

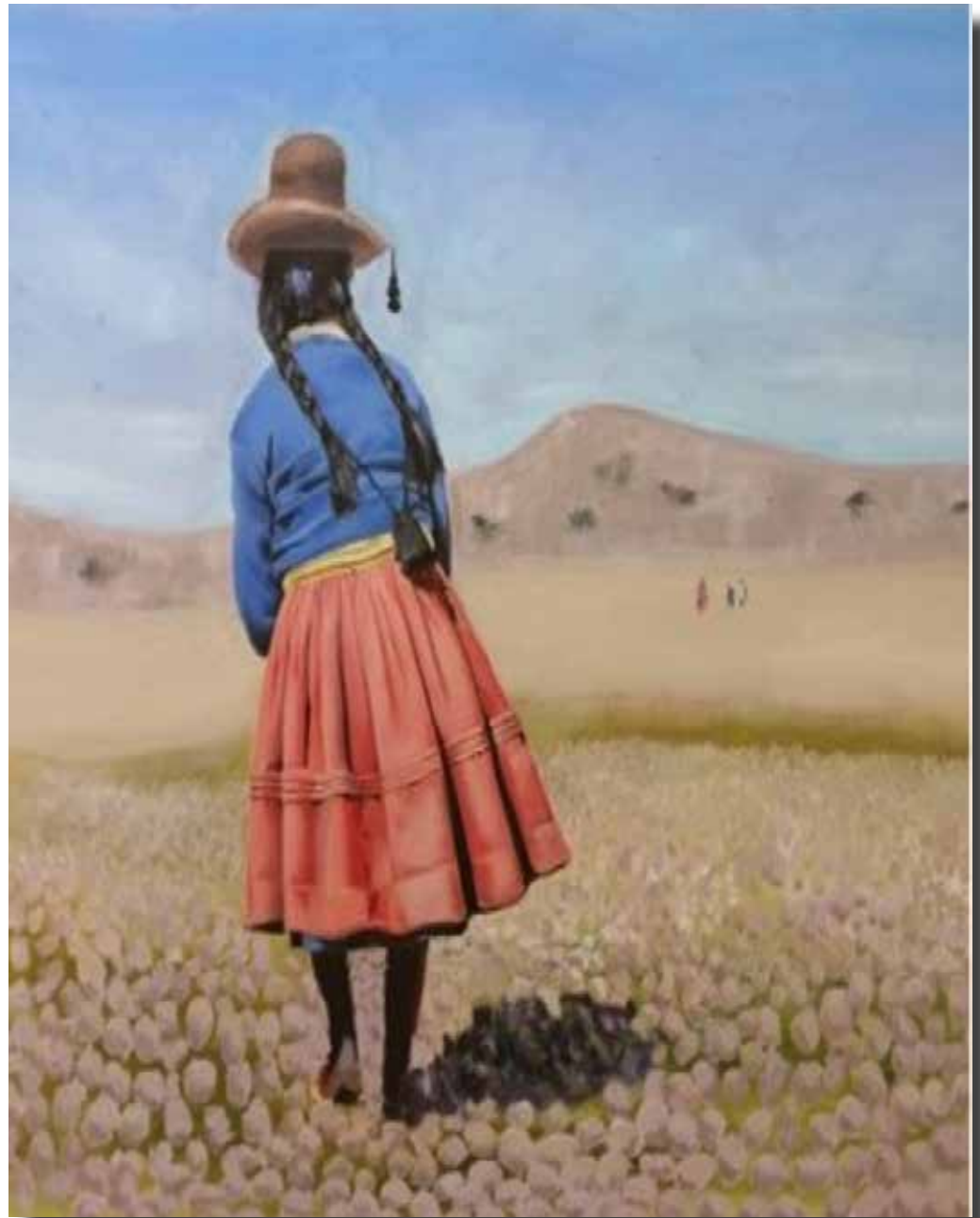


# APRIL 2021



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Artwork - *Stomping Potatoes*  
Oil on Canvas, 2018  
By CCAA Artist Amber Rabie

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## Dear CCAA Members and Friends,



Well, Spring has finally arrived, and the warm weather is headed our way, as well as many opportunities and projects that need to be accomplished. Two panels will be meeting to make decisions impacting the recognition of individuals participating in the arts.

