

ARTS INSIDER



Members Only Art Class



VICKI
MARCKEL

Date

March 13, 2024

- Dinner 5:00–7:00PM
- Class 7:00–9:00PM

Location

- Boston's Pizza Restaurant & Sports Bar
- 10440 O'Donnell Pl, Waldorf, MD 20603

REGISTER NOW

More info at

301.392.5900

www.CharlesCountyArts.org

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CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE

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Can you believe Spring will be here in a few weeks?

Time goes by so quickly. The Charles County Arts Alliance Board of Directors conducted their Winter Retreat in February. We went through many items for the continuing year. We went through the Budget for FY 24 to make sure everything was going as it should, and we received a status report on the plans for ArtsFest 2024.

The CCAA Scholarship Panel made last minute plans for their review of submissions for awarding the yearly scholarships. In our two breakout sessions, Board Members could take part in discussions of either Second Saturday event scheduling, or strategize how to increase CCAA membership. It was a very impactful Winter Retreat.

Some upcoming dates to remember:

- 1) Early Registration Deadline for ArtsFest 2024 is March 31st.
- 2) Annual Membership and Scholarship Winners Presentation Meeting is May 18th.
- 3) ArtsFest 2024 is June 8th in Indian Head, Maryland.

KEITH LINVILLE
PRESIDENT, CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE





CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE

MEMBERS ART *Class*

INSTRUCTOR: VICKI MARKEL

MARCH 13 | 5:30 PM- 9 PM
AT BOSTON'S RESTAURANT

REGISTRATION: FEBRUARY 5TH-29TH

LOCATION: 10440 O'DONNELL PL, WALDORF, MD 20603	\$10 FOR ART SUPPLIES
MEMBERS ONLY	
<u>Dinner 5:30PM-7PM</u>	<u>Art Class 7PM-9PM</u>

