

Hello all,

As the summer season comes to an end, RAAC begins Fall with a full schedule of events. Check out "Mark Your Calendar," a new addition to our newsletter, where you'll find what's going on with films, theater, library series talks, and other RAAC activities. It's good to be back with you, and we're looking forward to seeing all of you soon at our annual Membership Party.

Joanne Hilty, President, RAAC

# RAAC Newsletter

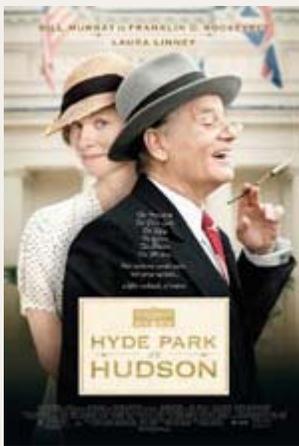
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### First Friday at the Movies: "Hyde Park on Hudson"

Fri, Sep 6, 8 pm, \$6, at The Theatre at Washington  
291 Gay St., Washington, VA  
Starring Bill Murray, Laura Linney, Olivia Colman  
Directed by Roger Michell  
Rated R; 94 minutes

In June 1939, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his wife Eleanor host the King and Queen of England for a weekend at the Roosevelt home at Hyde Park on Hudson, in upstate New York - the first-ever visit of a reigning English monarch to America. With Britain facing imminent war with Germany, the Royals are desperately looking to FDR for support. But international affairs must be juggled with the complexities of FDR's domestic establishment, as wife, mother, and mistresses all conspire to make the royal weekend an unforgettable one.

[Visit RAAC's film page.](#)

**Second Friday at the Library Speaker Series:  
Author James Reston, Jr.**

Fri, Sep 13, 8 pm, at the Rappahannock County Library

RAAC welcomes the best-selling author [James Reston, Jr.](#) as the featured speaker at RAAC's Second Friday at the Library Series. Reston will discuss his just-released book, "The Accidental Victim," which presents a startling new view of the Kennedy assassination. Fifty years ago this November, writes Reston, Lee Harvey Oswald took aim at his target: not President Kennedy but Texas governor John Connally. If Reston's new reading of the evidence is correct, the president, seated next to Connally, was only an accidental victim.



Reston is the acclaimed author of fifteen books on a huge range of topics, from Pete Rose to Richard the Lionhearted to Richard Nixon. The Washington Post called his biography of Galileo "brilliant," and The New York Times hailed his history of the Crusades as "splendid and thrilling."

Reston is a Washington, DC resident who has ties with Rappahannock that date back to his boyhood. Over the years he has spent long stretches of time living and writing in a cabin near Flint Hill, and he was married on the lawn there in 1971. He has written prizewinning novels, plays, and works of history, and his writing has appeared in such venues as The New Yorker, National Geographic, and The New York Times Magazine.

"The Accidental Victim" highlights both Reston's storytelling talent and his expertise as an investigative reporter. His research led him to conclude that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone - there was no conspiracy, in Reston's view - and he turned instead to resolving the mystery of why Oswald did it. "Sometimes attacking a great and significant historical event from an oblique angle can lead to astonishing surprises," Reston writes in the preface to the new book. "That was my experience here."

When the ground of history shifts under our feet, we tend to look for a fittingly grand explanation - great events must have great causes. That natural-seeming belief is one reason that conspiracy theories often pull us in. On September 13 James Reston, Jr. will make a case for a contrary view. We will hear a new take on one of the pivotal moments in modern American history, from one of America's leading modern historians.

# Love, Loss, and What I Wore



## RAAC Community Theatre "Love, Loss, and What I Wore," by Nora & Delia Ephron

Fri-Sat, Sep 20 & 21, 8 pm, \$15  
Based on the book by Ilene Beckerman  
Directed by Patty Hardee  
310 Gay Street, Washington, VA

What do women want? We may never know for sure, but we can come closer to knowing in the RAAC Community Theatre production of "Love, Loss and What I Wore." The play has received many awards, including the 2010 Drama Desk Award for Unique Theatrical Experience and the 2010 Broadway.com Audience Award for Favorite New Off-Broadway Play. Since its opening in 2008, it has been produced in more than eight countries on six continents and has been on national tour in the U.S.

RAAC's production opens when a group of friends gather at a restaurant for a girls' night out. Through a series of monologues that form the basis of the play, the narrator, Gingy, weaves her life story, including the death of her mother, her extended family, three marriages, motherhood, the death of a child, and her granddaughter's budding interest in fashion. As she goes, she illustrates the clothes that have marked the turning points in her life. Her goal is to leave a legacy for her children and grandchildren, to remind them that she had another life besides being a mom.



