

Hello all,

It's summertime, school is out, and while many are off on vacations, RAAC is devoting more time right here in Rappahannock to enhancing the arts community. The Mitchell Fund's grant program completed its first grant season and has announced several awards that you'll read about in this issue. This is a new endeavor for RAAC and the Mitchell Fund with the focus of encouraging the development of artistic talent in the Rappahannock community. The RAAC Community Theatre is also busy preparing three more plays (actors needed!), and the Artists of Rappahannock Tour committee is working hard to ensure another successful event.

Joanne Hilty, President, RAAC

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RAAC's Mitchell Fund: Nurturing artists and the arts

With great pleasure, RAAC announces its 2013 Claudia Mitchell Fund grant awards. The goal of the Fund is to foster, promote, and support the arts and artists in Rappahannock County, with special emphasis on emerging artists and community partnerships.

This year's grants have been awarded to seven recipients, which include organizations, performing artists, and two individuals. Congratulations go to:

- **Child Care & Learning Center**, for a pre-school music program and a school-age theater program
- **Headwaters Foundation**, for a mosaic project at Rappahannock County Elementary School (RCES)
- **Kid Pan Alley**, for a character development assembly at RCES
- **Mandelele Trio**, for a music performance at the Rappahannock Senior Center
- **The Studio School**, for a teen studio arts summer program
- **Nicole Espinola**, for art supplies to establish her Rappahannock studio





Photo by Matthew Black (top); K. Farmer (bottom)

- **Sam Mullany**, for a film-making workshop

Mitchell Fund Committee chair Pat Burke remarked, "The Committee and Board are thrilled at the diversity and quality of art-making in the county and are pleased to encourage more. These grants follow on the heels of our successful spring photography workshops at the elementary and high schools, underwritten by the Fund and led by members of Old Rag Photography. We're excited to see more great projects emerging."

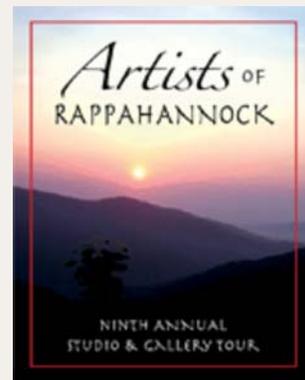
RAAC President Joanne Hilty added, "The community's response to RAAC's first Mitchell Fund request for proposals has been gratifying, and the creativity evidenced in the applications is impressive. RAAC looks forward to many more successful annual grant cycles."

In 2009, the **Mitchell Fund** was established with a bequest from the estate of Claudia Mitchell, who served as RAAC's president for many years. Ongoing financial support for the Fund comes from individuals, challenge grants, fundraising events, and the annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour and other RAAC programs.

Seeking Art Tour Sponsors

The sponsorship campaign for the **9th Annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour** is underway. Your 2013 Art Tour Committee is hard at work organizing the weekend event that has drawn thousands of visitors to the county, directly supporting local artists and indirectly helping county businesses.

Entrance fees and artist fees cover only a portion of the Tour's expenses, so **please consider contributing** to the campaign to underwrite this popular event. As in previous years, net proceeds from the event will go to support RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund (see above) as well as other ongoing RAAC programs.



Sponsorship letters were mailed two weeks ago and the response so far is gratifying—we're almost half way to our goal! If you haven't already, please join us in supporting the Art Tour with your contribution and join us November 2 & 3 for a celebration of the arts in Rappahannock. Contributions can be mailed to RAAC, P.O. Box 24, Washington, VA 22747.

Calling actors for the RAAC Community Theatre



It's not too late! There are still a few parts open for actors in RAAC Community Theatre's production August 16 and 17, 8pm, of "The Real Inspector Hound" by Tom Stoppard. This satire of Agatha Christie-style drawing-room murder mysteries follows two theater critics who are watching a performance of such a mystery. Inadvertently they jump on stage and into the action, becoming involved in the play itself. This farce of a play-within-a-play with its humorous twists and turns is Tom Stoppard at his finest.

The play is directed by Russell Paulette, drama teacher at Rappahannock County High School, who directed RAAC's

rollicking production last summer of "The Ides of August." Additional actors are still needed. This is your chance to begin or continue your stage career. Rehearsals will begin soon, so call Russ immediately if you're interested. His number is 987-8080.

Mark your calendar for these performances:

"Love, Loss, and What I Wore," by Nora and Delia Ephron, directed by Patty Hardee, September 20 & 21

Fifteenth annual "No Ordinary Person," October 18 & 19

"Alice in Wonderland," December 6, 13 (evening) and December 7, 14, 15 (matinee)

For reservations, payments, and more information about the performances, visit [RAAC's Community Theatre webpage](#) or call 540-675-3193 (leave message).

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