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November 21, 2019

Serving the Community for 32 Years

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf Branch
Call for Artists



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Exhibit Dates: December 27, 2019 - April 17, 2020

Deadline to Submit: December 6, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Submission Details
Submission is Free and Open to the Public

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their next multi-media art show to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD.

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



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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

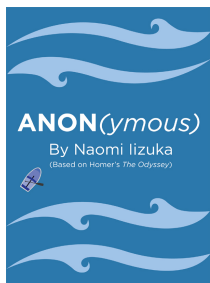
Thomas Stone High School

Anon(ymous)

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21 - 23, 7:00 pm

3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$5 General Admission; 2 Free Tickets with CCPS Badge



Based on Homer's "The Odyssey," the play tells the story of a young refugee named Anon as he journeys through the United States. As he searches for his family among the ever-changing landscape, Anon meets several people - some kind, others dangerous and cruel. For more information, send an email to sthompson@ccboe.com or call 301-645-2601.

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Charles County Public Library *the artScape*

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

Charles County Public Library Programs and Events

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Westlake High School

Disney's Frozen Jr.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21 - 23, 7:00 pm
3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf
Tickets: \$8 Adults; \$5 Students and Children; 2 Free Tickets per CCPS Badge

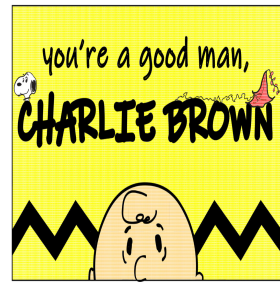


Sisters Elsa and Anna learn the meaning of true love in the stage adaptation of Disney's hit movie. Westlake is staging a version combining elements of the movie and the Broadway play, specifically designed for younger audiences. For more information, send an email to jlong@ccboe.com or call 301-645-8857.

Port Tobacco Players

Auditions: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

Saturday, November 23 and 30, 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 pm, Call backs, if Necessary
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Auditions are open to performers 15 years of age and up, and will include a singing a prepared song and cold readings from the script. Come prepared with 16 to 32 bars of a musical theater selection, dressed ready to move/dance, and prepared to list any conflicts during the rehearsal process. Scheduled performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, March 13 to April 5, 2020. For more information, call 240-346-6448.

College of Southern Maryland

Junie B. Jones, The Musical

Now through November 24
Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth
Suitable for All Audiences





Join Junie B. on her first day of first grade. There are many changes are in store, including, in Mr. Scary's class, Junie has trouble reading the blackboard, and she may need glasses. Add in a friendly cafeteria lady, an intense kickball tournament and a "Top-Secret Personal Beeswax Journal," and first grade has never been more exciting. For more information, visit the CSM [website](#).

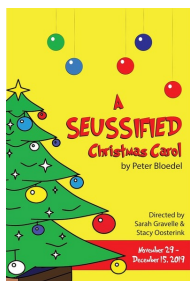


The Newtowne Players
A Seussified Christmas Carol

November 29 - December 15
Fridays, 8:00 pm
Saturdays, 3:30 and 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:30 pm



Three Notch Theatre
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students; \$10 Children



This is a whimsical reinvention of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with, if he ever had his way with the story. For more information, call 301-737-5447.



Charles County
MARYLAND
Legends, Lore and Room to Explore

Jay Armsworthy and the Sons of the American Legion
Bluegrass Concert Series

The Larry Stephenson Band
Sunday, December 1, Doors Open at Noon, Show Starts at 2:00 pm
American Legion Post 238
Corner of MD Rts. 381 and 231, Hughesville
Tickets: \$20; Children Under 12 are Free with a Paying Adult
Dinner, Drinks, Desserts Available for Purchase



Larry Stephenson hails from Nashville, Tennessee and always a "Fan Favorite" in Southern, Maryland. For more information, go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com.