**Members of the cast:**  
Back (left to right): Petrina Huston, Deverell Pedersen, and Mimi Forbes  
Front: Stephanie Mastri, Elizabeth Lee, and Carolyn Thornton  
Missing: Sharon Kilpatrick and Cynthia Johnson

The other women punctuate the play with their own stories - at once hilarious, poignant, and nostalgic. The stories resonate not just with women, but also with men who share a journey through life with their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and friends.

**For reservations to the performance of your choice, payments, and more information,** visit the [RAAC Community Theatre webpage](#). If you wish, you may pay in advance using PayPal or a credit card. All reservations will receive an automatic confirmation. If you do not have Internet access, call 800-695-6075 to reserve.

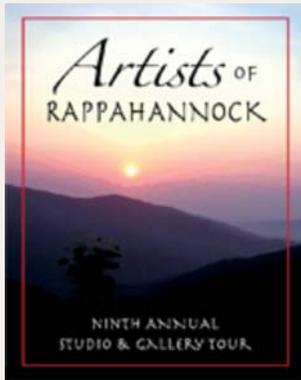
## RAAC's Annual Membership Party

Sun, Sep 22, 4-6 pm (canceled if heavy rain)

Members and prospective members are invited to join the fun at our annual party! Summer libations and cold entrees are provided. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Music by Mandalele.

*RAAC Membership Alert:* Our annual membership drive will begin late January 2014 instead of the usual August mailing. We are changing our fiscal year to the calendar year, and we need annual memberships to coincide (January-December). For membership inquiries and directions to RAAC's annual Membership Party, contact Matthew Black at 540-987-9180.





### Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour

Sat-Sun, Nov 2 & 3, 10 am-5 pm, \$10  
Tour begins at the Washington Fire Hall, 10 Firehouse Ln, Washington, VA

The Tour is just a couple months away. Over 50 artists are participating this year in 19 open studios and 7 galleries, including several artists new to the Tour. So don't forget to mark your calendars for November 2 & 3, and get ready to savor the amazing artistic talent of beautiful Rappahannock County.

We've had a great response to this year's sponsorship drive. The generous and widespread support of the Tour is gratifying as we enter our ninth year of this popular Rappahannock event. The drive is coming to an end, but we still welcome contributions from anyone who would like to be a Tour sponsor. Visit [www.raac.org](http://www.raac.org) for donation information.

Tour proceeds support, in part, RAAC's [Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund](#), which offers financial grants to Rappahannock artists and arts organizations.

### News: RAAC supports Virginia's Artisan Trail

The Artisan Trail Project has achieved the implementation funding needed for Rappahannock County supporters to begin working with the [Artisans Center of Virginia](#).

The County's participation in the Trail is expected to enhance Rappahannock's growth as an arts destination and to encourage tourism.

Many thanks to RAAC, the County Board of Supervisors, and the Town Council of Washington for supporting this effort, with each investing \$5,000 to help make it possible. The director of the Artisans Center, Sherri Smith, will begin meeting with the local management team in September to begin the process of creating the Trail in Rappahannock. This is a very exciting opportunity for local artists and businesses alike.

[Rappahannock News](#) coverage of this effort can be accessed by searching their website for "Artisan Trail." Contact Patti Brennan at [raparttrail@gmail.com](mailto:raparttrail@gmail.com) for more information.



### Mark Your Calendar!

**For all the details, additions, and changes, visit [RAAC's calendar](#).  
More events are in planning and will be added soon.**

**Sep 6**, Fri, 8 pm, First Friday at the Movies, "Hyde Park on Hudson"

**Sep 13**, Fri, 8 pm, Second Friday at the Library Speaker Series, James Reston, Jr.

**Sep 20 & 21**, Fri & Sat, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Love, Loss & What I Wore"

**Sep 22**, Sun, 4 pm, RAAC Membership Party

**Oct 4**, Fri, 8 pm, First Friday at the Movies, "Copperhead"

**Oct 18 & 19**, Fri & Sat, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "No Ordinary Person"

**Nov 1**, Fri, 8 pm, First Friday at the Movies, "Quartet"

**Nov 2 & 3**, Sat & Sun, 10 am-5 pm, Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour

**Dec 6**, Fri, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

**Dec 7**, Sat, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

**Dec 13**, Fri, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

**Dec 14**, Sat, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

**Dec 15**, Sun, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

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