

## From the President



Happy holidays to all! We hope that you'll join us at the "Center" for our Grand Illumination and for Santa's North Pole. These two events round out an action packed year in Montpelier! As we look forward to 2022, we have much to be thankful for here at the center, starting with our amazing Staff.

In early November we said goodbye to Kelly Waldrop, our Director for the past three years. Kelly leaves to pursue other interests after a remarkable run at the Center. Our new Director Lloyd Dunnivant is well qualified and brings much business and nonprofit experience to the table. We also welcome Zack Thayer our new Director of Events as well as Anton Freeman who has taken on a full time role as the Programs Coordinator.

Next year is shaping up nicely for the Center, as plans and schedules are already in motion. Our annual fundraiser promises to be the best yet, as we celebrate the Center and the community with an outdoor, under tent "Luau". Everyone has a Hawaiian shirt somewhere in the closet, right? April 23...you don't want to miss it!

Our community continues to amaze me with our large turnouts and support for events at the Center. Our mission is to provide art and educational programs and events that benefit everyone and are all inclusive. Thank you again for an amazing year, I look forward to seeing you all at the "Center" soon.

Joy Howard , Board of Directors – President

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# THE CANVAS

*A quarterly newsletter for the patrons of  
The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education*



See inside for updates, recaps, & what you don't want to miss this year!



# CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Thank you all for the warm welcome. 2021 has been an amazing year for The Montpelier Center. We have held wonderful events, festivals, live theatre, art shows, classes, and programs. We plan to build on this success.

Always a pleasure,  
Lloyd Dunnivant



## MEET OUR NEW STAFF



We're excited to welcome **Lloyd Dunnivant** on board as our new Executive Director! Lloyd has a wealth of experience leading nonprofit organizations and for-profit businesses. Lloyd is married with four grown children. He holds a BA in History and a Masters in Business Administration. Lloyd brings to The Center 37 years of business and nonprofit experience. As to art, Lloyd says "I am of the, I know what I like school". He will find plenty to like in Montpelier.

**Zack Thayer** comes to us from the western part of our great Commonwealth and is taking over as the Director of Events. Having 7+ years of experience with arts and music events, Zack brings with him a wealth of knowledge, experience, and a passion for community involvement. Before coming to the Center, he worked in event planning, rentals, and production, and even started his own annual community music festival in Winchester, VA. In his free time, Zack enjoys teaching yoga, playing guitar, and exploring nature.



Please welcome Lloyd & Zack when you see them at our events and around town!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MISSION

To engage and enrich the community through a variety of cultural and educational experiences.

# Support our Business Members!

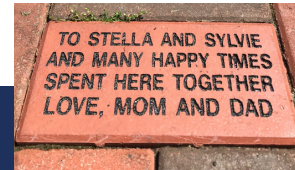
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# SUPPORT THE CENTER

- Shop with **Amazon Smile**
- Become a **Patron Member**
- Give through the **United Way**
- Engrave a **brick** on our Village Green
- Purchase **artwork** in our gallery



## Become a Patron Member!

Starting at an annual fee of \$25; entitles you to:  
 10% discount on Montpelier Center classes, workshops, and events!  
 5% discount on rentals of the facility!



You can even support The Center while you do your regular shopping!

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support The Montpelier Center while you buy all of the

things that you would buy normally, at **no cost to you**. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you will 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 and Education as the organization you would like to support. From there, every time you make eligible purchases, The Center will benefit!

## Buy A Brick

Give the gift that lasts a lifetime!

A brick laid in our Village Green is a wonderful present for your loved one! Celebrate your life, family, friend, company, wedding, or pet, while helping The Montpelier Center at the same time!

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

For More Information

Visit our **website**: [www.MontpelierCenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html](https://www.MontpelierCenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html)  
 or shoot us an **email** at [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org)

This season's Music Under the Stars was one to remember! Four concerts in a span of 4 months with bands Scattered, Covered, & Smothered, Woody Woodworth & The Piners, Joe the Spy, and Abram's Bridge. It was all fun at The Montpelier Center. We are excited to bring back new and returning bands, food trucks, and activities for the 2022 season!

**Thank you to our 2021 Music Under the Stars sponsors, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, Aldred Family Dentistry, Commonwealth Landcare, & Pawscienda!**





# EVENTS



**2nd Annual**  
**Oyster Harvest Festival**  
 THE MONTPELIER CENTER'S  
 SATURDAY, NOV. 13TH 2PM - 7PM

Our 2nd Annual **Oyster Harvest Festival** was a roaring success! Over 800 patrons came out and enjoyed a phenomenal day filled with live music, local vendors, axe throwing, adult beverages, and of course, oysters! Both blues-rock band Bad Biscuits and Bruce Springsteen cover-band Abrams Bridge rocked out their performances. Lots of fall fun was had by all. A special thank you goes out to our volunteer all-star Walter Wright. His World Famous Oyster Stew was the talk of the event! Thank you to our **sponsors: Aldred Family Dentistry, Commonwealth Landcare, & Patcraft!**




**Tropical Luau Annual Fundraiser**

**SAVE the DATE!**  
**Saturday, April 23rd!**

Get ready for our 2022 Tropical Luau Annual Fundraiser. We will be out on our beautiful Village Green front lawn under a stunning clear tent with the magic of being under the stars.

