

# RAAC Newsletter April 2018

## Hello friends!

We're launching into spring with a great offering to celebrate new growth and new beginnings. First up is Friday night at the movies - "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" on April 6. Winner of two Academy awards (best actress, best supporting actor, and multiple nominations), this smart, edge-of-your-seats drama begins with a focused theme and escalates to big ideas and relevant social commentary. Join us for one of the year's best.

Second Friday RAAC Talk features photographer and journalist Wil Sands, who's returning home to Rappahannock. He's created an unique exhibit, "Who We Are: The Rural Identities of Rappahannock" that shines a light on identity in rural life and documents some of the challenges facing small communities across the country. Come see his stunning images and hear Wil share his insights into local life.

Our rescheduled Soup & Soul will be on Saturday, April 21, featuring Flint Hill resident Michael Dennis, who creates one-of-a-kind artist's books in his Bookworks studio. He'll share his creative process with us. If you missed getting reservations for this sold-out event, go ahead and put your name on our active wait list. Because of last-minute cancellations, there's a good chance we'll be able to accommodate you.

Operating in the background are RAAC Community Theatre rehearsals for "A 1000 Clowns" scheduled for May 11-13. RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Fund Committee is evaluating a record number of grant proposals with award announcements expected in late May. And, plans are underway for some fascinating Film-Talkback events to be held later this spring. Stay tuned!

Finally, we're midway through RAAC's annual membership drive, and we're encouraged by the great support from neighbors and friends. If you haven't already, please support the arts in Rappahannock with your contribution. You can click [HERE](#) to join/renew online or download a copy of our letter from our website. Your donations both encourage and enable volunteers to bring arts programs to our community.

**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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Click on the photo below to play the movie trailer



**First Friday Movie**

**"Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"**

**Friday, Apr 6, 7pm, \$6**  
*(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)*

**Little Washington Theatre**  
**291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

**Starring:** Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell

**Director:** Martin McDonagh

**Writer:** Martin McDonagh

**Awards:** Two Oscars

**Genre:** Crime, drama;  
**115 minutes; Rated R**

After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes makes a bold move, painting three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command, Officer Dixon - an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence - gets involved, the battle is only exacerbated.

*-From the Internet Movie Database*

[Click to visit RAAC's First Friday Movie webpage.](#)



## Second Friday Talk

### Wil Sands

Friday, April 13, 8pm

**Rappahannock County Library  
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747**

On April 13, RAAC's Second Friday Talk will feature photographer and journalist Wil Sands. He will talk about his newest project, which focuses on Rappahannock and the wide range of people who call it home.

Sands has put together a unique photography exhibit, "Who We Are: The Rural Identities of Rappahannock." He highlights "the role of identity in rural life, explores the legacies that define those identities, and documents some of the challenges currently facing rural communities across the United States." Sands will be mounting an exhibit with ten-foot-high portraits at outdoor sites around the county; the photos feature a dozen or more Rappahannock residents.

Come hear Sands talk about how his ambitious project has taken shape, and what he learned as he explored and interviewed his way through Rappahannock.

***April's Talk will be at the Rappahannock County Library at 8pm. The talk is free. All are welcome.***

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



## Soup & Soul

**Michael Dennis**

**Saturday, Apr 21**

RAAC's annual Soup & Soul series events offer an opportunity to hear from local artists about their work and their creative process. The events are held in host homes in the county and include a potluck dinner along with soup provided by the hosts.

The April event features **Michael Dennis**, a veteran of RAAC's Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour. He has an MFA in design and for 30 years ran his own graphic design firm and designed exhibitions on art, music, and dance for the Library of Congress.

After moving to Rappahannock with husband Paul Smith, Michael opened a book arts studio in Flint Hill, where he crafts one-of-a-kind artist's books composed of tiny pieces of colored paper that are perfectly inlaid to form a seamless planographic surface.

*Tickets are sold out; however, the RAAC website allows you to place your name on the **WAIT LIST**. We are often able to accommodate additional folks as we get closer to the event.*

*[Click to visit RAAC's Soup & Soul webpages.](#)*



## Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour

**Application deadline for new artists!**

**Tuesday, May 1**

If you are a Rappahannock artist interested in joining RAAC's annual Art Tour for the first time, please email Heather Wicke, Chair, Art Tour Planning Committee, by Tuesday, May 1 at [hwicke2@gmail.com](mailto:hwicke2@gmail.com), or call 540-675-3368.

The first step in joining the Art Tour is to schedule an informational visit by several committee members to your studio or gallery. After this meeting, you will receive an application to be returned to the Art Tour committee by May 31, along with the \$200 registration fee.

Over the past 12 years, the Art Tour has been one of the highlights of RAAC's activities celebrating Rappahannock's vibrant arts community and scenic beauty. We had a record crowd attending last year and hope to continue that trend.

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



## RAAC Community Theatre

### "A Thousand Clowns"

**Friday, May 11, 8pm**  
**Saturday, May 12, 8pm**  
**Sunday, May 13, 3pm**

"A Thousand Clowns," written by Herb Gardner, is a classic American comedy featuring one of the theatre's most beloved roles: unconventional Murray, uncle to precocious nephew Nick. Tired of writing cheap comedy gags for "Chuckles the Chipmunk," (aka Leo Herman) a children's TV star, Murray quits. His eccentric ways draw lectures from his brother Arnold, a visit from well-meaning social workers Sandra and Albert, and ravings from the manic Leo.

The play premiered on Broadway in 1962 starring Jason Robards as Murray Burns and Martin Balsam as his brother Arnold. Sandy Dennis won a Tony for her role as Sandra. The movie, released in 1965, featured much the same cast as the play. Balsam won an Academy Award for his performance.

The RAAC Theatre cast features some of the community's best-known actors: Bob Hurley, Nicholas Plaksin, Larry Finkel, Patty Hardee, Mike Mahoney, and Scott McMurtray. Petrina Huston directs.

"The New York Daily News" called "A Thousand Clowns" "one of the quintessential New York comedies."

**Tickets \$15 and will go on sale in April. Click [HERE](#) to buy your tickets or call 800-695-6075.**

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



### RAAC's annual fundraising drive now in progress!

We are in the midst of our annual fundraising drive. Many thanks to all those who have shown their support for RAAC by joining as a member and/or donating to the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund.

The funds collected during the membership campaign allow RAAC to bring you well-loved events like Soup & Soul, First Friday at the Movies, Second Friday at the Library, the Art Tour, and productions at the RAAC Community Theatre.

We have yet to reach our fundraising goal for this campaign, so please consider giving today.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to donate. We look forward to your membership in the RAAC community.

***Thank you!***

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



## Rappahannock.com Events Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to visit the comprehensive local events calendar hosted by Rappahannock.com.

*Click to visit RAAC's website.*

### Mark Your Calendar!

For all the details, additions, and schedule changes for RAAC events, visit [RAAC's calendar](#). Our website is updated frequently, so please check often.

[www.raac.org](http://www.raac.org)

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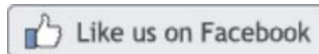
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