

RAAC Newsletter June 2018

Hello friends!

RAAC's big news this month is the announcement of our 2018 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grants - 16 awards to Rappahannock artists and organizations, totaling \$49,190! It was a very competitive process again this year, and I'm thrilled at the diversity and quality of the proposals. See below for a list of this year's grantees and a description of their funded projects.

Over the past seven years, RAAC has given away \$209,000 to over 56 different artists and organizations in the community through our Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund. These artists and organizations align with our goal of inspiring art and building community in Rappahannock. Net proceeds from RAAC programs and events, combined with contributions from our generous donors, make this support possible - thank you!

On Saturday, June 23, RAAC is joining with Foothills Forum to offer our first Film-TalkBack event. We're screening "The Post," followed by a discussion led by two local luminaries. Jay Ward Brown, an eminent First Amendment lawyer, has defended organizations in delivering news to the public and litigated privacy and access issues from around the country, all the way to the Supreme Court. Andy Alexander, former ombudsman for "The Washington Post" and Washington Bureau Chief for Cox Newspapers, is a nationally respected expert in the public's right to know and dangers of government secrecy.

RAAC takes a summer recess to recharge and plan in June - August, so there will be no First Friday at the Movies or Second Friday Talks until September. In the meantime, we're busy getting ready for our fall programs. For those who schedule ahead, a special two-evening Film-TalkBack event with the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI) is scheduled for September 28 - 29, RAAC's picnic will be held on October 14, and our annual Art Tour will take place on November 3 - 4.

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 with others in helping with RAAC programs and events.

Finally, thanks again to you who joined and supported RAAC during our winter membership drive and in the May 1 Give Local Piedmont event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and underlies RAAC's success in building community through the arts.

Thanks!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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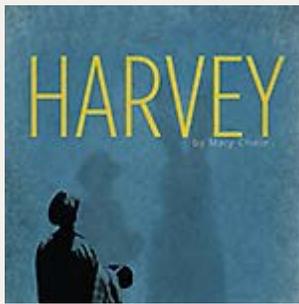
**Artists of Rappahannock
14th Annual Studio & Gallery Tour**

**Application deadline for
returning artists
Friday, June 1**

Reminder: If you are a Rappahannock artist who has previously participated in the Art Tour and you are interested in joining in this year's Art Tour, please contact Heather Wicke, Chair, Art Tour Planning Committee, by Friday, June 1. She can be reached either by emailing hwicke2@gmail.com or by calling 540 -675 - 3368. The registration fee is \$200.

Over the past 13 years, the Art Tour has been one of the highlights of RAAC's activities celebrating Rappahannock's vibrant arts community and scenic beauty. We had another record crowd attending last year and hope to continue that trend.

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



RAAC Community Theatre

Auditions for "Harvey"

Sat, Jun 2, 2-4pm, RAAC Theatre

Sun, Jun 3, 2-4pm, RAAC Theatre

Sat, Jun 9, 2-4pm, Washington Town Hall

Sun, Jun 10, 2-4pm, Washington Town Hall

"Harvey," by Mary Chase, is a perennial favorite of audiences and actors and has twelve roles for men and women. If you've thought about acting but not yet got your feet wet, this is a great opportunity to audition and perhaps land a role. Our auditions are fun and non-threatening!

Auditions will be based on reading from the play and will take place at the RAAC Community Theatre from 2 to 4pm, June 2 and 3. More auditions will take place from 2 to 4pm, June 9 and 10 at the Washington Town Hall, 485 Gay Street.

The RAAC Community Theatre has tentatively scheduled **performances** of "Harvey" for Sep 21, 22, and 23.

For information and to be sure you receive any updated info, email director Patty Hardee at pahardee@gmail.com.

RAAC Community Theatre, 301 Gay Street, Washington, VA.

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



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Movie TalkBack Series

"The Post"

Film followed by discussion with
Jay Ward Brown & Andy Alexander

Saturday, June 23, 7pm, \$6
(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)

Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring: Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks
Director: Steven Spielberg
Writers: Liz Hannah, Josh Singer
Awards: Nominated for 2 Oscars
Genre: Biography, Drama, History;
116 minutes; Rated PG-13

A cover-up that spanned four U.S. Presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join in an unprecedented battle between the press and the government.