This is The Center's largest fundraiser of the year and is vital for maintaining the Center's role in our community. If you'd like to be a sponsor or donate, please visit our website or contact our office, 804-883-7378.



The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education  
**HALLOWEEN BASH!**  
 Magic Show Trunk-or-Treat & Costume Parade  
 Spooky Story Time & Movies on the lawn  
 Oct. 31st 5-8 pm  
 17205 Mountain Road Montpelier, VA 23192

Our **1st Annual Halloween Bash** was a howling good time! Thank you to almost 500 folks who came out to celebrate Halloween with us! We can't wait for next year!  
 Thank you to **Smith & Sons Services & Commonwealth Landcare** for sponsoring this event for our community!



For More Information  
 visit our website: <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/>

# SCHOOL



Our new **After School Program** is here with a fantastic teaching duo with Ms. Tammy & Ms. Toni who bring creative activities, games, and more! Optional enrichment classes are available at an additional cost.

This program includes outdoor/indoor recess time, art & music activities, homework time (*if needed*), occasional movies, game time, and more!

We are a stop for a South Anna bus, students from Beaverdam, Jouette, or other schools will need to provide transportation.

**We still have openings!** If you're interested in signing your child up, visit our website, so you can register for our After School Program

For More Information/Sign Up  
 Call (804) 883-7378 or email [programs@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:programs@montpeliercenter.org) or visit our website!



**Preschool Ages 3 & 4**  
 9:15 am - 12:15 pm  
 Mon - Thurs  
 Engaging, welcoming environment to help prepare children for school socially, academically, and emotionally.

The Montpelier Center's Preschool program is designed to prepare students for kindergarten by providing a nurturing environment that promotes social, emotional, language, cognitive & physical growth. We incorporate science, language arts, & math concepts, and many opportunities for fine motor development and skills.

In addition, we enjoy our weekly library storytime, seasonal field trips, and holiday celebrations! Our goal is for our students to feel secure and successful while interacting with others and exploring the world around them.

**Mon-Thurs, 9:15-12:15**

We still have a few openings for the 2021-2022 school year and are accepting students for our **Waitlist** for the 2022-2023 school year.

For More Information  
 contact Marie Armstrong at (804) 683-1828 or email [Preschool@MontpelierCenter.org](mailto:Preschool@MontpelierCenter.org)



# CLASSES AT THE CENTER

## Guitar

**Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm**  
**4-week session: \$60**  
**Instructor: Stu Kendall**

Have you always wanted to learn how to play the guitar? Or maybe you already know the basics, but you're looking for pointers? Join The Montpelier Center's guitar class, and let our instructor, Stu Kendall, guide you on your path to becoming a rock star! Spots are limited!



Enjoy Yoga that uses Breathwork along with shapes that will help you to strengthen your body, mind, and spirit. Flexibility and balancing are also included in this yoga class. Standing, balancing, twisting, sitting, and lying down. Modifications are available for all poses. Leave feeling relaxed and refreshed! Reduce your stress with Yoga!

## Yoga for Everyone

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm**  
**4-week session: \$55**  
**Drop-In: \$15**  
**Instructor: Carolyn Keller**

## Ballet

**Pre-School: Wed, 12:30-1:15**  
**Elementary: Thurs, 5:45-6:30**  
**4-week session: \$80**  
**Instructor: Aspire Dance Academy**

Join us for an afternoon of dancing fun with this introductory ballet class. Dancers will enjoy learning the basics of movement, dance, and terminology, while enjoying a variety of activities that focus on balance, flexibility, gross motor skills, musicality, and imagination. Students do not need to be enrolled in the After School Program to participate.



Looking for a fun way to bring in the holiday season with friends and family? Come learn to print and make your own wrapping paper! Each participant will get 3 hand carved stamps to use and take home. There will be multiple ink colors as well as instruction from Becca Poole, a local printmaker and artist. Got kids that want to join the fun? This workshop is great for elementary aged kids WITH a participating adult. This event is limited to 8! Sign up soon so you won't miss out!

