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"Spring Warbler" by Sue and Bill Cassidy

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Dear CCAA Members and Friends,

Spring has sprung, and the cherry blossoms are in full bloom! After a long, cold winter, we finally made it!

The CCAA is in full bloom as well, with many exciting activities underway:

- Prepping for our CCAA booth at Celebrate La Plata Day on April 26.
- Planning for our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Reception on May 4.
- Presenting (in this newsletter) the proposed slate of self-nominations for our upcoming elections for the new CCAA Board of Directors on May 4.
- Presenting the winners of our annual CCAA Arts Scholarships on May 4.
- Presenting our CCAA annual countywide arts festival, ArtsFest 2025, on June 14.
- Preparing our CCAA reports for current-year grants, and applications for next-year grants.

Whew! All this, and keeping our day-to-day "CCAA trains" running on time - with our weekly Arts Newsflash, monthly Arts Insider newsletter, monthly Board meetings, and so much more . . .

Thank you, our CCAA members, for your continuing strong support of our organization. We deeply appreciate it.

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming Celebrate La Plata Day in April, our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Reception in May, and our ArtsFest 2025 in June!

Warm regards,



Diane Rausch
CCAA Acting President



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The clock is ticking . . . our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting and Reception is coming soon! It will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 4, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 pm, at the Old Waldorf School in Waldorf.

Please mark your calendars for a very relaxing and informative gathering with your fellow CCAA members and friends. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

We will have a great time together reconnecting, networking, conducting our CCAA annual business, and enjoying some wonderful arts presentations by our CCAA scholarship recipients this year. Plus having some great refreshments, of course!

Our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting will consist of brief Annual Reports by members of our Board of Directors. It will be followed by Elections for our new Board of Directors for the next two-year term, FY 2026 - 2027 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027). The proposed slate of self-nominations for our new Board of Directors is as follows:

Officers:

- Diane Rausch – President

Directors:

- Ann E. Benbow, Ph.D. – Director
- Joselle Gilpin – Director
- Dr. Osman Kivrak – Director
- Lew McIntyre – Director
- Robert G. Medley, Sr. – Director

Please click [HERE](#) to review these self-nominations. A reminder that voting is restricted to CCAA current members (i.e., annual dues paid). Family, Business and Nonprofit Organization members have one (1) vote.

The highlight of our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting will be introducing the eight (8) highly talented scholarship recipients of our CCAA Arts Scholarships for FY 2025, and enjoying their individual arts presentations. They are an amazing group of high school seniors that will be pursuing majors in the performing, visual and literary arts at four-year colleges next year. You will be impressed!

Please be on the lookout for our upcoming "personal invitation" to attend our CCAA Annual Membership Meeting and Reception on Sunday, May 4. We hope to see you there!

CCAA Newest Galleries! Jaden Hendricks

Emerging Artist & Scholarship Recipient

Jaden Hendricks is a junior at Bowie State University, majoring in Art and a proud recipient of a scholarship from the Charles County Arts Alliance. Born in December 2003 at Walter Reed Bethesda Hospital, Jaden has been passionate about art from a young age. While most children his age were content with coloring, he began drawing detailed pictures of animals at just four years old. Over the years, his talent has grown into an impressive ability to recreate images with precision.

Jaden's artwork has received multiple accolades, including 1st place awards at the Frederick County Fair, Charles County Fair, and Champion at the Montgomery County Fair. His work has been displayed at notable venues such as the Lexington Park Library, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Walter Reed Medical Center, the Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Bowie City Hall, and an exhibit honoring legendary singer Dionne Warwick. His art has even been used by doctors at Walter Reed to support the healing process for cancer patients.

Beyond competitions and exhibitions, Jaden has a passion for using his art to uplift others. He has created artwork as get-well gestures for the ill and participated in community projects, including painting a mural for a local community center and engaging younger generations at arts festivals. His recent design, J's Petal People, was copyrighted by the Library of Congress, and his piece He Did It reached the final round of a scholarship competition with the Gallery Collection Card Company. Jaden's work has also been featured online by Gallery 4% in San Francisco, California.

A dedicated member of the Charles County Arts Alliance since third grade, Jaden continues to explore new artistic opportunities. He was recently invited to instruct a Sip & Paint event for a nonprofit organization, further expanding his impact as an artist. With his remarkable talent, passion, and drive, Jaden's artistic journey is just beginning. Stay tuned for what's next from this rising star!



CCAA Newest Galleries! Nancy Owens

Nancy Owens, a La Plata, MD native and graduate of La Plata High School, discovered a passion for the arts after retiring in 1990 from the Navy base in Indian Head. She initially explored quilting and machine embroidery design for ten years before transitioning to painting. Through classes with local groups and national organizations, she developed her skills in oils, acrylics, watercolor, and pen and ink.

One of her most notable artistic achievements was having a Christmas ornament selected for the 2004 White House Christmas tree, followed by an invitation to the dedication reception in the Blue Room. The following year, she painted an ornament for the Library of Congress Christmas tree, representing the state of Maryland, and later contributed a piece inspired by Romaine Brooks' *La Baronne Emile D'Erlanger* (ca. 1924) for The Renwick Gallery's Holiday Tree.