The First panel to meet and deliberate will be the Scholarship Panel (Ron Brown, Chair) which will determine the recipients of a \$1,500 award towards their pursuit of higher education at the University level. These awards will be paid out in August 2021 directly to the receiving institutions once the selected students have been accepted and registered in their chosen programs. The Second panel, the Teacher of the Year Panel (Lew McIntyre, Chair) will convene to determine from fifteen candidates who will receive three awards, one each for High School, Middle School, and Elementary School. Those selected will receive a \$500 award for their personal use and an additional \$500 for supplies for their students' supplies and materials.

A process not used in many years, is the ballot election for the FY 22-23 Officers and Board of Directors for the CCAA.

As there are now two individuals running for Office of President, this method of election has become necessary since the Annual Membership Meeting will be held virtually. Using the model of the Port Tobacco Players, we will be accepting prepared hard copy ballots for the election of the Officers and Board of Directors. These ballots, bios of those running for positions, and return envelopes will be mailed to the membership between April 6 and 9 and must be returned by mail to our Election Coordinator, Cindi Barnhart, in the official return envelope, no later than May 1 to be counted. Results will be posted in the monthly Newsletter, May 5, and announced at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 15. Make sure that you return your marked ballot in the appropriate envelope in time for it to be counted.

Look ahead for news concerning our ArtsFest 2021 from committee chair, Cindy Johnson with important details and info, in the near future. Happy Spring to all of our members and organizations who promote and participate in the arts! 🍷

Sincerely,

*Robert*

Robert K. Rausch

President, Charles County Arts Alliance

## Charles County Arts Alliance Self-Nominations for Board of Directors

The self-nomination period for the CCAA Board of Directors is closed. The names below are candidates who also wish to be considered for an Executive or Director positions. These names were not included in the March 2021 Arts Insider. A full biography list of all the candidates will be provided when the ballots are sent this week.

### **Diane Rausch – Director (incumbent)**

- Member of Senior Executive Service (SES for the past 22 years at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, where she has worked for over 40 years in negotiating/managing international programs and directing NASA's external advisory committees.
- Co-Founder, Past President, and current Director of CCAA; Founder and Past President of Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation; Co-Founder and Past President of Southern Maryland Concert Band.
- Performed as a bassoonist for many years with Southern Maryland Concert Band and Moravian Music Festivals and as a chorister with numerous community choruses and church choirs, performed onstage with Tantallon Community Players, and in 1987 spearheaded Arts Vision 2020, a three-year grassroots community effort that produced the first ever Strategic Plan for All the Arts in Charles County, Maryland – covering music, visual art, drama, dance, and literature. Plus, a lifetime of arts projects and arts participation as an enthusiastic leader, team member, and supporter!

### **Finn Coy-Gresavage – President**

- Award-winning makeup artist, licensed esthetician, transgender diversity educator, and variety performer in Charles County, Washington DC, Baltimore, and Tokyo, Japan.
- Current Marketing Director for We Thr3e Queens Virtual Productions, Member in good standing of the Association of Skin Care Professionals and the CCAA (both under a former name).
- A lifetime of performing, makeup design, and stage crew experience at the College of Southern Maryland, St. Mary's College, Chesapeake Jazz Ensemble, Indian Head Center for the Arts, The British Players, Twisted Knickers Burlesque, Tokyo Closet Ball, and the largest woman-produced, woman-run variety showcase in Japan's history.

### **Joselle Gilpin – Director**


- Resident of La Plata, MD since 1996, Budget and Financial Manager and Analyst at Pax River (retired).
- Lifetime of creativity as a choir member in school and member of her Temple choir in Alexandria. "Theatre Mom" when her daughters were in La Plata High School theatre productions, Port Tobacco Players (PTP), and Hard Bargain Players. Serves on the Board of Directors and play-reading committee at PTP and directed and stage-managed five shows there.
- Avid quilter who spends quite a bit of time at the local quilt shop "Material Girls" who have been very generous in their donations of fabrics to PTP.

