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

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 News

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:


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 Woolridge – 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 Woolridge
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.

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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 📲
Platinum Circle
Diane Rausch
Robert K. Rausch

Corporate
Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Gold Circle
Ron & Marti Brown
Andy & Jessica Dixon
Brett & Emily Ferren
Chris & Kate Zabriskie

Silver Circle
Roy & Kathy Jenkins
Gale Kladitis
Stephen & Linda Dent Mitchell

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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 Bobell
Justin Bowie
Kim Bowie–Hendricks
Alison Brooks
Destiny Brown
Nicole Brown
Draya Bryant
Johnathon Clinkscales
Finn Cuy–Gresgrav
Michelle Evans
Melissa Hatcher
Olga Herrera
Barbara Hufford
Rebecca L. Hutchinson
Angelica Jackson
Linda Jones
Dianne E. Lyon
Kristi Machemer
Vicki L. Marchel
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 Pears of Southern Maryland Community Charities
Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors
Lile 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 Barettinc
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. Judy
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

Thanks CCAA Members for Your Support!
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.

**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) __________

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

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

**Want to volunteer? We’d love the help!**

- □ ArtsFest Committee
- □ Budget/Finance/Audit Committee
- □ Scholarship Committee
- □ Events Committee
- □ Gallery Committee
- □ Grant Committee
- □ Membership Committee
- □ Outreach/Marketing Committee
- □ Administrative/Office Work
- □ Technical/IT Support

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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!
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, 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
Johnathon Clinkscales – Director
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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