

# The Canvas



SPRING 2018

Art  
is in  
BLOOM!



2018

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## 21st ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

### Featuring the 5th Annual South-Atlantic Juried Exhibition

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Saturday, April 28th, beginning at 7:00pm

Shake off those winter blues and join us as we celebrate spring hues,  
because **Art is in Bloom** at The Montpelier Center!

This wonderful evening will include the opening viewing and awards reception for the 5th Annual South-Atlantic Juried Exhibition, along with live interactive demonstrations from a number of talented artists in their skilled crafts.

Come enjoy the company of fellow art lovers over delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and music as we recognize and celebrate the arts! Tickets are \$20 for members / \$25 for non-members, and include 2 complimentary beverages. Get yours by visiting [montpeliercenter.org/celebration-of-the-arts.html](http://montpeliercenter.org/celebration-of-the-arts.html)



# CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



A new year has sprung at The Center and 2018 brings us changes to our Board of Directors. We excitedly welcome new board members Michael Gladstone, Mark Holland, Robby Monolo, and Floyd Spencer to the board! We also welcome back Dan Johnson for another term! Doug Kittle has rolled off of our board after a very successful term and we thank him for his service.

We are incredibly thrilled and honored to have these wonderful members of our community give their time, knowledge and passion to us. With these changes, we reflect on the incredible accomplishments of our board in recent years and look ahead with enthusiasm to the wonderful things that are to come!

## The CABELL FOUNDATION MATCHING GRANT

WE DID IT! Thanks to you, we raised \$100,000 and have been awarded a \$100,000 match by The Cabell Foundation! This will allow The Center to undertake capital improvements that will bring us to exciting new heights! We will be publishing a second newsletter in the coming months focused specifically on this work so that you can see all of our progress gets underway, as well as find out more about those who helped us reach this goal! We can't wait!



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is now open!**



Our Montpelier Center Preschool Program is a nurturing half day preschool for both 3 and 4 year old students in an educational setting. The goal is for our students to feel secure and successful while interacting with others and exploring our world. We incorporate language arts, science, library story time, field trips, guest speakers and holiday celebrations to enhance learning. Our teachers and classroom aide have many years of experience and are dedicated to providing instruction in a fun and caring atmosphere. Join us!

**For more information, contact our Preschool Director Pam Taylor at (804) 683-5671.**

### MISSION

The Mission of The Montpelier Center for Arts and Education is to engage and enrich the community through a variety of cultural and educational opportunities

**Create, Explore, Educate, Celebrate!**

### STAFF

<b>Pauline Sumner</b>	<i>Executive Director</i>
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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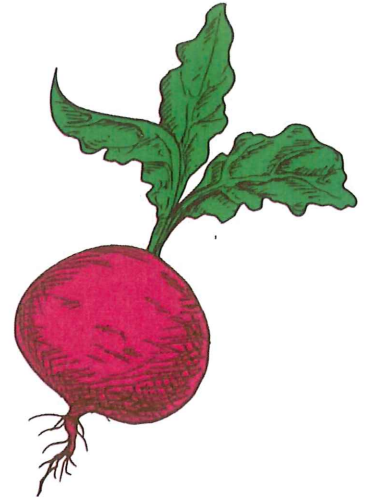
# PROGRAMS & EVENTS

## THE MONTPELIER CENTER FARMERS MARKET

*The 2018 Season begins in May!*

The Montpelier Center Farmers Market returns for its 3rd season in 2018! Join us from May 3rd—October 25th every Thursday from 4-7pm on the lawn area adjacent to our parking lot. The market will be full of local producers with fresh produce, tasty baked goods, flowers, and other inspired wares and goods. The market will also feature a wealth of special guests and educational activities for everyone to enjoy. If you'd like to subscribe to our weekly email market newsletter or take a look at photos from last season, visit

<http://www.montpeliercenter.org/farmers-market.html>



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

*Friday, May 18th, 2018!*

Join us for a FANTASTIC new series this spring and summer! Presented in partnership with Pamunkey Regional Library, Family Movie Night is a FREE re-occurring event that's fun for the whole family. Our next showing will be of *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle!* Bring some pillows or your favorite movie watching blankets and join us on The Montpelier Center lawn for a movie on the big screen. Snacks including freshly popped popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase or you are welcome to bring your own.



