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## Featured Events

### CCAA Responds to COVID-19



With the announcement that all Maryland public schools will remain closed through April 24, the administrative staff at CCAA will continue to telecommute during the shutdown. They will be available virtually, Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Send an email to [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact our world in unprecedented ways. CCAA is here to support the Arts and artists in Charles County. Follow the CCAA on social media for links to resources to keep you creating and connected in these uncertain times. We also invite you to explore the links below for additional information:

- CCAA wants to see how artists are staying creative during social distancing. Use the hashtag **#charlescountycreates** on social media and share your art with us!
- If you are a not-for-profit arts organization, the **Maryland Small Business COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grand Fund** can help. Click [here](#) for more information.

- Entrepreneurs and small businesses in the arts sector: click [here](#) for more information about what the State of Maryland is doing to help local businesses during the pandemic.
- Make your voice heard! Complete the Americans for the Arts' [survey](#) on the economic impact of COVID-19.

For information about the impact of COVID-19 in Charles County, visit the County government's [website](#). For updates regarding cases in the State of Maryland, visit the Maryland Department of Health's COVID-19 [website](#) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [website](#).

## #charlescountycrates



The Arts Alliance wants to see how local artists are staying creative during this period of social distancing. Use the hashtag **#charlescountycrates** on social media and share your art with us!

## April is National Poetry Month!



[Academy of American Poets](#)

National Poetry Month was introduced by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry's vital place in our culture.

There are many ways to participate. Here are just a few:

- Follow the thousands of National Poetry Month celebrations taking place and follow the Academy of American Poets on Twitter [@POETSorg](#)
- Invite K-12 students to participate in our [Dear Poet](#) project.
- Sign up for [Poem-a-Day](#)
- Share your photos and feedback about your National Poetry Month celebrations with the Academy of American Poets by emailing [npm@poets.org](mailto:npm@poets.org)

## Performing Arts



### A Message from the College of Southern Maryland:

The College of Southern Maryland has announced that **the campus will continue to operate all-online until May 31, including all classes and services.** For more information, visit the College's [website](#).

### A Message from Port Tobacco Players:

In response to new recommendations from the State of Maryland, PTP is pausing all productions and closing the theater to the public and our membership, effective immediately. For more information, click [here](#) to read the theater's press release.



## Visual Arts

### For CCAA Members Only!

*Call for Artists: Sales Opportunity, Permanent Gallery*

**Deadline to submit: May 20, 2020**

The CCAA invites members to submit their work to be purchased by the Community Bank of the Chesapeake. The Bank is seeking art that portrays country scenes, without animals. Prints will also be accepted! Purchased works will be displayed permanently at the Bank's Charlotte Hall Branch.

To apply, please send two .JPG images to [artsalliancegalleries@gmail.com](mailto:artsalliancegalleries@gmail.com) and use "Permanent Gallery" as the subject line. Purchases will be made by June 15. Items to be purchased for amounts not to exceed \$150 per item. For more information, call:

Gale Kladitis 301-539-3905 or  
Cindi Barnhart 301-609-9949.

### A Message from Mattawoman Creek Art Center:

MCAC is closed to visitors. All classes have been rescheduled for June, or canceled. For more information, visit MCAC's [website](#) and read their [press release](#).



**Humane Society of Charles County**  
***2020 Poster Contest: Kindness Matters***

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**2020 Poster Contest**

In Celebration of "Be Kind To Animals Week"  
The Humane Society of Charles County invites CCAA Members  
to submit a poster that demonstrates the theme  
"Kindness Matters".