College of Southern Maryland
CSM Chorale and Chamber Choir with Southern Mix
Barbershop Chorus

Thursday, December 5, 8:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



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

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School Age and Below



Enjoy the variety of chorale, chamber, and barbershop selections by CSM students and community members. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland
Music Student Honors Recitals

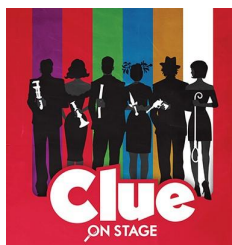
Friday, December 6, 3:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Free and Open to the Public



Each semester, CSM's private studio teachers recommend their most accomplished students for performance in this recital to celebrate their individual musical accomplishments. The recital features a diversity of musical styles for piano, guitar, voice, or other instruments. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

St. Charles High School
Clue: On Stage (High School Edition)

Friday, December 6, 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 7, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm
5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf
Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$5 Military, Seniors, Students;
CCPS Badges are Honored, 1 ticket per Badge



What dinner party on a dark and stormy night isn't made better with a murder mystery to solve? Based on the 1985 cult classic movie, "Clue," the whodunit will have audiences guessing up until the end. For more information, send an email to kcuylar@ccboe.com or visit their [website](#).

Indian Head Black Box Theatre
Farndale Avenue: A Christmas Carol

Friday and Saturday, December 6 - 14, 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 8 and 15, 3:00 pm



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4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students



The Indian Head Black Box Players are proud to present this fun holiday romp as the audience follows the Farndale Avenue Estate Townswomen in their attempt to put on *A Christmas Carol*. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society *Winter Melodies Old and New*

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 pm, Concert Only

Saturday, December 14, 6:30 pm, Concert and 3-Course Meal

Sunday, December 15, 3:30 pm, Concert and Dessert

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Peace Lutheran Church, 11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf

Tickets: Thursday, Free Admission, Donations Accepted

Saturday: \$40 Adults; \$35 Military, Seniors, Students

Sunday: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students



Join the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society for their annual Renaissance Dinner and Concert. They will be singing many traditional and uplifting Christmas favorites. The featured work for the concert is *Shout for Joy - A Suite of Christmas Spirituals*. For more information, call 301-642-0594 or visit their [website](#).

College of Southern Maryland

Winter Dance Performance

Friday, December 13, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School Age and Below

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Whether it's a Balanchine ballet, or breaking, locking, and popping, CSM's Dance Ensemble performs a variety of pieces to appeal to all lovers of dance. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland

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Saturday, December 14, 3:00 pm
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf
Free and Open to the Public



The Flute Choir's performance will include new sparkling arrangements of seasonal favorites: Nutcracker, Carols, Hansel and Gretel, and more. For more information, send an email to ljsnell@comcast.net.

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

Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

College of Southern Maryland *Jazz and Latin Ensemble Concert*

Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School Age and Below



Solid Brass Jazz Ensemble and *Ritmo Caché Latin Ensemble*, join together for their winter concert. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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,

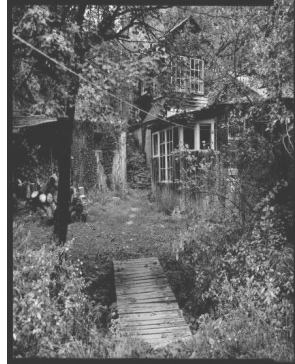
visit <https://www.msac.org/programs> or call 410-767-6555.

VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

College of Southern Maryland *Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery* *Lisa Elmaleh: the Lightness and the Dark*

Now through December 12

Fine Arts Center (FA Building), 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



In 2014, artist Lisa Elmaleh moved to the rural outskirts of Paw Paw, West Virginia, a town with a population of a little over 500. She moved to a cabin with no running water, and found herself, in a Thoreauvian sense, learning how to live more deliberately. The exhibit documents her life in Paw Paw, with photographs of the people who are present in her life, the land, and life and decay as she found it, using an 8x10 camera. For more information, call 301-934-7828 or visit the gallery's [website](#).