One lucky family will even get to take the movie we watch home with them at the end of the evening! For more information about this series, upcoming dates, or the films that will be shown, visit our website at

<http://www.montpeliercenter.org/family-movie-night.html>

## BINGO



### *Relay for Life Bingo*

**Friday May 11th, 2018 at 7pm**

Prizes for each game include various prizes from a multitude of merchants! Also included will be an auction of homemade cakes and a raffle. Doors open at 6pm. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society!

### *??? Mystery Bingo ???*

**Friday September 21st, 2018 at 7pm**

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Featuring Mystery Prizes! Also included will be an auction of homemade cakes and a raffle. Doors open at 6pm. Proceeds benefit The Montpelier Center!

Admission fee for all games - \$20 per person. Includes snacks, 16 bingo games and a chance for door prizes.

Call Betty Brabrand at 883-5008 for more details. Visit [www.montpeliercenter.org/bingo.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/bingo.html) for more info!



# PROGRAMS & EVENTS CONTINUED

## HISTORY RETURNS SERIES

Join friends and neighbors as we step back in time...with professional historians as our tour guides! This FREE series is ongoing throughout the year and features some amazing guests. Find our more below or on our website at [www.montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series.html)

### JOHN MAASS

May 8th, 2018 at 7pm in the Ballroom



With John Maass as our guide, we'll follow the Marquis de Lafayette and General Anthony 'Mad Dog' Wayne as they skirmish with Cornwallis and Tarleton through Hanover and adjoining counties in 1781 on the way to Yorktown. As an author/historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History, Dr. Maass accesses original documents of both our Continental Army and the British/Hessian forces. Let John show you where the armies travelled and fought...maybe through your own backyard!

### JENNIFER HUFF

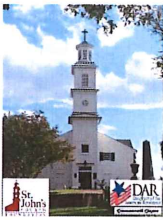
August 14th, 2018 at 11am in the Ballroom



Many hidden treasures reside at the Virginia Historical Society founded in 1831, but too few know what or how to find them. Join Jennifer Huff, Reference Department Coordinator at VHS, to learn the secrets of back in the day. She'll highlight materials related to Hanover County...maybe even about your own family ancestors! And bring your laptop if you like as she'll expertly guide you through the online catalog and website, in addition to the voluminous archives which are not yet digitized. What a resource for us here in Hanover, one of Virginia's 'burned counties'.

### CHARLES WISSINGER

November 13th, 2018 at 7pm in the Ballroom



A professional actor who loves history brings Patrick Henry here to Montpelier. Enjoy Charles Wissinger's portrayal of Hanover County's favorite son from his birth, through his business ventures, the Parsons' Cause law suit that catapulted him to fame, and climaxing with his famous 'Give me Liberty, or Give me Death' speech at St. John's Church during the Second Virginia Convention in 1775. A special extra treat will be a display of historically accurate costumes tailored by Charles whose prior roles have included film, television, commercials, and theater.

## MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

We are thrilled to welcome back Music Under the Stars in 2018 with an expanded lineup! Over 500 people attended this concert series in 2017. Due its popularity, we have added another date and will host 3 concerts this summer! These events are FREE and offer a great opportunity to spend time in the community!

### Join us:

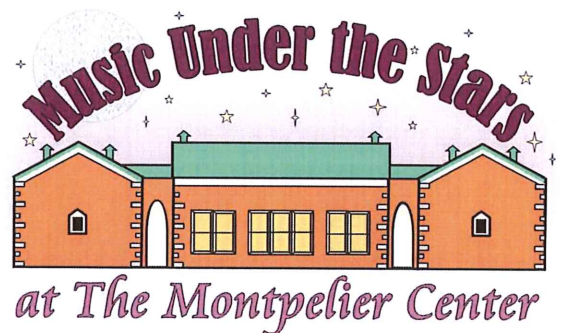
**June 22nd: Featuring The Windbags**

**July 27th: Featuring East of Afton**

**August 24th: Featuring Double or Nothin**

For more information about this great series, or if you are interested in sponsoring a concert, visit our website at

<http://www.montpeliercenter.org/music-under-the-stars.html>





# SPRING CLASSES

## ART

To register for any of these art classes, visit [www.montpeliercenter.org/art.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/art.html) or call (804)883-7378.

