

RAAC Newsletter June 2017



Hello everyone!

RAAC's big news this month is the announcement of our 2017 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grants - 17 awards to Rappahannock artists and organizations, totaling \$43,500! It was a very competitive process again this year with many excellent proposals. See below for a list of this year's grantees and a description of their funded projects.

Over the past five years, RAAC has given away almost \$160,000 to 46 different artists and organizations in the community through our Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund. These artists and organizations align with RAAC's goal of inspiring art and building community in Rappahannock. Net proceeds from our programs and events, combined with contributions from our generous donors, make this support possible - 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 talks until September. In the meantime, we're busy getting ready for the annual Art Tour that takes place November 4-5. You can stay in touch by going to RAAC's website at www.raac.org. Please let us know if you'd like to join RAAC friends in volunteering to help with our programs and events.

Finally, thanks again to you who joined and supported RAAC during our winter membership drive and in the May 2nd Give Local Piedmont. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and underlies RAAC's success in building community through the arts.

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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Claudia Mitchell
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**2017 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund
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RAAC is delighted to announce this year's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund awardees! The 17 grants range in amount from \$500 to \$5,000 and include a diversity of educational and performance projects, a variety of media, emerging and established artists, artistic and institutional development, arts programs within community-based organizations, and collaborative projects.

CONGRATULATIONS to these awardees!

- 1000 Faces Mask Theater for creation of a new performance piece & public performance on Sep 23 at Castleton
- Kevin Adams for a public drawing & painting program in Shenandoah National Park this summer
- Janet Kerig's Arts & Crafts Camp for scholarships for kids at her multimedia camp at Hearthstone School this summer
- Ann Baumgardner for continuing instruction in watercolor painting and creation of a series featuring county buildings and scenes
- Veronika Benson to explore, investigate & research the history of Portland and Albuquerque for her novel
- Kevin Bosch for producing the Rappahannock Writing Retreat, a 3-day workshop for local writers at Bookworks Studio in Flint Hill in late summer or fall
- Patty Brennan for creating a body of stained glass work focused on Rappahannock to be exhibited at Gay Street Gallery in Jan 2018
- Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC) for multi-arts programming including visiting artist residencies (David Costello, Joe Pipick); theater camp instructor; music curriculum & teacher training; "sound wall" for musical exploration
- Goodlife Theater for creating a new educational puppet production, tentatively titled "The Six Step Shuffle, Building Solutions to Problems" to be performed in cooperation with CCLC & Rappahannock Elementary School
- Barbara Helle for teaching twice-monthly "spontaneous painting" classes to seniors at the Rappahannock Senior Center from July 2017 to June 2018
- Kid Pan Alley for 3-day songwriting & singing workshops for adults and high school students, plus a community performance featuring Reisler, Ysaye Barnwell & Three Good Reasons in spring 2018
- Sheila Lamb for a 2-week writer's residency at the Porches Writing Retreat in Nelson County, VA to finish her novel begun in 2015
- Mountainside Dance Center for scholarships for young dancers plus a June showcase by visiting children's dance company, Hope Garden Ballet Academy
- Rappahannock High School Band Boosters for scholarships for individual instrumental music instruction, plus master classes by instructors
- Wil Sands for a photojournalism project exploring the historical, cultural & economic dynamics of life in rural America, focused on Rappahannock County. Culminates in a public exhibit & forum at Aileen Factory and publication in journalism outlets
- Wendi Sirat for a series of 3 community drum circles at the RAAC Theater in fall 2017
- Stone Hill Theatrical Foundation for support of citizen theater and theatrical productions in Rappahannock County

The Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund 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. To learn more, click the link below. To make a direct contribution to the Fund, [click here](#).

Click to visit RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund webpages.



CCLC & RAAC Community Theatre summer workshops

Coming off a highly successful run of Tom Stoppard's critically acclaimed play "Arcadia," the RAAC Community Theatre is now launching a new initiative with Rappahannock's Child Care and Learning Center (CCLC).

In June and July, the Theatre will conduct workshops for youngsters attending several of CCLC's summer camps. The workshops will teach the basic elements of acting as well introduce campers to production components such as make-up, costumes, and stage blocking.

The workshops will be taught by Lucia Hanover, whose experience includes acting, directing, and producing plays in New York City, including the Herbert Berghof Studios. Lucia will focus on having the children participate in games and exercises exploring different characters from plays like Peter Pan, as well as learn improvisational techniques.

"Sponsoring an acting summer camp for kids is something we've talked about for a couple of years, and I am delighted this summer it is going to become a reality," said Patty Hardee, RAAC Community Theatre artistic director. "We are so fortunate to have someone of Lucia's caliber to conduct these workshops. The kids are going to love it, and hopefully the camp workshops will develop a talent pool where these youngsters can participate in future RAAC productions."

For more information, visit the Theatre webpage (link below) or email theatre@raac.org.

Click to visit the RAAC Community Theatre webpage.



Film Festival at Little Washington It's a wrap!

At RAAC's 2017 Film Festival at Little Washington, moviegoers were once again treated to a lively weekend filled with stimulating documentaries, features, and short films. Filmmakers and visitors alike enjoyed Rappahannock's unique beauty and hospitality, and left wanting to return next year.

A standing ovation goes to Festival Director Theresa Wood and all our wonderful volunteers, sponsors, and community partners whose combined efforts in supporting the art of filmmaking have grown the Festival into an exciting annual event. Thank you!

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



Used iPad or tablet needed for RAAC Community Theatre

The Theatre needs equipment to support its sound system. If you have a used tablet or iPad you are willing to donate or sell, please contact Howie Kelly (kellyhd51@gmail.com). Howie will be out of the country until mid-June but will be delighted to hear from you and will be back in touch when he returns.

If you have a question in the meantime, contact Sallie Morgan (morgan.sallie@gmail.com). Thanks!

[Click to visit RAAC Community Theatre web pages.](#)



Thank you for your gift to RAAC!

Many thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Give Local Piedmont (GLP) campaign. RAAC was pleased to join with other local nonprofits to share in this fundraising drive.

We are very happy to note that RAAC had its most successful GLP participation to date, receiving almost \$4,000 from 40 supporters. We will put these donations to work bringing you the artistic and cultural events that enliven and strengthen our wonderful community.

Thanks again!!

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



Art Beat Rappahannock, June 2017

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theatre

- Jun 4, 4pm, **Castleton Theatre**,
The American Chamber Players
[DETAILS](#)
- Jun 10, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre**,
2-time Grammy winner Laurence Juber
[DETAILS](#)
- Jun 11, 4pm, **Community Dance Showcase**,
presented by Mountainside Dance Center
at Rappahannock County High School.
For tickets, contact Anne Williams at
540-987-9390 or email
mpt@mountainsidept.com

Music

These venues host live music in June:

- **Gadino Cellars** [DETAILS](#)
- **Gray Ghost Vineyards** [DETAILS](#)
- **Griffin Tavern** [DETAILS](#)
- **Headmasters Pub** [DETAILS](#)
- **Narmada Winery** [DETAILS](#)

Art

- Jun 10, 4-7pm, **Gay Street Gallery**,
Opening reception for show by
Kevin H. Adams, Ruthie Windsor-Mann
& Jan Kirsch [DETAILS](#)

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

Please note: For inclusion in Art Beat, event details should be emailed to artbeat@raac.org by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Mark Your Calendar!

For all the details, additions, and
schedule changes, visit [RAAC's calendar](#).
New events are added frequently, so please check often.

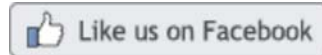
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