



# Arts Newflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

## September 2021



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Birthdays are a time for celebration, where one uses the present to reflect on lessons from the past and the potential of the future. On September 17 the Arts Alliance celebrates its 34th year and with each year the organization continues to grow as the “umbrella”

organization for the arts community in Charles County.

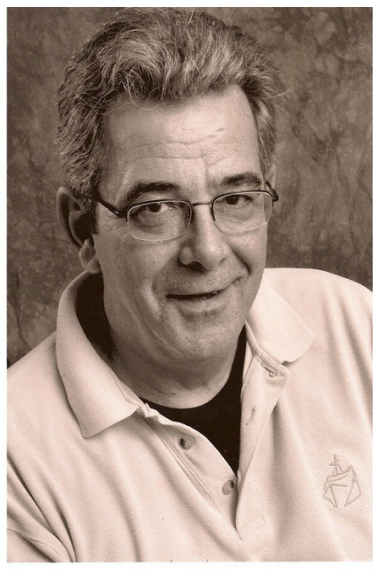
Regular programs may have decreased slightly this past fiscal year due to the pandemic, but grants to schools and nonprofit organizations continue to grow, reaching almost \$950,000 in funded grants since the program's inception. After canceling last year's festival, Artsfest 2021 is set to be held October 16 and a host of new virtual and in-person programs and partnerships are being planned to continue the Arts Alliance's mission to stimulate and promote the creative spirit of Charles County.

As the Arts Alliance looks ahead, it also wants to know the needs of the Charles County community. Don't miss your chance to make your voice heard in the upcoming Charles County Arts survey, to be released later this month. Stay connected to our social media platforms for more information.

The Arts Alliance is grateful to the Maryland State Arts Council, the Charles County Charitable Trust, and the Charles County Commissioners (Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism) for their financial support. We also appreciate our members who give their time and money to ensure the county is rich in all the arts: literary, visual, and performing. We look forward to continuing to provide opportunities for growth, enjoyment, and well-being through the arts in Charles County, virtually and in-person. ♪

# President's Letter

Dear Members and Friends,



The last several weeks have been very unsettling as we have dealt with the rise of the Covid-19 variant, the withdrawal of our troops from Afghanistan and hurricane Ida. We can only hope that the onset of Fall will bring some normalcy and calm to our country and our region. Events that are coming up very soon are the Charles County Fair (September 16 thru 19), at which once again the CCAA will be setting up and monitoring the PD Brown Building visual art exhibit and sponsoring our own Queen Nicotiana candidate. After the Fair, we are helping to sponsor the Rotary Club of Charles County Lobster Festival on September 26th, and the next activity up for us is the CCAA 2021 ArtsFest on October 16 at the La Plata Town Hall.

Additional possibilities to participate in the arts as part of our Theater Education Program are "Writing for the Stage" led by Bowie State's Bob Bartlett (September 25), and our actors workshop led by local actor and Director Suzanne Donahue (starting on September 29). For more complete information consult our weekly Newsflash.

Also, during this timeframe we are accepting Community Arts Development Grant applications (totaling up to \$60,000) through October 15 from local Arts and Non-profit organizations who are planning and presenting events and programs during FY 2022. 🐾

Have an enriching September.

*Robert*

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

## *Call for Volunteers*

**Volunteers are still needed to help out at the P. D. Brown Art Exhibit at this year's Charles County Fair September 15 thru September 19. To sign up, call the Arts Alliance at (301) 392-5900 or contact the CCAA Administrative Specialist at [ccaaoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:ccaaoffice2@gmail.com).**

# CCAA News



**Deadline to Apply is  
October 15, 2021**

Grants offered this year are:

Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, General Operating and Special Project

Arts in Education (AIE) grants for Charles County private schools.

Applications can be downloaded at <https://www.charlescountyarts.org/program/grants/>

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org). ☞



**ArtsFest 2021 is Coming  
October 16, 2021, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
La Plata Town Hall**

Vendor Registration forms are available at [charlescountyarts.org/program/artsfest](https://charlescountyarts.org/program/artsfest). Register before **September 17** to enjoy a discounted rate! Registration closes **October 8**.

For more information, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 during normal business hours, or send an email to [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org). ☞



## Southern Maryland Banjo Project Banjo Jams



After a successful virtual program in the spring, the Southern Maryland Banjo Project returns with in-person Banjo Jam sessions held throughout the county. Banjo Jams are a public jam session featuring a guest facilitator from the community. Participation is free and open to all. Not a musician? Spectators are also welcome to stop by and listen to the tunes. The facilitator leading the jam session will also educate participants and spectators regarding topics as outlined in the Southern Maryland Banjo Projects' Statement of Purpose listed below.

A "soft-opening" of the first jam was held Saturday, August 21, 2021, at the La Plata Farmers Market. Nine musicians participated and over 80 adults and children were engaged. The next jam is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25** during the Town of Indian Head's 101st Anniversary Celebration at the Indian Head Village Green. Follow us on social media to learn more.

