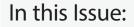


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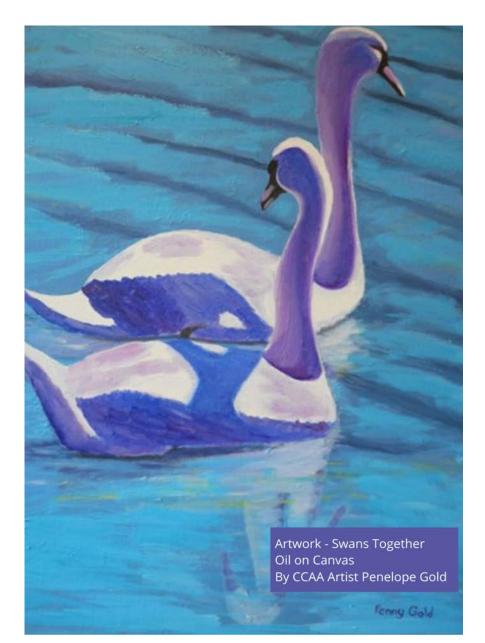
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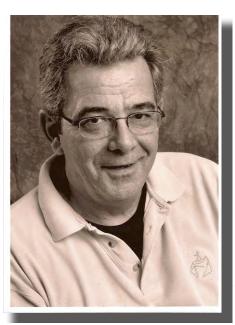






Dear CCAA Members and Friends,

Practice the 3 W's! Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Watch your distance.



The cold, icy days of February are behind us and we look forward, hopefully, to warmer days in March and beyond. Even during these challenging days, the CCAA has continued to serve the citizens of our county through our media connections, virtual meetings, and events.

March brings with it our continued streaming of our Retro Galleries, on Sunday and Wednesday at noon; the Friday evening concert series (6:00 PM) with performances by the Charles County Youth Orchestra; "Second Fridays" panel discussions that cover relevant issues in the arts; and our weekly NewsFlash that informs us of the many arts activities and opportunities in our area, available even during this time of Covid-19.

Also in March we will determine our first ever Teacher of the Year in the Arts Awards. One each at the Elementary, Middle School, and High School levels. At this time there are 16 nominees, pulled together from over 300 online recommendations. The winner at each

level will receive a \$500 award for their personal use, and an additional \$500 for supplies for their students. The selection panel will meet mid-March and the winners will be notified shortly thereafter, and presented at our May Membership Meeting.

March will also see the start of our self-nomination process for those who wish to serve as members of the CCAA Board for FY 2022 and 2023. At this time, all of the current 11 Board members are willing to return, if elected, and there is room for two more individuals who might wish to serve in the future.

Stay healthy and keep your family safe! 🗫

Sincerely,

Robert Robert K. Rausch President, Charles County Arts Alliance

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Charles County Arts Alliance Self-Nominations for Board of Directors

The Charles County Arts Alliance is still accepting self-nominations for the CCAA Board of Directors for the next two year term, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. **The call is open until March 15, 2021**. At this time, all 11 current board members are expected to self-nominate, and, if elected, leaves 2 additional board seats available. Board of Directors elections will be held at the May 15, 2021 Annual Membership Meeting.

Here are some quick facts about our current self-nominees:

President - Robert K. Rausch

- Music Educator for 35 in Charles County, Prince George's County, and North Carolina.
- Founder and current President of the CCAA, Founding Board member of Old Waldorf School and past conductor of the southern Maryland Concert Band.
- Since 2008, a volunteer, member, performer, stage/tech crew, and director for Newtowne Players, Port Tobacco Players, Tantallon Community Players, St. Mary's College, College of Southern Maryland, Capitol Fringe and Hexagon.

Vice President - Cindy Johnson

- Worked with developers and is currently a Community Manager in Charles County.
- Current Vice President of the CCAA, and formerly served as Secretary/Treasurer, a founding member of the Maryland Community Theatre Festival Association, and a Past President and Board member of the Port Tobacco Players.
- Performed in countless plays and directed productions for Port Tobacco Players, Hard Bargain Players and the Black Box in Indian Head.

Secretary/Treasurer - Ronald Brown

- Member of the History faculty and later a division administrator at the College of Southern Maryland for forty years.
- Current member of the Charles County Arts Alliance, the Charles County Heritage Commission and the Historical Society of Charles County.
- Currently active as the Secretary/Treasurer of the CCAA and as the President of the CCHS and HSCC.

Director - Johnathon Clinkscales

- Former Chief of Staff for Maryland Senator Arthur Ellis and reporter/photographer for MD Independent newspaper; starting new marketing career with MedStar Health in March 2021.
- Advocate for and helped submit important legislation for Charles County and the State of Maryland at Large (via the Maryland General Assembly); established relationships with county/ state leaders as well as community members during tenure with the MD Independent.
- Published author/visual and playwrights as part of local non-profits writers' group.

