

# Look & Listen

Hello Friends!

Enjoy many inspiring Rappahannock events through October. They're a tonic to the soul and a wonderful complement to our colorfully crisp fall days.

Warm wishes from all of us at RAAC.

## LISTEN

**Castleton Festival**—Tenor Paul Groves and Pianist Pedja Muzijevic perform works by Schubert, Britten, Duparc and Bellini, this Sunday, October 17, 4-6PM, at the Theatre House, 664 Castleton View Road, Castleton, VA. Check out the new season and purchase tickets by visiting [Castleton's 25th Anniversary Season!](#) | [Castleton Festival](#).

**Castleton in Conversation**—Presents *Talking Beats with Daniel Lechuk*, a new podcast featuring the most extraordinary thinkers, writers, scientists, and musicians of our time. This month's conversation is with the great Shakespeare scholar, Stephen Greenblatt, one of the world's most respected literary critics, who is deeply passionate about music. Visit [Castleton in Conversation: Stephen Greenblatt](#) | [Castleton Festival](#)

**Rappahannock Radio**—Listen to new and stimulating interviews featuring local personalities: From teacher to blacksmith, Boston to Huntly, learn more about Nol Putnam, the master blacksmith at White Oak Forge; Woodville author, historian and musician, John Tole, entices listeners to travel into our county's past, with tales and songs of the Civil War. Musician John Gardner performs live and tells the story of his band, Goodnight Ghost; Kat Maier talks about her new book, *Energetic Herbalism: A Guide to Sacred Plant Traditions* — all on [RappahannockRadio.com](#).

## LOOK

**Charles Tompkins Photography**—A virtual showcase of the local photographer's prolific black and white work, inspired by Ansel Adams, featuring the recurring themes of bluegrass musicians, old churches and water, is now available at [Charles Tompkins Photography](#).

**Cottage Curator**—[Museums Collect](#) is an online exhibition, featuring works by artists in national and international museum collections. Visit virtually 24/7, and in-person, Thursday through Sunday, 11AM until 4PM, at 12018A Lee Highway, Sperryville, VA.

**Firnew Farm Artists' Circle**—Into the Light, an in-person and virtual exhibition at Woodberry Forest's Baker Gallery, through October 30. Visit [Firnew Farm Artists' Circle](#) for details.

**Gay Street Gallery**—Upcoming exhibition October 23-January 11, with opening reception Saturday October 23, 4-6PM, featuring work by famed author-illustrator of children’s literature, David Costello; gorgeous hand-turned wooden vessels by Frederick Williamson; and resident artist, Kevin H. Adams, discussing his newest work. Visit [Gay Street Gallery](#) virtually and in-person, Wednesday through Monday, 10AM until 5PM, or by appointment, at 337 Gay Street, Washington, VA.

**Middle Street Gallery**—Presenting an all-member show, October 22-November 28, and new expanded art space in the garden for the Fall Art Tour, November 6-7. [The Gallery](#) is next to The Inn at Little Washington and is open Friday-Sunday from 11AM until 5 p.m.

**Patricia Underwood**—The local artist has works in two current area exhibits. The Power of Patience at the [Blackrock Center for the Arts](#) in Germantown, MD through October 30, and Art Optimism at [the Athenaeum](#) in Old Town, Alexandria through October 31.

**Photographs of New Orleans**—A new exhibition by local artist Susan Raines, now through October 23, at [Studio Gallery DC](#). Visit Susan’s website [New Orleans - Susan Raines Photography](#).

**R.H. Ballard Gallery**—A new exhibition features the evocative paintings of Giselle Gautreau. Drawing inspiration from the landscape and the natural world, recurring themes in Gautreau’s work include references to sky, water, trees, tidal marshes, fog, birds and bees. Visit [Gallery Artists \(rhballardgallery.com\)](#).

**Ron Paras**—Body Language, a new series, features images created using stacking and blending techniques which combine photographic, textured and painted layers. Visit [Portfolio – Ron Paras - Art](#).

**Stone Hill Spectacle 2021**—The annual, festive gathering takes place Saturday, October 30, 4-8PM, 40 Springwish Lane, Flint Hill, VA. Enjoy jugglers, bellydancers, magicians, Afghan musicians and more! After dark, join the torch procession to the Circle of Standing Stones for the lighting of the bonfire. Costumes and photographs documenting the event are encouraged! Send event photos to [stonehilltheater@gmail.com](mailto:stonehilltheater@gmail.com), for possible inclusion in the 2021 photobook. RSVP: [jhenry@drystonecapital.com](mailto:jhenry@drystonecapital.com)

**Rappahannock Galleries**—visit other local galleries, in-person and online, to enjoy ongoing exhibits: [Haley Fine Art](#) and [Thornton River Art](#).

**RAAC’s Fall Art Tour—November 6-7—is happening!** A newly designed Tour will include in-person studio and gallery touring by visitors, online gallery of artwork by participating artists, and online program guides and maps. Details to follow along with Covid safety precautions! Check [Fall Art Tour](#) for the latest information.

Check out details regarding other in-person, virtual and suspended Rappahannock County events due to Covid precautions at [Explore Rappahannock VA](#).



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