MEMBERS PAY FOR THEIR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS



Charles County Arts Alliance
Performing • Visual • Literary

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE SERIES

FEATURING
SHEMIKA RENÉE

SECOND SATURDAY



WATCH IT ON
SATURDAY,
MARCH 9TH





Charles County Arts Alliance

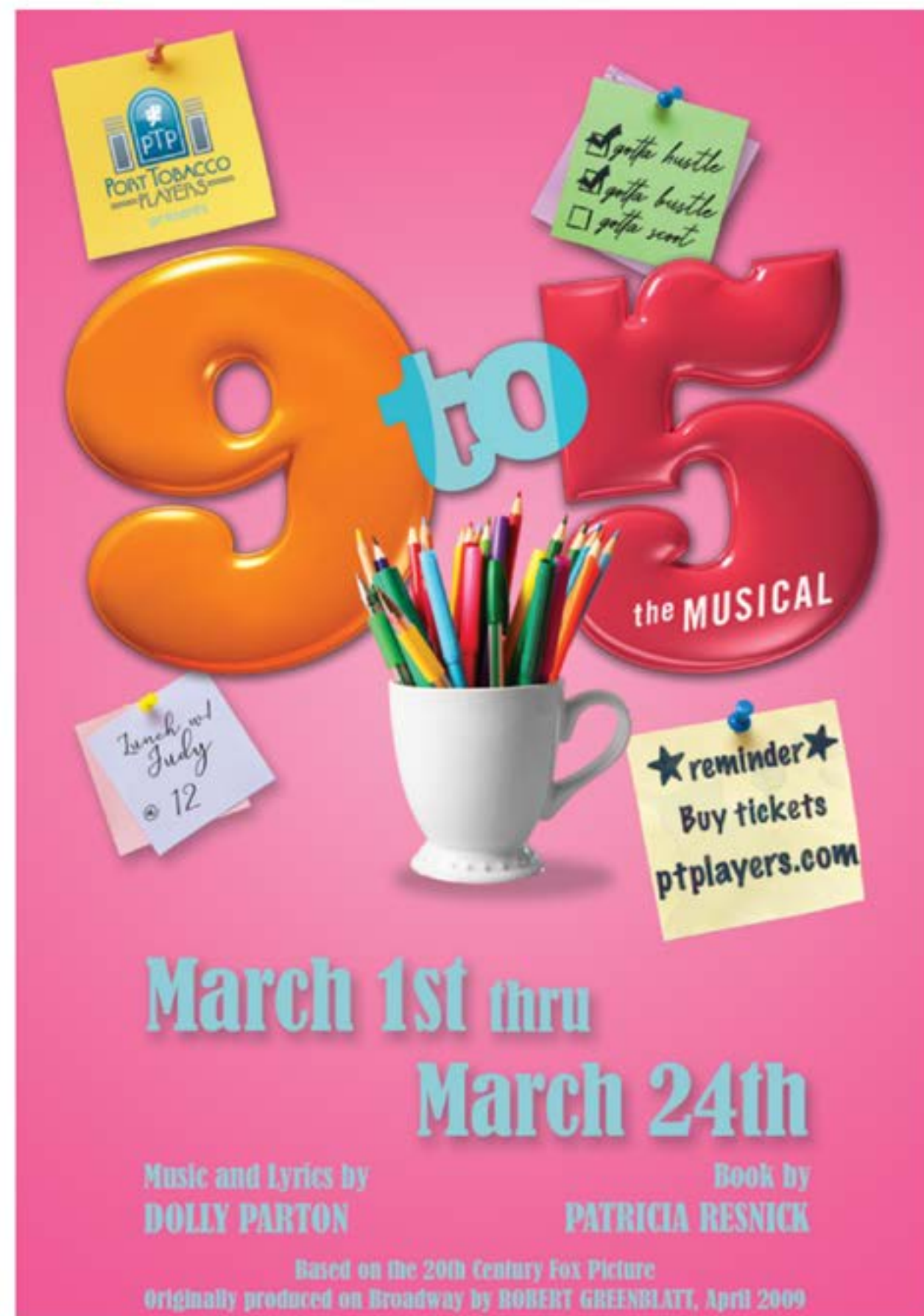
ArtsFest 2024

EARLY REGISTRATION
HAS OPENED!
DEADLINE: MARCH 31

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE DISCOUNT!

CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER

JUNE 8TH
INDIAN HEAD
PAVILLION
11AM - 5PM



PTP
PORT TOBACCO
PLAYERS

gotta hustle
gotta hustle
gotta scout

Lunch w/
Judy
@ 12

★ reminder ★
Buy tickets
ptplayers.com

3 to 5

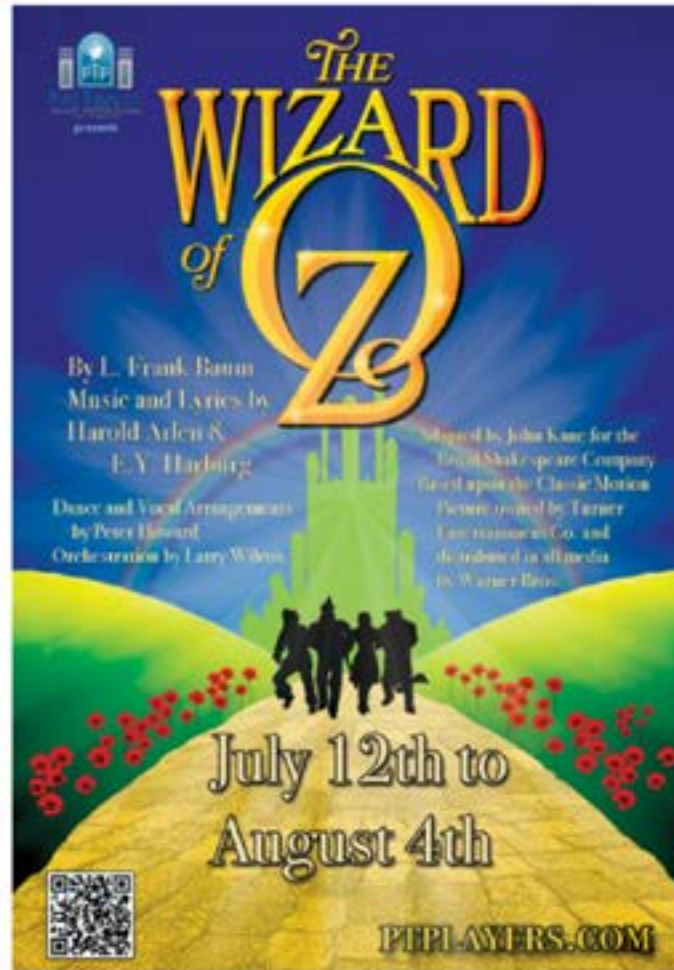
the MUSICAL

March 1st thru
March 24th

Music and Lyrics by
DOLLY PARTON

Book by
PATRICIA RESNICK

Based on the 20th Century Fox Picture
Originally produced on Broadway by ROBERT GREENBLATT, April 2009



