

RAAC Newsletter September 2016



Hello friends!

I hope you've had a great summer and successfully dodged the waves of thunderstorms rolling through Rappahannock. RAAC has been taking advantage of the otherwise languid summer days to get ready for the fall with new arts programming. Please take a look below, because you'll want to save the dates for upcoming movies, library talks, theater performances, RAAC Members' Picnic, and our annual Art Tour.

Heads up: First Friday at the Movies begins on Sep 2 (before Labor Day) - don't miss "The Lady in the Van" starring Maggie Smith! It's followed quickly by the Second Friday at the Library talk that will feature Fred Catlin, Executive Director, Rappahannock's Child Care & Learning Center.

RAAC Members' Picnic, our annual membership party, will be held on Sunday, Oct 16, 3-5pm, at the public park across from the Town of Washington. There'll be great music and BBQ, and an opportunity to chat with neighbors and take care of some RAAC membership business. Please save the date!

As you'll read below, 2016 recipients of RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund are already putting their grants to work. You'll also notice in Art Beat and First Friday at the Movies that RAAC, along with Little Washington Theatre, are supporting excellent movies that are not part of our regular movie series but presented by other local nonprofits .

Another way to enjoy and explore the arts is by taking classes and learning from others. RappU brings teachers and learners together right here in Rappahannock! Registration is underway for a variety of short classes held in September and October. To see a listing of classes and register, visit the [RappU website](#). In addition to the arts, topics range from agriculture to history, geology, fishing, bridge, writing, and more. What a great opportunity!

Finally, if you haven't already, I encourage you to become a sponsor of this year's Art Tour - the big event on Nov 5 & 6 that showcases our local artists. Details are in the letter you received in July and can be found [here](#). By the way, net proceeds from the Art Tour are channeled back into the community.

Cheers!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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First Friday at the Movies
"The Lady in the Van"

Fri, Sep 2, 8pm, \$6
Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, Jim Broadbent
Director Nicholas Hytner
Writer Alan Bennett
Biography, comedy, drama; 104 minutes
Rated PG-13
Awards: Maggie Smith nominated for Golden Globe for Best Actress

Playwright Alan Bennett (played by Alex Jennings) forms an unexpected bond with Miss Shepherd (Maggie Smith), a woman of uncertain origins who "temporarily" parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years. The movie is director Nicholas Hytner's screen adaption of Alan Bennett's play, in which Maggie Smith also starred.

From a review by Martin Bradley in imdb.com:

. . . Like all the best English comedies, the humor in "The Lady in the Van" is founded on character and in eccentricity, but then we should expect nothing less from the pen of the great Alan Bennett. This is mostly a true story we are told and it's the story of a very eccentric lady and one, or is it two, quite eccentric men. The lady is Mary, or is it Margaret, Shepherd who might be considered homeless were it not for the van she lives in. The somewhat eccentric man is Bennett himself. I said two because in this case we get two Bennetts for the price of one, Alan the writer and Alan the householder and they are both played by Alex Jennings.

Miss Shepherd really existed and she's the lady who, at Bennett's request, moved her van from the street outside his house, where she had parked it, into his driveway.

These upcoming films will be shown at
Little Washington Theatre:

Oct 7: "Spotlight" This screening and post-movie Q&A is co-hosted by RAAC and the Foothills Forum. It features former Washington Post ombudsman Andy Alexander as moderator and Washington Post Executive Editor Martin Baron, who was the Boston Globe editor responsible for launching the initial investigation of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church in the Boston area.

Oct 23: "Old Friends" Sponsored by Rapp-at-Home, tickets are free; donations are happily accepted. This film is a bittersweet portrayal of falling in love, getting older, trauma, and finding happiness. RAAC-supported.

Nov 4: "Rosenwald" This documentary screening is co-hosted by RAAC, the Scrabble School Preservation Foundation, and the Rappahannock Historical Society. After the movie a Q&A will be held with Stephanie Deutsch, the historian and author who appears in the film.