-From the Internet Movie Database

In lieu of ticket sales, we will collect donations for the nonprofit organization, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

A discussion following the movie will feature two local luminaries:

Jay Ward Brown is one of the nation's premier First Amendment attorneys. He has successfully defended publishers and broadcasters against restraining orders and injunctions attempting to stop delivery of news to the public. He has litigated libel, privacy, copyright, subpoena, and access matters in the U.S. Supreme Court, federal and state appellate courts, and trial courts around the country.

Andy Alexander was a former "Washington Post" ombudsman, award-winning journalist, and editor and Washington bureau chief for Cox Newspapers. He has written and spoken extensively about the public's right to know, and has launched national Sunshine Week to focus attention on freedom of information and the dangers of government secrecy. He is the Scripps Howard Visiting Professional at the E. W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University, a former member of the board of the American Society of News Editors, and he chaired its Freedom of Information Committee.

[Click to visit RAAC's First Friday Movie webpage.](#)



2018 Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grants total \$49,190

RAAC is pleased to announce this year's grants to Rappahannock artists and organizations. In keeping with the vision of the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund, the grants reward and encourage individual artists of all ages and organizations who are working to foster the arts in Rappahannock. This year's grants include a diversity of educational and performance projects, a variety of media, emerging and established artists, arts programs within community-based organizations, and collaborative projects.

CONGRATULATIONS to these awardees!

- Lillian Aylor for editing & preparation of her book, "My Rappahannock Journey: The Life of Lillian Freeman Aylor"
- Kevin Bosch for producing the Rappahannock Writers Retreat, a 3-day workshop for local writers at Bookworks Studio in Flint Hill this fall
- Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC) for multi-arts programming for pre-school children and elementary kids in the summer
- Joyce Harmon for expanding her RLEP-collaborative "Dark Skies" photography project into Shenandoah Nation Park and surrounding counties
- Headwaters for their 2-week intensive Summer Chorus for Rappahannock middle and high school students
- Hearthstone School for productions of an original play "The Flood of Kindness," including community dialogues on disaster preparedness
- Barbara Heile for teaching twice-monthly "spontaneous painting" classes to seniors at the Rappahannock Senior Center
- Janet Kerig's Arts & Crafts Camp for scholarships and art supplies for kids at her multimedia camp at Hearthstone School this summer
- Living Sky for arts programming at seasonal community festivals hosted by Rappahannock Red Tent Sisterhood
- Mountainside Dance Center for scholarships for young & adult dance students, plus a June showcase with visiting children's dance company, Hope Garden Ballet Academy
- Virginia Pates for building materials for a new pottery studio and several community pottery workshops
- Piedmont Symphony Orchestra for a Music Mentoring program with the Rappahannock County High School Band during the 2018-19 school year
- James Reston for production of his new play "Luther's Fortress" at Stone Hill this fall
- Shinola Creek for recording and production of a CD of original songs by local musicians from the Shinola Creek collective
- Stone Hill Theatrical Foundation for support of John Henry's new play "Good Guys & Bad Guys" at Stone Hill this fall
- 1000 Faces Mask Theater for performance and production of Peggy Schadler's new piece "Lucid Dreaming" on September 22 at Castleton Farms

2018 grantees will receive their checks at a Grant Give-Away party in June.

Over the past 7 years, RAAC's Mitchell Fund has given away \$209,000 in Mitchell Fund grants to 56 different artists and organizations in the community. 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. These artists and organizations align with RAAC's mission of inspiring art and building community in Rappahannock County."

Coming again in December 2018, RAAC and the Mitchell Fund committee will offer another grant preparation workshop for potential 2019 applicants to better understand the Fund's goals and requirements. Mitchell Fund grant applications and guidelines for 2019 will be available on December 1 on RAAC's website (raac.org), with an application deadline of March 15, 2019.

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. To learn more or to make a direct contribution to the Fund, go to RAAC's website www.raac.org and click on Mitchell Arts Fund.

[Click to visit the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund webpages.](#)



Thank you for your gift to RAAC!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to RAAC through the 2018 Give Local Piedmont campaign!

As many of you know, the GLP campaign comes hard on the heels of RAAC's annual fundraising drive, so we don't actively seek donations through GLP. Thus, we were particularly delighted with your generous support this year.

Be assured that we will continue to apply these funds to the RAAC events and activities you love.

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



Rappahannock.com Events Calendar

Click [HERE](#) to visit the comprehensive local events calendar hosted by Rappahannock.com.

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Mark Your Calendar!

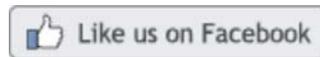
For all the details, additions, and schedule changes for RAAC events, visit [RAAC's calendar](#). Our website is updated frequently, so please check often.

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