PTP Announces Auditions for
"The Wizard of Oz"
 By L. Frank Baum
 Directed by Kaitelyn Bauer Dieguez
 Co-Produced by Debbie Gilley and Kim Danek

AUDITION DATES + LOCATION
Monday, March 4th at 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 5th at 6:30 pm
Saturday, March 9th at 10 am

Callbacks Saturday, March 9th at 1 pm

Auditions will be held on stage at the Port Tobacco Players at 508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD. Please park across the railroad tracks in the town parking lot. (Do not use the parking lot for the urgent care center; you will be towed.)

Literature

Ages 6+
 Grades 2-3



Ages 9+
 Grades 4-5



Ages 11+
 Grades 6-7



Ages 13+
 Grades 8-9



Ages 6+ / Grades 2-3

Semester 1 (September 16 - January 31)
 Imagination and Surprises (Sep 16 - Oct 7)
 Kindness and Optimism (Oct 14 - Nov 4)
 Families (Nov 11 - Dec 9)
 Adventurous Animals (Jan 6 - 27)

Semester 2 (February 3 - May 30)
 Trust and Friendship (Feb 3 - 24)
 Wise Choices (Mar 3 - 24)
 Determination (Mar 31 - Apr 28)
 Thoughtfulness and Compassion (May 5 - 26)

Mondays

11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET



Ages 9+ / Grades 4-5

Semester 1 (September 16 - January 31)
 Imagination (Sep 19 - Oct 10)
 Kindness and Generosity (Oct 17 - Nov 7)
 Family (Nov 14 - Dec 12)
 Animals (Jan 9 - 30)

Semester 2 (February 3 - May 30)
 Bravery and Adventure (Feb 6 - 27)
 Wise Choices (Mar 6 - 27)
 Determination (Apr 3 - May 1)
 Thoughtfulness and Compassion (May 8 - 29)

Thursdays

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm ET



Literature

Ages 6+
Grades 2-3



Ages 9+
Grades 4-5



Ages 11+
Grades 6-7



Ages 13+
Grades 8-9



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Semester 1 (September 16 - January 31)

The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe (Sep 18 - Oct 9)

Frankenstein (Oct 16 - Nov 6)

A Christmas Carol (Nov 13 - Dec 11)

Rebecca (Jan 8 - 29)

Semester 2 (February 3 - May 30)

The Giver (Feb 5 - 26)

Fahrenheit 451 (Mar 5 - 26)

Fiefa's Child (Apr 2 - 30)

To Kill A Mockingbird (May 7 - 28)

Wednesdays

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm ET



Ages 11+ / Grades 6-7

Semester 1 (September 16 - January 31)

Adventure (Sep 19 - Oct 10)

Courage (Oct 17 - Nov 7)

Loyalty and Friendship (Nov 14 - Dec 12)

Families (Jan 9 - 30)

Semester 2 (February 3 - May 30)

Discipline and Determination (Feb 6 - 27)

Wise Choices (Mar 6 - 27)

Compassion & Perseverance (Apr 3 - May 1)

Exploring (May 8 - 29)

Thursdays

11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET



Mattawoman Creek Art Center



Announcement to Artists

2024 Winter Open All-Media Show

February 16 – March 9

Optional Theme: Let it Snow!*

*(We encourage, but do not require artwork to fit the theme).

There will be a **People's Choice Award**.

MCAC is seeking artists to exhibit their artwork.

Overlooking the scenic Mattawoman Creek, within Smallwood State Park in rural Charles County, our spacious cathedral-ceiling gallery provides a lovely setting for displaying your artwork.

The 2024 Winter Open All-Media Show:

- Is open to all artists, both MCAC members and non-members
- Accepts all forms, styles, and media (within allowed size and weight limits)
- Offers artists the opportunity to display and sell up to 3 pieces of their artwork
- Includes a **Reception on Sunday, February 18** that is free and open to the public
- Includes an on-line display of the artwork*

* Artist's permission must be granted to MCAC to display artwork on-line.

