

Hello all,

Late autumn in the Piedmont region provides plenty of its own natural splendor with golden leaves and vibrant reds turning to rusty shades as the weather cools. But as the falling leaves disappear, color and creativity abound in this year's annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour. Now in its ninth year, RAAC will be showcasing the wealth of artists in this area Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3. With the weather forecast predicting an Indian summer weekend, RAAC looks forward to many visitors, maps in hand, wandering the countryside visiting studios and galleries.

Joanne Hilty, President, RAAC

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**First Friday at the Movies:
"Quartet"**

**Fri, Nov 1, 8pm, \$6, at The Theatre At Washington
291 Gay St., Washington, VA**

Directed by Dustin Hoffman

**Starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly,
Pauline Collins, Michael Gambon, Gwyneth Jones**

Rated PG-13; 105 minutes

Beecham House is abuzz. The rumor circling the halls is that the home for retired musicians is soon to play host to a new resident. Word is, it's a star. For Reginald Paget, Wilfred Bond, and Cecily Robson, this sort of talk is par for the course at the gossipy home. But they're in for a special shock when the new arrival turns out to be none other than their former singing partner, Jean Horton. Her subsequent career as a star soloist, and the ego that accompanied it, split up their long friendship and ended her marriage to Reggie, who takes the news of her arrival particularly hard.

Can the passage of time heal old wounds? And will the famous quartet be able to patch up their differences in time for Beecham House's gala concert?

For more information, visit [RAAC's film page](#).

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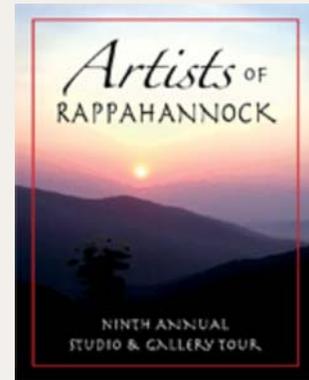
Saturday & Sunday, November 2-3

Travel the beautiful byways of Rappahannock during this lovely Fall foliage season and visit 20 artists in their studios, which are open to the public specially for this weekend. Seven of Rappahannock's fine galleries are also on the Tour.

Pick up your tickets (\$10 for both days) and driving map, and view a sampling of the artwork for sale this weekend at Tour Headquarters & Fire Hall Gallery, Washington Fire Hall, 10 Firehouse Ln, Washington, VA 22747. The Tour runs 10 to 5 each day.

**Over 60 artists will be represented at the various
venues, so come and ENJOY!**

For a preview of the art, visit the [artists' pages](#) and [gallery pages](#) on RAAC's Tour website.





**Second Friday at the Library Speaker Series:
Author Marion Winik**

Fri, Nov 8, 8pm, at the Rappahannock County Library

On Friday, Nov. 8, 8pm, RAAC welcomes the renowned writer **Marion Winik** as the featured speaker at RAAC's Second Friday at the **Library Series**. Much celebrated as a wry and funny memoirist and an NPR essayist, Winik will discuss her newest book "Highs in the Low Fifties: How I Stumbled Through the Joys of Single Living."

"Winik couldn't pen a boring line if she tried," one reviewer declared. "She writes like an angel. With a wicked sense of humor." Much of that humor is directed at her own romantic misadventures. Winik has, as she reports in engaging close-up in "High in the Low Fifties," a genius for finding ludicrously unsuitable partners.

Her range extends far beyond comic tales of dates gone wrong. Winik teaches writing in a Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Baltimore, and her own writing is marked by a distinctive, alluring voice. She began her writing career as a poet and has written nine books altogether. Perhaps best-known is "First Comes Love," the story of her marriage to a gay man who died of AIDS. That work was a New York Times Notable Book of the Year in 1996.

Since then, Winik has written books offering unconventional advice ("Rules for the Unruly"), tales of life as a single parent ("The Lunch-Box Chronicles"), and a widely admired collection of mini-portraits. In that volume, "The Glen Rock Book of the Dead," Winik tells the story of some fifty people, all of them now dead, who played important roles in her life.

Coming in December: Fri, Dec 13, 8pm, Doug Norman, photography and climate change.

**RAAC Community Theatre and Kid Pan Alley present:
"Thanksgiving Community Sing"
with Ysaye Barnwell**

**Friday, Nov 29, 7pm, RAAC Community Theatre
310 Gay St, Washington, VA**

**Tickets: Adults: \$20 advance; \$25 after Nov 28
Under 16: \$10**

For reservations, go to <http://bit.ly/ysaye13>

Dr. Ysaye M. Barnwell joined the internationally acclaimed singing group "Sweet Honey In The Rock" in 1979, touring internationally for more than 30 years. Over the past two decades, Barnwell has earned a significant reputation as a commissioned composer and arranger, author, master teacher, and choral clinician in African American cultural performance.

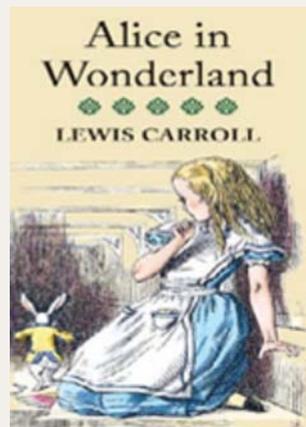
Barnwell created the Community Sing, which she conducts monthly in Washington, DC, and the workshop, Building a Vocal Community® - Singing In the African American Tradition. She has conducted workshops on three continents, utilizing an African world view and African American history, values, cultural and vocal traditions to work with and build community among



singers and non-singers alike. She is also a Speech Pathologist with a PhD from University of Pittsburgh. She was a professor in the College of Dentistry at Howard University for over a decade. In 1981 she completed post-doctoral work and earned a Master of Science in Public Health.

