

Look & Listen

Greetings Friends!

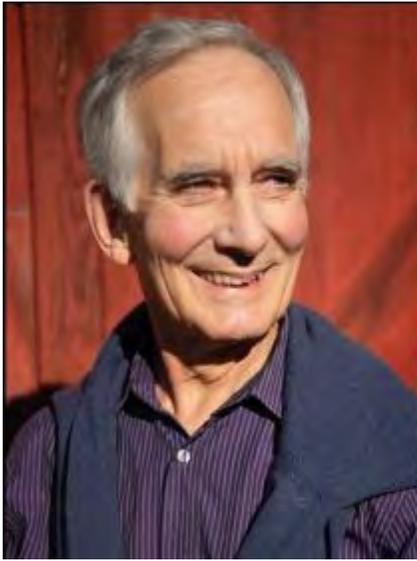
It's the merry month of May, and Rappahannock arts are alive! Enjoy live and virtual music performances, a RAAC talk, online and in-person gallery openings, radio interviews and more! Around the corner in June, the return of a Rappahannock storytelling favorite, *No Ordinary Person!*

Best wishes from all of us at RAAC.

LOOK



Rappahannock County Library presents the FREE one-man show, *A Life of Sorrow, The Life and Times of Carter Stanley*, this Saturday, May 7th at 1:30PM. Based on the life of singer, songwriter Carter Stanley and his younger brother Ralph Stanley, the program mixes storytelling and music to bring to life the saga of an Appalachian music treasure. The show is the creation of Roanoke-based actor Gary Reid. A bluegrass enthusiast and historian for over 45 years, Reid is regarded as the foremost authority on the music of the Stanley Brothers. For information call 540-675-3780 or click [here](#).



RAAC is delighted to present a FREE TALK, featuring a conversation between two celebrated Rappahannock art critics and authors, Andy Grundberg (left) and Philip Kennicott (right), at 7:00PM, Friday, May 13th, at RAAC's new venue--Little Washington Theatre on Gay Street. Grundberg will be interviewed by Kennicott about his years in the arts, with the focus on his recent book, *How Photography Became Contemporary Art*. No reservations are needed. Visit [What's on at RAAC](#) for details.



Cottage Curator announces a new online exhibition, *In Bloom*, just in time for spring! Flowers have attracted artists for centuries, from ancient Egypt to the renaissance in Northern Europe to contemporary America. A cooperative and accessible subject, flowers offer up their colorful, organic forms. *In Bloom* features Mid-Atlantic artists celebrating their views, from still-lives to plein air studies to close-ups. Capture the ephemeral beauty of flowers with these pieces, on view at Cottage Curator. Visit [In Bloom](#).

Ron Paras presents new works in the series, *Unexpected Light*. This series explores light in nature and how nature defines what we see and



influences what we feel. Every day nature treats us to an incredible array of ever-changing light, it can be subtle, like the silver luminosity of a grey day, or it can be dramatic, like a fiery high-cloud sunset. Paras' work in progress has grown to the 24 images now available for viewing [here](#).



The Art Museum of the Americas in Washington DC is pleased to present an online exhibition of the work of Rappahannock artist Margot S. Neuhaus, curated by Aneta Georgievska-Shine, beginning May 19th. Over a period of thirty days you will be able to see images from the entire span of Neuhaus' career on several social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Details to follow, including a link to this exhibition, in the May 19th edition of *Look & Listen*. See the artist's work at [Margot S Neuhaus Art](#).



RAAC is delighted to announce the return of *No Ordinary Person*, in RAAC's new theatre venue at 291 Gay Street, Saturday, June 11th at 8PM and Sunday, June 12th at 3PM. This popular Rappahannock theater tradition returns after a two-year pandemic hiatus! Three local residents will tell true stories from their lives.

Photographer Tina Falkenbury will tell of her uprooted family and her search for a "home"; Beverly Jones will share her story of learning early how to make big changes in tiny steps; Michael Dennis will talk about his struggle learning to read, his passion for books, and his search for meaning and beauty through the love

of reading.

The Sunday performance will be followed by a "talk back session," where the storytellers will answer questions about their stories, what it was like to put together a story, and how it felt to share their personal experience with an audience. Tickets for the show can be purchased through Eventbrite by clicking [here](#). Hope to see you there!

LISTEN



Rapp at Home is pleased to feature award winning percussionist and composer [Tom Teasley](#) who will present an interactive Zoom session, tomorrow, May 6th at 7PM. Tom will give a tour of his extensive instrument collection and playing styles, developed from his tours on behalf of the US Department of State as a cultural envoy. His travels took him to countries such as Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Oman, S. Korea, and China. He will speak to the diplomatic power of music as well as the functional healing power of sound. Tom has provided sound healing experiences to refugees, handicapped, and bed-ridden recipients. The session will end with a healing sound immersion. This program is supported by Castleton Festival and the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The session is open to the community and will offer opportunities for group participation. To experience this joy of music and rhythm, register at [Tom Teasley - Award winning percussionist and composer - Events - Rapp at Home](#) or call 540-937-4663.



The **Castleton Chamber Players** and **Castleton Festival** present *Classics meet Blues* with special guest harpist (and Castleton Alumna) Ashley Jackson, this Sunday, May 8th, 4PM-6PM at the Theatre House, 664 Castleton View Road, Castleton, VA 22716. Purchase tickets [here](#).



A FREE **Celtic Music** concert, featuring harp, lute and guitars, will be performed by Rappahannock's acclaimed Linn Barnes and Allison Hampton, 4 PM, Sunday May 15th at Trinity Episcopal Church, 379 Gay Street, Washington, VA. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome. For information call 540-675-3716 or email contactus@trinwash.org.



Castleton Festival presents *Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro*, Sunday June 5th at 2PM, at the Theatre House, 664 Castleton View Road, Castleton, VA 22716. Tickets to this staged version in collaboration with Prague Summer Nights, may be purchased [here](#).



Rappahannock Radio host Kiaya Abernathy features a fascinating new interview with Rappahannock native and yoga instructor, Hannah Rosenbaum. Hannah believes in the healing powers of connection experienced through the practice of yoga; the connection of mind, body, spirit and heart; connection of breath and movement; and comm(unity) connection. Check out the Season 4 Episode 10 trailer

featuring Rosenbaum [here](#). Subscribe to hear all 10 episodes of Season 4 at [Rappahannock Radio](#).

Rappahannock Galleries—visit local galleries, in-person and online, to enjoy ongoing exhibits: [Cottage Curator](#), [Gay Street Gallery](#), [Haley Fine Art](#), [Hazel River Art & Antiques](#), [Middle Street Gallery](#), [R. H. Ballard Gallery](#), [Silver Maples Gallery](#), [Sperryville ARTist Cooperative](#), [Thornton River Art](#).

Rappahannock Studio Galleries—[Kate Anderson Contemporary Art](#), [Gallery 3](#), [Jason Goldman Wood Art](#), [Mullany Art Studios](#), [River District Potters](#)

Keep up with the latest happenings each month at [Fall Art Tour!](#)



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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