

# RAAC Newsletter November 2018

## **Hello friends!**

Start November with RAAC's premier event - our 14th annual Fall Art Tour on Nov 3-4! Here's your chance to visit studios and galleries scattered around our scenic county featuring over 100 Rappahannock artists and their guest artists. Once again, we're expecting well over 1,000 visitors for the Tour! Begin at the historic Washington School to pick up tickets and maps at the Tour headquarters and see exhibited artwork from participating artists. Invite friends to join you on the Art Tour.

In conjunction with the Art Tour, we're screening "Loving Vincent" at First Friday at the Movies on Nov 2. "Loving Vincent" is a feature-length, painted animation. It's the first film of its kind to explore the life and unusual death of Vincent Van Gogh via depictions of his artworks. Show time will be 8pm to accommodate those coming from the Art Tour reception earlier that evening.

Need another antidote from politics? Come to the Second Friday RAAC Talk on Nov 9 that will feature Rappahannock novelist and historian George Pettie. He is the author of a trilogy of novels set in Rappahannock, and he leads groups of readers on Rappahannock tours that he calls "Walks Back in Time." We'll meet at the Rappahannock County Library at 8pm.

The holiday season starts early this year. "Charlotte's Web," produced by RAAC's Community Theatre, opens Friday, Nov 30. See the article below for key details.

Hope to see you at one of our events!

**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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**First Friday Movie****"Loving Vincent"**

**Friday, Nov 2, 8pm**  
**Tickets \$6**  
**(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)**

**Little Washington Theatre**  
**291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

*Click on the photo below to play the movie trailer*



Loving Vincent - Official Trailer

**Starring:** Douglas Booth, Jerome Flynn, Robert Gulaczyk  
**Directors:** Dorota Kobiela, Hugh Welchman  
**Awards:** 18 wins and 50 nominations  
**Genre:** Biography, animation, crime  
**94 minutes**  
**Rated PG-13 for mature thematic elements, some violence, and smoking**

In a story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there.

- Internet Movie Database

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



## **Fall Art Tour**

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

**Save the dates!**

**Saturday-Sunday, Nov 3 & 4**

The 14th annual Fall Art Tour will have more artists and fine art of all types than ever to enjoy and new studios and galleries to explore. Over 100 artists will be showing in over 40 studios and galleries throughout Rappahannock County.

The Tour begins at Art Tour Headquarters at The Washington School, 567 Mt Salem Ave., Washington, VA. There you will see a visual feast of representative art on display at the Main Gallery. For a \$10 per person admission fee, you will receive a guide and map to direct you to the artists you most want to visit on your self-guided tour through the gorgeous scenery.

The Fall Art Tour is truly a unique experience for art enthusiasts and countryside adventurers from near and far. Don't miss the wonder of this extraordinary community event!

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



## Second Friday Talk

### George Pettie

**Friday, Nov 9, 8pm**

**Rappahannock County Library  
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747**

The talk will feature an exciting look back at Rappahannock history, with novelist and researcher George Pettie as our guide. Pettie is the author of a trilogy of novels, *In the Land of Rob*, that span Blue Ridge history from the late 1800s to the 1960s.

As a young boy living near Old Rag, Pettie listened raptly to the tales of a local man, then about seventy, who spun tales of growing up in a mountain hollow and eventually confronting the modern world. (Those confrontations included the relocation of many local families, to make way for Shenandoah National Park.) By the time young George Pettie came to visit, Old Man Rob lived alone in a cabin with his dogs. Eventually Pettie learned that most of the old man's stories were true. Those tales inspired Pettie to set out on his own journey, researching the lives of the people who lived in our mountains and hollows.

Pettie will talk about what he learned about the early Blue Ridge residents and how they viewed the land, and what they made of religion and health and welfare and peace and security. (George also leads local walking tours that he calls *Walks Back in Time*.)

George Pettie is eager to share insights and answer questions and show photographs of Old Man Rob, his cabin, and the Blue Ridge Mountains. Some of the photos are George's, and some were taken by one of America's premier photojournalists, Arthur Rothstein.

