

Hello friends!

Jump-start your November with RAAC's premier event - our 15th annual Fall Art Tour on Saturday and Sunday, Nov 2-3. Here's your chance to visit dozens of studios and galleries around our scenic county featuring over 100 Rappahannock artists and their guest artists. Once again, we're expecting well over 1,200 visitors for the Tour! Begin your weekend exploration at the historic Washington School to pick up tickets & maps at the Tour headquarters and see exhibited artwork from participating artists. Tickets are \$10/person for the weekend. Invite friends to join you on the Art Tour!

Our 2nd Friday RAAC Talk on Nov 8 will feature Dana Hand Evans. She is the Executive Director/CEO of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA. The Museum is on a 450-acre site with a number of historic houses, buildings, a museum, and 200 acres in working farmland. Curious about what this Museum is all about? Or how to manage such a sprawling assemblage? Or how it serves as a link between the past and today? If so, come listen and question Dana Hand Evans at the Rappahannock Public Library at 8pm.

RAAC's new Reading Series will hold its second event of the year on Saturday, Nov 9. Three talented writers will be featured: Stephanie Slewka, Emily Hancock, and Clifford Garstang. The event is free and will include light hor d'oeuvres; wine will be available for purchase. A social hour begins at 7pm; the readings begin at 8pm and will last for about one hour. Please join us for this free event at the Quiveremont Winery.

Our Community Theatre is busy rehearsing for "The Talented Clementine." It opens on Dec 6 and runs through the weekend of Dec 13-15. Scenes, characters, and dialogue are taken from the popular children's stories, "The Talented Clementine," but the music is from Paul Reisler's amazing Kid Pan Alley children's writing workshops. Come see and hear our talented children (and adults) in this uplifting holiday play.

Finally, please see our tribute below to two luminaries who demonstrated over and over that each one of us can make a difference to life in Rappahannock.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming gatherings!

Matthew Black, President, RAAC



RAAC Newsletter

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November 2019

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Nov 8	2nd Friday RAAC Talks <i>Dana Hand Evans</i>
Nov 9	RAAC Reading Series



Three writers featured:
Stephanie Slewka
Emily Hancock
Clifford Garstang
7pm social hour; 8pm reading

Dec 6, 7:30pm The Talented Clementine (musical)
Dec 7, 3pm RAAC Community Theatre
Dec 13, 7:30pm Dec 7 & Dec 14 include
Dec 14, 3pm Talkback sessions with
Dec 15, 3pm directors and cast

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Artists of Rappahannock 15th Annual Fall Art Tour

Save the dates!

**Saturday & Sunday
November 2 & 3
10am to 5pm**

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.](#)

2nd Friday RAAC Talks

Dana Hand Evans

**Friday, Nov 8, 8pm
Rappahannock County Library**

November's Second Friday talk will feature Dana Hand Evans, the Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer of



Dana Hand Evans

the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, VA. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about a major museum a short distance from Rappahannock County. The MSV is on a 450-acre site, which is complete with three historic houses, twelve buildings, seven acres of public gardens, 200 acres of working farm and a 50,000 square-foot Museum gallery and administration building.

The museum is in the capable hands of Dana Hand Evans, whose extensive resume in the Fine Arts, Art History, Historical Studies, and Public Administration are helping to guide the museum through some very exciting times. Come hear the talk on November 8 at 8pm to learn how the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley is at the forefront of the museum of the future.

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



RAAC Reading Series

Three featured writers:

Clifford Garstang
Stephanie Garstang
Emily Hancock

Saturday, Nov 9 at 8pm
Social Hour at 7pm
Quievermont Winery
162 Gid Brown Hollow RD #3355
Washington, VA 227437

The second installment of RAAC's Reading Series features local authors sharing their work during an intimate evening of poetry, prose, and wine, and will take place on Nov 9, 2019, at Quievermont Winery. A social hour will begin at 7pm and include light snacks and wine available for purchase from the winery bar.

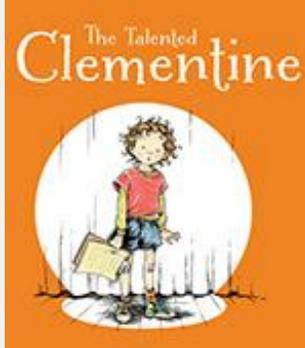
The reading itself starts at 8pm.

Our featured writers for the evening include novelist Clifford Garstang, winner of the Library of Virginia Literary Award for Fiction. Also reading will be local memoirist DeeDee Slewka. The third reader will be Blue Ridge writer Emily Hancock, whose poems are published in several literary journals and books.

For more information about this reading or the Reading Series in general, click [HERE](#). For more information about this reading or the Reading Series in general, email Pete Pazmino at petepazmino@gmail.com. And keep your eye on the RAAC website for additional information, author bios, and future Reading Series announcements!

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

RAAC Community Theatre



The Talented Clementine

Friday,	Dec 6, 7:30pm
Saturday	Dec 7, 3pm
Friday	Dec 13, 7:30pm
Saturday	Dec 14, 3pm
Sunday	Dec 15, 3pm



The cast of
The Talented Clementine
learns choreography at
Mountainside
Dance Center

"The Talented Clementine" is Paul Reisler's musical adaptation of the popular children's stories written by Sara Pennypacker. The scenes, characters, and dialogue are taken from the books, but the music is from Reisler's amazing Kid Pan Alley children's writing workshops.