### BEADING WORKSHOP (New Class!)

**Instructor: Joni Veltema, 1 Day Workshop**

**Tuesday May 1st, 6pm—8pm in the Art Studio**

**Or Saturday June 9th, 10am—12pm in the Art Studio**

**Just in time for Mother's Day!** Have you ever wanted to make your own jewelry? With this Beading Workshop, Joni will teach you how to create a bracelet and a pair of earrings using wire and/or crimping! This will be the perfect opportunity to make something for yourself or make the perfect gift for a loved one. All materials and tools provided, just bring your imagination! Class size is limited to 15 people so sign up quickly. \$25 Members / \$30 Non-Members.



### WIRE WORK WORKSHOP (New Class!)

**Instructor: Joni Veltema, 1 Day Workshop**

**Saturday May 5th, 10am—12pm in the Art Studio**

**Or Tuesday June 5th, 6pm—8pm in the Art Studio**

**Just in time for Mother's Day!** Have you ever wanted to make your own jewelry? With this Wire Work Workshop, Joni will teach you how to create a necklace using wire and crimp cord! This will be the perfect opportunity to make something for yourself or make the perfect gift for a loved one. All materials and tools provided, just bring your imagination! Class size is limited to 15 people so sign up quickly. \$25 Members / \$30 Non-Members.



### BEGINNING KNITTING

**Instructor: Marcy George**

**Thursdays, Ongoing, 6pm—7pm in the Conference Room**

Learn how to knit! Use materials provided by class unless you have your own you'd like to bring. This class is FREE, please contact the office at 883-7378 or [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org) for more information!



### OIL & ACRYLICS

**Instructor: Betsy Taylor, 6 week class**

**Wednesdays, beginning April 25th, 10am—12pm in the Art Studio**

Open to all student levels. This class will explore various techniques using both brushes and the palette knife. Emphasis will be on original composition and the use of light and color. \$120 for Members / \$135 Non-Members. For more info call Betsy at 798-5470.



# SPRING CLASSES CONTINUED

## BODY & MIND

To register for any of these body and mind classes, visit us at [www.montpeliercenter.org/body-mind.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/body-mind.html) or call (804) 883-7378.

### ZUMBA (New Class!)

**Instructor: Melanie Bonner**

**Saturdays, 10am—11am in the Dance Studio**

**Sessions: April 14th — May 19th, May 26th — June 30th**

There are many ways to exercise, some are just more fun than others! Zumba is a total workout, combining all elements of fitness-cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class. By mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves, you will achieve an interval-style, calorie burning dance fitness party that is super effective and super fun! \$60 Members / \$65 Non-Members / \$12 drop in per class.



### Instructor Spotlight

Melanie is a 45-yr-old mother of 3, grandmother of 4 who LOVES Zumba! She re-located to Virginia 3 years ago and after being unable to find classes locally, she decided to become an instructor and start the classes herself. Zumba is that much fun and it had become such a part of her life that she couldn't be without it. She believes if she can do it, you can too!

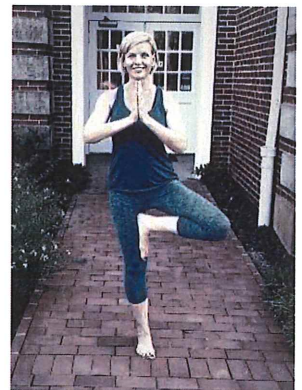
### HATHA YOGA

**(This Class is FREE to First Responders and Military!)**

**Instructor: Wendy Phillips, 6 week class**

**Wednesdays, beginning May 9th 6:30pm—7:45pm in the Dance Studio**

This class is a restorative practice focusing on breathing, hip, and shoulders where a lot of stress is stored. \$80 Members / \$85 Non-Members / \$15 drop in per class.

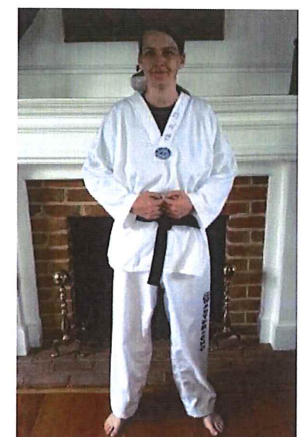


### TAI CHI

**Instructor: Diane Causey, 6 week class**

**Mondays beginning April 16th, 6pm—7pm in the Dance Studio**

Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility, and balance, and could be the perfect activity for the rest of your life. \$82 Members / \$90 Non-Members / \$15 drop in per class.



