

From the President



The second quarter of the year has been full of activity at The Center! The Annual Fundraiser was a huge success, raising a net \$61,000 and selling over 250 tickets. Thank you again to all who sponsored and attended for their enthusiastic support.

Our annual Celebration of the Arts and Music Under the Stars have been very well attended, summer camps have sold out, and our classes and gallery are consistent attributes to the community.

Many improvements have been made to The Center, thanks to The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation grant and matching contributions. You'll notice new shades on interior windows in the ballroom, the sidewalks have been leveled, brick work "pointed," parking lot sealed and lined, security system upgraded, new AV projector and screen along with a new boiler system have been purchased and new carpet and tile will be going into the preschool, hallways, and kitchen over the summer.

I encourage you to come out to an event, look around, enjoy your neighbors and continue to support our "local community" center!

See you at The Center!

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THE CANVAS

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



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

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Our team of staff and volunteers have been collecting recipes and photos of families cooking as well as gathering stories about historic landmarks in our community to combine as we create our first community cookbook! These cookbooks are for sale and proceeds will help with repairs to The Center's kitchen.



Pre-Order Cookbook \$15/each

Pre-Order Cookbook & Apron \$15/each

Order online www.MontpelierCenter.org or by contacting our office.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

We have had an exciting spring and summer filled with community events, summer camps, art exhibitions, a farmer's market & classes!



Our 2021 Farmer's Market has become a community hub with food trucks, 30 vendors, games for kids, and more!

This June, we unveiled our new Community Art Garden, students and local artists worked together to create decorative pieces for the garden. Phase 2 of this garden will start in January 2022.

We have completed several of the Capital Improvements needed such as repointed bricks, resealed and striped the parking lot, replaced the tile and repaired the flooring in the preschool, and have the remaining projects scheduled for this summer and fall. Thank you again to all of those who generously donated to help us make these needed repairs and updates to our historic building!

~Kelly Waldrop

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MISSION

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

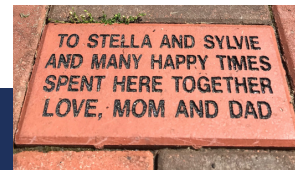
Support our Business Members!

Capital City Electrical			
Christy Harman Weddings			Country Day School
			Mountain Road Tree Service & Landscaping

Want to see your logo? Send a message to info@montpeliercenter.org to get involved!

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, 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 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, your family, your friend, your company, or your pet, and support 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
 or shoot us an **email** at info@montpeliercenter.org

MARDI GRAS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



What an incredible night under the stars celebrating and raising funds to support The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education at our **2021 Annual Fundraiser** on the Village Green! It was inspiring to see local businesses, neighbors, & friends give generously in support of **expanding artistic, cultural, and educational opportunities for our rural community**.

Not only did we have a blast bidding and dancing the night away with Deja Gruv Band, but we also came together and **raised over \$60,000** to support The Center's operations & programming! This year, we are thrilled to see our After School program, summer camps, & multicultural programming become more established. Our beautiful, historic school building will be filled this year with community members learning how to **express their creativity** through pottery, dance, painting, engineering, floral design, performing arts, and more!

Thank you again to all the local businesses and community members who sponsored, donated, and attended this fundraiser, **Jack Lauterback** for emceeing & Kevin Pauley for auctioneering to support The Center's mission to **engage** and **enrich** the **community** through a variety of cultural and educational experiences.



EVENTS



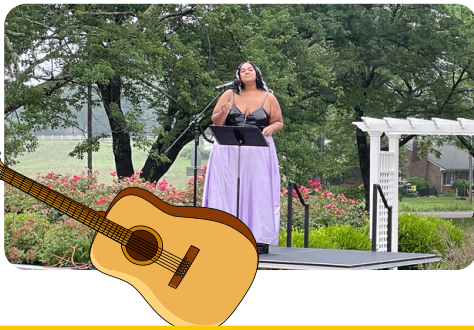
The 24th annual **Celebration of the Arts** took place on the Village Green on June 12, and we were so excited to welcome back artists, vendors, and performers as well as our wonderful community!

