



ARTSFEST

2017

Saturday, June 10, 2017
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
La Plata, MD



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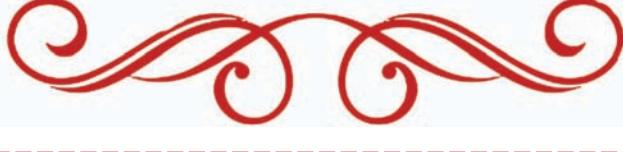
"Paint Brushes" artwork by local artist Mary Wilmoth
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The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County.



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ArtsFest History

This year, the Charles County Arts Alliance is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its first ArtsFest! The Arts Alliance, founded in 1987, spearheaded the first countywide all-day festival of the arts in 1992, called "A Touch of the Arts," and it was held indoors at the St. Charles Towne Center mall in Waldorf. In 1998, the arts festival was moved outdoors to quaint Cobb Island, and it was renamed the "Island Artsfest." Then in 2001, the festival again was on the move, this time to the western part of the county — to the beautiful Village Green in Indian Head, and spent 10 years there, as "River Artsfest." In 2012, ArtsFest moved to the center of Charles County, and the county seat, La Plata. So over the past 24 years the Arts Alliance's arts festivals have been held in the north, south, west and center of Charles County, in order to be easily accessible to adults, children and families everywhere, both in the population center and in underserved areas of the county.

These ArtsFests have become annual events that the citizens of Charles County and all of Southern Maryland look forward to each year. They celebrate ALL the arts and talented artists of our region: music, visual art, drama, dance and

literature. Something for everyone to enjoy! Professional and amateur performing and visual artists, "hands-on" art for all ages, informative displays, great fellowship — and it's all FREE!

Charles County Arts Alliance

Founded in 1987 by a group of concerned citizens, the Charles County Arts Alliance today is a vibrant, dynamic organization. It conducts many programs, projects and events throughout the year in Charles County, and is well-known for its philanthropic activities in supporting other arts organizations, arts education, and individual artists, arts lovers, and patrons of the arts. The Arts Alliance supports all the arts: performing, visual and literary. Some of the current programs and activities of the Charles County Arts Alliance include:

- Five Free Public Gallery Spaces
- Charles Regional Medical Center
- County Government Building
- Waldorf West Library
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
- Community Bank of the Chesapeake
- "Back to School" Art Boxes
- Charles County Fair - Fine Arts Building
- Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations and Schools
- Arts Scholarships

- Maryland Arts Day in Annapolis
- Celebrate La Plata Day
- Arts Insider Monthly E-Newsletter
- Arts Newsflash Weekly E-News Update
- Arts Vision 2020 Strategic Plan
- ArtsFest 2017

Please join us and help us promote the arts and enhance the quality of life for Charles County citizens. Please use the membership form on this page, and bring it to our Arts Alliance Welcome Tent at ArtsFest 2017! Or you may mail it to us along with your check, or join us online via PayPal at www.charlescountyarts.org. Thanks!

About the Artist - Mary Wilmoth

Our official artwork for ArtsFest 2017 is "Paint Brushes" by local artist Mary Wilmoth. Color, form and line fascinate Ms. Wilmoth. For many years she explored them through cloth and thread in the form of quilting and needlework. Painting is the continuation of that exploration through the use of pigment and brushes. Her artwork, "Paint Brushes," is fresh, modern, and strikingly beautiful. We love it!

CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. 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 Commerce 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 underserved population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities and senior citizens have access to the arts.

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, 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. The CCAA receives funding in part through grants from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Charles County Government, memberships, corporate, business, and individual donations, and fundraising.

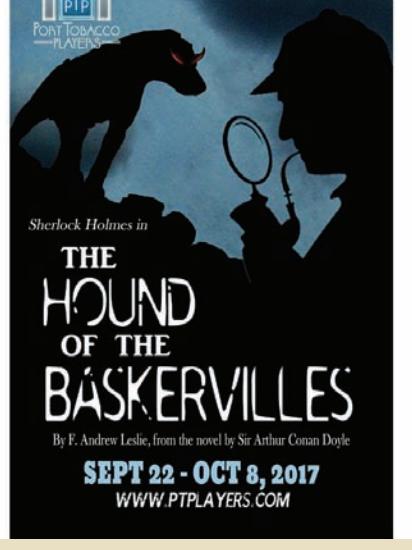
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The Port Tobacco Players is supported in part by a grant from the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Maryland State Arts Council and an award from the National Endowment for the Arts

PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS

The Port Tobacco Players was voted one of Maryland's Finest Theaters in the Maryland life magazine poll for the second year in a row! This all volunteer organization has offered live theater to the citizens of Southern Maryland since 1947. Participation is open to anyone who has an interest in theater. The actors and technical crew are populated primarily from the residents of the area. The Players perform in their own theater at 508 Charles Street in La Plata, Maryland.