Nancy Owens has received numerous awards, including multiple Best of Show honors at the Charles County Fair and the Richard R. Clark Senior Center. She is an active member of the Charles County Arts Alliance Gallery Committee, Southern Maryland Decorative Painters, and the Mattawoman Creek Art Center's Artist Advisory Committee. Additionally, she serves as the Workshop Coordinator at MCAC and is a member of the Colonial Beach Art Guild.

Currently, she focuses exclusively on fine art, primarily working with oils. For inquiries, she can be contacted at nancypaints@verizon.net.

The Countdown to ArtsFest 2025 is On!

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Only three months to go until our highly anticipated ArtsFest on Saturday, June 14, 2025, and excitement is building! We've been working hard to make this year's festival even bigger and better than last year's, and preparations are in full swing. Keep an eye out for signs going up in May.

We need YOU, our amazing CCAA members, to help make this event a success. Encourage your friends, family, and colleagues to register for a vendor space at our [website](#) and get involved in the fun. ArtsFest is a team effort, and we're counting on your support to create an unforgettable experience for everyone.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14, in Indian Head! Our event is free and runs from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Join us for a day of creativity, community, and celebration. Whether you're attending with loved ones or friends, your presence will help make this year's festival truly special.

The more people we bring together, the stronger we can make ArtsFest for years to come. Let's make this one unforgettable! See you in June!

Written by Mackenzie Coulby





CSM Nonprofit Institute - Annual Conference April 10

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) is holding its 15th Annual Nonprofit Institute Conference next week, on April 10th! This annual event will offer a full day of learning, networking, and knowledge sharing, featuring a keynote speaker and breakout sessions. Participants will gain valuable insights and practical tools to help organizations thrive in the dynamic nonprofit sector. For more information, visit the CSM website [here](#).

In addition, CSM's Nonprofit Institute provides a range of programs designed to support the unique needs of nonprofit organizations, including:

- Executive Director Network Meetings – An opportunity for nonprofit leaders to discuss operational challenges and share strategies for success.
- Monthly Nonprofit Community Calls – A space for professionals to connect, share information, and collaborate on best practices.
- Affinity Groups – Networking opportunities for those focused on specific areas such as fundraising, volunteer coordination, and marketing.
- Professional Development Classes – Equipping nonprofit professionals with the skills needed to succeed in areas like leadership, strategic planning, fundraising, and more.

Through regular communications, including a resource-packed monthly e-newsletter, CSM ensures its members stay updated on the latest trends, tools, and opportunities in the nonprofit sector, helping organizations build stronger boards, expand outreach, and achieve financial growth.

Written by Mackenzie Coulby



MSAC Upcoming Grant Opportunities - Professional Development Opportunity Grant

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The Professional Development Opportunity Grant program plays a crucial role in fostering growth and learning for artists and arts organizations across Maryland. By providing financial support, this program encourages the implementation of best practices that contribute to the economic sustainability of the arts community. The grant program aims to support the professional development of artists and organizations, ensuring that they can continue to thrive and evolve in a constantly changing environment. The FY25 application is currently open through April 30, 2025.



To be eligible for the Professional Development Opportunity Grant, applicants must be either an independent artist or a Maryland-incorporated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been in operation for at least one year. Local government units, Maryland colleges or universities, and schools may also apply. Additionally, organizations applying through fiscal sponsorships can be considered for funding if they meet the requirements of a Model A sponsorship. In this arrangement, the assets, liabilities, and activities of the project are housed within the fiscal sponsor, providing the necessary structure for grant eligibility. Applicants must also identify a specific professional development opportunity that will occur within the grant's application time frame.

Applicants are advised to carefully review the program's guidelines for detailed eligibility requirements. It is essential that the opportunity selected for professional development is relevant, meaningful, and aligned with the goals of the grant. Furthermore, applicants should be aware that application forms in SmartSimple have been updated for FY25. Any previous drafts will not be accepted, as the application ID must begin with '2025.' Those submitting applications should create a new FY25 application by selecting the "Opportunities" menu in their SmartSimple account to ensure they are using the correct forms.

For those interested in applying, it is important to review the full FY25 Grant Guidelines before submitting an application. By supporting the professional development of artists and arts organizations, the Professional Development Opportunity Grant contributes to the broader goal of maintaining a vibrant, sustainable arts community throughout Maryland. This funding opportunity encourages applicants to embrace growth and discovery as part of their ongoing efforts to strengthen their practices and further their impact in the arts.

For more information, visit the Maryland State Arts Council website [here](#)

Written by Mackenzie Coulby

Maryland Nonprofits - Mission, Vision and Values



The Maryland Nonprofits organization is dedicated to strengthening organizations in order to improve the quality of life and promote equity across communities. With a clear mission, the organization seeks to empower nonprofits to achieve greater impact and build lasting change. Through strategic support and advocacy, Maryland Nonprofits aims to ensure that these organizations have the tools and resources they need to thrive, benefiting the broader community they serve.