**Entries must be received by**

**APRIL 20, 2020**

Prizes and certificates will be awarded at our Awards Ceremony  
on May 30, 2020



**HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF CHARLES COUNTY**

For Rules, Regulations and More Information go to <https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-contest>

**Deadline: April 20**

In celebration of "Be Kind to Animals" Week, the Humane Society of Charles County invites members of the community to submit a poster that demonstrates the theme "Kindness Matters." Entries must be received by April 20, 2020. Winners will be notified by May 23, 2020; prizes and certificates will be awarded at our Awards Ceremony on May 30 at the Waldorf West Library. For rules, regulations, and more information, go to <https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-contest>

**TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**  
**Mattawoman Creek Art Center**  
***Open Studio***



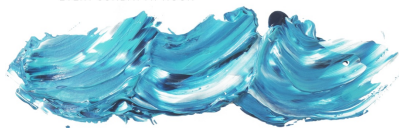
**Every Friday**  
**11:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**Smallwood State Park**  
**5565 Upham Place, Marbury MD**

**Admission is free for MCAC visitors;**  
**inform the Park Ranger upon 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](mailto:nancypaints@verizon.net)

*Flashback  
Gallery  
Tour*

EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON



**CCAA Gallery Flashback**

Take a virtual tour of previous shows from CCAA-sponsored galleries. Look out for it in your email this and every Sunday afternoon!

Click [here](#) to view last Sunday's Tour.

Click [Here](#) for an Important Message About the CCAA Galleries



## CCAA-Supported Gallery

### Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

*Multi-Artist Show* through July 2020

Open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm daily

E-wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway

29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall MD

## CCAA-Sponsored Galleries

### Charles County Government Commissioners Building

*Solo Show with Theresa Alo* through July 7

Open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays

200 Baltimore Street, La Plata MD 20646

### University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

*Solo Show with Josh Owen* through July 8

Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm daily

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata MD 20646

### Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf Branch

*Multi-Artist Show* through August 14

Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays

3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf MD 20603

### Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Charlotte Hall Branch

*Featuring Works by Arnold Hurley* through July 23

Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday;

Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

30165 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall MD

For more information about CCAA sponsored and supported galleries, contact our office at 301-392-5900 or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org)

## Literary Arts



### Life Journeys Writers Guild

#### Writing Workshop

Saturday, April 18, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Life Journeys Writers Guild is carrying on with its Writing Workshops and more, virtually. We are nourishing our literary passions, while staying connected to enhance our emotional health. For more information, to join the membership, and to get the meeting login information, email [info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org](mailto:info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org) or call 240-427-5594.



### *Call for Editors: Accessibility*

Deadline for consideration:

**April 19, 2020**

Click [here](#) to apply!

The staff of the Maryland State Arts Council is pleased to begin Accessibility program revisions and needs editors from across the state! Editors will receive modest compensation for the entire process, which includes two phases of editing over four in-person meetings and four at-home, electronic editing assignments. A Gmail account is necessary to participate. Editors must be a resident of the State of Maryland.

The Maryland State Arts Council is accessible to all patrons. Guests with accessibility

questions or who require additional assistance may call 410-767-6476 or email [precious.blake@maryland.gov](mailto:precious.blake@maryland.gov).



### Maryland Writers' Association

*Notable Maryland Author for April:* [James M. Cain](#)

Submit Entries to [Fun With Words](#)

**Deadline to Submit: April 20**

MWA invites you to have fun writing in the Roman Noir genre using up to 100 words. Select responses will be published with next month's MWA article. For more information, click [here](#).

### *Pen-In-Hand Literary Journal*

**Deadline: May 31**

MWA's bi-annual publication is now accepting entries for its July 2020 edition. For more information, click [here](#).



### A Message from Charles County Public Libraries:

All Charles County Public Library branches are closed until further notice. Online services are still available. For more information, please visit the Library's [website](#).

### Upcoming Literary Opportunities with



#### **Call for Stories: Women in the Arts**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

[Send your Ideas](#)

The MSAC is seeking stories about women in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Year of the Woman" in the subject line. For more information, click [here](#).