The 300 seat theater produces six shows each season. Additionally, there are special performances that may feature actors from Hollywood and Broadway. A season typically consists of a mixture of musicals, comedies and dramas in an attempt to offer something for everyone. Most shows are suitable for all family members.

In addition to the main stage shows, the Players sponsor the Encore Kids with members from grades 1 through 8. They perform for audiences throughout the county. The youth learn invaluable theatre skills involving stage presence, auditioning, acting and choreography. Venues include the County Fair, the Town of La Plata, nursing homes, the Festival of Trees, ArtsFest and Community Centers.

For reservations and more information, call 301-932-6819 or visit our website at: www.ptplayers.org.



MEET "LORD BALTIMORE" OUR ADOPTED CAROUSEL HORSE!

Main Entrance – In Front of Town Hall



The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to present "Lord Baltimore" at ArtsFest 2017! Lord Baltimore is an original hand-carved wooden horse – a very handsome steed that is emblazoned with the beautiful Maryland flag. Lord Baltimore was designed for use on an actual working carousel. It was carved by Burkey Boggs and members of the Southern Maryland Carousel Group, a nonprofit 501-c-3 organization based in La Plata. Burkey Boggs is its Co-Founder and current President. The Charles County Arts Alliance "adopted" Lord Baltimore in 2014, and we were very pleased to learn that Lord Baltimore will become the lead horse for the planned carousel to be built in Southern Maryland in the future. This carousel will recreate the historic carousel located at the beloved "gone but not forgotten" Marshall Hall Amusement Park, a turn-of-the-century amusement park that was located on the western side of Charles County on the Potomac River, not far from Bryans Road. For many decades, Marshall Hall was the scene of many wonderful, happy memories for Charles County citizens and citizens of neighboring counties, Washington, DC, and northern Virginia. It was also visited by the Wilson Line steamboats on the Potomac River that came from DC "down south" to enjoy a nice day outdoors with its family-friendly ambiance – the huge roller coaster and many other rides, the fun house, the hall of mirrors, games and arcades, and great entertainment. Marshall Hall closed its doors permanently in the 1960's.

Burkey Boggs co-founded the Southern Maryland Carousel Group in 2004. The goal is to construct a full-scale working carousel with 68 amenities: 48 horses and animals, 2 chariots, and 18 rounding boards. Their exciting plans include building a large facility to house the carousel, complete with a woodcarving museum and planned learning center designed to provide continuous education, training, public events and positive activities year-round in the Southern Maryland region. The facility will house a carousel, woodcarving museum with historic artifacts and photographs of Marshall Hall, a gift shop and the woodcarving learning center for youth and adults. When finished, the Southern Maryland Carousel and woodcarving museum will be the only one of its kind in Southern Maryland!

Burkey Boggs is a master woodcarver, and is a renowned duck decoy carver. And he is a proud member of the Charles County Arts Alliance as well! Wherever he goes, Burkey shares his incredible artistry, his deep knowledge of woodcarving, and his fascinating personal story, with young and old alike. Burkey grew up in Southern Maryland, and has pursued his passionate interest in woodcarving since 1985, following a trip to Denver in which he was inspired by a flight of hand-carved ducks in a shop window. Burkey was nearing retirement and thought that decoy-carving would be a great new hobby to pursue in his new spare time. Over time, his well-established artistry as a decoy carver blossomed into a full-fledged passionate commitment to a monumental new goal: the re-creation of the historic wooden carousel at Marshall Hall Amusement Park.

Be sure to have your photo taken with Lord Baltimore at ArtsFest 2017! And also visit the Southern Maryland Carousel Group's tent on the lawn – and meet Burkey Boggs and his colleagues!

Special Events!



Yvonne Medley (left), President of Life Journeys Writers Guild, congratulates Charles County author Martha Lane (right), on the publication of her first book, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*. The play adaptation of the book will premiere at ArtsFest 2017.

