

RAAC Newsletter February 2019

Hello friends!

What better way to enjoy the winter days than in the company of friends and neighbors at one of RAAC's arts events! Our upcoming programs will keep you entertained and stimulated.

First Friday at the Movies will screen the highly acclaimed *BlackKkKlansman* at 7pm on Feb 1. It was nominated for four Golden Globe awards: best movie (drama), best director, best actor, and best supporting actor. The movie is based on actual events and stars Ron Stallworth, an African-American police officer from Colorado who infiltrated the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate, Adam Driver, who eventually becomes its leader.

We're expecting another standing-room-only crowd at the Second Friday RAAC Talk on Feb 8. It will feature award-winning writer Sally Mott Freeman, who will tell us about the *The Jersey Brothers*, a book receiving rave reviews by The New York Times. It's a true story of three brothers in the U.S. Navy in World War II that involves a dramatic, harrowing story of the search to find the youngest brother captured by the Japanese. Join us at 8pm at the Rappahannock County Public Library. All are welcome.

Our second Soup & Soul event is Feb 16 when Patricia Brennan will share her passion for glasswork with those at this sold-out event. Patricia is a phenomenal, talented artist and teacher who's lived in one of Rappahannock's beautiful hollows for many years. If you missed getting reservations, click [HERE](#) to put your name on our active wait list. We're able to accommodate most on the list.

After five sold-out performances of *Charlotte's Web* in December, RAAC Community Theatre is busy rehearsing for two spring productions: *Harvey* in late March and *The Devil and Daniel Webster* in May. It's going to be an exciting spring theatre season!

Artists and organizations, don't forget that Mar 15 is the deadline for RAAC's Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund grant applications! Information is available on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

Finally, RAAC's annual fundraising drive begins in mid-February. A letter will be arriving in your mail soon. We greatly appreciate your membership, participation, and financial contributions that enable us to fulfill our mission of building community through the arts.

Thank you!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



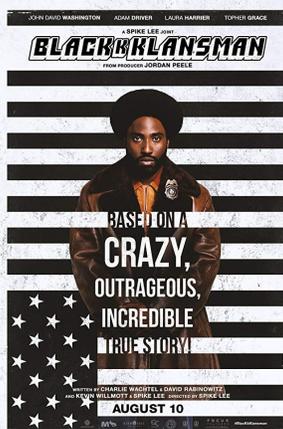
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First Friday Movie

"BlacKkKlansman"

Friday, Feb 1, 7pm
Tickets \$6
(Popcorn, candy, and water available for purchase)

Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring: John David Washington, Adam Driver, Laura Harrier

Director: Spike Lee

Awards: Nominated for 6 Oscars

Trailers: Click [HERE](#) for movie trailers

Genre: Biography, Crime, Drama

2 hours 15 minutes

Rated R

Director Spike Lee's drama was produced by the team behind "Get Out" and offers another provocative exploration of American race relations.

In the midst of the 1970s civil rights movement, Ron Stallworth (John David Washington) becomes the first black detective on the Colorado Springs Police Department. He sets out to prove his worth by infiltrating the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan and convinces his Jewish colleague (Adam Driver) to go undercover as a white supremacist.

- Source: The New York Times

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



Second Friday Talk

Sally Freeman

Friday, Feb 8, 2018, 8pm

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

February's Second Friday speaker is Sallie Freeman, author of "The Jersey Brothers." Her book tells the true, heroic story of three brothers serving in the Navy in World War II.

Freeman tells the dramatic, harrowing story of the search to find the youngest brother, who was captured by the Japanese. "Her book is liable to break the hearts of Unbroken fans," *The New York Times* raved, "and it's all true."

[Click to visit the Second Friday Talk webpages.](#)



Soup & Soul

Patricia Brennan

Saturday, Feb 16

Chris Stephens

Saturday, Mar 16

RAAC's annual Soup & Soul series offers an opportunity to hear from local artists about their work and their creative process. These winter events are held monthly in host homes in the county and include a potluck dinner along with soup provided by the hosts. The 2019 Soup & Soul series features stained-glass artist Patricia Brennan on Feb 16 and artist Chris Stephens on Mar 16.

One benefit of RAAC membership is early notification of these annual events. RAAC members received an email last December with a specific members' link to purchase tickets at \$20 each. Tickets were then made available to the general public on the RAAC website.

This season's artists include:

- **Patricia Brennan**, who has worked as a commissioned stained glass artist for the past 37 years, creating a wide range of styles in glass and specializing in church windows, stained glass light boxes, family crest windows, and commissioned glasswork. Patricia's Sperryville studio, De'Danann Glassworks, has been included in RAAC's Fall Art Tour for several years, and she enjoys sharing her passion for glasswork by teaching classes every week.

- **Chris Stephens**, who uses vibrant colors to portray the sweeping landscapes of the Shenandoah Valley, achieves an alluring interpretation of the countryside. Chris holds an MFA from James Madison, and his work can be found in numerous collections including the SAS Institute, American Express, Bell Atlantic, First Union National Bank, Duke Energy, Lowe's, and UNC Women's and Children's Hospital. Chris now lives in Front Royal.

Click to visit RAAC's Soup & Soul webpages.



Mitchell Fund application deadline coming soon!

March 15 is the deadline for applying for 2019 Mitchell Fund grants. Guidelines and applications are available at raac.org.

Applicants must be Rappahannock residents and/or engaged in arts projects that benefit the Rappahannock community. Individual artists and organizations working in all media are welcome to apply.

Since 2012, RAAC has awarded \$209,000 to 56 Rappahannock artists and organizations - inspiring art and building community!!

Click to visit RAAC's Mitchell Fund webpages.



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Soon you'll receive a letter asking you to renew your financial support or begin supporting RAAC. Together with our friends and neighbors, we can Inspire Art and Build Community in our beautiful county.

Your donations allow our volunteers to run the programs that help make this such a vibrant place to live. We couldn't do it without you, so thanks for being a supporting member of the RAAC community!

We look forward to your membership in the RAAC community - **Thank You!**

Click to visit RAAC's website.



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; please check often.

www.raac.org

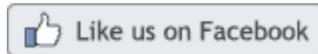
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