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Holiday Market and Small Works Exhibitions

Now through December 15
 Sunday, November 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Cookies and Tea
 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


Holiday Shows:

In the Main Gallery:
Holiday Market
 Arts and Crafts Fair
 Nov. 2 - Dec. 15

Reception:
 Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-4

Cookies & Tea:
 Sunday, Nov. 24, 1-4

Holiday Trail:
 Dec. 7-8, 11-4

In the Back Gallery:
Art in Retrospect
 by MCAC's founding
 member artists ('91-'95)
 Nov. 2 - Nov. 17

Middle School Art
 by students of the
 Charles Co. Public
 Middle Schools
 Nov. 22 - Dec. 15
 Reception TBD



Holiday Quilt by Janice McConnell

This show features an arts and craft fair, work by artists from the first five years of MCAC (1991 - 1995), and art by Charles County Middle School students. Visit www.mattawomanart.org for additional details.

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

Solo Show with Gina Durgin through January 7, 2020

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 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 David Zippi, through January 15, 2020

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 Addison Likins, through January 8, 2020

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

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

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through February 1, 2020

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

National Novel Writing Month

Now through November 30

Come Write In

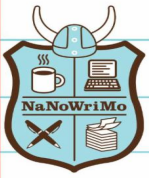
Tuesdays, 4:00 - 7:30 pm

Thursdays, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturdays, November 16 and 30, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

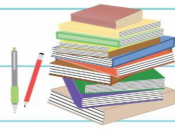
Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



National Novel Writing Month

November 1 - 30



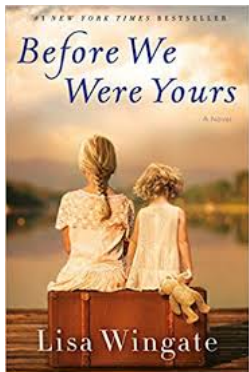
November is National Novel Writing Month - NaNoWriMo! From November 1, participants will begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59pm on November 30. All are invited to help CCPL reach a collaborative goal of 100,000 words by submitting your progress [HERE](#) on the CCPL website, and be entered in a drawing to win an Amazon gift card! For more information on all NaNoWriMo events, visit the CCPLS [website](#).

Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



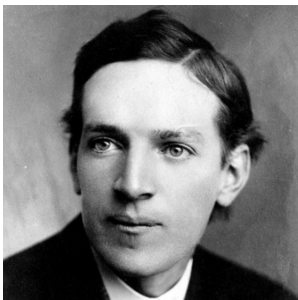
***Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.** Based on a real-life scandal, twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. When their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge, until strangers arrive in force. The Foss children are taken from their home and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Maryland Writers' Association

[Notable Maryland Author for November: Upton Sinclair](#)

Submit Entries to Fun With Words

Deadline to Submit: **November 25**



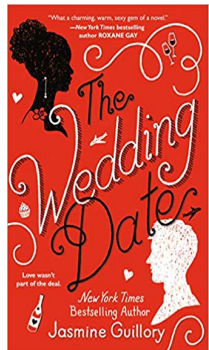
Maryland Writers' Association invites you to have fun writing social exposé. Using 100 words, write an account where the character endures a living, working, or social condition that would be changed, if only a specific person or group were aware of it. Pick your character, identify the issue, and select the group the character feels will help. All entries will be published at www.mwawritersroundtable.org. For more information, visit the [website](#).

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

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

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



The Wedding Date by Jasmine Guillory.

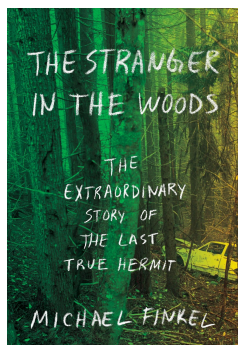
Agreeing to go to a wedding with a guy she gets stuck with in an elevator is something Alexa Monroe would not normally do. However, there is something about Drew Nichols that is too hard to resist. Groomsman Drew Nichols and his last-minute guest are about to discover if a fake date can go the distance. They are just two high-powered professionals on a collision course toward the long distance dating disaster of the century, or closing the gap between what they think they need and what they truly want.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, December 5, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel.