PREMIERE OF A NEW CHILDREN'S PLAY! *THE LETTER E LEAVES THE ALPHABET* BY MARTHA LANE, CHARLES COUNTY AUTHOR

2:00 pm and 2:30 pm – East Lawn, Under the Tent

The Charles County Arts Alliance is thrilled to present at ArtsFest 2017 the premiere of a new children's play, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*, by local author Martha Lane, a La Plata resident. This play was adapted from the book of the same name that was published in 2012. The production is sponsored by the Charles County Arts Alliance, Life Journeys Writers Guild, Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation, and Vintage Treasures and Nused Furniture. It is produced and directed by Robert K. Rausch, Founder and current President of the Charles County Arts Alliance.

The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet is a story about the Letter E, who runs away from home because he can't be the first letter in the alphabet. The Letter E has "one whole night and one whole day" to change his mind and return to the alphabet. If he does not make his decision in time, "every E in every word will fly away like a bird."

The story's themes are endless. Through the Letter E's adventure, the fun of learning about vowels and consonants, and the rules for the road of life, are made evident. These rules range from understanding how to deal with anger, family birth order, not being listened to, getting help in the right place with the right person, the desire and need to be first, forgiveness and loyalty, and, most importantly, the knowledge that every person is an irreplaceable treasure with a wonderful mission and purpose no one else can accomplish.

Martha Lane was born in Washington, DC, in 1934, and has spent her adult life in the state of Maryland, enjoying three careers: a pastor's wife for 44 years; the mother of 7 children, with 32 grandchildren and great grandchildren; and Director of the Before and After School Care Program and substitute teacher for 21 years in Prince George's County Public Schools. The book, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*, was published in March 2012. Martha believes, "This was the window God opened following the death of my husband, Rev. John F. Lane, on December 20, 2011."

The play was entered and adjudicated in the Watermelon One Act Festival (WOAF) held recently at St. Mary's College of Maryland in St. Mary's City. It was the first children's play ever to be performed at the festival. The judges were: Lisa Gregory, MS, PhD, the founder and producer of WOAF; Brent Englart, a playwright and the Baltimore Regional Representative for the Dramatists Guild of America; and Mark Rhoda, PhD, a visiting associate professor of theater, film and media studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Bring the kids, and enjoy the Charles County premiere of this wonderful new play with its inspiring message at ArtsFest 2017!



JUST FOR KIDS! "HANDS-ON" ART TENT & BIG ART CUBE

All Day — East Lawn, Near Entrance

It's baaaaack! Our annual tradition at every ArtsFest is to have a special Kids Art Tent with cool things to do and make throughout the day! It's an opportunity for children to explore their creativity and imagination, and have great fun with a wide variety of hands-on art activities. And they can express themselves even further by boldly painting the large wooden Big Art Cube

with their favorite colors and designs! The Kids Art Tent activities are being led by local visual artist Lorina Harris of Bryans Road. Lorina is the owner of Art Smart Studio and current member of the Board of Directors of the Charles County Arts Alliance. Our special thanks to the Town of La Plata for loaning us their large tent and wonderful Big Art Cube again this year. Look for the Kids Art Tent and Big Art Cube on the East Lawn near the entrance to ArtsFest 2017!

Visual Artists and Exhibitors - Site Map



Site#	Artist/Exhibitor	Site#	Artist/Exhibitor	Site#	Artist/Exhibitor
	EAST LAWN				
1	Faces by Miss Busy Bee	23	Lawrence Digital Photography	45	Becky's Baskets
2	Josh Conn Exclusives	24	The Arnold House	46	Shop 53 Tattoo & Art Studio
3	Rebecca Caudill	25	Aaron and Matthew Gentry	47	Chez Art
4	Port Tobacco River Conservancy	26	VelaRae Designs	48	Adina Jones
5	e.c. ornaments	27	James Mascia	49	Wood Sand Paint
6	Nad's Art Gallery	28	Life Journeys Writers Guild	50	Moss & Mist Jewelry and The Indigo Dragonfly
7	Mattawoman Watershed Society	29	Life Journeys Writers Guild		
8	Joanne Yates		WEST LAWN		COMMERCIAL
9	John Barton Custom Crafts	30	Unique & Just Right for You	C1	RAR Associates Development Corp.
10	Art by Sonia	31	Action for Peace through Prayer and Aid	C2	Mid Atlantic Bath Solutions (Bath Fitters)
11	Grace at Work	32	John's Bowls	C3	Texas Roadhouse
12	Charles County Literacy Council	33	CynSational Art	C4	LuLaRoe
13	Great Noble Enterprises	34	Joyfully Sewn		FOOD VENDORS
14	Conservancy for Charles County	35	Bleeker & Pacific Designs	F1	LifeStyles of Maryland
15	Inner Visions Art Group	36	Charles County Freedom Landing	F2	Urban Bar-B-Que
16	Teachers with Cameras	37	Sandra Santana	F3	County Manners
17	Charles County Community Mediation Center	38	Beverly Adams Art	F4	Hell Bent on BBQ
18	Southern Maryland Carousel Group	39	Van Brunt Imaginative Art	F5	John's Ice Cream
19	Dr. Theresa Alo	40	Southern Maryland Audubon Society		
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Performance Schedule

Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to present the following great entertainment throughout the day at ArtsFest 2017!

Charles County Youth Orchestra



Higher Standards

Encore Band



Steve Potter Blues Band

CrossRoads

Special Event

Radio Station WMDM 97.7

Classic Rock, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Live Broadcast!



Harmonie N Bleu

Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation



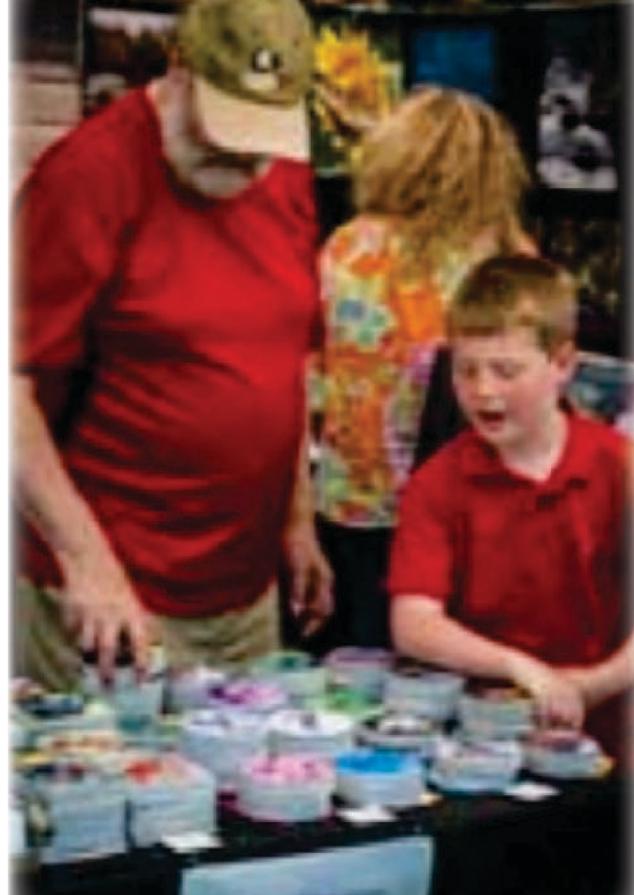
West Lawn Stage

- 12:00 pm: Harmonie N Bleu - Rhythm & Blues
- 1:00 pm: Higher Standards - Jazz Trio
- 2:00 pm: Steve Potter Blues Band - Blues
- 3:00 pm: Sonrise - Gospel Bluegrass
- 4:00 pm: Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation - Dance

East Lawn Stage

- 12:00 pm: CrossRoads - Bluegrass
- 1:00 pm: Charles County Youth Orchestra - Popular Selections
- 2:00 pm: *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet* - Children's Play
- 2:30 pm: *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet* - Children's Play
- 3:00 pm: Encore Band - Classic and Popular Selections
- 4:00 pm: Judy Dalton and Students in Recital - Music Selections

A Look Back at:



JUNE

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH
Port Tobacco Pickers

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH
Three Days of Rain

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD
U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers

FRIDAY JUNE 30TH
Pork Donut

JULY

FRIDAY JULY 7TH
Four of a Kind

FRIDAY JULY 14TH
John Luskey Band

FRIDAY JULY 21ST
U.S. Naval Academy Band
Superintendent's Combo

FRIDAY JULY 28TH
The Muddy Crows

AUGUST

FRIDAY AUGUST 4TH
257th Army Band

FRIDAY AUGUST 11TH
U.S. Air Force Band Max Impact

FRIDAY AUGUST 18TH
Eric Scott Band

FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH
Southern Maryland Concert Band

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST
Community Groove

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH
Dr. Robert Band

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
SWILD

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND
Trilogy

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH
U.S. Navy Band The Commodores