The southern Maryland Banjo Project aims to facilitate the promotion of the modern American banjo's Southern Maryland roots and its historical inclusion in the banjo's tradition and performance on the world stage. The project's main goals are to educate, bring awareness and visibility, and support programming and the commemoration of the American banjo's West African roots and its connection to southern Maryland. For more information, call (301) 392-5900 or send an email to [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org). 🐾

## Theater Training Program

The Charles County Arts Alliance presents a new Theater Training Program led by local and nationally renowned facilitators. Beginning this month training opportunities include Playwriting Workshops and Acting Classes and next year a Directors Master Class will be held. Read below to learn more about this month's classes and learn how to register.



The Charles County Arts Alliance is proud to present

# WRITING FOR THE STAGE

*with Bob Bartlett*

The nuts and bolts of dramatic writing, specifically for the stage, including methods of creating dynamic characters, active plots, and solid structures. Participants will share work written during the workshop.

Bob Bartlett is a member of the theatre faculty at Bowie State University where he teaches playwriting and screenwriting. His plays include UNION, E2, SWIMMING WITH WHALES, HAPPINESS (AND OTHER REASONS TO DIE), THE ACCIDENT BEAR, THE REGULAR, THE ORBIT OF MERCURY, BAREBACK INK, and THREE STRANGERS SITTING AROUND A BACKYARD FIREPIT AT TWO IN THE MORNING LISTENING TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S NEBRASKA

For more information about the instructor, please visit [bob-bartlett.com](http://bob-bartlett.com)

September 25, November 20, February 12, and April 2  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Register on  
Eventbrite**

Writing for the Stage will be held at the  
Dorothy L. Harper United Way House  
Conference Room  
10250 La Plata Road  
La Plata, MD  
\$100 for 4 Sessions  
Click [HERE](#) to Register

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## Theater Training Program (con't)

Acting for the Stage will be held at the  
Blackbox Theater - Indian Head Center for the Arts  
4185 Indian Head Highway  
Indian Head, MD  
\$100 for 8 Sessions  
Click [HERE](#) to Register

The Charles County Arts Alliance is proud to present

# ACTING FOR THE STAGE

*with Suzanne Donohue*



Acting for the Stage is an 8 week course designed to provide an overview for adult performers to include the following topics: Character Analysis, Script Analysis, Identifying Character Objectives, Identifying and Acting through Obstacles, Finding the Action, and Finding the Truth of the Moment. In addition to preparing for auditions, the class will center on Monologue development, Scene Work and working as an Ensemble.

Suzanne Donohue holds a degree in theatre from West Virginia Wesleyan College and has taught acting and audition classes around the country; Michigan, Tennessee, West Virginia and Maryland. She served as the Managing Artistic Director for the Hard Bargain Players from 1996 - 2009 and continues on as a leading member of the artistic advisory council and was also on the Port Tobacco Players Board of Directors. She has served as a Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH) representative and judge. Suzanne has been WATCH nominated multiple times as a director and performer. Locally Suzanne has been seen in a number of productions including *Steel Magnolias*, *Doubt*, *Enchanted April*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *How I Learned to Drive*, *Night Mother*, *The Rainmaker* and *The Trip to Bountiful*. She has also directed multiple productions locally including *The Children's Hour*, *Pippin*, *Hairspray*, *Annie*, *Oliver*, *Honk!*, *American Buffalo*, and *Vinegar Tom*.

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM**  
**September 29 - November 17**

**Register on**  
**Eventbrite**

For more information about the Theater Training Program, call the Arts Alliance office at (301) 392-5900 or email [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).



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 September [Newsletter](#) and visit [www.msac.org](http://www.msac.org).

Opportunity	Description	Date/Deadline	More Information
MSAC Programs	Learn how MSAC Programs Advance the Arts in Maryland	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.msac.org/programs">www.msac.org/programs</a>
MSAC Professional Development	Free Online Professional Development	Ongoing	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/o/maryland-state-arts-council-17190128438">https://www.eventbrite.com/o/maryland-state-arts-council-17190128438</a>

## Register today for the 2021 Virtual Regional Arts Summit!

Join MSAC on Thursday, September 23rd from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to kick off the 2021 Virtual Regional Arts Summit! At the kickoff, artists and arts organizations can convene with MSAC staff and arts professionals through sessions on reimagining your organization, presentations from our collaborators, and arts discipline-specific artmaking. Following the kickoff, there will be an Aesthetic Perspectives Salon Series that will highlight organizations across six regions of Maryland and the ways they are implementing the [aesthetic perspectives](#) framework.



