Welcome!

You are receiving this newsletter as a member or friend of The Rappahannock Association for the Arts and the Community. This is RAAC's first newsletter where you can read all about our current activities and what's on our schedule. So, have your personal calendars ready for updates as you read below. And please use the link at the bottom of the page to share this newsletter with your friends.

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Joanne Hilty, President, RAAC



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RAAC's activities and upcoming events

In progress. Photography classes for Rappahannock students, sponsored by RAAC's Mitchell Fund

May 8. Special Second Friday at the Library Series.

Speaker Ahmed Moustafa

May 10. Second Friday at the Library Series. Speaker Mary-Sherman Willis

May 17 & 18. RAAC Community Theatre presents "Uncle Vanya" by Anton Chekov

May 19. RAAC Community Theatre information meeting for prospective volunteer stage managers

May 21. Rappahannock Library, 5-7 pm, Mitchell Fund students' photography exhibit

Jun 7. RAAC Film Series. "Lincoln"

Nov 2 & 3. Ninth Annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour



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Mitchell Fund sponsors photography workshops

The second photography workshop sponsored by the Mitchell Fund is presently being conducted at the elementary school and concludes on May 8. The two art teachers from the schools selected 10 students for each workshop for one-on-one instruction from the Old Rag Photography Gallery instructors Ray Boc, Joyce Harman, and Francie Schroeder. The students have learned a great deal, each has great photos, and they have all engaged in critique discussions.

The public is invited to the Rappahannock Library on May 21 from 5-7 pm to see what the students have accomplished. The two best photos from each student

will be exhibited along with photos from the earlier workshop with the high school students.

This has been a very successful outreach through the RAAC Mitchell Fund. Learn more about the Mitchell Fund by clicking **here**.

Second Friday at the Library speaker series

May 8, Wednesday, 8 pm, Special Lecture.

Egyptian calligraphic artist Ahmed Moustafa, an international authority on Arabic art and design, will discuss his art, which evolved through an innovative fusion of his skill as a painter and a master Islamic scribe.

May 10, Friday, 8 pm. Poet and Rappahannock resident Mary-Sherman Willis will and read from her gripping and stark new book-length poem, *Caveboy*. It chronicles a mother's search for her roaming teenage son by following his graffiti tag.



For more information about the speakers, visit RAAC's Second Friday at the Library webpage by clicking **here**.



RAAC Community Theatre presents "Uncle Vanya" by Anton Chekhov

When: Two performances: Fri., May 17 & Sat., May 18

Where: 310 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Time: 8 pm Tickets: \$15

Reservations, payments, and more information about the performance: Visit RAAC's Community Theatre webpage by clicking here or call 540-675-3193

(leave message).

The theatre is seeking stage managers. Interested in working with the RAAC Theatre as a stage manager for future productions? If so, you are invited to attend an information session on May 19, 2013, 2-3 pm, at the RAAC Community Theatre (address above). Members of the theatre will talk about the upcoming season and production needs. Coming to this session does not commit you to anything. You can contact Patty Hardee at 540-675-2506 or pahardee@gmail.com.

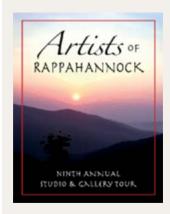
RAAC Film Series, June 7, 8 pm, "Lincoln"

RAAC completes its Winter-Spring season with the highly acclaimed film "Lincoln". Winner for Best Actor in a



Leading Role, Daniel Day-Lewis as Lincoln gives perhaps the best performance of his career. Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field also star in this Spielberg film on the Civil War, which was filmed completely in Virginia. The movie will will show at the Theatre at Washington, 291 Gay Street, Washington, VA. Admission is \$6.

For more information, visit RAAC's movie webpage by clicking **here**.



Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour set for November 2 & 3

This year's tour, our ninth annual, will feature 23 open artist's studios and 8 galleries. This event presents a rare opportunity to visit and talk with artists in their working studios, with additional artists available in the galleries. The tour begins in the Fire Hall Gallery, where representative works of art will be available for purchase as well as at the other venues. Visiting all the galleries and studios could easily take two days.

In addition to general information about the event, the tour's website (**Link**) will show examples of each studio's and gallery's artworks. Webpages for individual artists will be added over the summer, so check back often.

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