Please consider displaying your artwork in this show!

A Detailed Call for Entry is posted on the website www.MattawomanArt.org.

Check the website for updates.

MCAC receives support from its members, benefactors, and sponsors, including the following:





Charles County Arts Alliance Engages at MD Arts Day

On Tuesday, February 13, the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) seized the opportunity to champion the arts at MD Arts Day, an event orchestrated by Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA). Spearheaded by Executive Director Nicholas Cohen and Deputy Director Amanda Morell, the day was marked by insightful discussions and impactful advocacy efforts.

Distinguished guests, including esteemed elected officials such as The Honorable Brooke E. Lierman, Maryland Comptroller, and President of the Senate Bill Ferguson, lent their voices to the cause. Nora Demleitner, President of Saint John's College, graciously hosted the gathering, underscoring the collaborative spirit of the arts community.

Keynote speaker Ruby Lopez Harper, Executive Director of Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+), delivered a poignant address, highlighting the importance of supporting artists and cultural initiatives. Additionally, Lorna Green, Founder and CEO of Cultural Academy for Excellence (CAFÉ), was honored as this year's recipient of the Sue Hess Legacy Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award. Following these inspiring sessions, attendees received invaluable guidance on effective advocacy strategies, equipping them with the tools to engage with legislators. Armed with advocacy packets outlining crucial funding priorities, participants were divided into regional groups and embarked on visits to the House of Delegates.

The CCAA, alongside fellow arts organizations including the St. Mary's County Arts Council and the Calvert County Arts Council, Maryland Nonprofits Organization, and Phoenix International School of the Arts (PISOTA), passionately advocated for key initiatives. Among these were:

- Fully fund the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) at the mandated level of \$31 million, a vital source of funding for the CCAA's fiscal year.
- Fully fund the Arts and Culture Capital Grant Program at \$3 million.
- Transfer \$1 million from the Preservation of Cultural Arts to MSAC.
- Vote yes on SB 764 and HB 1451, cross-filed bills to establish an arts incubator workgroup.

The significance of these efforts cannot be overstated. Maryland's remarkable 4:1 return on investment in the arts underscores the pivotal role that arts funding plays in driving economic prosperity and enriching communities statewide. For the CCAA, and countless other organizations and residents, continued support for the arts is indispensable in fostering a vibrant cultural landscape and enhancing quality of life.

Reflecting on the day's events, participants found the experience both fulfilling and enlightening. Engaging directly with legislators allowed for meaningful dialogue and the sharing of firsthand examples of the transformative impact of arts funding on programs and communities.

As we look ahead to future Maryland Arts Days, the CCAA remains steadfast in its commitment to advocating for the arts in Charles County and beyond. Together, we will continue to champion the transformative power of the arts and ensure that they remain a vibrant and integral part of our state's identity and prosperity.





EMILY SOLLENBERGER DOBBINS

Program Director, Arts Services; Disciplines:
Arts Services, Folk & Traditional Arts, Multi-
disciplinary, Visual Arts/Media

Emily is the Program Director, Arts Services at the Maryland State Arts Council, where she works with a team who encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts for all Marylanders. Emily works directly with arts organizations and independent artists across the state through grant programs, including Grants for Organizations, Creativity Grant, Presenting & Touring, and Independent Artist Awards, and specializes in the visual/media arts, multi-discipline, folk & traditional, and arts services disciplines.

Prior to MSAC, Emily raised funds for nonprofit arts organizations rooted in Baltimore, including Maryland Art Place, Baltimore Clayworks, and the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts. Emily obtained her Master of Arts in Arts Administration from the Savannah College of Art and Design, and her Bachelor of Arts in Art and Business from Muskingum College.

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State of Maryland Announces 2024 Heritage Awardees



BALTIMORE, MD – The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) has announced the winners of the 2024 Heritage Awards through its traditional arts program, Maryland Traditions. Recognizing long-term achievement in the traditional arts, nominations are accepted in three categories: Person or People, Place, and Tradition. Six awards are being provided this year, each including a \$10,000 grant.

"This year's Heritage Award winners reflect the traditions and enterprising spirit of communities from the Western Maryland mountains to the Eastern Shore," said Maryland Commerce Secretary Kevin Anderson. "We're pleased to shine a light on their work as examples of our state's strong cultural fabric."