### **Robert Medley – Director**

- Retired military (Navy) and training analyst for the Department of Defense.
- Former member and current Chair of Life Journeys Writers Guild.
- "My role in and love for the literary arts, as well as my appreciation for all the arts, I believe puts me in a positive position to offer valuable input to CCAA to find ways to keep the arts on the front burner of our communities. One of the specific contributions I wish to make is to work to support CCAA's commitment of inclusion – not only in its ranks, but also making appreciation and participation in the arts accessible to all. This is especially due to the invaluable power the arts can play to relieve emotional stressors due to the Covid-19 Global Pandemic (and its inevitable aftermath)." 🌸

## CCAA's 2nd Fridays




On Friday, April 9 at 7:00 pm, CCAA 2nd Fridays celebrates Charles County's creative spirit with a multi-disciplinary Open Mic Night. We will look back on previous 2nd Friday sessions and present a few surprises. You don't want to miss this! Be sure to Subscribe to the [CCAA YouTube](#) channel (Charles County Arts Alliance) and click the bell  to receive notifications on all CCAA

Youtube content via email.

Did you miss last month's theater panel? Click [HERE](#) and catch guest panelists, Raymond "Austin" Gore, Jana Heyl, and Jeff Maher discuss, *The Show Must Go On*.

## ArtsFest 2021



The Charles County Arts Alliance's ArtsFest 2021 will be happening on October 16 this year! The event's location is still being determined, but possible sites include O'Donnell Lake in Waldorf, La Plata Town Hall, and the Indian Head Village Green. Registration for vendors will open within the next month – keep an eye out for it! 

## CCAA's 2nd Fridays - Special Edition The Southern Maryland Banjo Project April 22 at 7:00 pm



The Charles County Arts Alliance, in partnership with community members and partnering organizations, 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 by way of The Southern Maryland Banjo Project. 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.

On Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm, the CCAA will present a pre-recorded program of the project's inaugural event live on [YouTube](#). A panel of five distinguished players, scholars, and enthusiasts discussing the banjo's West African roots and its significant history in Charles County and the Chesapeake region.

### Guest Panelists:

*Kristina Gaddy* – Award-winning writer currently working on her next book, *Well of Souls: Music, Dance, Spirituality, and the Early Banjo*.

*Amadou Kouyate* – 150th generation of the Kouyate family of oral historians/musicians of West Africa. Adjunct Lecturer in African Music and Ethnomusicology at the University of MD and Montgomery College.

*Pete Ross* – Maker of historical reproduction gourd instruments, contemporary gourd banjos, and wooden rimmed banjos.

*David Woolldridge* – National Park Service - Appomattox Banjo Marker Project.

### Moderated by:

Professor Charles “Chuck” Perryman – College of Southern Maryland; thesis on African influences in Bluegrass. ♪



Chuck Perryman

Amadou Kouyate



Pete Ross

Kristina Gaddy



David Woolldridge



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

Opportunity	Description	Date/Deadline	More Information
MSAC Programs	Funding and Resources	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>
MSDE Fine Arts Office - Professional Learning	Maryland Center for Creative Classrooms	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.msdefinearts.org/about-mc3">www.msdefinearts.org/about-mc3</a>



**DETAILS COMING SOON!**

## Maryland Arts Awards

Friday, April 16, 2021

6:00 - 7:00 pm



Join MSAC as they honor and celebrate the artists, arts advocates, and arts leaders of Maryland! This is a virtual event with special performances and presentations to include:

- the Maryland State Arts Council's Heritage Awards winners
- the Independent Artist Award winners
- the Poetry Out Loud State Champion
- the Fine Arts Office of the Maryland State Department of Education's Arts Educators of the Year in music, dance, and visual art
- the Maryland Citizens for the Arts' Elected Official Award
- the Arts Education in Maryland Schools Arts Education Advocacy Award

Click [HERE](#) to Register to attend 🎨

## Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!

### Platinum Circle

Diane Rausch  
Robert K. Rausch

### Corporate

Community Bank of the  
Chesapeake

### Gold Circle

Ron & Marti Brown  
Andy & Jessica Dixon  
Bert & Emily Ferren  
Chris & Kate Zabriskie

### Silver Circle

Roy & Kathy Jenkins  
Gale Kladitis  
Stephen & Linda Dent Mitchell

### Arts Patron

Edward L. Sanders Insurance  
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### Arts Sponsor

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Gina & George Durgin  
Keith Linville  
Nancy Owens  
Don & Dianne Shisler

