

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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August 29, 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!



Volunteer to help 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!

**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

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

**Charles County Public Library
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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.

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

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Town of La Plata

Friday Night Concerts

Last Concert - 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).

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

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

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 pm - 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



AUDITIONS

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.

Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra & Choir *Auditions for Musicians and Singers, Ages 8 - 20*

Saturday, September 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

225 Alexander Lane, Solomons

Monday, September 9, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm (Choir Only)

Calvert Middle School

655 Chesapeake Boulevard, Prince Frederick

Alternate Audition Dates May Be Arranged at Director's Discretion



SMYOC is holding auditions for its upcoming season. It currently runs one symphonic youth orchestra, one preparatory strings orchestra, two youth (or advanced) choirs and two preparatory choirs. All ensembles rehearse weekly and perform multiple concerts a year. Students must register for an

individual audition time. There is no fee to audition. If accepted, there is tuition for participation. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Arts in the Woods: "Broadway in the Backwoods"

Saturday, September 7, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

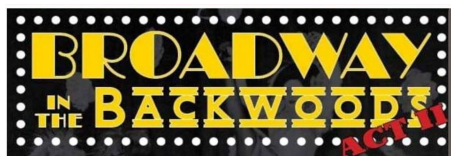
Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Advance Tickets: \$15 Non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$13 for Members

At the Door: \$20 Non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$17 Members



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](#).

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions for High School Ages and Older

Monday, September 9, 6:30 pm, by Appointment

Alternate Audition Dates May Be Arranged



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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 pm - 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.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

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Into the Woods

September 12 - 22

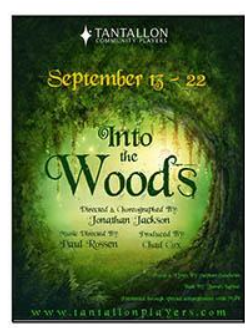
Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Arts Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

Tickets: \$20 Adult; \$18 Students, Seniors



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, 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.

Alice Ferguson Foundation

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

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

Hard Bargain Amphitheater

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

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

Day of Concert: \$25 Non-Alice Ferguson Members; \$22 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 be leading the evening, starting at 8:45.

will headline the evening, starting at 8:45 pm. Refreshments are available. No

Cindi Barnhart

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](#).

Haven't Joined Us?

Why Not Join Us Now?

Port Tobacco Players

The Crucible

September 20 - October 6

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

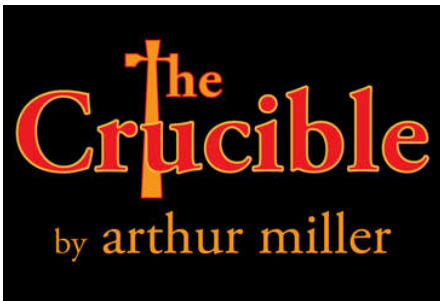
Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Seniors (60+), Youth (to 18), Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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.



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.

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.

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

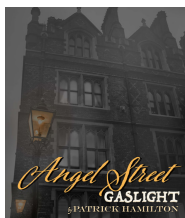
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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 Manninghams, 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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Chasing the Light: An Engineer's Foray into Photography

Now through September 15

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

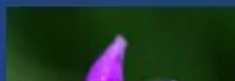


Mattawoman Creek Art Center



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.

Farm Heritage Conservancy

1st Annual Sunflower Festival

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

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. Click [here](#) additional details.

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 antiques 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

Colored Pencil Portraits

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

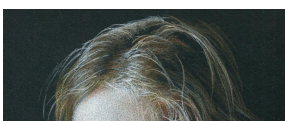
Cost: \$199 (includes lunch)

Instructor: Amy Lindenberger

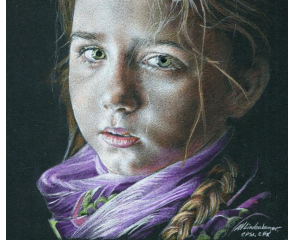
Click [HERE](#) for a Registration Form

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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Call for Entry: Southern Maryland Art

Artwork Delivered: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 13-15

Exhibit: Friday, September 20 - Sunday, October 27

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

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



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 and 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.