Director – Barbara Graves

- Taught the ballet program for children and adults at Harmony Hall Art Center for 27 years.
- Current member of the CCAA Board of Directors. Participated in performing with the Ballet Petite of Washington throughout the metropolitan area.
- Since 1979, involved in performing, dancing and choreographing for the Port Tobacco Players, Hard Bargain Players, several dance companies, and High Schools.

Director - William (Bill) Graves

- 58 years in the printing and publishing industry. Retired as a Graphic Designer
- Current member of the Board of Directors of CCAA and Indian Head Center for the Arts.
- Over 40 years of involvement in the Southern Maryland theater community.

Director - Keith Linville

- Retired after 36 years of working for the Federal Government, made up of 15 months with the U.S. Post Office, 21 months with the FBI, and 33 years with the Department of Defense, where I worked in Computer Security.
- Member of the Port Tobacco Players since 1999, as a Producer, Director, Stage Manager, Actor, and Board Member, including serving as the President; additionally I am a Maryland Master Naturalist volunteering with the American Chestnut Land Trust and serving on their Outreach and Membership Committee.
- As a member of the CCAA I have been involved in the La Plata Arts and Entertainments District Working Group, ArtsFest 2021, the Community Arts Development (CAD) Grants Committee, the CCAA Arts Scholarship Committee (for High School Seniors), and the CCAA Theater Director's Roundtable Planning Committee.

Director - Lew McIntyre

- Graduated from the US Naval Academy, served 20 years as Naval aviator, retiring as a Commander. Continued to support his aviation community as an engineer, 1990-2020. Did voluminous technical writing for 50 years, both in and out of uniform.
- Author of two books, one of which has earned three awards. Gave four presentations on Roman Maritime Trade in the Indian Ocean, related to one of the above books, most recently to the National Maritime Historical Society in NY.
- Vice President, Charles County chapter of the Maryland Writers' Association, and member of Maryland Writers' Association.

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New Exhibit at the Community of the Chesapeake Bank, Waldorf

The CCAA is happy to continue its public exhibit at the Community Bank of the Chesapeake in Waldorf. The exhibit opened February 19 and 19 artists' works are on display through May 21, 2021. Stop by the Bank before the show closes and enjoy the 34 outstanding works in the exhibit.



The artists are: Liana Berry, Rainy Daye, Cecelia Dunay, Gina Durgin, Penelope Gold, Sally Goldsmith, Ron Hammans, Patricia Harrington, Gordon Johnson, Addison Likins, Ivette Marcucci, Janice McConnell, Julie Meisel, Kathleen, Noel, Elizabeth Novack, Marie Parham, Frank N. Roth, Dianne Shisler.

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the Gallery online. The Bank is located at 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601, Gallery Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. 9



CCAA's 2nd Fridays



Join the CCAA March 12 at 7:00 pm as we stream live from our **YouTube** Channel and hightlight the southern Maryland theater community. We will not only talk to members from the theater community, but also reflect on the past year and see what innovative steps they took to continue the advancement of theatre when the world was shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Guest panelists for the March edition include: Raymond Austin Gore from Henry E. Lackey High School, Jana Heyl from McDonogh High School, and Jeff Maher from The Newtwon Players.

Visit our our **YouTube page**, March 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm EST, and join us live.

Did you miss last month's literary conversation with Kimberly Brehon, Angelica Jackson, Yvonne Medley, and Cameron Posey? Click <u>HERE</u> and catch their conversation, *When and Where We Enter: In Words and In Truth.* You can also see the complete poems of our guest student poets from St. Charles High School in the Literary News section of this *Arts Insider.* 9



Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable - Rescheduled

The Roundtable scheduled for February has been rescheduled for **Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm**. All previously registered participants will receive a revised meeting link the week of the event. Thank you for your flexibility and we look forward to seeing you later this month!





Only a few days left to apply! Deadline to Apply is March 5, 2021

The Charles County Arts Alliance offers a \$1,500 scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior from each Charles County public high school and St. Mary's Ryken High School (Charles County resident only) who plans to continue studying the arts at a four-year college or university.

Applications are available now, the deadline to apply is March 5, 2021. Click **here** to download an application and learn more about the scholarship. For additional information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org. **%**

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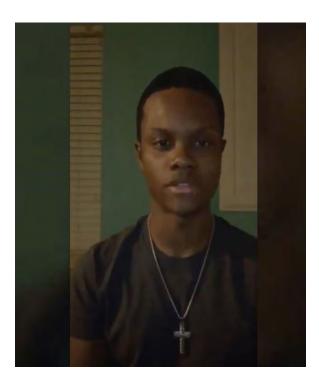


Original Poetry by St. Charles High School Students As Presented in the February 2021 Edition of 2nd Fridays

Click each screen to play.

