

RAAC Newsletter October 2017



Happy October!

As you'll see below, RAAC is offering programs to stimulate and entertain as well as opportunities to meet up with friends at the movies, talks and presentations, and theatrical performances.

First Friday at the Movies is screening "Hell or High Water" on Oct 6. It's a 2016 classic American Western and thriller that's received four 2017 Academy Awards nominations, including Best Picture and Best Supporting Actor. Don't forget that our new start time is 7pm - and we'll have plenty of popcorn!

Our Second Friday at the Library talk on Oct 13 will feature Tom Oliphant, a prizewinning journalist and Rappahannock resident. He will discuss his newest book, "The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign." Oliphant, a Pulitzer Prize winner, presents a new take on the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race. According to "The Christian Science Monitor," it's "gripping and dramatic" and "terrific." Note we'll be meeting in the Rappahannock County Library on Oct 13.

RAAC Community Theatre volunteers, having completed a successful summer drama camp for young children with CCLC and a stage reading of "Animal Farm," are in final preparation for "No Ordinary Person" on Oct 27 and 28. Reserve or buy your tickets [HERE](#) for this perennially sold-out favorite.

For architecture and design lovers, don't miss Trinity Church's Annual House Tour! It will be held Sat, Oct 21 (11am-5pm) and Sun, Oct 22 (noon-4pm). Visit one house for \$15 or all 3 houses for \$30. For details, click [HERE](#).

Looking ahead, our 13th annual Art Tour will be held Nov 4-5 with over 100 artists participating. Many, many thanks to those supporting this year's Tour. Sponsors will receive invitations to meet the artists at a festive pre-Tour reception at the historic Washington School, where they'll also be able to see and buy work displayed by participating Rappahannock artists and galleries.

See you soon at one of these events or at one of the non-RAAC events highlighted below in Art Beat. Thanks!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



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First Friday at the Movies

"Hell or High Water"

Friday, Oct 6, 7pm, \$6
(Popcorn, candy, water available for purchase)

Little Washington Theatre
291 Gay Street, Washington, VA 22747

Starring Chris Pine, Ben Foster, Jeff Bridges
Director: David Mackenzie
Awards: Nominated for four Oscars
Crime, drama, thriller; Western; 102 minutes
Rated R for strong language, brief sexuality

The film is a classic American Western and thriller in one.

In Texas, after the death of his mother, the unemployed oil and gas worker Toby Howard (Chris Pine) is losing his ranch to the Texas Midlands Bank. Toby is divorced from his wife, who lives with their two sons. When his brother Tanner Howard (Ben Foster) is released from the prison, they team up to rob agencies of the Texas Midlands Bank to raise money to pay the loan so that Toby may leave the real estate to his sons. Meanwhile, the Texas Ranger Marcus Hamilton (Jeff Bridges), who is near retirement, and his Indian descendant partner Alberto Parker (Gil Birmingham) try to anticipate the next move of the thieves.

Source: The Internet Movie Database (imdb.com)

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



Second Friday at the Library

Tom Oliphant

Friday, Oct 13, 8pm

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

RAAC's speaker for October is Tom Oliphant, a prize-winning journalist and Rappahannock resident. He will discuss his newest book, "The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign." *This month the talk will be at the library.*

Oliphant is a Pulitzer Prize winner and was Washington correspondent for "The Boston Globe" for several decades. He appears often on the PBS NewsHour and other television programs. In addition, he has racked up a long list of journalistic coups - he was the first reporter to write about the Pentagon Papers; he won his Pulitzer as part of a team covering school desegregation in Boston; and he has written best-selling books on topics as varied as baseball and presidential politics.

During his career in journalism, Oliphant has covered ten presidential campaigns. His book, "The Road to Camelot," presents a new take on the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race. With its focus on polls and television and broadcast advertising, that campaign transformed politics. Oliphant's history of the presidential contest, "The Christian Science Monitor" wrote, is "gripping and dramatic" and "terrific."

The talk is free. All are welcome.

[Click to visit RAAC's Second Friday at the Library webpage.](#)



RAAC Community Theatre

"No Ordinary Person"

Friday, Oct 27, 8pm

Saturday, Oct 28, 8pm

For the 19th year, the ever-popular "No Ordinary Person" is coming to the RAAC Community Theatre. This year's autobiographical storytellers include Bill Dietel, Pete Pazmino, Nadia Itraish, and Joyce Abell with stories about a 4th grader's first love, discovery of a passion for writing, growing up as the child of Fresh-Off-the-Boat parents, and escaping the clutches of 16th Century Puritans.

