

RAAC Newsletter November 2016



Hello friends!

Our 12th annual Art Tour is this weekend - November 5-6! Here's your chance to visit studios and galleries scattered around our scenic county featuring dozens and dozens of Rappahannock artists and their guest artists. The Art Tour's headquarters is at the historic Washington School - start there for your tickets and Tour map and to see samples of art from participating artists. Invite your friends to join you on the Art Tour.

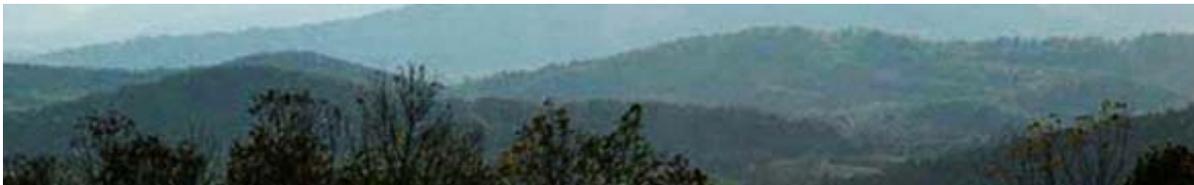
Not to be missed is "Rosenwald" at First Friday at the Movies at 8pm on Nov 4 - right after the Art Tour reception for sponsors and artists. The movie is a highly acclaimed documentary film RAAC is co-sponsoring with the Scrabble School Preservation Fund and the Rappahannock Historical Society. This event is a fundraiser for SSPF and includes a Q & A with Stephanie Deutsch who is in the film and also the author of top-selling book about the Rosenwald School phenomenon.

Interested in how Washington, DC is portrayed in popular films? Then come listen to Mike Canning discuss his book, "Hollywood on the Potomac," on Nov 11 at the library. Canning has reviewed films for more than twenty years. His talk is aimed at everyone who loves movies and who loves (or hates) Washington's shenanigans.

For information about other arts events happening in the county, check out Art Beat in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at one of our many events!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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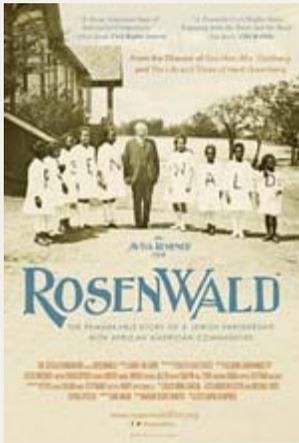
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Movie trailer
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**First Friday at the Movies
"Rosenwald" documentary film
and Q & A with Stephanie Deutsch**

**Movie co-hosted by the Scrabble School
Preservation Foundation, the Rappahannock
Historical Society, and RAAC. Proceeds
benefit SSPF.**

**Screening followed by Q & A with
Rosenwald scholar Stephanie Deutsch**

**Fri, Nov 4, 8pm, \$20. First student with adult
is free, additional students are \$5 each.
Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

**Starring Peter Ascoli, Julian Bond,
Stephanie Deutsch**

Director Aviva Kempner

Writer Aviva Kempner

Documentary, biography; 95 minutes, Not Rated

Awards: Nominated for 1 Oscar

Aviva Kempner's "Rosenwald" is the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, who never finished high school, but rose to become the president of Sears Roebuck Company. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington, this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African-American communities during the Jim Crow South to build over 5,300 schools during the early part of the 20th century.

*From a review by Michael O'Sullivan, The Washington Post,
Aug 27, 2015:*

The film is framed as the answer to a question: What made him do this for these kids? The answer that seems to come closest to the truth is put forth by one of the film's interview subjects: As a member of a "despised minority," we're told, Rosenwald closely identified with the struggles of African Americans (although Kempner presents scant evidence that he was the victim of anti-Semitism himself). In that sense, "Rosenwald" isn't just a portrait of a great, selfless American and his powerful company, but an excavation of an ugly strain of our own history, and a reminder of what one person can do to uproot it.

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



**Artists of Rappahannock
Studio & Gallery Tour**
It's almost here!

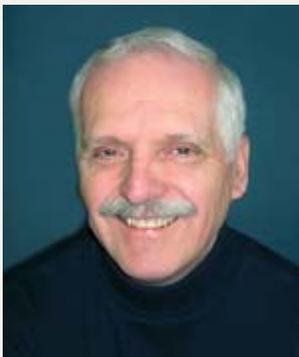
Sat-Sun, Nov 5 & 6
10am to 5pm both days

The 12th annual Art Tour will have more art than ever to delight the eye and new locations to explore. Ninety artists will be showing in 22 studios and 8 galleries throughout the county, including seven new studios and three new galleries. Art Tour Headquarters and Main Gallery are located at the same venue as last year, Washington School, 567 Mt. Salem Ave, Washington, VA.

A wide variety of art will be on display both at the Main Gallery and the individual studios and galleries, including paintings, sculpture, ironwork, fine wood furniture, photography, ceramics, jewelry, etched prints, fine book binding, and fiber art. For a \$10 admission fee, you will be provided a detailed map to direct you to the artists you want to visit on your self-guided tour through the scenic landscape.

We are reaching out to art appreciators and countryside adventurers both near and throughout the DC Metro area. The Tour promises to be another banner year for this great community event, and you won't want to miss sharing the enjoyment with friends and family.

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



Second Friday at the Library
Mike Canning, author

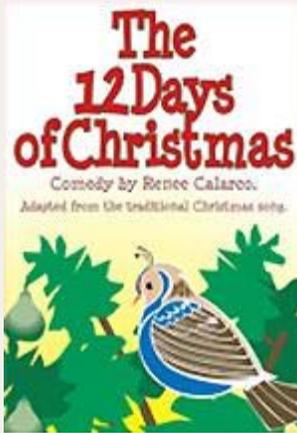
Fri, Nov 11, 8pm, Rappahannock County Library
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747

Mike Canning will discuss his book "Hollywood on the Potomac," which offers a lively look at how Washington, DC has been portrayed in American feature films. Canning has reviewed films for the Hill Rag newspaper for more than twenty years. His talk is aimed at everyone who loves movies and who loves (or hates) Washington's shenanigans.