### Arts Activist

Denise Bauman  
Lorina Harris  
Cynthia & Zeke Johnson  
Robert Medley

### Family

Amy Blessinger  
Burkey & Margaret Boggs  
Suzanne & William Cassidy  
Richard & Margery Coppola  
Arthur & Rosalind Ellis  
Ellen Flowers-Fields  
Richard and Penny Gold  
Sally Goldsmith  
Dana Sue Lateulere  
Susannah & David Lynch  
Roy M. Maier & Jimmie  
Roberts  
Henry McPherson  
John & Lucy Snell  
Joshua and Mary Whitmore

### Individual

Paige Ackelson  
Debora Almassy

Dr. Theresa Alo  
Monika Faust Barilla  
Brent Bovell  
Justin Bowie  
Kim Bowie-Hendricks  
Alison Brooks  
Destiny Brown  
Nicole Brown  
Draya Bryant  
Johnathon Clinkscales  
Finn Coy-Gresgraves  
Michelle Evans  
Melissa Hatcher  
Olga Herrera  
Barbara Hufford  
Rebecca L. Hutchinson  
Angelica Jackson  
Linda Jones  
Dianne E. Lyon  
Kristi Machermer  
Vicki L. Marckel  
Ivette Marcucci  
Julie A. Meisel  
Nadira Nunez  
Donna Pyles-Robinson  
Nolan Solomon  
Beverly Taylor  
Monique Walker

### 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.  
Neighborhood Creative Arts  
Center  
Port Tobacco Players  
Southern Maryland Carousel  
Group  
Southern Maryland Decorative  
Painters

### Senior

Ruth Bailey  
Norma Baretincic  
Cindi Barnhart  
Susie Bender  
Judy Burch  
Rose Burroughs  
Carol Y. Charnock

Martha Knight Clements  
Carol Corbett  
Dorothy Crown  
Holly Dilatush  
Patricia Duncan  
Nora Eicholtz  
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  
Sally Hopp  
Arnold Hurley  
Renée Jefferson-Copeland  
Mary Ann Jenkins  
Gordon Ray Johnson  
Mary Kercher  
Robert Kyle  
Carl Lancaster  
Addison Likins  
Beverlie J. Ludy  
Mary Mangino  
Janice McConnell  
Karen McIntyre  
Lew McIntyre  
Connie Miller  
Constance E. Moore  
Chuck Morse  
Margaret S. Neal  
Mary Jo O'Neil  
Kathleen Noel  
Janet Norton  
Marie C. Parham  
Shirley A. Perez  
Sandy Rohde  
Frank Roth  
Buddy Scott  
Kathryn Simkins  
Dorothea H. Smith  
Roger E. Smith  
Jill Smithson  
Nancy Swenson  
Evans Thorne  
Paul Toscano  
Ernestine Ware  
Reginald Ware  
Carmella Watkins  
Chancy Wood  
Sandra Wood

### Youth

Ja'Leana Graves  
Sky Ann Hall  
Jaden Hendricks  
Joshua Owen

We  
  
Our  
Members



# 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
- \$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 – \$250
- Silver Circle – \$150
- Arts Patron – \$125
- Arts Sponsor – \$100
- Arts Activist – \$75
- Family – \$50
- Individual – \$30
- Senior (60+) – \$20
- Youth (under 18) – \$10

### Business & Nonprofit:

- Corporate – \$500
- Business – \$250
- Nonprofit Organization – \$75
- Other (Donations) \_\_\_\_\_
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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.*

- 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 2021**

## 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  
CCAA 2nd Fridays - Music, *Special Guest: Carly Harvey*  
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  
Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable  
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

## 2021 (con't)

- 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  
Theatre Directors Interactive Roundtable - Vol. 2  
Virtual Meeting - Zoom Platform
- Friday, April 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
CCAA 2nd Fridays - Open Mic, Mixed Disciplines  
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

Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.

# Arts Insider

## Board of Directors

**Robert K. Rausch** – *President*

**Cindy Johnson** – *Vice President*

**Ronald G. Brown** – *Secretary/Treasurer*

**Gale S. Kladitis** – *Past President*

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**Barbara Lord Graves** – *Director*

**Bill Graves** – *Director*

**Angelica Jackson** – *Director*

**Keith Linville** – *Director*

**Lew McIntyre** – *Director*

**Diane Rausch** – *Director*

**Cindi Barnhart** – *Honorary Board Member*

**Monique Walker** – *Administrative Director*

**Mary Whitmore** – *Administrative Specialist*

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