

# RAAC Newsletter October 2016



## Hello friends!

Fall is off and running full-tilt, and I'm very aware of the cultural abundance in our rural community. For example, you may have seen the special edition of our RAAC Newsletter that highlighted six Mitchell Fund-sponsored events scheduled this fall.

Coming up on Friday, Oct 7 is the screening of "Spotlight," winner of the Academy Award for Best Picture. Special this time is a post-show Q & A moderated by former Washington Post ombudsman Andy Alexander. The Q & A features Martin Baron, the former editor at The Boston Globe and now executive editor of The Washington Post. Note that the movie will begin at 7pm.

The Second Friday at the Library talk will feature lawyer and author Rob Cary, who will tell the inside story of one of the most notorious trials of recent years. In 2008, with less than 100 days remaining before he was to stand for re-election, Alaska Senator Ted Stevens was charged with taking bribes. Cary defended Stevens, and Cary's book, *Not Guilty*, recounts the stunning story. See you Oct 14 at the library for a fascinating presentation.

The ever-popular "No Ordinary Person" will be held Oct 28 & 29 at the RAAC Community Theatre at 8pm. These performances are always sold out. You can [make your reservations](#) online, but you better hurry!

For those planning ahead, our 12th annual Art Tour will be held Nov 5 & 6 with over 90 artists participating. Many, many thanks to those supporting this year's Tour. Sponsors will receive invitations to meet the artists at a festive pre-Tour reception at the historic Washington School where they'll also be able to see and buy the artwork on display.

Finally, RAAC's annual members' picnic is Sunday, Oct 16, 3-5pm, at the public park across from the Town of Washington. Please join us!

**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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## First Friday at the Movies "Spotlight" movie and Q & A

Movie co-hosted by RAAC and  
the Foothills Forum  
Screening followed by Q & A with  
Washington Post Executive Editor  
Martin Baron and moderated by  
Washington Post ombudsman  
Andy Alexander

Fri, Oct 7, 7pm, \$6 (*Please note the start time.*)  
Little Washington Theatre  
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton,  
Rachel McAdams, Liev Schrieber  
Director Tom McCarthy  
Writers Josh Singer, Tom McCarthy  
Biography, crime, drama, history; 128 minutes  
Rated R for some language including sexual references  
Awards: Won two Oscars, including Best Picture

"Spotlight" tells the spell-binding true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe investigation into rampant sexual abuse in the Catholic Church that shook the city of Boston and caused a crisis in one of the world's oldest religious institutions.

The screening is co-hosted by the Foothills Forum and RAAC, with a post-film Q & A highlighting the importance of local journalism. Former Washington Post ombudsman Andy Alexander will moderate the Q & A. It features Martin Baron, executive editor of The Washington Post, who, as former editor at The Boston Globe, was responsible for initiating the investigation.

### **Upcoming film:**

**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**  
**Rob Cary, author**

**Fri, Oct 14, 8pm, Rappahannock County Library**  
**4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747**

RAAC welcomes lawyer and author Rob Cary as October's featured speaker. He will tell the inside story of one of the most notorious trials of recent years. In 2008, with less than 100 days remaining before he was to stand for re-election, Alaska senator Ted Stevens was charged with taking bribes. Cary defended Stevens, and Cary's book, *Not Guilty*, tells the stunning story.

Cary and his colleagues were hailed for conducting "one of the best criminal defense performances in memory." The case rose to notoriety when a special investigation by a federal judge concluded that Justice Department prosecutors had intentionally concealed evidence they should have turned over to the defense. Cary will discuss the case and the lessons it holds for the criminal justice system generally.

Cary has won wide acclaim as one of the nation's leading lawyers. Bob Woodward hailed *Not Guilty* as a book that every American "should read and study." Barry Scheck, co-director of the Innocence Project, called it a "riveting account from one of our country's great lawyers."