Mike Canning was a foreign service officer for nearly thirty years, working in eight countries on four continents. He is a movie buff of even longer standing. He saw his first film at the age of four, in Fargo, North Dakota. His book covers some fifty films, from classics to froth to thrillers to duds, and includes information on "Goofs" that made it onto the big screen. Canning has tales galore about Hollywood's Washington and the real thing, and how the two compare.

The talk is free. All are welcome.

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



**"The Twelve Days of Christmas"
RAAC Community Theatre**

Fri, Dec 2, 8pm
Sat, Dec 3, 3pm
Fri, Dec 9, 8pm
Sat, Dec 10, 3pm
Sun, Dec 11, 3pm

**310 Gay St
Washington, VA 22747**

In *The 12 Days of Christmas* by DC playwright Renee Calarco, Christmas is just around the corner, and Shirley the Partridge is a bit nervous. It's her very first time carrying out the ancient family tradition - gathering the French Hens and the Calling Birds and ... oh ... everyone - for the official singing of *The Song*. With strict instructions from her mom, Grammy, and Great Grammy to guard the Five Golden Rings, Shirley sets off on a quest to find the song participants. But there are some bumps in the road.

Written for a cast of six actors who play all 21 roles, the RAAC production casts all the roles individually, and then some. It's a RAAC tradition for the holiday play to cast anyone who auditions. This production features a cast of about 30 actors, including many familiar faces, as well as newcomers. Patty Hardee directs.

Don't miss this playful, modern interpretation of the classic Christmas song with fresh dialogue and vivid characters.

Special Event: Talk-back with the playwright. Stay after the December 3 performance to meet playwright Renee Calarco, hear her talk about her inspiration for the script, and take questions from the audience.

Tickets for all performances go on sale November 1 and will be available by clicking [here](#).

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

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Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund Spotlight on 2016 grantee CCLC

This month we feature CCLC and the fall artist residency of David Hyde Costello, which, along with a second visit in the spring, are made possible by a grant from RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund.

CCLC's curriculum is in part based on extensive research that demonstrates that early exposure to the arts and creativity is essential to a child's development. Costello (at left), an award-winning children's book illustrator and puppeteer from Massachusetts, delighted and inspired CCLC children with his hand-made puppets, read his book about friendship and helping entitled "I Can Help," and guided older pre-schoolers in writing a collaborative story of their own.

In addition to the CCLC residency, David presented a free public program at the Rappahannock County Library, as well as several other libraries in DC and VA. CCLC Program Director Lisa Pendleton invites neighbors to visit the Center to see the children's artwork - call 675-3237 to arrange for a visit.

Grant Guidelines & Application available Dec 1

New information and the application for 2017 Mitchell Fund grants will be available Dec 1 on the RAAC website by [clicking here](#).

Grant Writing Workshop scheduled for Dec 10

The workshop will be held at the Rappahannock Library from 10am until noon. Members of Mitchell Arts Fund committee will go over 2017 grant application and new guidelines and answer your questions about submitting a proposal. All potential and past applicants are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Photo by Christal Lind.

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



**Calling Virginia filmmakers!
RAAC's third annual
Film Festival at Little Washington**

Apr 7-9, 2017

The official Call for Entries will be announced the second week in November. Visit RAAC's Film Festival webpages (link below) in early November for general information and submission dates. Spread the word to your filmmaker friends!

While remaining Virginia-centered, the Film Festival will consider select films and filmmakers from outside the state. Look for more thought-provoking, stimulating, and entertaining films as we grow in Rappahannock County!

For additional information, please contact Theresa Wood, Festival Director, at 817-403-0496.

Click to visit RAAC's Film Festival webpages.



Art Beat Rappahannock, November 2016

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theater

- Nov 5, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre**,
Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, DC,
Potomac Fever Ensemble [DETAILS](#)
- Nov 13, 3pm, Audrey Andrist, classical piano [DETAILS](#)
- Nov 6, 4pm, **Castleton Theatre**, Smithsonian Jazz
Masterworks Orchestra. [DETAILS](#)

Music

- Nov 2, 7pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Acoustic soul
- Nov 5, 8:30pm, Imaginary Blues Band
- Nov 11, 8pm, Grassfed
- Nov 12, 8:30pm, Clay Arthur & the Mystic Pistols
- Nov 18, 8pm, ATriuM3
- Nov 19, 8:30pm, MoJO Jam Band
- Nov 25, 8pm, Madonnas in a Field
- Nov 26, 8:30pm, Vinyl Tracks. [DETAILS](#)
- Nov 4, 8pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Augusta Blue
- Nov 5, 8pm, Eddie Pickett
- Nov 11, 8pm, Ralph Fortune
- Nov 12, 8pm, Haze & Dacey
- Nov 18, 8pm, Daniel Carter
- Nov 19, 8pm, Not at Liberty
- Nov 25, 8pm, Brian Chafin
- Nov 26, 8pm, Bobby G & Friends. [DETAILS](#)
- Nov 19, 2pm, **Narmada Winery**, Martha Capone
- Nov 20, 2pm, Jason Frye. [DETAILS](#)
- Nov 25, 2:30pm, **Grey Ghost Winery**,
Valerie Von Vange. [DETAILS](#)

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

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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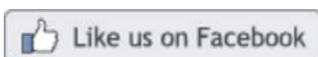
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