

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

Creative We Stand

October 2019

A Note from our Executive Director:

Prince George's Proud is the mantra of our County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. This phrase appropriately captures the current renaissance spirit of a County experiencing accelerated transformation. Part of this transformation includes promoting the vitality of the arts. In recognizing October as National Arts and Humanities Month, we also celebrate the contributions of our local arts community whose artistic and poetic imagination, passion, and tenacity is reshaping how we define, produce, and experience arts and culture in our County. In these unprecedented times, the arts are essential. Let's celebrate this month in a resounding consciousness of creativity, hope and well-being for our communities and our country.



Creative We Stand,

Rhonda Dallas - Executive Director
Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

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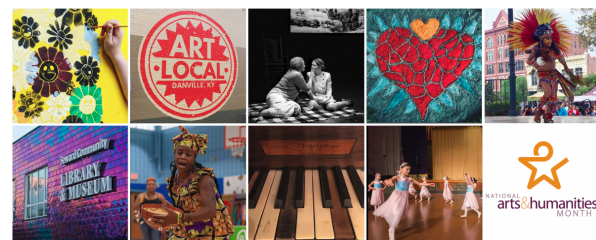
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It's National Arts and Humanities Month!

More than 30 years ago, the Americans for the Arts designated October to be National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) to honor the 20th anniversary of the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1993, it was re-established by Americans for the Arts and partners as a month long celebration. The goals of National Arts and Humanities Month are:

FOCUSING on the arts at local, state, and national levels;

ENCOURAGING individuals and organizations to participate in the arts;

ALLOWING governments and businesses to show their support of the arts; and

RAISING public awareness about the role the arts and humanities play in our communities and lives.

Click [here](#) to learn more about NAHM and how to get involved.

[Oct. 27th - Prince George's Got Talent Showcase Brunch](#)

Submit your events to rjreynolds@pgahc.org to be featured in this section!

Join Our Artist Registry!

Click [here](#) to join the PGAHC Artist Registry!

Join the Prince George's Film Industry Professional Database!

Click [here](#) to join the Prince George's film industry database!



Culture, Justice, and Heritage - Poetry of Social Justice

Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy, hosted "Culture, Justice & Heritage - Poetry of Social Justice," the latest Poet Laureate Reading Series event from 1-3pm, Saturday, September 28, at the New Carrollton Branch Library. District 3 Council Member, Dannielle Garos offered the opening remarks for an afternoon of poetry, music, art and more. Members of the community participated in the Open Mic portion of the multi-genre arts explosion that featured award-winning poet and author, Alan King; Prince George's County Poetry Ambassador, Noah Hinnant; Soloist, AnDraea Keene Williams; Djembe drummer, Doc Powell; and Visual Artist, Keiona Clark. The Poet Laureate Reading Series is free and open to all ages. Next month's event takes place October 26th from 1-3pm at the Oakcrest Community Center.

Please visit www.pgahc.org/poet-laureate to learn about future events!



Shelby Baggott's Family Dinner Premieres at Bowie Center for the Performing Arts

The first full weekend in September was kicked off by a performance by PGAHC Grant Awardee Shelby Baggott. Ms. Baggott used the grant to produce her second show titled 'The Family Dinner: When Dinner



Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival Brings the Arts to the Community

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council(PGAHC) is no stranger to showing up and showing out for the Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival: Arts & Ales. The PGAHC partnered with LW Designs to exhibit artwork, information and the renowned community art canvas that drew almost every attendee young and old. This fun filled Saturday displayed that Hyattsville stands strong hand in hand with the arts community. From the art to ales, there was a little something for everyone to dive into.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival.

Davies Concert Series Presents

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE OXON HILL FOOD PANTRY
featuring Jasmin Lee and the Vocal Quartet
Free Admission -- Donations Accepted
Sunday, Oct 6 @ 2 pm

Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation
7400 Temple Hill Road
Camp Spring, MD

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Grantee Spotlight: Davies Concert Series

Davies Concert Series will present a special concert, An Afternoon with Jasmin Lee and the Vocal Quartet: A Fundraising Concert for the Oxon Hill Food Pantry. This concert which will be on Sunday, October 6, 2019 is free and open to the public. The program will include traditional songs as well as classical and romantic solo and ensemble music.

The concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a short performance by student artists from the Charles County Youth Orchestra. The concert will be held at Davies Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 7400 Temple Hill Road, Camp Springs, MD and will be followed by a meet-the-artist reception.

Click [here](#) to read the full press release release !