Get your tickets early. This event always sells out.

Co-sponsored by RAAC and [Kid Pan Alley](#).



"Alice in Wonderland" book cover (top); "Alice" in rehearsal
Photo by Ray Boc

RAAC Community Theatre's Holiday Play "Alice in Wonderland"

Five shows are scheduled:

Two evening shows, Fridays, Dec 6 & 13 at 8pm

Three matinees, Saturdays, Dec 7 & 14, at 3pm

and Sunday, Dec 15, at 3 pm

\$15 adult; \$5 children under 12

310 Gay Street, Washington, VA

(Please note that the shows usually sell out quickly.)

Go on a trip down the rabbit hole and join Alice in Wonderland with RAAC Community Theatre's production of "Alice in Wonderland." Along the way you'll encounter a variety of characters including The White Rabbit, The March Hare, The Caterpillar, a lively rambunctious deck of cards, The Cheshire Cat (or maybe just the Cat's smile), and a variety of other odd characters.

"Alice in Wonderland" is another fabulous holiday show that puts the "community" in community theatre. The large cast of children and adults, under the co-direction of Howard Coon and Petrina Huston, will transport you to that underground kingdom where nothing is quite as it seems and everything is wonderfully fantastic, fascinating, and funny.

For reservations to the performance(s) of your choice, payments, and more information, visit the RAAC Community [Theatre webpage](#). If you wish, you may pay in advance using PayPal or a credit card. All reservations will receive an automatic confirmation; pre-payment 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, call 1-800-695-6075 to reserve.

News:
Mitchell Fund-sponsored Events

The Mosaic Project

Through a Mitchell Fund Grant, Rappahannock County Public School students in grades 3-7 were given an opportunity to participate in creating a tile mosaic from start to finish. These students, who are enrolled in the Headwaters/RCPS After-School Program, are lead by Patti Brennan, a renowned stained-glass artisan, and assisted by Carolyn Manwaring.

The students first studied the history of mosaics and looked at examples. Next, they were charged with selecting a theme, and they chose a nature scene featuring dragonflies. As they worked, they began to understand the process of using color, value, shape, and contrast to create a mosaic.

The students have already met in the After-School Program twice a week for six weeks and will finish the project in the second session of After-School. Their final project will be grouted and displayed in the school.

Stand Up and Be Heard: One Little Song Can Change the World

This Kid Pan Alley program, sponsored by the Mitchell Fund, was held on Mon, Oct 14 at Rappahannock County Elementary School for an audience of all K-5th students. The program shared a message of respect for self, peers, community, and earth, using songs written by children in previous Kid Pan Alley workshops.

The program included a mini-songwriting workshop in the morning for four classes of students. Each class wrote an additional verse to a separate song in the performance. The class then performed the song, including their new verse, for the assembled audience of 400 children, guided by KPA's Artistic Director Paul Reisler and singer/songwriter Lea Morris.

The Mitchell Fund was established by RAAC to nurture the arts and emerging artists in Rappahannock County.



Top, middle: Mosaics in work, photos courtesy Jane Wilson
Bottom, Kid Pan Alley workshop, photo courtesy Paul Reisler



Joanne Hilty (right) presents an award to Sallie Morgan for her 18 years of running RAAC's Second Friday at the Library Speaker Series
Photo by Ray Boc

News:
Renew Your Membership in January

Some folks have asked, why didn't RAAC conduct its annual [membership](#) drive during August-October? The reason is that RAAC is changing its fiscal year to the calendar year, and we want annual memberships to coincide with January-December.

So please stay tuned - we will launch our membership drive in late January 2014. By the way, we are keeping track of the self-starters who've already mailed checks to RAAC without being prompted - early payments for their 2014 memberships.

For inquiries, contact Matthew Black at 540-987-9180.

News:
Rappahannock's Artisan Trail planning progresses

Community members met Tuesday, Oct 22, and began the process of naming Rappahannock's Artisan Trail. The meeting was very well attended. It was a fun event, playing the Name Game with director Sherri Smith and co-facilitator Jan Makela. Many names were suggested, recorded, and will be shared with the community via email.

Ideas for names may still be submitted by emailing trails@artisanscenterofvirginia.org. Make sure to put "Rappahannock Trail" in the subject line. (Or email us if you want to watch as results come in and be a part of voting).

Earlier on Oct 22, a "Lunch and Learn" was held at the Little Washington Winery, which was also well attended. The next "Lunch and Learn" will be Dec 3, location to be announced. Please RSVP to the "Lunch and Learn" and the "Naming of the Trail Event" to Patti Brennan at raparttrail@gmail.com.

RAAC is a major sponsor of Rappahannock's Artisan Trail.



Rappahannock's Artisan Trail planning meeting
Photo by Molly M. Peterson, Photographer

Mark Your Calendar!

**For all the details, additions, and schedule changes, visit [RAAC's calendar](#).
More events are in planning and will be added soon.**

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Nov 8, Second Friday at the Library, author Marion Winik

Nov 29, Fri, 7-9 pm, Kid Pan Alley Community Sing with Ysaye Barnwell

Dec 6, Fri, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

Dec 7, Sat, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"
Dec 13, Fri, 8 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"
Dec 13, Second Friday at the Library Series, photographer Doug Norton
Dec 14, Sat, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"
Dec 15, Sun, 3 pm, RAAC Community Theatre, "Alice in Wonderland"

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