- **Donald Owens** has been a steward of Baltimore City's African-American community theater tradition since the 1970s, particularly through his work with the Arena Players, the oldest, continually-operating, historically Black community theater in the country. As the Players' artistic director since 2007, Owens passes down the tradition through community-grounded acting, directing, writing, and teaching. (Person or People award category)
- **Angel Rivera** of Frederick is a master of the Puerto Rican percussion and dance traditions of bomba and plena, as well as the tradition of distilling pitorro, or moonshine rum. Rivera founded the first and only bomba and plena ensemble in the region and the only pitorro distillery in the continental United States. For more than forty years, Angel's work has strengthened the sense of community in Maryland's Puerto Rican diaspora. (Person or People award category)
- The Pocomoke Indian Nation continues their centuries-long relationship with the lands and waters of the **Pocomoke Homelands**, located on the Lower Eastern Shore in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. Referenced by English explorer John Smith in 1608 and in 17th and 18th century treaties with the English Maryland Colony, tribal members continue to live on their homelands, where they practice land and water stewardship and educate the public about their tribal history and culture. (Place award category)
- Founded in 1972, Carroll County's **Deer Creek Fiddlers' Convention** is a supportive space in which musicians, dancers, singers, and songwriters from diverse traditional music backgrounds can connect, learn from one another, and compete. Prizes are awarded for performance on various instruments and in genres including old-time, bluegrass, folk, blues, and Celtic music. (Tradition award category)
- The **Emerald Isle Club** of Baltimore County was formed by Irish immigrants in 1956 to keep Irish traditions alive. Through monthly ceilis, or dances, and other events, the club offers all Marylanders opportunities to experience Irish music, dance, language, literature, and other aspects of Irish culture. (Tradition award category)
- On **Frostburg Derby Day**, children race small, homemade derby cars down Main Street in Allegany County while families and local business sponsors cheer them on. Organized by the Frostburg Elks since 1977, the tradition grew from the soapbox derby craze of the 1930s and 1940s. In some families, derby racing cars have achieved the status of family heirlooms, with as many as three generations of drivers having used the same car. (Tradition award category)

PLATINUM CIRCLE

- Diane Rausch
- Robert K. Rausch
- Clarissa Stroud
- Lorretta J. Hopkins

GOLD CIRCLE

- Keith Linville

SILVER CIRCLE

- Ron & Marti Brown
- Linda & Stephen Mitchell

CORPORATE

- ShoreUnited Bank
- DBF a Media Company
- Hilton Garden Inn

ARTS PATRON

- Lew McIntyre

ARTS SPONSOR

- Edward L. Sanders Insurance Agency, Inc
- Nancy Owens
- William & Dianne Shisler

ARTS ACTIVIST

- Lorina Griffioen-Harris
- Craig Henderson
- Rebecca Henderson
- Cynthia & Zeke Johnson

BUSINESS

- Business Training Works, Inc.
- Charles County Public Schools
- Indian Head Center for the Arts/ Black Box Theater

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

- African American Heritage Society
- Charles County Board of Education
- Charles County Public Library
- Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- Charles County Youth Orchestra
- Friends of Old Waldorf School
- Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland Community Charities, Inc.
- Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors
- Life Journeys Writers Guild, Inc.
- Maryland Writers Assoc.
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Inc.
- Masonic Lodge of La Plata
- Music Teachers Association of Charles County
- National Assoc. of American African Dance Teachers
- Neighborhood Creative Arts Center
- Port Tobacco Players
- Southern Maryland Carousel Group
- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters Inc
- Upward Thrive Academy, Inc.