## 2021 VIRTUAL REGIONAL ARTS SUMMIT

Thursday, September 23  
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



## Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

### Platinum Circle

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Richard and Penny Gold  
Sally Goldsmith  
Susannah & David Lynch  
Roy M. Maier & Jimmie Roberts  
John & Mary Lou Rutherford  
John & Lucy Snell  
Joshua and Mary Whitmore

### Individual

Paige Ackelson  
Debora Almasy  
Dr. Theresa Alo  
Donna Bailey  
Monika Faust Barilla  
David Boarman, II

Brent Bovell  
Justin Bowie  
Kim Bowie-Hendricks  
Destiny Brown  
Nicole Brown  
Johnathon Clinkscales  
Finn Coy-Gresgraves  
Melissa Hatcher  
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Sandi Middleton  
Nina Newton  
Nadira Nunez  
Donna Pyles-Robinson  
Nolan Solomon  
Frannie Ann Stoltzfus  
Beverly Taylor  
Monique Walker  
Kristy Wells

### Non-Profit Organization

African American Heritage Society  
of Charles County  
Charles County Fair, Inc.  
Charles County Public Library  
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society  
Friends of Chapman State Park  
Ivy and Pearls of Southern Maryland  
Community Charities  
Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors  
Life Journeys Writers' Guild  
Maryland Writers' Association - Charles  
County Chapter  
Mattawoman Creek Art Center  
Music Teachers Association of Charles  
County, Inc.  
National Association of American African  
Dance Teachers  
Neighborhood Creative Arts Center  
Port Tobacco Players  
Southern Maryland Carousel Group  
Southern Maryland Decorative Painters  
Upward Thrive Academy, Inc.

### Senior

Norma Baretincic  
Cindi Barnhart  
Susie Bender  
Judy Burch  
Rose Burroughs  
Carol Y. Charnock  
Martha Knight Clements  
Carol Corbett

Dorothy Crown  
M. Evelyn Dashiell  
Holly Dilatush  
Cecelia Dunay  
Patricia Duncan  
Nora Eicholtz  
Darlene Exum  
Donald Faust  
Geary Fisher  
Gwendolyn A. Fleming  
Joselle Gilpin  
Sally Marie Goldsmith  
Barbara Lord Graves  
Joyce Williams Graves  
William M. Graves  
Doris J. Hall  
Gary Hammack  
Patricia P. Harrington  
Carl Harris  
Renée Jefferson-Copeland  
Mary Ann Jenkins  
Gordon Ray Johnson  
Robert Kyle  
Carl Lancaster  
Addison Likins  
Beverlie J. Ludy  
Mary Mangino  
Janice McConnell  
Karen McIntyre  
Lew McIntyre  
Henry McPherson  
Constance E. Moore  
Chuck Morse  
Margaret S. Neal  
Janet Norton  
Marie C. Parham  
Shirley A. Perez  
Sandy Rohde  
Frank Roth  
Buddy Scott  
Kathryn Simkins  
Dorothea H. Smith  
Roger E. Smith  
Jill Smithson  
Evans Thorne  
Paul Toscano  
Carmella Watkins  
Chancy Wood  
Sandra Wood

### Youth

Sky Ann Hall  
Jaden Hendricks  
Joshua Owen

**We**  
  
**Our**  
**Members**



# CCAA Membership Form



Performing • Visual • Literary

*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
- \$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!

### 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 Organization – \$75
- ☐ Other (Donations) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐

*The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.*

*All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.*

☐ **Renewal**

☐ **New Member**

Name (exactly as you want it to appear in print):

Organization/Business (if applicable):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail

### Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ArtsFest Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Committee              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance/Audit Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Marketing Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events Committee               | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office Work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery Committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/IT Support         |

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# Master Calendar FY 2022

## 2021

Saturday, July 17, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm  
CCAA Summer Retreat  
Charles County Fairgrounds, Building A, La Plata

Saturday, August 14, 10:00 am – Noon  
CCAA Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Saturday, September 11, 10:00 am – Noon  
CCAA Board Meeting  
TBD

Thursday - Sunday, September 16 - 19  
Charles County Fair, P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building  
Charles County Fairgrounds, La Plata

Saturday, September 25, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Playwriting Workshop, #1  
United Way House, La Plata

Wednesday, September 29, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #1  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #2  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 am – Noon  
CCAA Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

Wednesday, October 13, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #3  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Saturday, October 16, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
ArtsFest 2021  
La Plata Town Hall, La Plata

Wednesday, October 20, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #4  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

## 2021 (con't)

Wednesday, October 27, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #5  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Wednesday, November 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Acting Classes, #6  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Saturday, November 13, 10:00 am – Noon  
CCAA Board Meeting  
TBD

Saturday, November 20, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Playwriting Workshop, #2  
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am – Noon  
CCAA Board Meeting  
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform

## 2022

Saturday, January 22, 10:00 am  
CCAA Winter Retreat  
TBD

February, TBD  
Maryland Arts Day  
TBD

Saturday, February 12, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Playwriting Workshop, #3  
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Playwriting Workshop, #4  
United Way House, La Plata

Saturday, April 23, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Directors Workshop  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Sunday, April 24, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
CCAA Theater Training Program - Directors Workshop  
Black Box Theater, Indian Head

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

# Arts Insider

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