Jonathan the Juggler, The Concert Ballet of Virginia, and The Little Tangents performed, and we welcomed back Alena Hicks and Kadya Bunting to kick off the event. Our friends Black Horse Forge & Fellowship of the Arrow were on hand, too!

We also unveiled our Community Art Garden, an ongoing outdoor living art project spearheaded by Lisa Powers, to which so many have contributed.

Thank you to our sponsors, Aldred Family Dentistry, Commonwealth Landcare, & Shawn Ligon, as well as esteemed guests:

Hanover Chamber of Commerce, Del. Buddy Fowler, Sup. Sue Dibble, & Sup. ret. Hazzard.



After the first two **Music Under the Stars** of 2021, we couldn't be more excited for the rest of the series!

Don't miss these great bands, amazing food trucks, and a chance to enjoy live *music under the stars* the 4th Fridays of August & September!

Thank you to our sponsors, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, Aldred Family Dentistry, Commonwealth Landcare, & Pawscienda!

**August 27
Joe the Spy**

Food Trucks: BKs Loaded Kitchen, Anita's Frozen Cotton Candy, Westrays Finest Ice Cream

**September 24
The Remnants**

Food Trucks: Hibachi Mobile, Slideways, Westrays Finest Ice Cream



SCHOOL

Our new **After School Program is back** with optional tutors, clubs, and enrichment classes at an additional cost.

Program will include outdoor/indoor recess time, homework time (*if needed*) art & music activities, 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.

Registration is Open!

If you're interested in signing your child up, visit our website, so you can register to ensure your spot for the 2021-2022 school year!

www.MontpelierCenter.com/school

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

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 **language arts, math, & science** concepts, and many opportunities for fine motor development and skills. In addition, we enjoy our weekly library storytimes, 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

Registration is Open for the 2021-2022 school year.
Sign up soon as we have limited spots available!

For More Information
contact Marie Armstrong at (804) 683-5671 or email Preschool@MontpelierCenter.org

CLASSES AT THE CENTER

Upcoming Classes/Workshops



Spark of Art - w/
Chelsea Joyner
Returning this Fall!

Guitar - w/ Clay Bowles
Returning this Fall!



Give One, Get One Community Art Project Phase 2
Returning January 2022!



Current Classes/Workshops

Hatha & Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm 8-week session:

\$85 Drop-In: \$15

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

Yin focuses on long held passive stretches (asanas) that allow us to mobilize and strengthen our joints, ligaments, and deep connective tissue or fascia. *Hatha* pairs poses (asanas) with breathing techniques (pranayama) to cleanse the body and build physical strength and endurance.

Monday Funday

Mondays, 9:15-1:15pm

2 classes: 3-6 years old & 7-12 years old

Thru Aug. 31st



CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

NEW

Join us on Saturday, September 18 for our
Celebration of Cultures Kick-Off Fair!

We will have vendors, booths, and food trucks highlighting the many different cultures found in our local community, and the workshops and classes to follow will be a chance to recognize & learn more about them (Oct. 2, 16, 30, & Nov. 6).

Register online or at the celebration!



To register, visit www.montpeliercenter.org/art--music-classes

EVENTS



We are excited to announce a brand new event for 2021...our **1st Annual Halloween Bash!** Join us at 5PM on Sun. Oct. 31 for trunk-or-treating, tarot card reading, a magic show by Jonathan the Juggler, & a spooky good time!



The 2nd Annual **Oyster Harvest Festival** will be held on Sat. Nov. 13 from 2-7PM - we welcome back The Deja Gruv Band & we're excited to have Bad Biscuits band join the fun! Strawberry Street, Hawk's BBQ, and Rogue Oysters, & Lil' Something Sweet will be here to satisfy all of your food cravings!



Don't miss two of our favorite events to kick off the holiday season... The Grand Illumination and Santa's North Pole!

