

RAAC Newsletter October 2015



Fall at last!

Having just savored a mix of artistic and other local events in September, I'm looking forward to an exciting October. For the first time, RAAC is teaming with the Rappahannock Historical Society and the Scrabble School Preservation Foundation to co-sponsor the showing of "Selma" at First Friday at the Movies on Oct 2. Net proceeds will support SSPF and its educational programs. See details below but note the earlier 7pm start time. The film will be shown at the Theatre at Washington.

Speaking of movies, we're fortunate to have noted filmmaker Ron Maxwell speak at the Second Friday at the Library series on Oct 9. The title of Ron's talk is EINFUHLLEN: Bringing the past to life in historical film. Ron will share insights and examples from his experience in creating films such as "Gettysburg" and "Gods and Generals." It will be a fascinating talk!

RAAC's annual Members Party will be held at the beautiful home of Barbara and Chris Wall on Sun, Oct 4. Note that the revised time is 1-4pm. It's a great way to catch up with friends, enjoy some delicious picnic food, and toast the arts in Rappahannock. If you're not already a member, please come and you can join on the spot!

If it's not too late, make your reservations for the ever-popular, always sold-out "No Ordinary Person" on Oct 23 & 24 at the RAAC Community Theatre. Wendi Sirat will lead another community drum circle on Oct 17, 7-8:30pm at the RAAC Community Theatre. Other arts events around the county are highlighted below in our new Art Beat Rappahannock.

Many thanks for the incredible level of sponsorship for this year's Art Tour, which is coming up the weekend of Nov 7-8. Save the dates!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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**First Friday at the Movies
"Selma"**

***A fundraiser to benefit
The Scrabble School Preservation Foundation***

**Fri, Oct 2, 7pm, \$10 adults, \$5 children
The Theatre At Washington
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

**Starring David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo,
Tim Roth, Jim France, Oprah Winfrey
Director Ava DuVernay
Written by Paul Webb
Biography/drama/history; 128 minutes
Rated PG-13 for disturbing thematic material,
including violence, a suggestive moment,
and brief strong language
Awards: won over 45 awards and 69 nominations**

The fundraiser

The movie showing is co-sponsored by The Scrabble School Preservation Foundation, the Rappahannock Historical Society, and RAAC. Funds raised during the "Selma" screening will help support the Foundation's public and school outreach programs.

Dr. Hortense Hinton Jackson will lead a discussion following the film. Jackson is a noted educator and former provost of the Manassas campus of Northern Virginia Community College. A native of Culpeper, she has served on numerous boards and is past president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

The movie

This acclaimed film, which will be shown at the Theatre at Washington, chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition. The epic march from Selma to Montgomery culminated in President Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, one of the most significant victories for the civil rights movement. For full information about the movie, [click here](#).

Scrabble School

Built in 1921, Scrabble School is one of more than 5,000 schools built across the South thanks to the leadership and beneficence of Sears Roebuck co-founder Julius Rosenwald and the African-American educator and leader Booker T. Washington. So few Rosenwald Schools remain that in 2003 the National Trust for Historic Preservation listed them among America's "most endangered places."

The Washington Post published an extensive article on Rosenwald schools on Aug 31, 2015. The report highlights Scrabble School and two of its former students, Lillian Aylor and Irene Timbers. [Click here](#) to view the article.

Upcoming film: Nov 6, "Inside Out"

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

**You are invited to
RAAC's annual Members Party
Sun, Oct 4, 1-4pm**

**39 Mentone Lane
Flint Hill, VA 22627**
Cancelled if heavy rain



Our annual party will be held at the home of Barbara and Chris Wall. Join us, and you will be able to walk right into this painting by Kevin Adams.

Enjoy summer libations, with BBQ and sides provided. Bring dessert to share! Listen to live music, have fun with your neighbors and friends, and toast the arts in Rappahannock!

Directions:

From Little Washington, take Fodderstack Rd for 3.6 miles and turn left onto Mentone Lane. Keep left at fork going up the hill. Parking is at the top.

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



**Second Friday at the Library
Ron Maxwell, film director**

Fri, Oct 9, 8pm, at the Rappahannock County Library

Ron Maxwell, the acclaimed director of "Gettysburg" and "Gods and Generals" and many other films, will tell us about the process of making historical films and the challenges of making history come alive. His best-known films deal with the Civil War - one forthcoming history praises Maxwell's films as "our Homeric epics" - but Maxwell's interests range far afield. One current project involves Joan of Arc and another takes on the forced evictions of Scottish Highlanders in the late 1700s.