#### **Call for Stories: Entrepreneurship in the Arts**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

[Send your Ideas](#)

The MSAC is seeking stories about entrepreneurship in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Entrepreneurship in the Arts" in the subject line. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Community, Heritage, & Cultural Arts**

### The Neighborhood Creative Arts

### *Found Objects Artworks!*

Friday, April 17

## Center Presents:



Looking for exciting online adventures for your child during the COVID quarantine? Check out our online companion creative learning center: The Thinking Kid.

The Thinking Kid is a live online academy for kids, ages 6-17, offering a wide range of fun exploratory classes taught by subject experts including The Secrets of Lost Civilizations, Creative Writing, Art (coming soon!), and much more! Our classes meet in real time, so students can engage in discussions, ask questions, and participate in activities while being seen and heard by their online classmates!

Live from the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, DC

**1:30 PM for grades 2-5**

**2:30 PM for grades 6-9**

From beads to bottle caps, tinfoil to toys, artists have used many non-traditional materials to express themselves and create art. This video conference covers how artists use everyday materials, vision and imagination, storytelling, and a sense of place.

### *Carving the Canyon*

**Thursday, April 23**

Live from U.S. Rangers at Zion National Park, Utah

**1:30 PM, for grades 3-6**

Join a live interactive journey with rangers as they explore the beauty and geology of Zion National Park!

Please visit [The Thinking Kid](https://www.thinkingkid.org) online or email [georgia@thethinkingkid.org](mailto:georgia@thethinkingkid.org) to register and find many other virtual field trips and live online experiences.

## Maryland State Arts Council



Dates Vary Through April - SCHEDULE REVISED

Click [Here](#) for Schedule and Meeting Links

Free and Open to the Public

Join representatives from the MSAC as they lead Creative Conversations. Creative Conversations are discipline-specific virtual gatherings to give updates, hold the space for peer-to-peer sharing, encourage updated recommendations for action by the Maryland State Arts Council, and envision the resurgence of arts activities while dealing with the state of emergency during the COVID-19 outbreak. For more information, call 410-767-6476 or email [precious.blake@maryland.gov](mailto:precious.blake@maryland.gov).

### **New Dates! Going Virtual!**

**Maryland Citizens for the Arts**

*2nd Annual MD Arts Summit 2020*

**May 26 - 29**

Visit [mdarts.org/summit](https://mdarts.org/summit) for more information

The Maryland Arts Summit is the first of its kind for the arts sector in Maryland, highlighting the work that is being done through our communities. Dialogue, learning and networking opportunities will focus on the growth of Maryland arts. For questions about the Summit, please email [info@mdarts.org](mailto:info@mdarts.org) or call MCA at (410)467-6700



Submit your proposals [here](#) by April 25, 2020.

Be a Brand Ambassador! Apply [here](#).

Be a Creative Co-Host! Apply [here](#).

### Charles County Arts Alliance *ArtsFest 2020: Call for Vendors*



**Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**DEADLINE: May 31**

**La Plata Town Hall**

**305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata**

Click [here](#) for Registration Forms

Exhibitors and food vendors are invited to register for the 28th annual ArtsFest. This is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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for Maryland's creative  
education force

Art Educators, Arts Integration Teachers, &  
Teaching Artists

Workshops-Podcasts-Blog Posts

**FREE**

For registration, visit [msdefinearts.org](http://msdefinearts.org)



Exploring creative practices to keep Maryland's creative education force active during COVID-19. For registration, visit [msdefinearts.org](http://msdefinearts.org)

### 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)

### Community Senior Centers *Get The SCOOP on What's Happening!*



### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

All Senior Centers and the Nanjemoy Community Center are closed to participants. All scheduled activities, classes, and programs for older adults are canceled. For more information, visit the Charles County Government [website](#).





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

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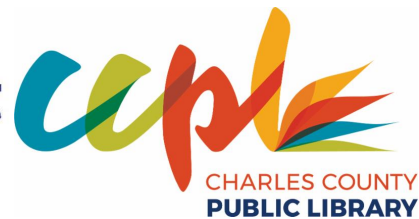
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### About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

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.

**CCAA Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**