

Arts Newsflash



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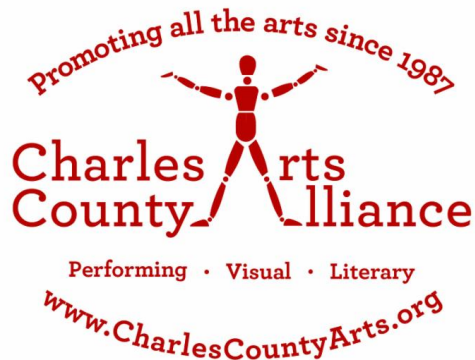
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Featured Events

CCAA Responds to COVID-19



With the recent 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 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 COVID-19, and 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](#).

POSTPONED

Steam Onward

Call for Entries: Charles County Got Talent

Visit their [website](#) for more information

Audition videos are now being accepted for this Youth Talent Show open to ages 5 - 21. All disciplines are welcome to enter. Click [here](#) to submit your audition video. For more information, send an email to steamonward.org@gmail.com.



Performing Arts



A Message from the College of Southern Maryland:

The College of Southern Maryland has announced that **all on-campus events have been canceled or postponed until April 30**. 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.

A Message from The Newtowne Players:



The Newtowne Players' production of *Almost Maine* has been canceled. For more information, click [here](#) to read the theater's press release.

Charles County Branch NAAACP

ACT-SO Competition

Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Rd, Waldorf MD

Charles County



**Academic Cultural Technological
Scientific Olympics**

APPLY NOW!

www.charlescountynaacp.org/act-so

High school students, parents, teachers, and community supporters are invited to attend the ACT-SO Competition--a showcase of student talent that will determine who advances to the National Competition in Boston, Massachusetts. There, local Gold Medalists will have the opportunity to receive additional recognition, rewards, and scholarships. For more information and registration, send an email to actso.naacp@gmail.com

Visual Arts



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*

Humane Society of Charles County
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.



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

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

Literary Arts

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 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

Maryland State Arts Council

A graphic featuring the text 'CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS' in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The text is overlaid on a background of several overlapping, semi-transparent silhouettes of human heads in various colors (pink, blue, yellow, green, orange).

**CREATIVE
CONVERSATIONS**

Dates Vary Through April

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.

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.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts
MD Arts Summit 2020



Sunday, June 14 - Monday, June 15
University of Maryland at Baltimore
County
1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore

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 or call MCA at (410)467-6700

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](#).

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 screening programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, educational programs, physical fitness programs, creative arts, and computer lab/classes. For more activities and events, get this month's copy of [The SCOOP](#), Charles County's Senior Center news.



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[Maryland Artist Marketplace](#)

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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

CCAA Membership Organizations

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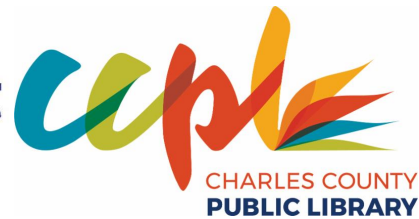
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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

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