

RAAC Newsletter May 2016



Hello friends!

I'm still replaying film clips in my head from the fabulous Film Festival that ran throughout the weekend of April 8-10. What a treat to see such a wide variety of Virginia-based films in Rappahannock. It was entertaining, energizing, and enlivening. Thanks again to all who created and produced such a successful event!

Without much pause, the spring momentum continues. First Friday at the Movies is screening "Brooklyn" on May 6, a beautifully performed and directed Irish immigrant story where romance, the old and new, and sense of home collide. Second Friday at the Library on May 13 features Molly Peterson and Forrest Pritchard. They'll discuss their recent book on extraordinary sustainable farmers who are changing the way we eat. Don't miss the sensitive photographic images and the stories behind the scenes.

RAAC's Community Theatre, not resting on its laurels, is already gearing up for its rescheduled production of "Red" on June 17, 18, and 19. Reminder: [reserve your seats online](#) (always a good idea). Any theatre questions - email us at theatre@raac.org. RAAC has launched an exciting 2016 with sold-out programs, enthusiastic audiences, and broad community support.

Our annual membership drive is now officially over, but if you haven't joined or renewed this year, please [go to our website](#) and join us. If you have membership questions, please send us a note at membership@raac.org.

RAAC is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. See the information below and help us spread the word!

Finally, don't forget that annual [Give Local Piedmont](#) takes place on Tuesday, May 3. ([Click here](#) to donate to RAAC.) This event is a great opportunity to donate online to your favorite local nonprofits.

Thank you!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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*Movie trailer
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**First Friday at the Movies
"Brooklyn"**

**Fri, May 6, 8pm, \$6
The Theatre At Washington
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747**

**Starring Saoirse Ronan, Emory Cohen,
Domhnall Gleeson
Director John Crowley
Writers Nick Hornby (screenplay),
Colm Toibin (novel)
Drama, Romance; 111 minutes
Rated PG-13 for a scene of sexuality and
brief strong language**

"Brooklyn" tells the profoundly moving story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan), a young Irish immigrant navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn.

Lured by the promise of America, Eilis departs Ireland and the comfort of her mother's home for the shores of New York City. The initial shackles of homesickness quickly diminish as a fresh romance sweeps Eilis into the intoxicating charm of love. But soon, her new vivacity is disrupted by her past, and Eilis must choose between two countries and the lives that exist within.

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[*Click to visit RAAC's First Friday at the Movies webpage.*](#)



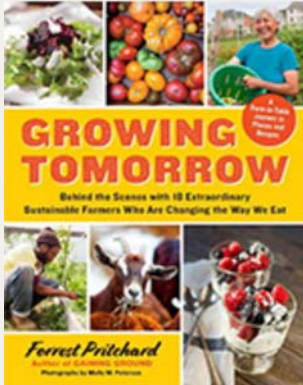
Second Friday at the Library

Molly Peterson, farmer, photographer, author
Forrest Pritchard, farmer, author

Fri, May 13, 8pm, Rappahannock County Library
4 Library Lane, Washington, VA 22747

Molly Peterson and Forrest Pritchard will bring the 2016 season of library talks to a rousing finish!

Peterson, a Rappahannock farmer and prizewinning photographer, and Pritchard, a farmer and New York Times best-selling author, have produced a much-acclaimed new book. They will discuss "Growing Tomorrow: Behind the Scenes with 18 Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers Who Are Changing the Way We Eat."



Molly Peterson and her husband Mike have lived in Rappahannock since 2008. They raise beef, lamb, and pork and run Heritage Hollow Farms in Sperryville.

Come to the library and learn about sustainable farming, new recipes, and the inside story of life as a Rappahannock farmer.

For more information about Molly Peterson, [click here](#);
for Forrest Pritchard, [click here](#).

The talk is free. All are welcome.

Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday at the Library webpage.



RAAC Community Theatre

"Red"

Please note new dates:

Fri, Jun 17, at 8pm

Sat, Jun 18, at 8pm

Sun, Jun 19, at 3pm

310 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Tickets \$15 each

In "Red" by American playwright John Logan, Mark Rothko, a master abstract expressionist painter, has landed a huge contract for a series of paintings that are intended to hang in the new Four Seasons Restaurant in the Seagrams Building in New York City. As the play opens, Rothko shows a large painting to his young assistant Ken.

"What do you see?" Rothko asks Ken. "Wait. Stand closer. You've got to get closer. Let it work on you. Closer. Too close. There. Let it spread out. Let it wrap its art around you."

That is precisely what RAAC Community Theatre artistic director Peter Hornbostel hopes the play will do for the audience in the theatre's upcoming production directed by Andy Platt and starring Howard Coon as Rothko and Brendan Martyn as Ken.