*The talk is free. All are welcome.*

*The Nov 11 Second Friday speaker is Mike Canning, author of Hollywood on the Potomac.*

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



**RAAC Members' Picnic**  
**See you there!**

**Sun, Oct 16, 3-5pm**  
**Rappahannock County Park, located across**  
**Rt 211 from the Town of Washington**

Join fellow RAAC supporters at our annual gathering 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. Plenty of picnic table seating is available, but feel free to bring a couple of light lawn chairs. While all the food is catered this year, please bring a batch of your favorite cookies if you'd like. See you then and there!

We discovered our picnic overlaps with the final hours of the Rappahannock House Tour sponsored by Trinity Church to be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct 15 & 16. Folks planning to attend the final event at 5pm should feel free to leave early to get to the church on time.

*[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**

The ever-popular "No Ordinary Person" show comes to the RAAC Community Theatre for the 18th year. This year's autobiographical storytellers include Paul Smith, Sallie Morgan, and Dick Raines with stories ranging from coming out, to supporting friends through major life challenges, to murder.

**Paul Smith will share a story** of coming out, straddling a semi-out and semi-closeted status for several years, and then suddenly being catapulted into the role of the most prominent LGBT attorney in the country as a result of successfully arguing the Lawrence vs Texas case before the Supreme Court.

Smith, who moved to Flint Hill in 2012 with his husband Michael Dennis, is currently a partner in the law firm of Jenner and Block in Washington DC. He has had an active Supreme Court practice for three decades, including oral arguments in 19 Supreme Court cases involving matters of ranging from free speech and civil rights to civil procedure. He has been recognized as one of the "Decade's Most Influential Lawyers" by the National Law Journal (with similar accolades from several other prestigious entities).

**Both Sallie Morgan and Dick Raines tell stories** about events from the distant past that were suddenly and unexpectedly revisited for each of them in recent months or years.

**Sallie Morgan** shares a story about supporting a friend through a life crisis, only to find the tables suddenly turned in the past year.

Morgan, chair of the RAAC Theatre Committee and organizer of RAAC's Soup & Soul series, is also executive director of the Mental Health Association of Fauquier. She has lived in Gid Brown Hollow with her husband Tod since 1976.

Not long after purchasing property in the county, **Dick Raines** witnessed a traumatic event, and three decades later that event suddenly resurfaced, revealing an unexpected connection with another county resident.

For the last 21 years, Raines has run Carfax, the Internet company that provides vehicle history information. He and his wife Nancy split their time between their home in Arlington and their farmhouse on the flanks of Red Oak Mountain.

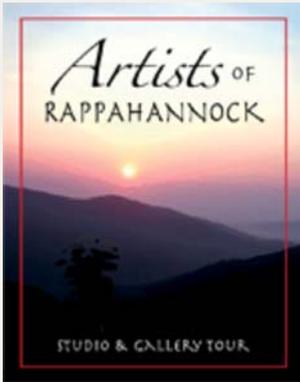
*"No Ordinary Person" is directed by Joyce Abell and Sallie Morgan. Shows begin at 8pm at the RAAC Community Theatre, 310 Gay Street, Washington. All three performers will appear both nights.*

*Performances sell out fast; purchase your tickets [here](#). If you don't have internet access, call 1-800-695-6075.*

**Coming in December**

*The Theatre's holiday production will be "The 12 Days of Christmas" by DC playwright Renee Caraco. It's a zany and fun-filled take on the partridge in a pear tree, etc. etc. The performances will be held on December 2 and 9 (evening), December 3, 10, and 11 (matinee). Tickets go on sale at a later date.*

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



**Artists of Rappahannock  
Studio & Gallery Tour  
*The biggest yet!***

**Sat-Sun, Nov 5 & 6  
10am to 5pm both days**

The 12th annual Art Tour will have more art than ever to delight the eye and new locations to explore. Ninety artists will be showing in 21 studios and 9 galleries throughout the county, including seven new studios and three new galleries. 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 another 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.](#)*

## Help Wanted

### **RAAC needs YOU Volunteer opportunities**

#### ***First Friday at the Movies***

Movie lovers are needed for occasional help in the box office and concessions selling tickets and popcorn, and also to help close down after the movie. Backup projection help is also needed. Movies are free for volunteers and also a great chance to get to see your neighbors and friends.