Doesn't Go As Planned'. Described as a 'tragicomedy', the play is about a blended family that moves together for the first time and conversations of race are explored at the dinner table. The premiere took place at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, September 6th & Saturday, September 7th.

Visit www.shelbybaggott.com to learn more about Ms. Baggott's work!



Prince George's Community College Hosts Grand Opening for New Center for Performing Arts

Prince George's Community College just hosted the Grand Opening of its state-of-the-art Center for Performing Arts. Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) team members had the distinct honor to attend the exclusive event. PGAHC is proud to support the Center's goal to nurture and develop students' passion for the arts. During the event, guests treated to cultural performances including dancing, singing, plays, instrumental performances, art displays, and much more. Not only were attendees surrounded by amazing art, but they were also surrounded by good company in many other prominent supporters from the County.

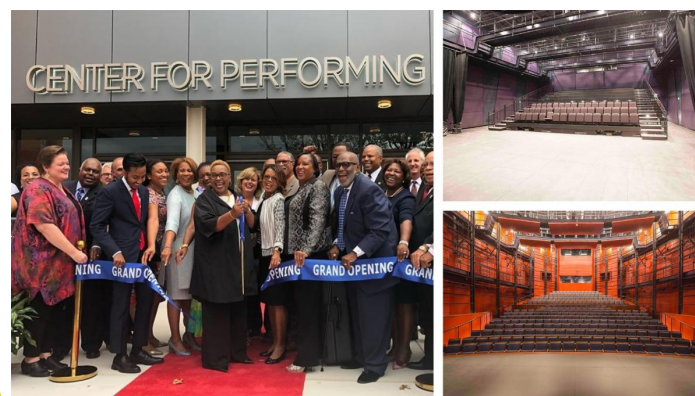
Check out www.pgcc.edu/arts for more information about their new Center for Performing Arts!

(Pictured above: (L) Dr. Charlene Dukes, President of PGCC; (R) Melony Griffith, Deputy Dir. of PGAHC)

Applications are Open for Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate Program

Attention Youth Poets of Prince George's County! Take the first step towards a career in poetry performance and creative writing by applying to the Prince George's County Youth Poet Laureate Program! This program identifies youth writers and leaders who are committed to civic and community engagement, poetry performance, networking, diversity and education.

Applications will be accepted through Oct. 31st. Please visit www.dialect-usa.com or email dialectofpgcounty@gmail.com to get full contest details.




Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts Creative Entrepreneurs Series!

Attention Prince George's County! The Prince George's Got Talent Showcase Brunch is selling out quickly! Don't miss out on this first of its kind event!

Please visit www.pgahc.org/pgahc-brunch to purchase your sponsorships,

The Washington Area Lawyers (WALA) for the Arts is conducting a six-week session for creatives who want to advance their professional career. The next session, covering Contracts & Licensing, will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 8th at the Gateway Media Arts Lab located at 3311 Rhode Island Ave. in Mt. Rainier.

RSVP for this and other WALA events by emailing lab@gatewaycdc.org.



APPLY TODAY TO THE RAFALA GREEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the Rafala Green Fellowship Program, which seeks to place two additional fellows, for two years at the Artspace headquarters in Minneapolis, MN from September 2020 -- August 2022.

The mission of the Rafala Green Fellowship Program, made possible with funding from the Ford Foundation, is to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion for people from communities traditionally underrepresented in the real estate development field. Fellows will be introduced to the core competencies of property development and exposed to Artspace best practices while working on current projects in the Artspace pipeline across the country.

Click [here](#) to learn how to apply for the Rafala Green Fellowship Program.



PGAHC Board Member Yolanda Muckle Elected as President of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors

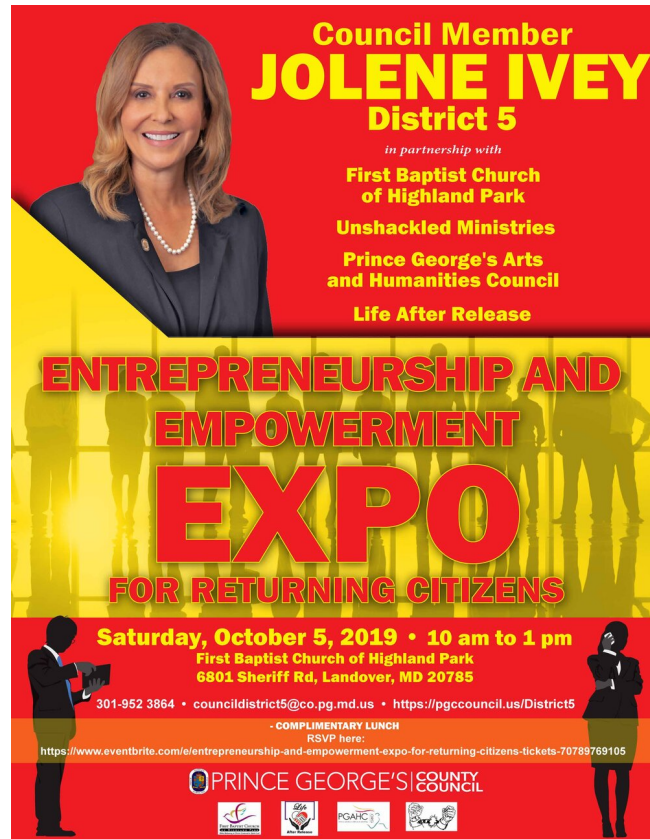
Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council would like to congratulate our Board Member Yolanda Muckle on the occasion of her election to the Presidency of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors. Ms. Muckle along with other newly elected officers were installed in high fashion on the 19th of September at Camelot by Martins in Upper Marlboro, MD.

Please click the image above to view highlights from the evening.

tickets, and tables today!

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Brianna Holmes at events@pgahc.org to learn how to become a sponsor today!

Join Our Sponsors!



Council Member Ivey Hosts Entrepreneurship And Empowerment Expo for Returning Citizens on Oct. 6th

Prince George's District 5 Council Member Jolene Ivey will host an Entrepreneurship and Empowerment Expo for Returning Citizens Saturday, Oct. 5th from 10am-1pm. The event, which is co-hosted by First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Unshackled Ministries, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, and Life After Release will connect returning citizens with opportunities to develop and nurture careers. Attendees will also learn how to start their own businesses.

The event will take place at First Baptist Church of Highland Park located at 6801 Sheriff Road in Landover, MD 20785.

Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

CULTURAL CROSSOVER
RISING THROUGH THE ARTS

Bus Boys & Poets—Hyattsville
October 9th | 6:30-8:30PM

Enjoy an evening of musical performances in the spirit of service! All supplies will go towards those impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas

RECOMMENDED DONATIONS

- BOTTLED WATER
- CLOTHING
- BEDDING
- PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- MEDICAL SUPPLIES
- NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

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SPECIAL GUEST!

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Council Member At-Large
Calvin S. Hawkins, II
"Building the People's Movement"

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Council Member Calvin Hawkins Hosts Cultural Crossover on Oct. 9th!

Join Council Member At Large Calvin Hawkins on Oct. 9th for Cultural Crossover: Rising Through the Arts. This event of musical performances will support those impacted by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. The event will take place at Busboys & Poets in Hyattsville, MD.

Click [here](#) to RSVP now.

Arts and Humanities Month Filmmaker Highlight: Tressa "Azarel" Smallwood



Tressa "Azarel" Smallwood is an award-winning Book Publisher, Movie Producer, and founder of the TressaAzarel VIP Club, an organization that motivates and promotes female entrepreneurship and networking opportunities.

In 2003 after writing her first novel, A Life to Remember, Tressa raked in over \$40K in sales prompting her to resign from her teaching tenure to fulfill her dream of becoming an entrepreneur. Since then she's turned her knowledge into a multi-million dollar empire. With over one hundred sixty-two titles published in print to date and even more digitally, Life Changing Books, more lovingly known as (LCB) has set its sights on adapting those books into films. Tressa's entrepreneurial work as an author, publisher and movie producer has been featured in Black Enterprise, Hip Hop Weekly, EURWeb, The Source, Shadow & Act and Rolling Out. Since expanding into the film industry with MegaMind Media, her debut film SECRETS

adapted from the J. Tremble novel Secrets of a Housewife was released on BET in Sept 2017. Since that time Smallwood has soared by writing and producing ALL IN featuring (LIL MAMA, ELISE NEAL, ROB RILEY, AND JIM JONES) which is scheduled to release in November 2018. In addition, she recently Executive Produced, Sinners Wanted starring (Lamman Rucker, Clifton Powell, and Traci Braxton), a faith-based phenomena that is sure to change the landscape of how we view one another's flaws and sins.

When Smallwood is not teaching others how to write and publish or reviewing scripts for her

promising film catalog she is mentoring girls ages 10-17 on becoming self-starters and leaders through her, Be The Boss Entrepreneurial Program. She resides in Prince George's County with her family and is currently in pre-production on two new films.

Click the link below to view the trailer for Azarel's film, 'All In':



PGAHC Thanks Our FUNDERS For Helping Us Bring The Arts To A Larger Audience!



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