## DIY Wrapping Paper Workshop

**Friday, December 10th**  
**6:30-8:00 \$35**  
**Instructor: Rebecca Poole**

## Upcoming Classes with Rebecca Poole

**Beginning Drawing**  
 January 19 - February 23

**Intro into Printmaking**  
 March 2 - 23

**Printmaking for Kids**  
 March 2 - 23

**Advanced Drawing**  
 April 13 - May 18



To register/get more information, visit [www.montpeliercenter.org/art--music-classes](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/art--music-classes)

# EVENTS

THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION'S

## GRAND ILLUMINATION

Tuesday, Nov. 30th (6 - 8 PM)

Join us for the Nutcracker by The Concert Ballet, a hot chocolate bar, light maze, music, and the Illumination of The Center for the Holiday Season!

Free Admission

Come check out our very own Winter Wonderland here at The Center! We're delighted to have The Concert Ballet of VA back to perform selections from *The Nutcracker* in our ballroom. Shakedown Eats Food Truck will also be on-site, serving up tasty tater tots, hot chili, and more. We'll then head outside for the illumination, a light maze, music by Mt. Olivet Baptist Church's Handbell Choir, and warm drinks! Thank you to our **sponsors: REC, U.S. Silica, and Mountain Rd Tree Service!**

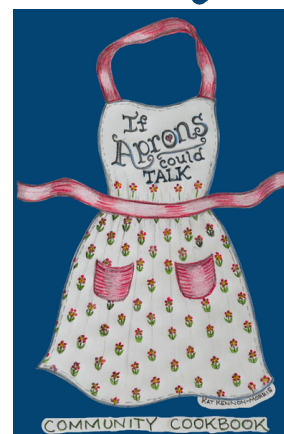
THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION'S

## SANTA'S NORTH POLE

SATURDAY, DEC. 4TH, 10 AM - 3 PM

Photos with Santa  
 Food Truck & Coffee Bar  
 Shop Local Craft Vendors  
 Kids Crafts & Activities

Santa's North Pole brings all the fun of the season! Our ballroom transforms into a holiday market with almost 30 local vendors, crafters, and artists. Santa eagerly greets families in our Dance Studio, where photos are taken, children can write a letter to Santa, and create a craft. In between, enjoy some delicious food by BK's Loaded Kitchen or at The Center's coffee & baked goods cafe. Happy holidays everybody! Thank you to our sponsors: **U.S. Silica, REC, and Montpelier Family Chiropractic!**



*If Aprons Could Talk: Community Cookbook* was created to be more than just a cookbook. Rather it is a time-capsule of our community with photos, stories of familiar landmarks and families, as well as recipes new and old. Get yours at the above Holiday Events, on our website, or by contacting our office.

Thank you to all who sent in items for our cookbook! We would like to thank the committee members & volunteers who worked diligently to gather recipes, local history, photos, and create & sell this book: *Dedee & Denny Waldrop, Deanna Waldrop, Donna Anthony, Dotti Hollins, Kelly Waldrop, Judy Lowry, Suzanne Hall, & Tricia Waldrop Miller*. A huge thank you to the incredibly talented **Kat Kennon-Morris** for illustrating our front & back cover.



# PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER



The Montpelier Center Farmer's Market had a spectacular year. Hundreds of folks came out to shop at the diverse vendor booths, food trucks, and live musical performances!



Our market seeks to connect to our community with quality, locally produced, and inspired goods and this year, we grew to a total of 30 vendors, weekly food trucks, & periodic musical guests!

Kelly Franke came on board as our Market Coordinator and hit it out of the park!

Interested in joining the market next year as a grower, producer, crafter, volunteer or performer? Contact us and we'll get you connected! [Programs@MontpelierCenter.org](mailto:Programs@MontpelierCenter.org) or 804-883-7378.



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## IN OUR GALLERY Grand Local

November 11th - January 3rd

The Montpelier Center's art gallery is proud to host The 15th Annual Grand Local Exhibit. This exhibit is around throughout the holiday season. Whether you want to get a gift for someone special this Christmas or love seeing and supporting local art, stop by after November 9th to see what The Grand Local brought to our art exhibit!



The 2021 History Returns Series came to an end with Kris Spisak and Karen Chase presenting their game show-style program "Grammartopia" & Chasing Histories Challenge. The program went great and everyone had a blast, including both speakers!

With the 2021 season coming to a close, The Montpelier Center would like to thank Carol Beam for all of her hard work in finding the themes and topics for the History Returns Series. We would also like to thank all of the speakers and attendees for making this season a great one! The Montpelier Center, with the help from Carol Beam, is looking for new topics for the 2022 season, so keep an eye out!



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For More Information

Visit our website [montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series](http://montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series) or email us [programs@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:programs@montpeliercenter.org).



Bingo was a big success this year thanks to the many patrons who came out to play and support The Center & the American Cancer Society. To finish out the year, we're raffling off a beautiful, handmade quilt.

2022 dates will be announced soon!



The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education

Beautifully manicured outdoor venue and historically elegant, window-lined ballroom, art gallery, dance studio, and more make this the perfect spot for your special day!

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