The vision of Maryland Nonprofits is rooted in the belief that nonprofits possess both the power and capacity to advance vibrant, connected, and equitable communities. By fostering collaboration and shared knowledge, Maryland Nonprofits helps create an environment where these organizations can flourish and sustain positive change. This vision is foundational to the organization's commitment to building communities that are not only inclusive but also resilient and forward-thinking.

At the heart of Maryland Nonprofits' values are equity, belonging, ethics, accountability, creativity, curiosity, boldness, and courage. These guiding principles ensure that the organization stays focused on driving real change. With a strong belief in the importance of diverse perspectives and practices, Maryland Nonprofits strives to create an environment where all voices are heard and where innovation and accountability lead to transformative progress within the nonprofit sector.

Maryland Nonprofits has set ambitious goals to support the sector's growth. As a leading voice for the nonprofit community, the organization advocates for equitable outcomes and long-term sustainability. By balancing diversity in revenue streams, aligning organizational culture with strategic priorities, and fostering an inclusive environment, Maryland Nonprofits continues to drive systemic change. The organization's commitment to equity ensures that it works to dismantle systems of oppression, providing resources and opportunities for those who are most affected by inequality so they may thrive and achieve a higher quality of life.

Written by Mackenzie Coulby

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

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- Lorretta J. Hopkins
- Diane Rausch
- Clarissa Stroud

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- Gabriel Gallagher

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- Business Training Works, Inc.

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- African American Heritage Society of Charles County
- Charles County Board of Education
- Charles County Public Library
- Charles County Public Schools
- Charles County Youth Orchestra
- Charles County Fair
- Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- Friends of Old Waldorf School
- Lew & Karen McIntyre, Authors
- Life Journeys Writers Guild
- Maryland Writers Association
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center
- Music Teachers Association of Charles County
- National Association of American African Dance Teachers
- Neighborhood Creative Arts Center
- Opening Night Productions
- Phoenix International School
- Port Tobacco Players
- Southern Maryland Concert Band
- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

FAMILY

- Burkey & Margaret Boggs
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- Ricky & Ellen Flowers-Fields
- Laurie & Joe Fialkowski
- Cindy Johnson
- Gale Kladitis
- Barbara McCarthy
- John & Mary Lou Rutherford
- John & Lucy Snell
- Pamela Vincent
- Chancy & Sandra Wood

INDIVIDUAL

- Monika Barilla
- Stephanie Berry
- Brooke-Lynn Chapman
- Mary Evelyn Dashiell
- Alexandria Gonzalez
- Alicia Hancock
- Jaden Hendricks
- Barbara Hufford
- Kenneth Jameson
- Dimitri Nassar
- Deirdre Pender
- Thomas Savoy
- Beverly Taylor
- Cathy Thompson



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

SENIOR

- Susie Bender
- Thea Bradley
- Claire Brooks
- Rose Burroughs
- Cheri Burch
- Carol Y. Charnock
- Carol Corbett
- Jerri Corbett
- Joan Creighton
- Dorothy Crown
- Holly Dilatush
- Chris Dudley
- Cecelia Dunay
- Patricia Duncan
- Gwendolyn A. Fleming
- Florence Foster
- Richard Gilpin
- Joselle Gilpin
- Richard Gold
- Penelope Gold
- Sally Marie Goldsmith
- Doris Hall
- Sharon Hanley
- Billie Harley
- Ruth Hein
- Elvernetta Henderson
- Renee Jefferson-Copeland
- William Jones
- Robert Kyle

SENIOR (cont'd)

- Carlyle Lancaster
- Dorothy Lancaster
- Beverlie J. Ludy
- Mary Mangino
- Ivette Marcucci
- Karen McIntyre
- Lew McIntyre
- Henry McPherson
- Robert Medley
- Julie Anne Meisel
- Connie Miller
- Dara Mills
- Kathleen Noel
- Marie C. Parham
- Shirley Ann Perez
- Joyce Reid
- Sandy Rohde
- Ann Cameron Siegal
- Dorothea H. Smith
- Jill Smithson
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- Richard Thompson
- Evans Thorne
- Paul Toscano
- Zsuzsanna Volkman
- 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) _____ ☐

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

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

☐ 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

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Master Calendar - FY 2025

JANUARY

- 18** CCAA Board Winter Retreat
- 31** CCAA Scholarship Applications Due

FEBRUARY

- 22** CCAA Scholarship Panel Meeting
- 22** CCAA Board Meeting

MARCH

- 1** ArtsFest 2025 Regular Registration Open
- 15** CCAA Board Meeting

APRIL

- 25** CCAA Board Meeting
- 26** CCAA at Celebrate La Plata Day

MAY

- 4** CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Scholarship Reception
- 17** CCAA Board Meeting
- 30** ArtsFest 2025 Registration Closes

JUNE

- 12** CCAA Board Meeting and ArtsFest 2025 Final Walk-Thru at Indian Head
- 14** ArtsFest 2025 in Indian Head

CCAA SPONSORS