*November's talk will take place at at the Rappahannock County Library.*

***The talk is free. All are welcome.***

*[Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday Talks webpage.](#)*



## RAAC Community Theatre

### Charlotte's Web

**Fri, Nov 30, 8pm**  
**Sat, Dec 1, 3pm**  
**Fri, Dec 7, 8pm**  
**Sat, Dec 8, 3pm**  
**Sun, Dec 9, 3pm**

Rehearsals are well underway for the Theatre's holiday production of "Charlotte's Web" directed by Lucia Hanover. Lucia and her team have designed an innovative set for the production, whose cast numbers almost three dozen kids and adults.

Written by E. B. White, "Charlotte's Web" is considered a classic of children's literature and appeals to both kids and adults. In the story, Charlotte, a spider, befriends a pig, Wilbur, who is in danger of being slaughtered. Charlotte uses her web-weaving skills to wow the farm community and ultimately spare Wilbur's life.

The play takes place at the RAAC Community Theatre, 310 Gay Street, Washington, VA. Tickets are available on the RAAC website by clicking [HERE](#). Shows sell out; early reservations are recommended.

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



## Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund Updates on 2018 grantees

October was a busy month of creative projects supported by grants from RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund.



Seniors and volunteers at the **Rappahannock Senior Center** at the Scrabble School created a collaborative painting entitled "Our Beloved Rappahannock." Their creative guide **Barbara Heile** has taught "spontaneous painting" weekly at the Center for the past 3 years under grants from the Mitchell Fund.

The painting was featured in October at Aging Together's "Art of Aging" expo at Germanna Technology Center in Culpeper. It will hang in the Art Tour headquarters and gallery at the Washington School during Art Tour weekend, after which it will be permanently installed in the entrance of the Scrabble School building - all are welcome to come see it. *(Credit - Barbara Heile)*



Before the concert at Castleton's Festival House on Friday night of **Kid Pan Alley's Song Camp**, faculty member Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock led a community sing. The concert featured Barnwell, Paul Reisler, Lea Morris, Marshall Keys, Cheryl Toth, and Stan Engebretson performing favorite Kid Pan Alley Songs and other original pieces. *(Credit - Susan Saandholland)*



Old Rag Photography's **Joyce Harman** exhibited her Dark Skies photos at Hearthstone School and Griffin Tavern this fall before the photographs travel to counties surrounding Shenandoah National Park. Printed on aluminum, these large-format photos capture the Milky Way as seen from various locations in Rappahannock, which is one of the few places on the East Coast where the Milky Way is clearly visible. *(Credit - Ray Boc)*



**Peggy Schadler's 1000 Faces Mask Theater** enchanted a record audience under the tent on the Castleton Festival grounds with a performance of Schadler's new theater and music piece "Lucid Dreaming." Reports are it was the best 1000 Faces performance ever! *(Credit - Raven Bauer Durham)*



Rappahannock writers engaged in a weekend of writing poetry led by guest writer/poet **Victoria Bosch** (4th from the left) and produced by **KC Bosch** at Bookworks Studio in Flint Hill. Participant (and RAAC Board member) Pete Pazmino (second from left) commented that "it was an excellent and very well-organized and led retreat, with lots of very creative writing exercises that really pushed attendees to stretch themselves." *(Credit - Tac Taceloski)*



**James Reston Jr's "Luther's Trumpet"** drew a crowd to John Henry's Stone Hill amphitheater for his stunningly produced and acted original play with George Mason University's Rick Davis directing a cast of citizen actors. Pictured here is Hugh Hill as Martin Luther. *(Credit - Craig McPherson)*

**Upcoming event:** On Nov 10 at 10am Goodlife Theater's Joe Pipick and Jeanne Wall will present a **puppet show** for infants through school age children and their adults at CCLC, 12763 Lee Highway, Washington, VA. The show is free. **RSVP** to [rappcclc@gmail.com](mailto:rappcclc@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE:** The 2019 Mitchell Arts Fund Applications and Guidelines will be available on the RAAC website on Dec 1. Both new and former applicants are encouraged to attend the Grant Workshop at the Rappahannock County Library on Saturday, Dec 8 from 10am to noon. Members of the Mitchell Fund committee will walk you through the new application, any changes to the guidelines, and answer your questions.

*Click to visit the Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund webpages.*



### **Rappahannock.com Events Calendar**

Click **HERE** to visit the comprehensive local events calendar hosted by Rappahannock.com.

*Click to visit RAAC's website.*

### **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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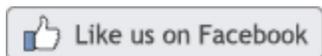
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