Maxwell is renowned for his story-telling ambition and the sweep of his films. CBS hailed "Gods and Generals" (in which Robert Duval played Robert E. Lee) as "a movie experience that is awesome to behold."

To visit the Maxwell's website, [click here](#).

The talk is free. All are welcome.

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

RAAC Community Theatre

"No Ordinary Person"

Fri, Oct 23 & Sat, Oct 24 at 8pm
310 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747
Tickets \$15

The ever-popular "No Ordinary Person" show is back for the 17th year. This year's performance features three of our Rappahannock neighbors: Paul McGeough, an Irish Australian journalist and senior foreign correspondent for The Sydney Morning Herald, specializing in Middle Eastern affairs; musician Paul Reisler, Founder and Artistic Director of Kid Pan Alley; and former Ambassador Jane Coon.

All three stories will take us to far-flung locales, from South India, to war-torn regions in the Middle East, to the remote wilds of the Yukon Territory, touching places of love and fear and discovery in the heart.

As a former ambassador and State Department professional, **Jane Coon** has traveled extensively, but in this story she is greeted with no red carpets, no diplomatic niceties, just the raw power of the wilderness.

Paul McGeough was born in Ireland during "The Troubles," moving with his family to Australia at age 11, and eventually choosing a career that has exposed him to extreme violence in many contexts. Paul's story will consider the impact of that violence on the people he has met and on himself.

Paul Reisler's late wife, Julie Portman, is well known in Rappahannock as the founder of Ki Theatre, and the person whose Life Stories Workshops gave rise to "No Ordinary Person." In his story, Paul will share his own unique perspective on Julie's spirit, her drive, her unusual path, and her gift for creating community.

"No Ordinary Person" is directed by Joyce Abell and Sallie Morgan, and this year all three performers will appear both nights.

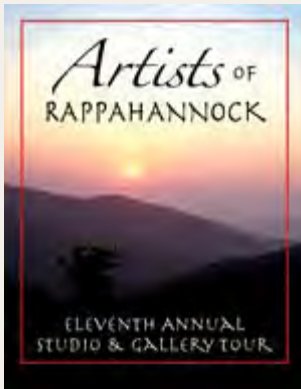
To reserve and pay for tickets, [click here](#). Pre-payment is encouraged, as pre-payment guarantees your seat regardless of arrival time. Patrons who elect to pay at the door need to arrive no later than 10 minutes before the performance as seats will not be held after that time. If you do not have Internet access, reservations can be made by calling 1-800-695-6075.

The holiday play is coming up next!
"Annie" - Dec 4, 5, 11, 12, 13

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



From the top:
Jane Coon,
Paul McGeough,
Paul Reisler



**Art Tour
Nov 7 & 8**

Save the dates for the always eagerly awaited Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour. This is the eleventh year of this great event, which will be headquartered at a different venue this year, the former Washington School at 567 Mt. Salem Ave, Washington, VA.

Tickets will be sold (\$10) and the Tour Gallery held in the auditorium of the building, open from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday. This large space will provide plenty of room for guests to view the artwork from 21 open studios, 8 galleries, and more than 50 new and returning artists. The venue will provide a comfortable base from which people can receive their maps and other information and start their visits to the various destinations.

Don't miss it! The Art Tour is one of the most memorable annual events held by RAAC; it celebrates the skilled and diverse artists who enrich our community.

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

**Mitchell Arts Fund
Updates on 2015 grantees**

Sheila Lamb, author and English teacher at Rappahannock County High School, spent time this summer at The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA). Sheila says that the residency "offered a creative space where I could focus on writing my novel, uninterrupted, for three weeks. I completed my goal of a first finished draft, and I'm grateful for RAAC's support on this project."

Peggy Schadler's Thousand Faces Mask Theater will be performing in the amphitheater at Stone Hill in Flint Hill on Oct 24, as part of John Henry's annual autumnal Spectacle. Masked dancers, actors, and musicians will present the story of "Cassandra Ignored Again." The event, a Rappahannock happening, is free and open to the public.

