

RAAC Newsletter Jan 2016



Hello friends!

After five sold-out performances of "Annie," a screening and stimulating discussion of the film "Selma" at a Scrabble School Preservation Foundation fundraiser, and a standing-room-only Second Friday at the Library talk by Nevill Turner, we caught our collective breath over the holidays and through New Year's Day. In fact, this issue of the RAAC Newsletter is quite abbreviated in the spirit of taking some time off. But we wanted to remind you of some exciting upcoming events.

Jan 8 is our next Second Friday at the Library talk, and Bill Dietel will be sharing some of his insights and experiences from his days heading up the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Bill is a keen observer, and his stories are always riveting. Join us in an engaging talk and discussion.

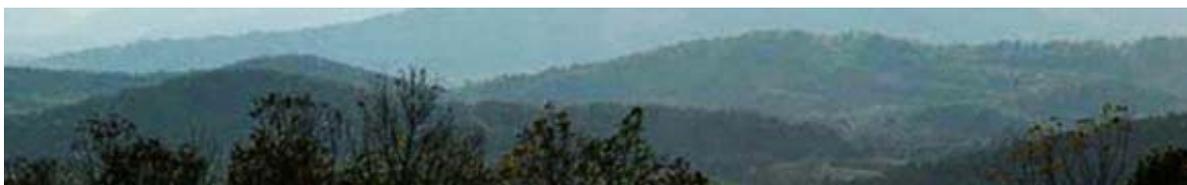
Our already sold-out Soup & Soul kicks off on Sat, Jan 23 with poet-photographer K.C. Bosch talking about his creative process and sharing some of his recent work. Don't hesitate to sign up for the Soup & Soul waiting list, as there are often last-minute cancellations.

RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund is now inviting local artists and organizations to apply for 2016 financial grants. Applications and new guidelines are available at raac.org. Please note that grant applications are due by Mar 15.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for our second annual Film Festival. It will highlight Virginia filmmakers during the weekend of Apr 8-10. Please save the date and go to our website for more information. In the meantime, don't miss our First Friday at the Movies showing on Feb 5 of "Mr. Holmes" starring Ian McKellen.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your enthusiastic support of RAAC and making our arts events and programs a success. The year 2015 was a record-setting for RAAC by all counts - membership, contributions, attendance, and volunteers. I'm looking forward to an even more engaging year in 2016. Thank you!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



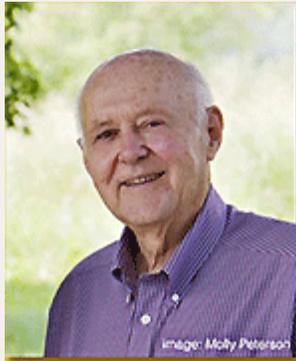
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**Second Friday at the Library
Bill Dietel**

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

January's speaker is Rappahannock's own Bill Dietel, a leading philanthropist and an accomplished storyteller.

Dietel's talk, which he calls "Room 5600," deals with his experiences working alongside one of America's renowned families. Room 5600 was the headquarters of the Rockefeller family, in the Rockefeller Center skyscraper in New York. In the '70s and '80s, Bill worked for the Rockefeller family philanthropic office and as president of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. He will give us a behind-the-scenes peek at what he saw from the top of the world.

The talk, which is sponsored by RAAC, is free. All are welcome.

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



**Film Festival at Little Washington
Deadline for film submissions**

Fri, Jan 15

The 2016 film submission period is in full swing and ends Jan 15. Theresa Woods, the Festival's program director, notes, "the [Virginia Film Office](#) in Richmond is giving us wonderful publicity on their [Facebook page](#), and we are hearing from filmmakers throughout the state."

We look forward to another exciting weekend of screenings and Q&As, and gatherings with filmmakers at events throughout the county as we showcase Virginia's talented up-and-coming independent filmmakers. Visit RAAC's film webpages (link below) for updates and information.

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



Soup & Soul

K.C. Bosch, poet

Sat, Jan 23

Madison Chamber Players

Sat, Feb 20

Jordan Goldstein, architect

Sat, Mar 19

RAAC's annual Soup & Soul series offers 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.

All three events are currently sold out, but tickets are expected to become available. You are encouraged to place your name on the event's [wait list](#). Tickets are \$20 each per event.

The 2016 series features poet K.C. Bosch on Jan 23, the Madison Chamber Players string quartet on Feb 20, and architect Jordan Goldstein on Mar 19.

K.C. Bosch is a photographer, woodworker, and poet. Raised in a large military family, he lived and worked all over before settling in Rappahannock County, which has been his home and inspiration for the last two decades. His poetry can be found at literary journals such as "Camel Saloon," "Poetry Breakfast," "Dead Mule," and "Vox Poetica." "Stealing Days" is his first book. K.C. is also a recent recipient of a Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grant.

Rappahannock resident **Al Regnery** and the three other musicians who form the string quartet known as the **Madison Chamber Players** have been playing together for 15 years. Their Soup & Soul presentation will feature music from different periods, historical and musical context for each piece, and perspective on the creative process for musicians who are part of a performing group.

As the managing director and principal at the Washington, DC outpost of Gensler, an international multidisciplinary design and architecture firm, architect **Jordan Goldstein** has won national and regional awards for excellence in architecture, interior design, and product design. He has been published in several design periodicals, including "Interior Design" and "Contract," and in The Washington Post. The house he designed for his family here in Rappahannock was featured in "Dwell" magazine, which quoted him as saying that "Connectivity was a driver when we set out to do this. To have greater connectivity as a family, and then connectivity to the land."

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



**Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund
Call for proposals closes Mar 15**

The fourth annual grant season for our Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund is now open.

Proposals for 2016 grants are welcomed from emerging and established artists of all ages, arts organizations, arts programs within community-based organizations, collaborative projects, and especially for projects with a community focus. All arts media are eligible - visual art, literature, music, film/video, dance, theater, and projects combining multiple media.

The new grant guidelines and application for 2016, as well as detailed information about eligibility, timetables, the review process, and previous grantees, is now available on [RAAC's website](#). **The deadline for submitting applications is Mar 15.** *Please note the date in our December newsletter was in error.*

Since 2012 the Fund has awarded more than \$70,000 in grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to 39 local arts projects, non-profit organizations, and emerging and established artists. Recent grants include arts programming in Rappahannock schools, community music performances, artists' workshops and continuing education, video productions, and dance scholarships.

RAAC President Matthew Black notes, "In an already flourishing arts community, the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund has added a new dimension by encouraging and assisting county artists and arts programming through financial support. These grants are investments in an important natural resource that is vital to the character and health of Rappahannock County. The RAAC Board and its Fund Committee are thrilled to offer another round of grants and eagerly await a new crop of proposals and more great projects."

The Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund was established with a generous bequest from the estate of Claudia Mitchell, RAAC's president for many years and a dedicated supporter of the arts and community. The Fund continues to grow through ongoing donations, fundraising events, and income generated by RAAC programs, principally the annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour and The Film Festival at Little Washington.

[Click to visit RAAC's Mitchell Arts Fund 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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