### TAE KWON DO

**Instructor: Diane Causey, 6 week class**

**Ongoing Thursdays, next session beginning April 12th, 7pm—8pm in the Dance Studio**

Instruction in Tae Kwon Do for ages 3 to adult. Uniforms are included with registration fee! Developed in the 1940s and 50s, Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art, characterized by its emphasis on head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques. \$82 Members / \$90 Non-Members.



# SPRING CLASSES CONTINUED

## BODY & MIND

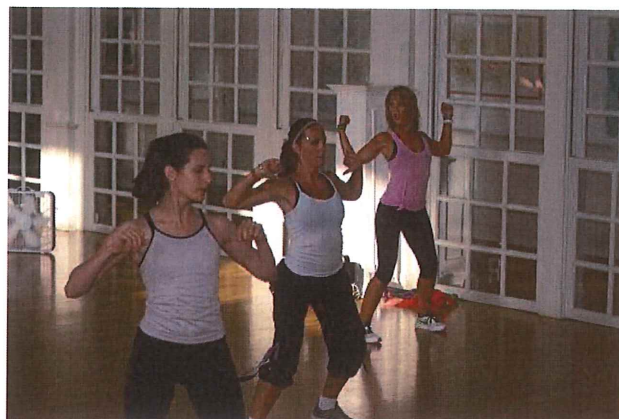
### DANCE FITNESS CONNECTION

**Instructor: Christie Maney**

**Wednesdays, in the Ballroom**

6pm—6:30pm: Pump & Shred Cardio/Strength Training Class

6:30pm —7:20pm: Cardio Kick Boxing with Strength Training



Contact [info@dancefitnessconnection.com](mailto:info@dancefitnessconnection.com) or (804) 306-1668 to register. Visit [www.dancefitnessconnection.com](http://www.dancefitnessconnection.com) for class descriptions.

### DIANE HALE SCHOOL OF DANCE

**Every Tuesday (during the school year)**

**in the Dance Studio**

Contact The Diane Hale School of Dance at 798-3011 for class schedule, tuition, fees, and registration. Info available at:

[dianehaleschoolofdance.com](http://dianehaleschoolofdance.com).



# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### MAH JONGG

Meets Mondays in the Conference Room from 1-4pm.

Email Marcy George at [marcyg2009@gmail.com](mailto:marcyg2009@gmail.com) for more info.

### THE SCHOOL HOUSE INVESTORS CLUB

Meets first Monday of the month in the Conference Room. Contact Doug Kittle at 883-7860 for more info.

### THE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

Run by the Montpelier Branch of the Pamunkey Regional Library. This club meets on the second Monday of every month in the Conference Room from 6:30-8pm. Call 883-7116 for more info.

### OPEN STUDIO THURSDAYS

Every Thursday, 9 – 2pm. the Art Studio is open to Center member artists, beginners-advanced, to drop by, paint, and chat with other artists. Come get inspired!

### THE HERB GUILD

Meets on the third Monday of every month in the Conference Room at 7pm. Contact Suzanne Flint at (804) 306-8705 for more info.

### FOURTH TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

Meeting aptly after its namesake on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Conference Room from 1-3pm. Come and join in! Email Diane Jadowski at [djadski@gmail.com](mailto:djadski@gmail.com) for more info.





# RECENT HAPPENINGS AT THE CENTER

## SANTA'S NORTH POLE & HOLIDAY MARKET

Not only did Santa visit The Montpelier Center again, but he brought with him an entire holiday market! A treasure trove of handcrafted, locally made items came to The Center and offered an incredible assortment of gifts. Exhibitors included crafters, artisans, and farmers! Santa also brought a variety of crafts for kids to enjoy! Cookies were decorated, paper snowmen were made, and visits with Santa ensued! What a fun time for the whole community!



## A GRAND ILLUMINATION



What a beautiful sight! Did you see The Montpelier Center lit up over the holiday season? We welcomed a crowd of over 180 people to our first ever grand illumination event last December. Over 20,000 lights were installed throughout our Village Green thanks to the work of some incredible volunteers! The evening included a lighting ceremony, a fun sing along to carols outside, hot chocolate, and a performance by School of Rock! Thank you to all who made this evening possible. We look forward to making this a December tradition at The Center!

## ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Montpelier Center held its annual fundraiser on the on February 24th with a theme celebrating The Chinese New Year: Year of the Earth Dog! The evening featured a live and a silent auction, with items ranging from art pieces from various local artists, tons of gravel, fishing trips, jewelry, weekend Wintergreen getaways, and many many more! Guests also enjoyed food by Everyday Gourmet, the musical talents of Premier Band, and lighting by Productive AV!

The overwhelming success could not have happened with out the incredibly generous sponsorships and donations of many local businesses, members, and individuals. The 2018 Annual Fundraiser Committee did an outstanding job of garnering monetary support and the donation of auction items. They, along with the evening's volunteers, created an event that was superb! Over \$36,000 was raised and will allow The Center to fund a majority of its 2018 programs and operations. This event is essential to our success and we are so thankful to our community and sponsors. Be sure to check out our website

<http://www.montpeliercenter.org/2018-annual-fundraiser.html> for our list of sponsors and more pictures from the evening!



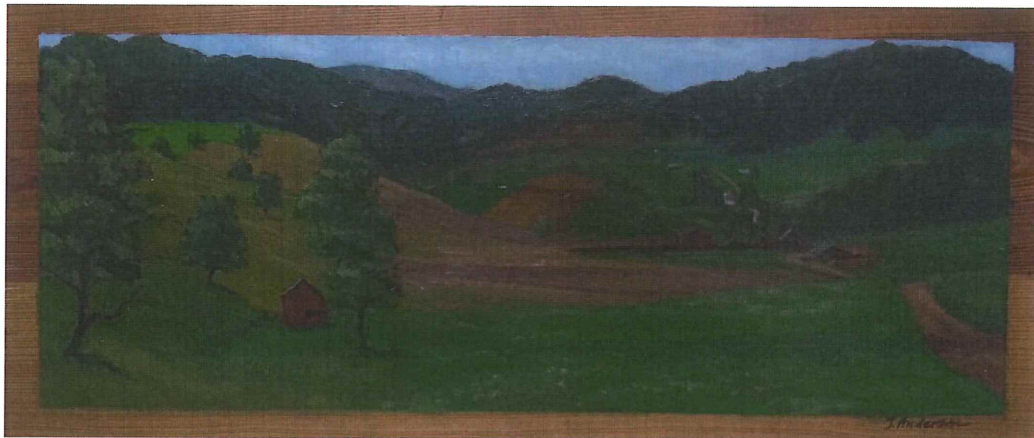


## IN OUR GALLERY

### ARTSPACE “Primavera”

March 27th, 2018 — April 23rd, 2018

“Primavera” is a celebration of springtime and other ideas related to renewal or new things. This exhibition features the work of over a dozen artist members of artspace, a nonprofit gallery located in Richmond. Come see this wonderful collection of works created by these talented artists. On display through April 23rd.



## 5TH ANNUAL SOUTH-ATLANTIC JURIED EXHIBITION

April 28th — June 25th, 2018

In its 5th year, this juried exhibition combines the works of artists who reside across the South-Atlantic, from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Washington, DC, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Awards for Best in Show, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention are announced at the exhibit's opening during our Celebration of the Arts event on April 28th! Join us for the opening or stop by and see these magnificent works on display through June 25th.

## VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS

The Center has been incredibly busy with all of the wonderful programs we have had recently, so that means our volunteers have been hard at work too! They have helped to make Santa's North Pole & Holiday Market, A Grand Illumination, our Annual Fundraiser, History Returns Series, Family Movie Night, and bingo possible! If you attended one of these program you may have seen them working at a check-in table, catering, doing some advertising around town, collecting auction items, hanging a banner by the roadside, or even helping to decorate the ballroom!

In addition to our programs and events, we have a lot of volunteers who help us maintain The Center's building and grounds. Spring is here and we are getting the Village Green spruced for the season, replacing exterior lightbulbs, and keeping our outside marquee up to date!

We also have a dedicated team of volunteers who help us in the office! Getting the word out to all of our members is a big job that we could not do without them. We thank them for helping us compile and prepare all of the things that you receive in the mail, helping us file important records, and bringing cheer to our visitors!