Purple by Damaris Moore





Power by Chauncy Harris

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Maryland Arts Day



On Thursday, February 11, 2021, the Maryland arts sector arrived in a Zoom room that almost crashed Zoom. Maybe "crashed" is an exaggeration, however, the 400+ people who logged in that morning made their virtual presence known and celebrated the legacy of strong public support of the arts in Maryland. The CCAA was proud to represent Charles County during this awesome event. This year the Sue Hess Legacy Arts Advocate of the Year Award went to Kibibi Ajanku, founder of Sankofa Dance Theater and Mama Rashida Forman-Bey and Kay

Lawal – Muhammad, both of WombWork Production, Inc. All of the awardees talked about and shared the impact their work has had not only in the Baltimore area, but across the state. The event's keynote speaker, Aaron Maybin gave an inspiring speech highlighting his Art Activism curriculum, being taught in several Baltimore City schools, and reminded everyone listening of how the arts reminds us of our humanity.

Once the presentations ended, the CCAA joined its partnering arts councils, Calvert and St. Mary's and various members from their arts communities in the Southern Maryland Delegation room. The entire Delegation room welcomed staffers from Delegates CT Wilson and Edith J. Patterson's offices. Charles County's arts community was proudly represented by Mike Gahan as he highlighted how state arts funding has benefited long standing county arts institutions in the county as well as the local businesses through attendance at arts events. Also in attendance were: Yvonne Medlev of Life Journey's Writer Guild, Andrew Blumhardt of Charles County Public



Schools' Fine and Performing Arts Office, and CCAA Board Members and Staff Robert Rausch, Lew McIntyre, Monique Walker, and Mary Whitmore.

Click the picture above and check out the southern Maryland arts video shared in the Delegation Room. ${\rm sp}$





The Maryland State Arts Council and its collaborating partners regularly offer a variety of resources, programs, and funding opportunities. Listed below are a few highlights. Information is updated weekly in the CCAA's Arts Newsflash.

You can also view the Maryland State Art Council's March Newsletter and visit www. msac.org. 9>

Opportunity	Description	Date/Deadline	More Infomation
MSAC Programs	Funding, Resources, and Professinal Development	Ongoing	www.msac.org/ programs
MSAC Online Offerings	Free Online Offerings	Ongoing	https://www. eventbrite.com/o/ maryland-state-arts- council-17190128438
MSDE Fine Arts Office - Professional Learning	Maryland Center for Creative Classrooms	Ongoing	<u>www.msdefinearts.</u> org/about-mc3

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2021 MARYLAND POETRY OUT LOUD STATE FINALISTS!



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Kate Maerten Frederick Co.

Katie Spencer Anne Arundel Co.

Register to attend the state finals on March 9th at tinyurl.com/MDPOL2021

Celebrate the 2021 **Poetry Out Loud Finalists!**

On March 9th from 4-6 p.m., join MSAC to experience phenomenal poetry and recitation mastery at Maryland's 2021 Poetry Out Loud (POL) State Competition! At our virtual event, eight finalists will compete to represent Maryland at the 2021 National Poetry Out Loud Competition. Click **<u>HERE</u>** to Register to attend.



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CCAA Membership Form

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!



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The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD.

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

• CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter

- CCAA Arts Newsflash weekly E-update of arts events
- \$1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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2020

- Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Saturday, September 12, 10:00 am 4:00 pm and Monday, September 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm CCAA Summer Retreat Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Saturday, September 19, 9:00 am Noon Art Box Assembly Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata
- Friday, November 13, 7:00 8:00 pm <u>CCAA 2nd Fridays - Music, Special Guest: Carly Harvey</u> YouTube Live
- Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Friday, December 11, 7:00 8:00 pm CCAA 2nd Fridays - *DanceVisions with Special Guest: Sheryl Pollard-Thomas* YouTube Live
- Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting United Way House, La Plata

2021

- Friday, January 8, 7:00 8:00 pm CCAA 2nd Fridays - *For the LOVE of Art* YouTube Live
- Saturday, January 9, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Sunday, January 10, 6:00 8:00 pm <u>Theatere Directors Interactive Roundtable</u> Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am 2:00 pm CCAA Mid-Winter Retreat - Virtual Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Thursday, February 11, 10:00 am 12:00 pm Virtual Maryland Arts Day Crowdcast Platform
- Friday, February 12, 7:00 8:00 pm CCAA 2nd Fridays - *When and Where We Enter: In Words and In Truth* YouTube Live

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- Friday, March 12, 7:00 8:00 pm CCAA 2nd Fridays - Theatre YouTube Live
- Saturday, March 13, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Sunday, March 21, 6:00 8:00 pm <u>Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable - Vol. 2</u> Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Friday, April 9, 7:00 8:00 pm <u>CCAA 2nd Fridays - Open Mic, Mixed Disciplines</u> YouTube Live
- Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Thursday, April 22, 7:00 pm CCAA 2nd Fridays (Special Edition) - The Banjo Project YouTube Live
- Saturday, May 15, 2:00 4:00 pm CCAA Annual Membership Meeting TBD
- Thursday, June 5, 10:00 am Noon CCAA Board Meeting Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Saturday, June 12 Virtual ArtsFest Weekend TBD

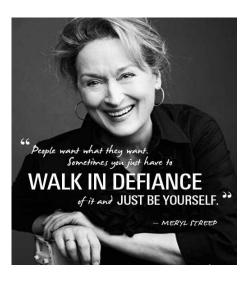
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