YOUTH

- Sky Ann Hall

FAMILY

- Burkey & Margaret Boggs
- Family Art Show
- Felicity Booker
- Michael & Marcela Cacace
- Suzanne & William Cassidy
- Richard & Margery Coppola
- M. Evelyn Dashiell
- Andy & Jessica Dixon
- Gina & George Durgin
- Ricky and Ellen Fields
- Roy & Kathy Jenkins
- Gale Kladitis
- Susannah & David Lynch
- Tanika Mance
- Roy M. Maier & Jimmie Roberts
- John & Mary Lou Rutherford
- John & Lucy Snell

INDIVIDUAL

- Dr. Theresa Alo
- Monika Barilla
- Johnny Brassfield
- Toi Brooks
- Brenee Butler
- Monte Butler
- Judy Carol
- Mary Evelyn Dashiell
- Clarence Debrew
- Florence Foster
- Alexandria Gonzalez
- Alicia Hancock
- Jaden Hendricks
- Barbara Hufford
- Janice Mcconnel
- Frannie Ann Stoltzfus
- Beverly Taylor
- Yvette Williams

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

SENIOR

- Jocelyn Alston
- Norma Baretincic
- Cindi Barnhart
- Susie Bender
- Rose Burroughs
- Carol Y. Charnock
- Carol Corbett
- Joan Creighton
- Dorothy Crown
- Jack Dennis
- Holly Dilatush
- Chris Dudely
- Cecelia Dunay
- Patricia Duncan
- Stephen Dye
- Edward B Edelen Jr
- Donald Faust
- Geary Fisher
- Gwendolyn A. Fleming
- Madinah Gharib
- Richard Gilpin
- Joselle Gilpin
- Richard and Penelope Gold
- Sally Marie Goldsmith
- Barbara Lord Graves
- William M. Graves
- Sharon Hanley
- Doris J. Hall
- Billie Harley
- Patricia P. Harrington
- Carl Harris
- Ruth Hein
- Renee Jefferson-Copeland
- William Jones
- Robert Kyle
- Rebecca B. Lambert
- Dorothy Lancaster
- Martha Lane
- Beverlie J. Ludy
- Mary Mangino
- Jim McDonald
- Karen McIntyre
- Henry McPherson

SENIOR (continued)

- Robert Medley
- Julie Anne Meisel
- Connie Miller
- Constance E. Moore
- Kathleen Noel
- Mary Jo O'neil
- Marie C. Parham
- Rhoda A. Pollard
- Mervin Posey
- Joyce Reid
- Christopher Ripley
- Sandy Rhode
- Frank Roth
- Kathryn Simkins
- Dorothea H. Smith
- Jill Smithson
- Evans Thorne
- Paul Toscano
- Karen Washington
- Mary Whyte



Thank You

CCAA MEMBERSHIP FORM



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

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
- CCAA Arts Newsflash weekly E-update of arts events
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most important, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

Membership Categories (check one):

Platinum Circle - \$500

Gold Circle - \$300

Silver Circle - \$200

Arts Patron - \$150

Arts Sponsor - \$125

Arts Activist - \$80

Family - \$50

Individual - \$30

Senior (+60) - \$20

Youth (under 18) - \$10

Business & Nonprofit:

Corporate - \$500

Business - \$250

Nonprofit Organizations - \$75

Other (Donations) _____

Office Use Date Received:

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Date Submitted:

Full Name:

Organization/Business:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

☐ ArtsFest

☐ Budget/Finance/Audit

☐ Scholarships

☐ Events

☐ Galleries

☐ Grants

☐ Membership

☐ Outreach/Marketing

☐ Administrative/Office

☐ Technical/IT Support

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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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County MD

MASTER CALENDAR 2024

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JANUARY

- 20 Winter Retreat Part 1 at Swann Point
- 31 Extended Scholarship Application deadline

FEBRUARY

- 10 Winter Retreat Part 2 at United Way Building
- 20 Scholarship Panel Meeting at United Way Building

JULY

- 20 Summer Retreat

AUGUST

- 10 Board Meeting at United Way Building
- 12 Community Arts and Arts in Education Applications - Website

MARCH

- 9 Board Meeting at United Way Building
- 13 Members Only Dinner and Art Class at Boston's Waldor

APRIL

- 13 Board Meeting at United Way Building

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Board Meeting at United Way Building

OCTOBER

- 11 CAD and AIE Applications Due - Noon
- 19 CAD and AIE Applications Panel - 10:00 am to noon

MAY

- 18 Annual Membership Meeting and Scholarship Presentation - TBD

JUNE

- 6 CCAA Arts Fest Prep Meeting at Indian Head
- 8 CCAA ArtsFest Day at Indian Head Pavillion/ Village Green

NOVEMBER

- 2 CCAA Board Meeting at United Way Building
- 16 Membership and Grantee Reception

DECEMBER

- 14 CCAA Board Meeting at United Way Building

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