"No Ordinary Person" is directed by Joyce Abell and Sallie Morgan. All four performers will appear both nights.

As a special treat after each performance, Joyce Abell will sign copies of her just-released memoir "Prickly Roses." It includes several stories Joyce has told as part of "No Ordinary Person" over the past two decades.

Both performances will be held at the RAAC Community Theatre, 310 Gay St., Washington, VA. Tickets are \$15. [Click here to make reservations.](#)

Upcoming Theatre performances:

- "St. George and the Dragon at Christmastide,"
Dec 1,2,3,8,9
- "Good People," Mar 2018
- "A Thousand Clowns," May 2018

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



Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour

Save the dates!

Saturday-Sunday, Nov 4 & 5

The 13th annual Artists of Rappahannock Studio & Gallery 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 31 studios and 8 galleries throughout Rappahannock County.

The excitement 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 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 2017 Art Tour webpages.](#)

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Claudia Mitchell Arts Fund

Updates on 2017 grantees

Mitchell Fund grantees Barbara Heile and Wendi Sirat will be busy this fall, Barbara with painting classes and Wendy with drum circles. RAAC thanks these grantees for encouraging the creative spirit of children and adults in our county.



Barbara Heile will continue her twice-monthly classes in "spontaneous painting" at the Scrabble School Senior Center for the second year.

The painting here is by Irene Timbers, "one of my most steady painters, who comes regularly and has painted from the beginning."

In November, Barbara and Senior Center director Darcy Canton are planning to invite all the "I-don't-paint" painters at the Scrabble Center to join in on one large, very informal, mural-like piece.



Wendi Sirat led the first of three community drum circles at the RAAC Community Theatre in September. "Facilitating drum circles gives me the opportunity to share my passion for music-making with the community and gives people a chance to experience the magic of making their own music. It brings me great joy to see the smiles and enthusiasm when people discover how easy and fun it can be to make music."

There are still two more drum circles this fall - Sundays on Oct 15 and Nov 12 from 6:30 to 8pm. They're free, and all are welcome!

[Click to visit RAAC's Mitchell Fund webpages.](#)



Art Beat Rappahannock, October 2017

Featuring non-RAAC arts events in Rappahannock County

Theatre

- Oct 1, 3pm, **Little Washington Theatre**, "Crazy Like a Fox," a film to benefit hunt organizations in Rappahannock. Suggested donation, \$15. GaleJohnson@sagafarm.us
- Oct 7, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre**, "Life Size Memories," a film presented by Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute that explores challenges facing Asian elephants. Admission free. JohnsonC@si.edu [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 15, 6:30pm, **RAAC Community Theatre**, Community Drum Circle, sponsored and led by Wendy Sirat. [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 21, 8pm, **Little Washington Theatre** presents piano performance by Bill Harris, "Easy to Love: Genius of Cole Porter." \$25 adults; \$10 under 18. [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 28, 3pm, **Stone Hill Theatrical Foundation**, "Halloween Spectacle." [DETAILS](#)

Music

These venues host live music in October:

- **Gadino Cellars** [DETAILS](#)
- **Gray Ghost Winery** [DETAILS](#)
- **Griffin Tavern** [DETAILS](#)
- **Headmasters Pub** [DETAILS](#)
- **Narmada Winery** [DETAILS](#)

Art

- Oct 7, 5-8pm, **Haley Fine Arts**, Opening reception for "Into Nature," paintings by B.K. Noh. [DETAILS](#)
- Oct 28-Nov 25, **RH Ballard Gallery**, Works by Nol Putnam & Jeanne Drevas. [DETAILS](#)

Writing

- Oct 6-8, **Rappahannock Writers Retreat** includes an open reading on Oct 8. Contact Rappahannock.writers@gmail.com

To submit an event, email artbeat@raac.org.

***Please note:** For inclusion in Art Beat, event details should be emailed to artbeat@raac.org by the 15th of the month preceding publication.*

Mark Your Calendar!

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

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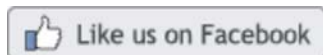
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