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



Photo, bottom, by Tara Griffin



Art Beat Rappahannock October 2015

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

- Oct 2, 7pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Karaoke sing for a cause (Food Pantry benefit)
Oct 3, 8:30pm, Five by Five Band, music
Oct 10, 8:30pm, Robbie Limon Band, music
Oct 16, 8pm, Vintage Silk, music
Oct 17, 8:30pm, Church Street Project, music
Oct 23, 8pm, Low Water Bridge, music
Oct 24, 8:30pm, The Muddy Crows!, music
Oct 31, 8:30pm, Vinyl Tracks (music) & costume party
[Click for details.](#)
- Oct 2, 9pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Augusta Blue, music
Oct 9, 9pm, Gold Top Country Ramblers, music
Oct 10, 9pm, Daniel P, music
Oct 16, 9pm, David Gilmore, music
Oct 17, 9pm, Freak Dog, music
Oct 23, 9pm, Eddie Pickett, music
Oct 24, 9pm, Bobby G and Friends, music
[Click for details.](#)
- Oct 3, 8pm, **Theatre at Little Washington**
"An Evening with Mark Russell"
political satire, stand-up comedy,
accompanies himself on the piano
Oct 17, 8pm, jazz singer Stephanie Nakasian &
The Hod O'Brien Trio. [Click for details.](#)
- Oct 9, 11am-6pm, **Narmada Winery**, "Columbus Day
Weekend at Narmada," live music, bring your
own picnic. [Click for details.](#)
- Oct 11, 4pm, **Castleton Festival**, Margaret Leng Tan
performs on toy instruments, from
bicycle bells to a hand-cranked music box.
[Click for details.](#)
- Oct 10, **Gadino Cellars**, Founder's Day Celebration
1-4pm, Aubrey Driggers, music
[Click for details.](#)
- Oct 17, 11am-5pm &
Oct 18, Noon-4pm, Floral Art & House Tour
Tickets sold at **Trinity Episcopal Church**,
Washington, VA. [Click for details.](#)
- Oct 17, 11am, **Little Washington Winery**,
Rappahannock Oyster Festival, concerts,
wine tastings, and food all day.
[Click for details & to register.](#)
- Oct 17, 7-8:30pm, RAAC Community Theatre,
Drum Circle, free event facilitated by
Wendi Serat.

Check the event sponsor's website for schedule changes.

To submit an event, email artbeat@raac.org.

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

Meet Nancy Keyser
RAAC Board member

Nancy first came to Rappahannock County in 1958 riding a horse! The Mary Washington College girls had been invited to foxhunt with the Rappahannock Hunt. Nancy fell in love with the countryside and that's where her dream of living here one day first began. She also fell in love with her husband Magruder Keyser that year. They married in 1959 and resided in Fairfax County but visited family in Rappahannock frequently.



Nancy & Magruder had a happy menagerie of horses, ponies, six dogs, and three sons. After the boys were in school, Nancy pursued an associates degree in Architectural Drafting and Design and would continue to work in that field for the next seven years.

In 1984 Nancy took a watercolor workshop at the Peninsula Art School in Door County, Wisconsin and immediately became "hooked on art." It has become a passion with her ever since, and while not having a formal art school training, she pursued every workshop she could find and studied with various watercolor artists on a weekly basis for over 20 years.

Nancy still enjoys taking a class or two every summer in Wisconsin and now teaches a group in her home studio. She has participated successfully in many juried art shows in the metropolitan area, as well as in Wisconsin. Her love of Rappahannock County can be seen and felt in her work.

In 2001 Nancy became a full-time resident and put her design experience to work in renovating and adding to the Keyser home on Tiger Valley Road. After moving to Rappahannock, she was invited to join the RAAC board by Claudia Mitchell. When Claudia became ill, she asked Nancy to take over her beloved movie committee with Rosie Mullany.

Nancy volunteered to participate in the very first meeting to establish the Artists of Rappahannock event. She has worked on the planning committee ever since, as well as being a participating artist in her studio/home.

Nancy is also a member of the Rappahannock County Garden Club and is active in Trinity Church. She has enjoyed being a part of RAAC and is looking forward to helping with future projects.

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**Save the dates!
RAAC's second annual
Film Festival at Little Washington
Apr 8-10, 2016**

Save the dates! The second annual Film Festival at Little Washington will be held on April 8-10, 2016 at the Theatre at Washington. Featuring filmmakers residing in or filming in Virginia, the festival promises another exciting weekend of thought-provoking and entertaining features, documentaries, and shorts.

[Click to visit RAAC's Film Festival webpages.](#)

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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