Winning six Tony Awards (including best play) in 2010, the fictional story examines, through Rothko's eyes and oversized ego, the creation of art and color and the work of other modern painters.

To purchase tickets, click the link below. Prepayment 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, reservations can be made by calling 1-800-695-6075.

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



**Make a gift to RAAC through
Give Local Piedmont**

Tues, May 3, 12am though 11:59pm

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation is joining many communities throughout the United States on May 3 for a national day of local giving named Give Local America. Our regional drive, Give Local Piedmont, makes it fun and easy for individuals to support the many worthy local nonprofits that serve the Piedmont area, including Rappahannock County.

Contributions made online on Tuesday, May 3, through [Give Local Piedmont](#) may become eligible for matching funds and prizes to the organizations you support. **To make a donation to RAAC, just [click here](#) any time between 12am and 11:59pm on Tuesday, May 3.**

Your ongoing and generous donations to Rappahannock Association for Arts & Community enable us to provide dynamic arts programs and grants. Thank you!

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



**2016 Film Festival at Little Washington
Thanks you!**

RAAC's Film Festival Committee thanks all of our sponsors, supporters, and tireless volunteers for helping us to provide another successful celebration of films and filmmakers in Virginia. Due to our community's efforts, we were able to welcome filmmakers from all over Virginia to Rappahannock County.



Throughout the April 8-10 weekend, visiting filmmakers noted how welcomed they felt in our community and in the homes of their local hosts. Many departing filmmakers were even asking to participate in next year's festival!

RAAC is grateful for the support and participation of the community and looks forward to next year.

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

Help Wanted

Help Wanted! RAAC seeks bookkeeper

RAAC is looking for someone to provide basic bookkeeping services for the organization. Familiarity with QuickBooks is required. For information about duties, approximate number of hours, reimbursement rate, etc., contact RAAC Treasurer Sallie Morgan at morgan.sallie@gmail.com or 987-8677.

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



RAAC membership drive wraps up

Thanks to the many folks who joined or renewed their membership in RAAC during the recent membership campaign. We are delighted with the members' commitment to helping RAAC build community through the arts in Rappahannock.

If you haven't yet joined or renewed, it's never too late, just click [HERE](#). Thank you!

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



Art Beat Rappahannock May 2016

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theater performances

- May 1, 3pm, **The Theatre at Washington, Virginia**, Smithsonian at Little Washington, all Bach, Ken Slowik, cello & harpsichord. [DETAILS](#)
- May 15, 4pm, **Castleton Festival**, Bolai Cao, pianist, Haydn Sonata XVI.48, Chopin Etudes Op. 10, Schumann Sonata No. 1. [DETAILS](#)

Arts & music

- May 1-8, 11am-5pm, **Middle Street Gallery**, featuring Joan Wiburg & Barbara Heile, artwork
May 13-Jun 19, 11am-5pm, group show: "Same Horse, Different Saddle"
May 14, 3-5pm, opening reception. [DETAILS](#)
- May 2, 10am-5pm; May 4-18, Wed-Mon, Tues by appt, **Gay Street Gallery**, 2016 Spring Exhibition, paintings by Chris Liberti & Kevin H. Adams, glassware by Diana Branscome. [DETAILS](#)
- May 6, 9-11pm, **Headmaster's Pub**, Linda Heimstra & The Nethers Hot Club, music
May 7, 9pm, The Butchers, music
May 13, 9pm, Madonnas in a Field, music
May 20, 9pm, Dubious Brothers, music
May 21, 9pm, Haze & Dacey, music
May 27, 9pm, Sixling Twin, music. [DETAILS](#)
- May 7, 1-4pm, **Gray Ghost Vineyards**, Dave Goodrich, music
May 8, 2-4pm Valerie Von Fange, music. [DETAILS](#)
- May 7, 6-9pm, **Tula's Off Main**, Josh Lowe, music
[DETAILS](#)
- May 8, 2-5pm, **Narmada Winery**, Davis-Bradley Duo, music
May 28, 2-5pm, Capital Celtic, music
May 29, 2-5pm, Mosby Territory, music. [DETAILS](#)
- May 13, 8pm, **Griffin Tavern**, Dubious Brothers, music
May 14, 8:30pm, Church Street Project, music
May 21, 8:30pm, Billy Clements Band, music
May 27, 8pm, Elvis impersonator with Wildflower Duo, music. [DETAILS](#)
- May 28, 2-5:30pm, **Gadino Cellars**, Aubrey Driggers, music, fee for wine tasting
May 29, 2-5:20pm, Mark Anderson & Half Full, music, fee for wine tasting. [DETAILS](#)

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

Mark Your Calendar!

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

www.raac.org

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