

# RAAC Newsletter June 2016



**Hello friends!**

RAAC's full and exciting spring season - movies, library talks, theater, Film Festival - is coming to an end. In the days before summer officially begins, the RAAC Community Theatre is producing "Red" on June 17, 18, & 19, a Tony Award-winning play about the amazing artist, Mark Rothko. You can [reserve tickets online](#) now for any of the three performances. We're expecting another sold-out show!

The big news in this month's newsletter is the announcement of our 2016 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund awards - \$41,250 in grants to 18 artists and organizations in Rappahannock County! These grants align with RAAC's goal of inspiring art and building community, and were made possible by net proceeds from our programs and from contributions from our generous donors - thank you!

RAAC takes a summer recess to recharge, plan, and prepare for our fall programs. There will be no First Friday at the Movies or Second Friday at the Library until September. Our Board and volunteers are busy selecting movies, auditioning for plays, choosing speakers for the library talks and Soup & Soul, and gearing up for the annual Art Tour. You can keep up with what's happening by going to [raac.org](http://raac.org).

Finally, thanks again to you who joined and supported RAAC during our winter/spring membership drive and the May 3 Give Local Piedmont campaign! Your generosity is greatly appreciated and underlies RAAC's success in building community through the arts.

**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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## RAAC Community Theatre

### "Red"

**Fri, Jun 17, at 8pm**  
**Sat, Jun 18, at 8pm**  
**Sun, Jun 19, at 3pm**

**310 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**  
**Tickets \$15 each**

In "Red" by American playwright John Logan, Mark Rothko, a master abstract expressionist painter, has landed a huge contract for a series of paintings that are intended to hang in the new Four Seasons Restaurant in the Seagrams Building in New York City. As the play opens, Rothko shows a large painting to his young assistant Ken.

"What do you see?" Rothko asks Ken. "Wait. Stand closer. You've got to get closer. Let it work on you. Closer. Too close. There. Let it spread out. Let it wrap its art around you."

That is precisely what RAAC Community Theatre artistic director Peter Hornbostel hopes the play will do for the audience in the theatre's upcoming production directed by Andy Platt and starring Howard Coon as Rothko and Brendan Martyn as Ken.

Winning six Tony Awards (including best play) in 2010, the fictional story examines, through Rothko's eyes and oversized ego, the creation of art and color and the work of other modern painters.

*To purchase tickets, click the link below. Prepayment 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.*

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



## 2016 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grants awarded

RAAC is pleased to announce 18 grants to Rappahannock artists and organizations. In keeping with the vision of the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund, the grants reward and encourage county organizations that are working to foster the arts in Rappahannock and local artists of all ages.

This year's grants include a diversity of educational and performance projects, a variety of media, emerging and established artists, professional and institutional development, arts programs within community-based organizations, and collaborative projects. "It was a very competitive process again this year, with many excellent proposals," reports RAAC Board President Matthew Black.

Of the many worthy applications we received, the following were chosen to be recipients of this year's grants, for a total of \$41,250 in awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000:

- 1000 Faces Mask Theater for production assistance with their public performance in October at Stone Hill
- Janet Kerig's Arts & Crafts Camp for scholarships to the camp
- Belle Meade School for their spring 2017 musical theater production
- Kevin Bosch for producing the Rappahannock Writing Retreat, a 3-day workshop for local writers
- Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC) for a weekly music program for pre-schoolers with songbooks & instruments and for a visiting artist residency
- Maeve Ciuba to attend an intensive summer theater arts camp run by Allegro Community School of the Arts in Warrenton
- Flourish Root Florals for a series of children's workshops in floral arts & photography
- Goodlife Theater for creating & developing an original puppet show, "Berry Tales", including audience blueberry picking for the Food Pantry
- Joyce Harman for photographing night skies in Rappahannock, developing a basic website & teaching in partnership with RLEP's Dark Skies Initiative
- Headwaters for creating a choir for middle school and high school age students in Rappahannock County Public Schools
- Barbara Heile for teaching "spontaneous painting" classes to seniors at the Rappahannock Senior Center
- Linda Heimstra for studying oil portrait painting & initiating a portrait series of county notables
- Kid Pan Alley for song-writing residencies in 8 local schools, inspired by visits to Shenandoah National Park, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service
- Donna LaPre for improvements to her fiber arts studio
- Mountainside Dance Center for scholarships for young dancers
- Roger Piantadosi for documenting Rappahannock artists' connection to nature through written profiles and videos
- Wendi Sirat for a series of 3 community drum circles at the RAAC Theatre
- Stone Hill Theatrical Foundation to support theatrical productions during their inaugural year as a nonprofit

Over the past 4 years, RAAC's Mitchell Fund has given away \$110,000 to 42 different artists and organizations in the community. RAAC President Matthew Black remarked, "The Board and its Mitchell Arts Fund committee are thrilled at the diversity and quality of art-making in the county and are pleased to encourage even more."

***New this fall*** - RAAC and the Mitchell Fund Committee will offer a grant preparation workshop for potential 2017 applicants to better understand the Fund's goals and requirements. Mitchell Fund 2017 grant applications and guidelines will be available in December on RAAC's website, with a deadline of March 15, 2017.

The Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund is RAAC's primary channel for offering financial support to the arts in Rappahannock. It was established with a 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 Art Tour and Film Festival.

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



## Art Beat Rappahannock June 2016

*Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County*

### **Theatre**

- Jun 5, 5pm, **Stone Hill Theatrical Foundation**, "Arguing with God" play. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 11, 8pm, **The Theatre at Washington, Virginia**, Laurence Juber, 2-time Grammy winner, acoustic guitar
- Jun 17, 7pm, Shenandoah National Park's Centennial Celebration featuring flutist Emlyn Johnson, free admission. [DETAILS](#)

### **Music & arts**

- Jun 3, 9pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Ronnie Johnson, music
- Jun 10, 8pm, Gold Top County Ramblers, music
- Jun 11, 9pm, Bobby G & Friends, music
- Jun 17, 9pm, Dubious Brothers, music
- Jun 18, 9pm, Madonnas in a Field, music
- Jun 24, 8pm, Davis Bradley Duo, music
- Jun 25, 8pm, DJ, music. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 3, 8pm, **Griffin Tavern, ATriuM3!** & Fiery Run, music
- Jun 4, 8:30pm, Vinyl Tracks, music
- Jun 10, 8pm, Ransom Harmony, music
- Jun 11, 8:30pm, The Muddy Crows, music
- Jun 18, 8:30pm, Hypnotic Willies, music
- Jun 24, 8pm, Marc Allred, music
- Jun 25, 8:30pm, Bryan Elijah Smith & The Wild Hearts, music. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 4, 6-9pm, **Tula's Off Main**, Josh Lowe, music
- Jun 25, 6-9pm, The Hazelnuts, music. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 4, 3-6pm, **Narmada Winery**, Alex Young, music
- Jun 18, 2-5pm, Aubrey Driggers, music
- Jun 19, 2-5pm, Tom Robbins, music. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 11, 2-5:30pm, **Gadino Cellars**, Troy & Paula Haags, music. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 11, 4-7pm, **Gay Street Gallery**, New show opening reception: Davette Leonard & Kevin H. Adams, paintings; Jane Tolar, basketry. [DETAILS](#)
- Jun 18, 1pm, **Gray Ghost Vinyards**, Robbie Limon, music
- Jun 19, 11am-5pm, Father's Day celebration; Valerie Von Fange, 2-4pm, music. [DETAILS](#)

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

## 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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