prepare a one-minute comedic monologue and 16 bars of upbeat song with music for the accompanist.. Call backs, if necessary, will be Monday, September 9. Performance dates are November 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Alice Ferguson Foundation
Arts in the Woods: "Broadway in the Backwoods"

Saturday, September 7, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Hard Bargain Amphitheater
2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek
Tickets: \$15 non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$13 for Members;
Day of sales: \$25 non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$20 Members

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Join Alice Ferguson Foundation's Arts in the Woods Concert Series for Eleanor's New Deal Cabaret: *Broadway in the Backwoods Act III!* It's going to be a night full of musical theater, laughs, and high heels!

Refreshments are available. No outside food or beverages allowed. Performances are outdoors, so comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and bug spray are highly recommended! For more information, visit [Alice Ferguson - Arts in the Woods](#).

Tantallon Community Players
Into the Woods

September 12 - 22
Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm
Sunday, 3:00 pm
Harmony Hall Arts Center
10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington
Tickets: \$20 Adult; \$18 Students, Seniors

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



As the result of the curse of a once-beautiful witch, a baker and his wife are childless. Three days before the rise of a blue moon, they venture into the forest to find the ingredients that will reverse the spell and restore the witch's beauty: a milk-white cow, hair as yellow as corn,

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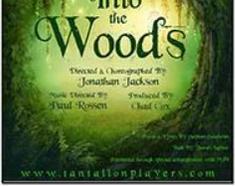
[Town of La Plata](#)

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a blood-red cape, and a slipper of gold. During their journey, they meet Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack, each one on a quest to fulfill a wish. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-966-2358.

Cindi Barnhart

**Haven't Joined Us?
Why Not Join Us Now?**

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Arts in the Woods: "Good Gravy" and "Lynn Holyfield"

Saturday, September 14, 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Tickets: \$20 non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$17 for Members;

Day of sales: \$25 non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$20 Members



Come on down to Arts in the Woods at the Hard Bargain Amphitheater for an evening of great music with Good Gravy and Lynn Hollyfield & Friends. Good Gravy will take the stage at 7:30 pm to warm things up for the night, and Lynn Hollyfield will headline the evening, starting at 8:45 pm. Refreshments are available. No

outside food or beverages allowed. Performances are outdoors, so comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and bug spray are highly recommended! For more information, visit [Alice Ferguson - Arts in the Woods](#).

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.

Port Tobacco Players

The Crucible

September 20 - October 6

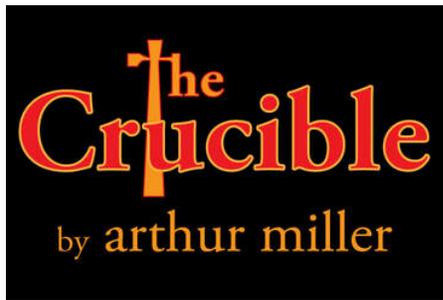
Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, this exciting 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. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Charles County Youth Orchestra

Auditions for the 2019 Fall Season

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Good Samaritan Presbyterian Church

13025 Good Samaritan Drive, Waldorf

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

CCYO is holding auditions for its 2019 Fall season. Young musicians from across the county are welcome to audition for one of CCYO's ensembles: Prelude Strings, Encore Strings, Encore Band, and Charles





County Youth Orchestra. For more information on CCYO and registration and audition information, visit the CCYO [website](#).

The Newtowne Players

Angel Street (Gaslight)

September 27 - October 13

Thursday - Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

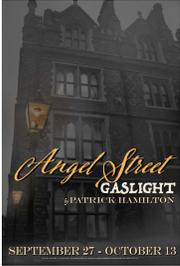
Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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

Thursday Performances (October 3 and October 10): All Seats \$10

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



"Angel Street" tells the story of the Mannings, who live on Angel Street in 19th century London. All appears to be the essence of Victorian tranquility; however, Mr. Manningham is slowly driving his devoted wife, Bella, to the brink of insanity with an insinuating kindness that masks more sinister motives. For more information, call 301-737-5447.

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}

The Arts Alliance Needs YOU! Call for Volunteers



Like to work with artists and their works of art?

The Arts Alliance is looking for volunteers to participate on the Gallery

Committee. Please contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, if you are interested.





Volunteer at the Charles County Fair!