[Click to visit RAAC's First Friday at the Movies webpage.](#)



Second Friday at the Library
Fred Catlin
Executive Director, Rappahannock's Child Care & Learning Center

Fri, Sep 9, 8pm, Rappahannock County Library
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747

This fall's first speaker is Fred Catlin, who, over the years, has worked with children from age two through college. He will give us an informal overview of how people learn and how young minds develop. His talk is titled "The Care and Handling of a Child: A Human's Development from Preschool Through Adolescence." Less formally, Catlin says, the topic is "How to Cope with Your Child or Grandchild."

Catlin is a renowned speaker with years of experience and anecdotes to draw on. He will pass along his hard-won insights into that strange and daunting landscape, the developing mind.

For more information about the speaker, [click here](#).

The talk is free. All are welcome.

The October 14 Second Friday speaker is Rob Cary, author of "Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens."

[Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday at the Library webpage.](#)



RAAC Members' Picnic

Sunday, Oct 16, 3pm t 5pm

Our annual gathering will be held at the lovely public park across from the Town of Washington. Join fellow RAAC supporters in celebrating the fall season, catching up with friends, conducting some RAAC business, enjoying some great country music courtesy of Somewhere Tonight, and feasting on Etlan's finest BBQ. What's not to like?

[Click to visit RAAC's website.](#)



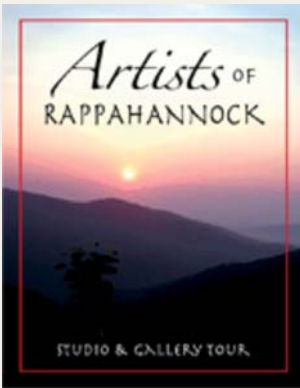
**"No Ordinary Person"
RAAC Community Theatre**

**Fri, Oct 28, at 8pm
Sat, Oct 29, at 8pm
310 Gay St
Washington, VA 22747**

Save the dates! The ever-popular "No Ordinary Person" show is scheduled for Friday, Oct 28 and Saturday, Oct 29. This year's autobiographical storytellers will include Dick Raines, Joyce Abell, Paul Smith, and more.

Tickets go on sale at a later date.

[Click to visit RAAC's Community Theatre webpage.](#)



**Artists of Rappahannock
Studio & Gallery Tour**

**Save the dates!
Sat-Sun, Nov 5 & 6**

The 12th annual Art Tour will be held on Nov 5 & 6 from 10am to 5pm. There will be more art than ever to delight the eye and new locations to explore. Ninety artists will be showing in 23 studios and 9 galleries throughout the county. The Art Tour Headquarters and Main Gallery are located at the same venue as last year, Washington School, 567 Mt. Salem Ave, Washington, VA.

A wide variety of art will be on display both at the Main Gallery and the individual studios and galleries, including paintings, sculpture, ironwork, fine wood furniture, photography, ceramics, jewelry, etched prints, fine book binding, and fiber art. For a \$10 admission fee, you will be provided a detailed map to direct you to the artists you want to visit on your self-guided tour through the scenic landscape.

We are reaching out to art appreciators and countryside adventurers both near and throughout the DC Metro area. The Tour promises to be a banner year for this great community event, and you won't want to miss sharing the enjoyment with friends and family.

[Click to visit RAAC's Art Tour webpages.](#)

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**Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund
2016 grantee updates**

Summer doings

A number of 2016 Mitchell Fund grantees launched their creative enterprises this summer, funded by grants from RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund.

1. Maeve Ciuba sponsored for Broadway Bootcamp

RAAC Community Theatre veteran, 11-year-old Maeve Ciuba, attended a 3-week Broadway Bootcamp at Allegro Community School of the Arts in Warrenton and appeared as a hilarious monkey in the camp's production of "The Jungle Book."

Maeve was *featured* Aug 11 on the front page of the Rappahannock News.

Photos:

*At left, top: Maeve with Mitchell Fund liaison Betsy Hille
Bottom: Maeve in "Jungle Book" costume.*





2. Flourish Root's floral-arts workshop for kids

Flourish Root's Jen Perrot and photographer Molly Pedersen offered 2 days of children's floral-arts workshops for 8 to 12 year-olds in July. The kids gathered, arranged, and photographed local flowers and foliage.

Premiered at a Sunday, Aug 28 opening and reception, the exhibit of the kids' framed work will be on display through the month of September at Before & After in Sperryville.

Photos:

At left, top: Children at the workshop.