Clementine is a spirited third-grader who is always paying attention, just not to the things other people think she should. And that keeps getting her in trouble. Clementine doesn't think she has any talents to share at the school's Christmas talent show and looks for excuses not to participate. But on the day of the show, her unique talent for noticing detail saves the show, and she is applauded as the star of the show

As is usual for the RAAC holiday shows, the cast is mostly made up of children from 5 to 18. "I like to call it the show where we put the 'community' in Community Theatre," says RAAC Theatre Artistic Director Patty Hardee. "I am thrilled that RAAC can produce this play created by home-town talent."

Audiences will recognize familiar faces, such as Nona Gregg, Mac Wofford, Webb Furbush, Isaac Plaksin, Fiona Loth, and McKenna Torosian, as well as talented newcomers to RAAC's productions. Hardee directs, Cheryl Toth is the Music Director, and Paul Reisler is the Sound Director. Technical crew includes Cynthia Stamps, Yoko Barsky, Ron Makela, Bob Hurley, and Henry Loth.

Stay after the two Saturday matinees for a talkback discussion with Reisler, Hardee, Toth, and the cast of this fun and funny play.

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



Mitchell Arts Fund

Grantee updates

Sue Gabbay's new book

Sue Gabbay's poetry book project, "A Sudden Brightness" was launched with a party at Mullany Studios in Flint Hill on October 18. The poems document Sue's time since moving to Rappahannock and include linocut illustrations by her daughter Kerrie Mullany. Sue has been



Sue Gabbay

a faithful participant in KC Bosch's Rappahannock Writers' Retreats and will gift a copy of the book to the Rappahannock Library and to local schools. "My hope is that those who read the poems and see the prints will benefit from seeing Rappahannock with new eyes, a relative newcomer's eyes. Maybe some will be inspired to write, draw or paint their surroundings. I hope too that readers will come to know me better and continue to make me feel at home here."

Sue's book is available for purchase (\$16) online by clicking [HERE](#).

Rappahannock County School's new kiln

Rappahannock County Elementary School's new kiln has been delivered, and art teacher Amy Grady is excited!

Installed last month in the school's Beverly Hunter Outdoor Learning Space, the kiln will allow children to glaze and fire their clay projects on site. A potter herself, Amy has enjoyed incorporating ceramics into the curriculum, but with no kiln at RCES she's broken a number of unfired student pieces on the ride to the high school to use their kiln. Now RCES has their own!

Amy quotes an arts education scholar about the importance of working with clay - "All children should have the opportunity to create and express their ideas in clay. Clay is a hands-on, wonder-sensuous, malleable, unpredictable, and on occasion, messy material. All children benefit from the unique challenges provided by this gift from Mother Earth."

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Amy Grady



Tributes for Linda Dietel and Rosie Mullany

RAAC mourns the loss of two wonderful members of our community who contributed so much to the arts in Rappahannock. Their obituaries packed a wallop when they appeared side-by-side in the Rappahannock News on September 27, 2019.

Linda Dietel was co-founder of RAAC's Art Tour with artist and dear friend Lois Manookian and host, with husband Bill, of RAAC's first Soup & Soul events. Her list of contributions to the Rappahannock community is lengthy and includes leadership at the Child Care & Learning Center (CCLC), Headwaters Foundation, Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, the Rappahannock Democratic Committee and Lord Fairfax Community College Foundation.



RAAC feels especially grateful to Linda for helping to conceive and deliver the first Rappahannock Studio & Gallery Tour 15 years ago, in 2005. With RAAC Board chair Claudia Mitchell, Lois Manookian, a committee of artists and volunteers, and the support of 21 local businesses, Linda produced a "studio walk" that celebrated Rappahannock's growing arts community.

Linda's 2005 co-conspirators, Sallie Morgan and Lois Manookian, affirm Linda's gifts: "She had a great sense of how to get things done, and she did it with such grace. Linda seemed to know that it was just the right time and the whole thing blossomed."

Over the past 15 years the Fall Art Tour has grown to now include more than 100 local artists and 170 sponsors who welcome 1000+ visitors to meet the artists and savor our thriving artistic community. This year's Fall Art Tour stands gratefully on the shoulders of Linda Dietel, and RAAC is honored to carry on her creative vision.



Rosie Mullany

Rosie Mullany was a strong advocate for the arts, civil rights, Catholic charities, Democratic politics and feminist causes from the 1960s through the 1990s. She was also passionate about films and wanted others to feel the same passion she had for unique art-driven film. For a decade she was responsible for choosing films for RAAC's monthly "First Friday at the Movies." She and RAAC Board chair Claudia Mitchell were inseparable friends, often viewing two or three films at a time at movie houses a long drive away from Rappahannock.

Rosie's daughter Joanne Ballard recalls that "Claudia always drove, as Mom could not after a certain time. Claudia was always up for a full day of movies and lunch and dinner along the way. One time, Claudia's car broke down in a parking lot, and I had to drive to Arlington at 11:30pm to pick both of them up at the Shirlington Movie Theatre. I'll never forget pleading with the ushers to let me into the theatre to find them, as they were not outside of the theatre. I went into one screening and softly called their names to see if they were there. They were. They had decided to watch another movie while they waited for me to arrive.

RAAC's continuing commitment to films in the form of monthly movies, talk-backs, and Film Festivals is a tribute to Rosie's passion. We gratefully stand on her shoulders!

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RAAC Arts on Facebook

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.

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Click [HERE](#) to visit the comprehensive local events calendar hosted by Rappahannock.com.

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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.

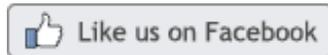
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