Call 800-695-6075 or email [movies@raac.org](mailto:movies@raac.org)

#### ***Film Festival at Little Washington***

Planning is already underway for the 3rd annual Film Festival, Apr 7-9, 2017. We hope you will consider volunteering!

Committees needing volunteers include screening, sponsorship, event planning, and promotion, as well as event weekend staff.

It takes a herculean effort to put on the Festival each year, and we depend heavily on our wonderful Rappahannock volunteers. We could not do what we do without you!

If you are interested in playing an active role as a volunteer, please contact Festival Director Theresa Wood at 540-675-3868 or email [FFLW2017@gmail.com](mailto:FFLW2017@gmail.com).

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

## Claudia Mitchell ARTS FUND

### **Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund 2016 grantee update**

#### **The Rappahannock Writers' Retreat**

In mid-September a group of 11 writers gathered to study creative writing and poetry under the tutelage of visiting writer-poet Victoria Bosch Murray.



Organized by poet-photographer KC Bosch and hosted at the Flint Hill home and Bookworks Studio of Michael Dennis and Paul Smith, the workshop included generative exercises, discussions of modern poetry, presentation and publishing. In a supportive environment, the group experienced a level of enthusiasm and intimacy that many hope can be repeated. The three-day workshop ended with a public reading of the participants' work.

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



## Art Beat Rappahannock, October 2016

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

### Theater

- Oct 1, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre**, Peter & Will Anderson, jazz duo. [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 13, 6pm, "The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida," movie, free. [FILM REVIEW](#)
- Oct 15, 8pm, Parthenon Huxley Trio: Electric Light Orchestra, Part II. [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 22, 7:30pm, Mark Russell, political satire [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 23, 3pm, "Old Friends," movie, free. [FILM REVIEW](#)
  
- Oct 9, 4pm, **Castleton Theatre**, Jenny Lin & Uri Cane, jazz piano. [DETAILS](#)

### Music

- Oct 1, 8:30pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Robbie Limon Band
- Oct 7, 8pm, Marc Allred Solo Looper
- Oct 8, 8:30pm, The Fabulous Exaggerations
- Oct 15, 8:30pm, Hypnotic Willies
- Oct 21, 8pm, Lee Brennan Solo
- Oct 22, 8:30pm, Billy Clements Band
- Oct 29, 8:30pm, Vinyl Tracks. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Oct 1, 8pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Not At Liberty
- Oct 7, 8pm, Grass Fed
- Oct 15, 8pm, A TriuM 3
- Oct 21, 8pm, David Gilmore
- Oct 22, 8pm, A Dub
- Oct 28, 8pm, Adwella & the Uprising
- Oct 29, 8pm, Bobby G & Friends. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Oct 1, 3-6pm, **Narmada Winery**, Burgers the Band
- Oct 8, 3-6pm, Stephen Kenly
- Oct 9, 2-5pm, Janna Audey. [DETAILS](#)

### Art

- Oct 8, 5-8pm, **Haley Fine Art**, Michael Fitts, artist's reception. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Oct 22, 4-7pm, **R.H. Ballard Gallery**, Artists' Reception, "Vantage Point," paintings by Meg Walsh, Lynn Mehta, & Greg Dodson. [DETAILS](#)
  
- Oct 22, 4-7pm, **Gay Street Gallery**, Opening Reception, artists Paul Rutz, Robert Bouquet, & Kevin H. Adams. [DETAILS](#)

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.

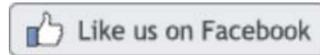
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