

We have an exciting range of programs planned for October that should match the splendor of a Rappahannock autumn. Be sure to have your calendars handy when reading this issue of RAAC's newsletter!

Kicking off the month is the always sold-out show devoted to true tales from Rappahannock storytellers: **No Ordinary Person**. The program comes to the RAAC Community Theatre on October 4,5,6.

Our **2nd Friday RAAC Talks** on October 11 will feature Al Regnery. He will be our personal guide as he takes us on a special journey based on his upcoming book "Unlikely Pilgrim: A Journey Into History and Faith".

As noted last month, **RAAC Movies** is taking a fall hiatus to rethink this monthly offering. We will be releasing an online survey soon to solicit your ideas. Having said this, our volunteers couldn't help themselves and decided to screen "Rocketman" on Saturday, October 12 at the Little Washington Theatre. As noted by the Wall Street Journal, "The colors are stunning, the settings are striking, and the energy is irresistible."

And back by popular demand, RAAC and Rapp at Home are teaming up again to host our second **Community Square Dance** on Saturday, October 26 at the Sperryville Fire Hall. We're expecting another packed dance floor to enjoy great family fun kicking up our heels to a fabulous caller and band. Join us!

You'll also see in this month's newsletter two of RAAC's Mitchell Arts Fund recipients putting their grants to work: **CCLC and Kid Pan Alley**.

Finally, if you aren't already, I encourage you to be a sponsor of this year's **Fall Art Tour**, the big November 2-3 event showcasing our local artists and promoting tourism in our county. Our fundraising for the Art Tour is coming to an end, but you can still donate online by clicking **HERE**. You can also find our sponsorship letter and reply form there. By the way, all net proceeds from the Art Tour are channeled back into the community through Mitchell Fund grants.

Thanks and hope to see you at several of our upcoming events!

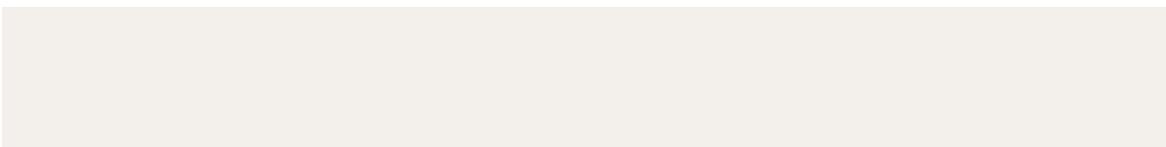
**Matthew Black, President, RAAC**



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*Left to right:  
Barbara Black,  
Andy Alexander,  
Miranda Hope*

## RAAC Community Theatre

### ***No Ordinary Person***

**Andy Alexander**  
**Barbara Black**  
**Miranda Hope**

**Friday, October 4, 8pm**  
**Saturday, October 5, 8pm**  
**Sunday, October 6, 3pm**

This year marks the 21st anniversary of "No Ordinary Person", the RAAC program devoted to true, personal tales from Rappahannock storytellers. These talks are one of RAAC's longest-running and most popular events. Some stories are funny, some are sad or introspective or self-revealing, but all demonstrate the wisdom of Studs Terkel's observation that there is no such thing as an "ordinary" person.

This year's program features three storytellers: Andy Alexander, Barbara Black, and Miranda Hope:

Andy Alexander, who has spent a career as a Washington journalist. will tell the story of how a routine news article had a surprising impact. He calls his story "The Life I Saved."

Barbara Black's patchwork of careers includes dessert caterer, fundraiser, massage therapist, and wellness educator. Her story, about a high stakes meal, is called "Chocolates Mousse - A Love Story."

Miranda Hope is a therapeutic yoga instructor and musician. She will recount a unique travel log of motherhood that she calls "To Exile and Back."

There are three performances this year. The program comes to the RAAC Community Theatre on Friday, Oct 4 (8pm); Saturday, Oct 5 (8pm); and Sunday, Oct 6 (3pm). The Sunday performance will be followed by a talk-back session, where audience members can ask the storytellers follow-up questions.

Tickets will go fast! Watch for when they go on sale in September.

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



Al Regnery

## 2nd Friday RAAC Talks

### Al Regnery

**Friday, Oct 11, 8pm  
Rappahannock County Library**

Al Regnery will talk about his new book, "Unlikely Pilgrim: A Journey Into History and Faith."

Over the course of twenty years and eleven trips, Regnery and a close friend hiked, biked, and hitchhiked their way to sites that played an important role in the history of Christianity and Islam. They visited monasteries and churches in Greece, Turkey, and Syria, among other sites, focusing on the role of religion and faith in the lives of those they met, and in their own lives as well.

[Click to visit 2nd Friday RAAC Talks webpages.](#)



## RAAC Movies

### "Rocketman"

**Saturday, Oct 12, 7pm  
The Theatre at Washington  
291 Gay Street  
Washington, Virginia**

"Rocketman" is an epic musical fantasy about the incredible human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. The film follows the fantastical journey of transformation from shy piano prodigy Reginald Dwight into international superstar Elton John. This inspirational story is set to Elton John's most beloved songs and performed by star Taron Egerton. It tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture.

The film also stars Jamie Bell as Elton's longtime lyricist and writing partner Bernie Taupin, Richard Madden as Elton's first manager, John Reid, and Bryce Dallas Howard as Elton's mother Sheila Farebrother.

[Click to visit the RAAC Movies webpage.](#)



## Artists of Rappahannock 15th Annual Fall Art Tour

Save the dates!

**Saturday & Sunday  
November 2 & 3**

The 2019 Fall Art Tour will have more artists and fine art of all types to enjoy and new studios and galleries to explore. Over 100 artists will be showing their work 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.](#)

## Claudia Mitchell ARTS FUND



## Mitchell Arts Fund Grants in Action

***More fall arts for the community from 2019  
Mitchell Fund grantees!***

### **Child Care and Learning Center (CCLC)**

Children's author and puppeteer **David Hyde Costello** (top photo) returns to CCLC on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 10am for a residency that includes a public performance based on his book "Little Pig Saves the Ship." All children and their adults are welcome.

Rappahannock's own **Forrest Marquisee** (second photo from top) begins his monthly sessions with CCLC children, leading rousing sing-alongs and introducing the children to rhythm and other instruments.

Photos by Lisa Pendleton

### **Kid Pan Alley (KPA)**

A KPA song-writing **residency at Hearthstone School** on Oct. 23 & 24 follows the successful one at Rappahannock Elementary School in September. See the Sep.12 Rappahannock News.



KPA celebrates with a **20th anniversary concert** and the release of a new album "Best Friends." The concert features the KPA band and horn section, Three Good Reasons, and the KPA chorus. Concert will be performed on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7pm at Little Washington Theatre, 291 Gay Street, Washington, VA.

**Tickets** are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 16. *For information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.bit.ly/KPA20](http://www.bit.ly/KPA20).*



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



## RAAC on Social Media

Do you have photographs taken at RAAC or RAAC-sponsored events that we could share on our **Facebook** pages? We'd love to see them, and if we end up posting your photos, we will give you a shout-out as the photographer!

Be sure to identify the event and where a photo was taken. It would be great if you could let us know who's in the photo as well. Send your submissions to [info@raac.org](mailto:info@raac.org).

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## Rappahannock.com Community Events Calendar

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## 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.**

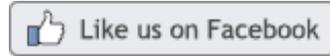
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