Art Impact International

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

September 14 - October 12

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday Noon - 4:00 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



Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Painting Live Flowers Using Oil Pastels

Friday - Saturday, October 4 - 5, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$225, Snacks and Drinks Provided, Bring Your Lunch.

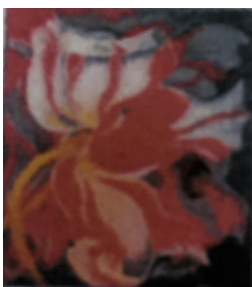
\$100 Deposit, \$125 Balance Due No Later than September 15

Instructor: Luba Sterlikova

To Register, Send Email to: tworiversartworkshops@gmail.com

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

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



Two Rivers Workshops is sponsoring this workshop using oil pastels. Oil pastel is a relatively new medium for drawing and painting. Originally created for students in Japan, it became a professional medium when famous artists like Pablo Picasso started using it for works on different surfaces. Oil pastel is a unique medium - neither oil paint nor pastel, but it combines the best qualities of both. Each student will complete a drawing on 19"x24" Canson Mi-Teintes paper. For more information, click [here](#).

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio on Fridays, 11:00 am - 2:00 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

"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

Gallery Hours: Weekdays, 9:00 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 December 27, 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!

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





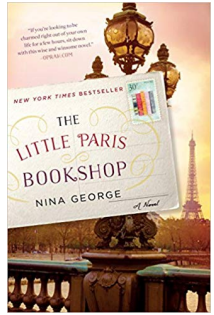
several languages, he is put to work as a tattooier (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive. One day in July 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 survive the camp and marry her.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



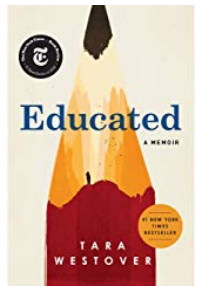
The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George. Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only 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.

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 18, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Educated 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, or if there was still a way home.

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

*Someday us old folks
will use cursive writing
as a secret code.*

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

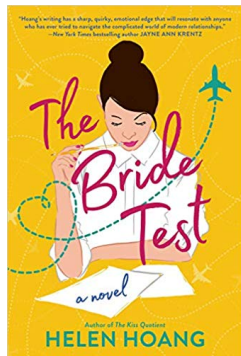
signature. Materials are provided. For more information and to pre-register, email Linda Talley at ltalley@gmail.com or Mary Vargo at quakermom81@gmail.com

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



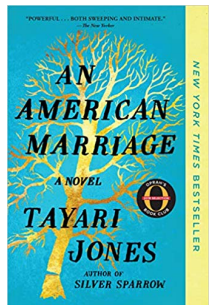
The Bride Test by Helen Hoang. This book tells the story of Khai Diep, who has no feelings. Well, he feels irritation when people move his things or contentment when ledgers balance down to the penny, but not big, important emotions-like grief. And love. He thinks he's defective. His family knows better-that his autism means he just processes emotions differently. When he steadfastly avoids relationships, his mother takes matters into her own hands and returns to Vietnam to find him the perfect bride.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, September 25, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



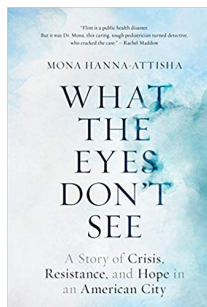
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones. Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. 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, September 28, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



What the Eyes Don't See by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha. *What the Eyes Don't See* is a powerful first-hand account of the Flint, MI water crisis, and a narrative of personal advocacy. A medical and scientific thriller, it grapples with the country's history of environmental injustice while telling the inspirational and personal story of its author, Dr. Mona - an immigrant, doctor, and scientist - whose family roots in social justice activism helped her turn the Flint crisis around. This book is the selected reading for the One Maryland One Book series.

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National Carousel Association 47th Annual Convention

Washington Whirl

Wednesday - Sunday, September 11 - 15

Based at Bethesda Marriott

5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda



The convention includes exploring the area to see fabulous carousels, enjoy crank organs, learn from the masters, and a stop in Charles County for a dinner hosted by the Southern Maryland Carousel Group. Since 1973 the National Carousel Association has been working to keep America's remaining carousels in operation. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).

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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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.