In 1986, a shy and intelligent twenty-year-old named Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the forest. He would not have a conversation with another human being until nearly three decades later, when he was arrested for stealing food. Based on extensive interviews with Knight himself, this is a detailed account of his secluded life and the challenges he faced returning to the world.

College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Series

Fall 2019 "Connections" Literary Magazine Publication Reading

Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm

Center for Business and Industry (BI Building), Room 103

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



The *Connections Literary Magazine* is a regional literary journal published twice a year and features poems, stories, artwork, and photography. Contributors to the Fall 2019 edition will read and discuss their published works. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



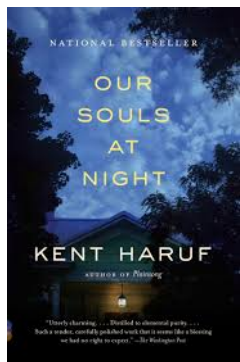
The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton. During a picnic at her family's farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking crime, a crime that challenges everything she knows about her adored mother, Dorothy. Now, fifty years later, Laurel and her sisters are meeting at the farm to celebrate Dorothy's ninetieth birthday. Realizing that this is her last chance to discover the truth about that long-ago day, Laurel searches for answers that can only be found in Dorothy's past.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



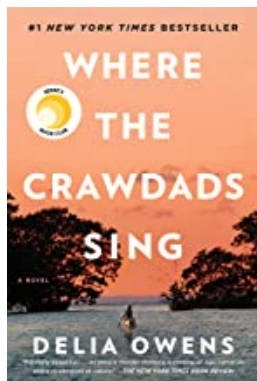
Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf. Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades. His daughter lives hours away, her son even farther, and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in empty houses, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. As Addie and Louis come to know each other better, a beautiful story of second chances unfolds.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 18, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



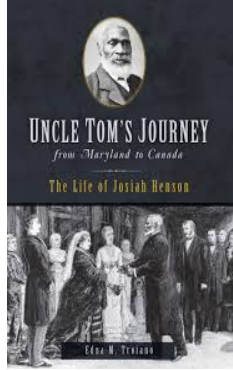
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Waldorf Jaycee Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 18, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Uncle Tom's Journey by Edna Troiano. Edna M. Troiano recounts the life of Maryland's Josiah Henson and explores the sites devoted to his memory. Josiah was born into slavery in La Plata, Maryland, and auctioned off as a child to pay his owner's debt. Later in life, he escaped to Canada with his wife and children, established a settlement and school for fugitives, and repeatedly returned to the United States to help lead others to freedom along the Underground Railroad. He also published a bestselling autobiography and became a popular preacher, lecturer, and international celebrity. Henson is immortalized as the inspiration for the title character in Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Charles County Literary Council

Adult Spelling Bee

Saturday, January 11, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church

13735 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown

Team Entry Fee: \$30 per Person



Prepare now to become the Local Adult Spelling Bee Team Champions and have some old-fashioned fun! Admission includes food, water, sodas, entertainment, and cheering! Represent yourself, your business or organization, or form a team with 3 or 4 friends. For more information, call the CCLC office at 301-934-6488.

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Charles County Holiday Trail

Saturday - Sunday, December 7 - 8

Click [HERE](#) for the Complete list of Events, Locations, and Times

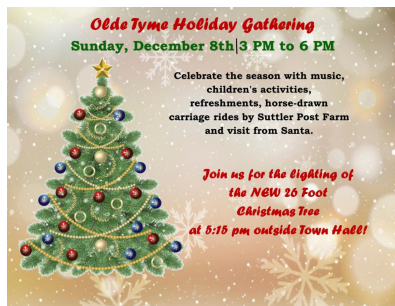


Get into the holiday spirit while visiting county landmarks! There are 14 different venues participating in this event and more seasonal activities for all to enjoy. Admission dates, times, and costs vary for each location. For more information visit [here](#).

Town of La Plata

Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 - 6:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Celebrate the season with music, children's activities, refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides by Suttler Post Farm, and visit from Santa. New this year is a 26 ft Christmas tree at Town Hall. For more information visit [here](#).

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

Get the [SCOOP](#) on What's Happening!



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