The Arts Alliance received a wonderful response to our last call for volunteers to help assemble student art boxes. Now, we need your help with the Fair coming up next month. Beginning at 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 12, and during Fair exhibit building hours through Sunday, September 15, we need volunteers to work 2-hour shifts in the P.D. Brown Building to greet guests and hand out Fair Bags. If you wish to sign up, please send an email to Gail Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net, letting us know the dates and hours you can help.

Thank you!

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Chasing the Light: An Engineer's Foray into Photography

August 16 - September 15

Reception: Sunday, August 18, 1:00 pm - 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

MCAC Mattawoman Creek Art Center **MCAC**
Chasing the Light
 Aug. 16 - Sept. 15, 2019 - Reception: Sunday, Aug. 18
 One engineer's foray into photography: an exhibition of the art of Victor Foulk

This exhibit features the photography of Victor Foulk. For more information, visit www.mattawomanart.org.

Southern Maryland Film Festival

Filmmakers' Reception

Saturday, August 23, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Taphouse Ale

23418 Three Notch Rd, California

Free and Open to the Public

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Film Screenings

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am - 10:15 pm



Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am - 10:15 pm
 R/C Theatres' Lexington Exchange
 44800 Oak Crest Drive, California
 Tickets: \$8 per person, per block, Limited
 and assigned seating

The festival features 30 films varying in genre and subject matter, mostly produced by local and regional filmmakers. Films are shown throughout the day in 90- and 120-minute blocks and include a filmmaker Q&A session. Be sure to check the [website](#) and [Southern Maryland Film Festival Facebook page](#) for movie titles, block times, and descriptions, as some films may include content not suitable for all viewers. For more information, send an email to smdfilmfest@gmail.com.

Farm Heritage Conservancy

1st Annual Sunflower Festival: Plein Air

Painting Competition

Friday, August 30, 8:00 am - dark, En Plein Air Day

Saturday, August 31 through Sunday, September 1, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Reserve spot by August 26

Serenity Farm

6960 Serenity Farm Road, Benedict



The First Annual Southern Maryland Sunflower Festival is holding a Plein Air Painting Competition. This juried artist exhibit will be judged on Friday and available for public viewing during the festival. Artists must email Franklin A. Robinson, Jr. at

fhcbenedict2015@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Click [here](#) additional details.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Colored Pencil Portraits

Friday - Saturday, September 6 - 7, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Registration and Payment due by August 24

Cost: \$199 (includes lunch)

Instructor: Amy Lindenberger

Click [HERE](#) for a Registration Form

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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



In this fun-filled 2-day colored pencil workshop, you will learn how to create soft skin tones on black paper, how to draw beautiful eyes, how to capture dramatic lighting, and you will walk away with a beautiful portrait by you. Amy is a certified instructor under Ann Kullberg, and she uses Prismacolor colored pencils on black paper. Paper is provided for you and a list of all pencil colors and supplies will be emailed to you after your registration and payment are received. Contact Nancy Owens at nancypaints@verizon.net for more information and to register.

Art Impact International

Caliente: A Celebration of Caribbean, Latin, and Hispanic American Art

August 24 - October 12

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 24, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Harmony Hall Arts Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington



Vivid images and colors leap off the walls during this exhibit celebrating art and culture. Artists' talks and presentations are scheduled throughout the exhibition dates. For more information visit their [website](#) or call 301-203-6040.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Wesley Clark: When Our Rivers Collide

September 3 - October 17

Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



The foundation of the work is to challenge and draw parallels between historical and contemporary cultural issues. The artist's primary focus surrounds Blacks in America and the African Diaspora. Objects that are antiques or antiqued are associated with historical relevance and wealth. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit the [website](#).

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Call for Entry: Southern Maryland Art

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 13-15, Artwork Delivery

Friday, September 20 - Sunday October 27, Exhibit

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Entry Fee: \$25 MCAC Members; \$40 for non-members



Bring Southern Maryland to life as visual ART at MCAC's open all-media juried show: Southern Maryland Art. Artists are invited to join

the competition to win cash prizes and sell their artwork. Eligible artists must be over 18 years of age, both MCAC members and non-members may enter, and entries must have been created after September 30, 2018. Click [here](#) for additional details. For more information visit MCAC's [website](#) or call 301-743-5159.