**If you have volunteered before or are interested in joining us for the first time, please let us know! There are a lot of great things upcoming at The Center that we would love your help with. You can email the office at [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org), give us a call at (804) 883-7378, or stop by and see us in the office!**





## SHOP WITH AN ADDED GIFT

Did you know you can help support The Center while you shop this spring? You totally can! You can buy a brick to be placed in our Village Green. You can also make sure to stop by our gallery and purchase an incredible local work. Give the gift or art to yourself or your loved ones this season! Our Gallery is full of works by wonderfully talented local artists, so don't miss out on seeing what our community has to offer!



You can even support The Center while you do your regular shopping! (Hint—Mother's Day and Father's Day are fast approaching!) AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support The Montpelier Center while you buy all the things you would buy normally, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same prices, selection, and experience as Amazon.com, but with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to The Center!

To start today, simply visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education as the organization you would like to support. From there, every time you make eligible purchases, The Center will benefit. Remember, only purchases at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), (not [www.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or the mobile app,) support charity.

## BUY A BRICK

A brick laid in our Village Green is a wonderful present for your loved one! Give the gift that lasts a lifetime!

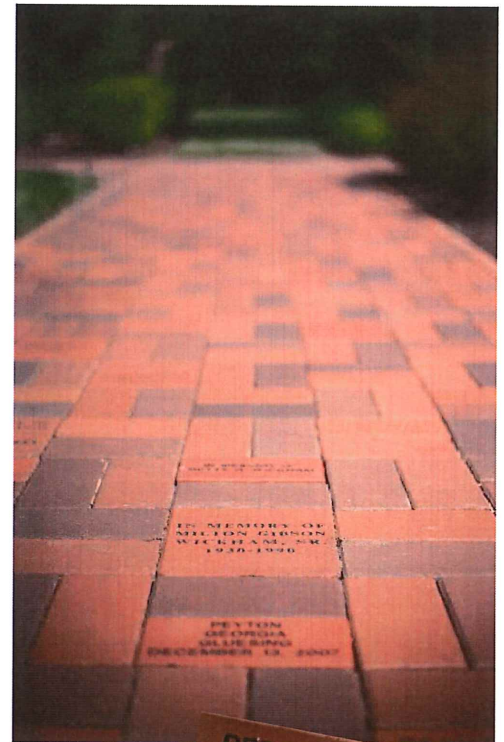
Celebrate your life, your family, your friend, your company, or your pet, and support The Montpelier Center at the same time!

The Montpelier Center website will now also offer the opportunity to feature the story of your brick! This way you can share with others what your brick means.

Bricks are available in two sizes:

4x8 Brick	\$125
8x8 Brick	\$230

For more information about purchasing a brick, visit our website at: [www.montpeliercenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html)  
Or email The Center office at [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org).





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# From the President

Happy New Year! The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education has rung in 2018 with the completion of The Cabell Foundation Matching Grant. We are truly grateful for the support we received from our community and members as we raised over \$100,000 in six (6) months. Thank you! We have started the implementation of the capital improvements from The Cabell Foundation Matching Grant and look forward to showcasing the much needed upgrades and improvements.

I also want to give a heartfelt thank you to Wayne Waldrop for stepping up as the Board President for 2017 and his strong leadership. Wayne continues to be a community leader and an avid supporter for The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education.

We also welcomed three new board members for 2018 which brings our total active board members to twelve (12) with a range of talent from marketing, banking, business, construction, programming, development, education and art.

Allyson Catoe, our art gallery director, continues to bring in wonderful exhibits to our gallery that highlight our artists and the various mediums for art. We are also looking forward to the return of the Farmer's Market each Thursday afternoon starting in May, three Music Under the Stars concerts as well as Family Movie Night this summer.

Our annual fundraiser on February 24<sup>th</sup> was a hit!! We had a record breaking sponsorship this year before we even opened the door for the event which included over 50 sponsors. We also had numerous in kind donations, over 70 auction donations as well as volunteers that helped pull off the Chinese New Year Celebration. Mark your calendars for next year - February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019!!

As we close out the winter, we are looking forward to the 2018 Celebration of the Arts Ceremony on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and our next History Returns on the evening of May 8<sup>th</sup> featuring John Maass, an author/historian with the U.S. Army Center of Military History. We hope you will mark your calendars and attend both of these wonderful events.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our donors, sponsors, members and volunteers. 2017 was a successful year and you all should be proud the difference you all made at The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education and for our greater community. I look forward to seeing you in 2018!

Thank you,



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