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December 12, 2019

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Arts & Entertainment District Survey
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If You're:

A Local Resident,

A Local Business Owner/Operator,

Considering Establishing a Local Business, or

An Artist of Any Sort (Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Media Arts, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, etc.),

An Arts & Entertainment District is being considered for downtown La Plata. The Town of La Plata is working with the CCAA, Shop 53 Tattoo and Art Studio, and the local arts scene to get their thoughts, but would like to hear yours, too. Click [here](#) to complete a brief survey.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
Call for Artists



Theme is "Artists Choice"
Exhibit Dates: February 4 to June 30, 2020



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Deadline to Submit: January 17, 2020

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

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Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Spring Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway in the Assisted Living Unit.

For more information on the gallery, contact Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171 ext. 403, or send an email to VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

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happening in the Arts!

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

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Programs and Events

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

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](#).

Charles County Youth Orchestra

CCYO Christmas Performance at Kris Kringle Christmas Market

Friday, December 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Charles County Fairgrounds

8440 Fairground Road, La Plata

Cost: \$3 Entry Fee



Come see the CCYO perform their Christmas concert. Join them at one or both to hear seasonal classics and favorites. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Children's Voice of Southern Maryland
Celebrate Christmas Concert
Friday, December 13, 7:00 pm
Church of Latter Day Saints
4560 Padgett Road, White Plains
Free and Open to the Public



Enjoy traditional carols and other holiday favorites with CVSM and their three levels of choirs. For more information, visit [here](#).



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



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
Music of the Season

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.



College of Southern Maryland
Jazz and Latin Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 14, 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!



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.

Indian Head Black Box Theatre
Farndale Avenue: A Christmas Carol
 Friday and Saturday, Now through December
 14, 8:00 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 pm
 4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head
 Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students



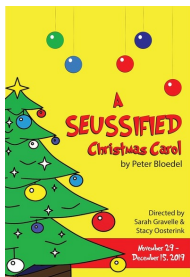
The Indian Head Black Box Players are proud to present this fun holiday romp as the audience follows the Farndale Avenue Estate Townswomen in their attempt to put on *A Christmas Carol*. For more information, visit their [website](#).

The Newtowne Players
A Seussified Christmas Carol

Now through December 15
 Fridays, 8:00 pm
 Saturdays, 3:30 and 8:00 pm
 Sundays, 3:30 pm

Buy Tickets Now!

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.

The Newtowne Players
Open Auditions: Almost Maine

Monday and Tuesday, December 16 - 17, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Three Notch Theatre Lobby
 21744 S Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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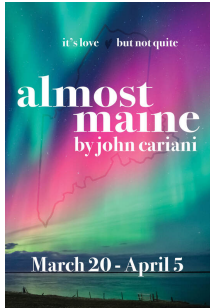
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Audition open to ages 16 and up. Come prepared to present an audition monologue found on their [website](#). Monologues do not need to be memorized. Performance dates are March 20 - April 5, 2020. For more information, send an email to auditions@newtowneplayers.org or call 240-237-3463.

Charles County Public Schools

New Dance Program

Applications Available Now through December 20, 3:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) to Apply



CCPS will launch a dance program at the start of the 2020-21 school year. Housed at Maurice J. McDonough High School, the program is open only to current CCPS eighth graders or eighth-grade students who plan to enroll in CCPS for the 2020-21 school year. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Southern Maryland Dance Company

Holiday Dance Recital Showcase

Saturday, December 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Capital Clubhouse

3033 Waldorf Market Place, Waldorf

Donation: \$10 Adults; Students Free

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Come see the students of SMDC showcase their performing arts skills in dance, drama, and music to celebrate the holiday season. For more information, click [here](#) or call 301-769-6552.

Steam Onward

[Call for Entries: Charles County Got Talent](#)

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2020



CHARLES COUNTY GOT TALENT

Audition videos are now being accepted for this Youth Talent Show open to ages 5 - 21. All disciplines are welcome to enter, including: Choirs, Singers, Rappers, and Dancers. Click [here](#) to submit your audition video. For more information, click [here](#) to visit the Steam Onward website.