Bottom: Boy with his floral design.



3. GoodLife Theater family event

GoodLife Theater's Joe Pipik and Jeannie Wall put on a free 2-day event in July for Rappahannock families - an original puppet show called "Berry Tales".

The event also included the audience picking blueberries on the Slate Mills property. The harvest yielded 126.5 pounds of blueberries for the Rappahannock Food Pantry!

GoodLife then went on the road to perform the new show 90+ more times at libraries, summer camps, and parks.

Photos:

At left, top: puppet show

Bottom: Jeannie Wall





4. Hearthstone School campers

Summer arts and crafts campers at Hearthstone School wove baskets, made star beeswax candles, dyed costumes with plants, and performed "Wild Things" with camp directors Kitty Keyser and Janet Kerig.

Photos:

At left, top, at the camp

Bottom, child with beeswax candles



5. Pete Pazmino attends writers' conference

Pete Pazmino attended the prestigious Sewanee Writers' Conference as a Tennessee Williams Scholar for 2 weeks in July.

"Able County", Pete's novel, was "born" at Johns Hopkins in 2005, nurtured at Sewanee in 2008, and given a boost into maturity by RAAC two years ago when he completed a residency at Virginia Center of the Creative Arts. The novel is now finished, and he is taking the important step of moving it from final draft to published work.

Photo:

At left, Pete Pazmino

[Click to visit RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund webpages.](#)



Soup & Soul Seeks host homes

RAAC is looking for host homes for the 2017 Soup & Soul season. Events will be held on the third Saturdays of January, February, and March, and feature a potluck supper along with a presentation by a local artist.

Host homes need to have one space large enough to accommodate 60 people for the presentation, ample space for that same number to have supper (supper is informal - not necessary to have everyone seated at tables), and parking for as many as 30 cars.

If interested, please contact Sallie Morgan at 540-987-8677.

[Click to visit RAAC's website.](#)



Art Beat Rappahannock, September 2016

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theater

- Sep 11, 3pm, **Little Washington Theatre**, Smithsonian at Little Washington, Haydn Piano Trios, Kenneth Slowik, director; Cynthia Roberts, violin; Allen Wear, cello. [DETAILS](#)
- Sep 16, 7:30pm, "The Messenger", documentary film, [DETAILS](#)
- Sep 17, 8pm & Sep 18, 3pm, "As You Like It", Cambridge American Stage Tour. [DETAILS](#)
- Sep 24, 8pm, Smith Sisters, country folk music. [DETAILS](#)

Music

- Sep 2, 8pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Marc Allred Solo Looper
- Sep 3, 8:30pm, Robbie Limon Band
- Sep 9, 8:30pm, Elizabeth Lawrence Band
- Sep 16, 8pm, Grassfed
- Sep 17, 8:30pm, Low Water Bridge
- Sep 24, 8:30pm, Five by Five Band
- Sep 30, 8pm, Ransom Harmony [DETAILS](#)

- Sep 2, 8pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Daniel Carter
- Sep 3, 8pm, Ralph Fortune
- Sep 9, 8pm, Mark Clay
- Sep 16, 8pm, Dubious Brothers
- Sep 17, 8pm, No More Chili, Starlight Scramble #4
- Sep 23, 8pm, Jaguar Medicine
- Sep 24, 8pm, Bobby G and Friends
- Sep 30, 8pm, Augusta Blue [DETAILS](#)

- Sep 3, 2pm, **Gadino Cellars**, Capt. Ron
- Sep 4, 1pm, Triptych [DETAILS](#)

- Sep 3, 3pm, **Narmada Winery**, Mosby Territory
- Sep 4, 2pm, Jon Banuelos
- Sep 5, 1pm, Tom Guidice
- Sep 17, 3pm, Mosby Territory [DETAILS](#)

RappU Fall 2016 semester begins Sep 12, and registration is now open. For the full list of classes, [click here](#).

To submit an event, [email artbeat@raac.org](mailto:artbeat@raac.org).

Mark Your Calendar!

For all the details, additions, and schedule changes, visit [RAAC's calendar](#).
New events are added frequently, so please check often.

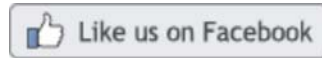
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