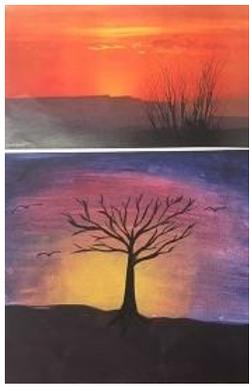
Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Paint-In or Art Show

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, 9:00 am Set-up

Charlotte Hall Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall



Following a brief business meeting, Leslie Cates will lead the painting of a sunset project. Guests are always welcome, and should send an email to smdp.LearntoPaint@gmail.com for the list of supplies. An Art Show will also be hosted during this time. Visitors are welcome to attend and encouraged to vote for their favorites in 11 categories. For more information, visit the SMDP [website](#) or call Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835.

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. 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

"Artists without Limits" Multi-Artist Show through September 4, 2019

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646

Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show through January 31, 2020

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

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Charlotte Hall

Featuring Works by Addison Likins, through October

30165 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

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

Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am to noon

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Solo Show with Beverly Adams, through October 9, 2019

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through September 28, 2019

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}

Charles County Public Library

Summer Reading: Discovery Starts Here!



The program runs through September 9. Go to ccpl.beanstack.org to register for new users, or to log in. To learn more about the program, how to win PRIZES, and the special programs happening at CCPL this summer visit ccplonline.org/summer-reading or click [HERE](#) to watch their video!

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



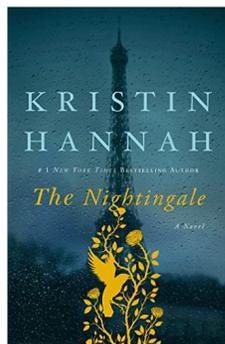
Britt-Marie was Here by Fredrik Backman.

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 West Book Club

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603



***The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.** In the quiet village of Carriveau, France, 1939, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

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

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



***The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina**

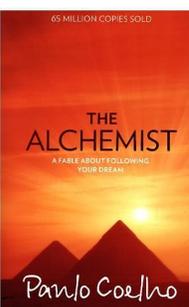
Henríquez. The story primarily revolves around a romance between two Latino teenagers - Maribel Rivera from Mexico, and Mayor Toro from Panama - and how Maribel and her family handle living in a new country. Their love story sets in motion events that will have profound repercussions for everyone involved. Interwoven throughout the novel are testimonials of men and women who have come to the United States from all over Latin America, and offer stunning tales of hopes and dreams, guilt and love.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, August 28, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



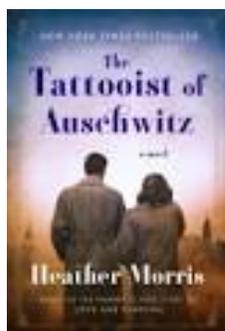
***The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.** Follow the journey of an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago. Believing a recurring dream to be prophetic, he asks a Romani fortune teller in a nearby town about its meaning. The woman interprets the dream as a prophecy telling the boy that he will discover a treasure at the Egyptian pyramids. Along the way, he learns to listen to his heart and, more importantly, realizes that his dreams, or his Personal Legend, are not just his, but part of the Soul of the Universe.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, September 5, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.**

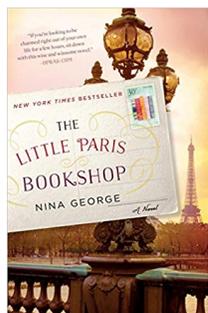
In April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. 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

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George.** Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

The Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco and The Port Tobacco Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

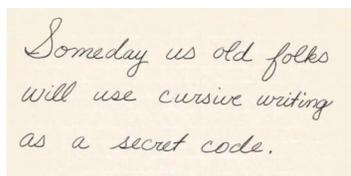
Cursive Handwriting Classes: "Breaking the Secret Code"

Wednesdays, September 18 through October 30, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Historic Port Tobacco One Room School

7215 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco

Free, Pre-Registration Required



This class provides instruction to all ages who wish to learn the foundations of cursive writing. Learning cursive writing provides a connection to the past, a path to understanding and unlocking the secrets of our nation's historical documents, reading past correspondence and signing one's

signature. Materials are provided. For more information and to pre-register, email Linda Talley at ltalley@gmail.com or Mary Vargo at quakermom81@gmail.com.

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Maryland State Arts Council

Creativity Grants

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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

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Community Senior Centers

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The Department of Community Services operates each of the County's Senior Centers, where citizens 60 and older may access a variety of programs and services, including: Social/Recreational activities, Clubs, Special Events, Trips, Nutritious Lunches, Health and Screenings Programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, Educational programs, Physical Fitness programs, Creative Arts, and Computer Lab/Classes. For more activities and events, get the [August](#) 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.