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Maryland State Arts Council *Grant Opportunities*



Applications are now being accepted for three programs: [Artist in Residence](#), [Presenting and Touring](#) and [Creativity Grants](#). Click on each grant type for guidelines. For more information,

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

Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

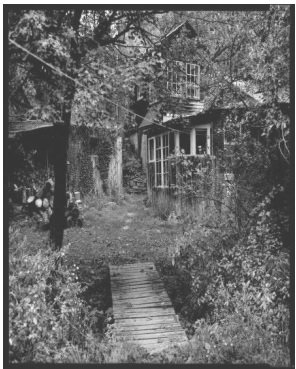
Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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

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](#).

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.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center *Holiday Market and Middle School Art Exhibition*

Now through December 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



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



Holiday Quilt by Janice McConnell

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

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.

Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation

Master Artist Exhibit: Jeong Hee Lee

Now through December 18

Waldorf West Library - Upstairs Meeting Rooms

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



The KACAF is presenting a special collection of art by the Korean master embroidery artist in Waldorf West's upstairs meeting rooms. See how Jeong Hee Lee has interpreted the splendid royal embroidery works of the Joseon dynasty (1392-1897) and reproduced works with a modern sense. Light Korean refreshments will be served during the reception. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

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-SUPPORTED ART GALLERY

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

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

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.

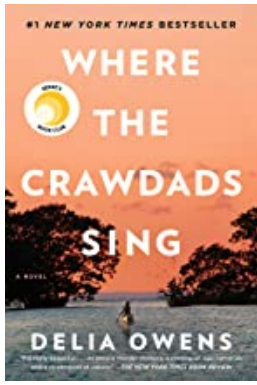
LITERARY ARTS {top}

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



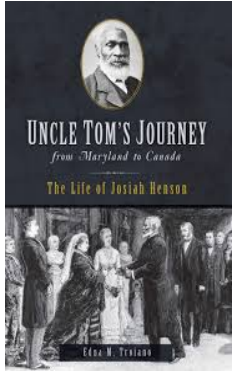
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive 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 M. 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.

Marylander Writers' Association

[Notable Maryland Author for December: John Shields](#)

Submit Entries to [Fun With Words](#)

Deadline to Submit: **December 25**



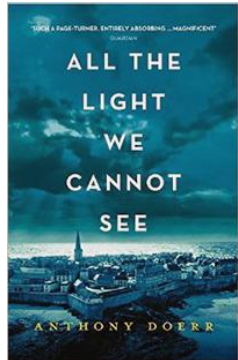
Maryland Writers' Association invites you to have fun being a food writer. Using just 100 words, pick a holiday and a holiday food to write about. Include its cultural context, a personal memory, and a preparation tip. All entries will be published at www.mwawritersroundtable.org.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, January 2, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

The paths of Marie-Laure, a blind French girl, and Werner Pfennig, a German boy, collide in occupied France, as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. By interweaving their lives, *All the Light We Cannot See*, illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

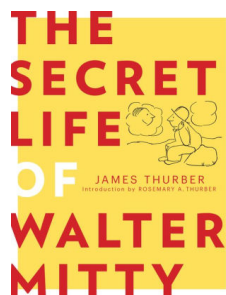
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

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

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



The Secret Life of Walter Mitty by James

Thurber. This classic short story is about an average man who escapes the tedium of his mundane life by retreating into his vivid imagination.

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



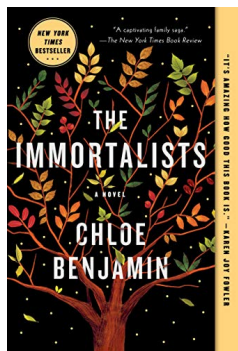
Prepare now to become the Local Adult Spelling Bee Team Champions and have some old-fashioned fun! Admission includes food, water, sodas, entertainment, and cheering! Represent yourself, your business or organization, or form a team with 3 or 4 friends. For more information, call the CCLC office at 301-934-6488.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin. It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children, four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness, sneak out to hear their fortunes. *The Immortalists* probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

Maryland State Arts Council

Call for Editors - Teaching Artist Roster Policies

Submission Deadline: December 13

Click [HERE](#) to be Considered



The staff of the Maryland State Arts Council is continuing revisions of MSAC grants programs and need editors from across the state. Editors receive \$300.00 (plus travel costs) for the entire process including two in-person meetings and two at-home, electronic editing assignments. A Gmail account is necessary to participate. Editors must be a resident of the state of Maryland. For more information and a full description, [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 [December](#) copies of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

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Mailing Address: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646

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.