Grand Illumination - Tues. Nov. 30

Santa's North Pole - Sat. Dec. 4

BINGO
at The Montpelier Center

Two BINGOs remain... will you be there?
We've had a great time so far in 2021, mark you calendars for Sept. 10 & Nov. 5!

Your \$20 individual tickets include 16 games & a chance for a door prize.
www.MontpelierCenter.org/bingo



PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER



The Montpelier Center
Farmers Market
Every Tuesday 4 – 7pm
May – September

The Montpelier Center Farmer's Market is back and is having a spectacular year. Come by Tuesdays between 4 & 7pm to shop at the diverse vendor booths, food trucks, and enjoy the live musical performances!

Our market seeks to connect to our community with quality, locally produced, and inspired goods. This year's market has grown with a total of 30 vendors!

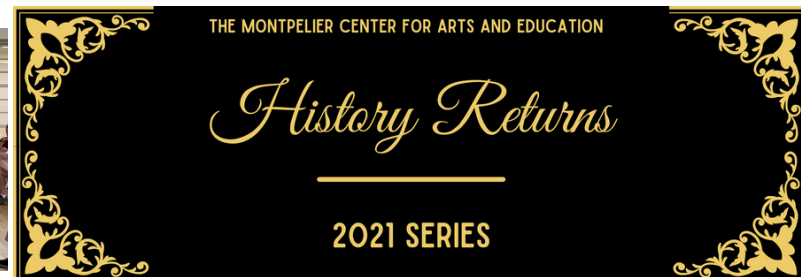
We're thrilled to have new Market Coordinator, Kelly Franke on board! Kelly is community-minded and is eager to help our market flourish!

Interested in joining the market as a grower, producer, crafter, or performer? Contact us and we'll get you connected!



For More Information/Sign Up

Call: (804) 883-7378 or email programs@montpeliercenter.org or visit our website!



The History Returns Series is coming back to The Center this Fall!
This series brings history to life and presents unique points of view, unexpected twists, and new perspectives.

We are excited to announce dates and topics for the 2021 season!

September 14th - Kick off the season with a narrative on nationally and internationally known **General George Patton**, presented by Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club. Herbert Wheary, Ed Coleman, and other WWII artifact collectors will share multiple display tables with numerous artifacts including armaments.

October 12th - We'll travel along the **Captain John Smith National Historic Trail** (accessible by land and water) marking his explorations during 1607-1608 from Jamestown. Presenters are Ed Haile and Connie Lapallo, both very well know historians throughout Virginia and beyond.

November 9th - We wrap up our shortened season with **Grammartopia and Chasing Histories Challenge**, courtesy of authors Karen Chase and Kris Spisak. This program, originally scheduled for August 2020, makes grammar fascinating and history captivating. In this **game-show style event**, audience members are invited to battle it out over their Revolutionary-era knowledge and communication skills for points and prizes.

Brought to you by:



For More Information

Visit our website montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series or email us programs@montpeliercenter.org.

PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER

2021 Children's Theater

The Town Mouse & The Country Mouse
An Aesop's Fable
JULY 27TH
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Buffalo Soldier
AUGUST 10TH
5:30PM - 6:30PM

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Financial Literacy Workshops

Alzheimer's Conversations: Protecting Your Health and Wealth Joint Seminar
Thursday, August 12th @ 7PM

Retirement: Making Your Money Last
Thursday, September 16th @ 7PM

Social Security/Medicare FAQ's
Thursday, October 14th @ 6PM

What Happens After the Paychecks Stop? Prepare for Retirement
Thursday, November 4th @ 6PM

Sessions led by Financial Advisor,
Justin Williams, CFP

IN OUR GALLERY



Camera Club of Richmond
July 17th - August 30th

In 1932, the Amateur Photographers' Club – now known as the Camera Club of Richmond – was started with the aim to promote the art of photography in Central Virginia.

After more than 80 years of service to our community, the Club's original aims continue to be dedicated to the furtherance of photographic knowledge and to the thesis that photography is indeed a fine art.

Come visit our art gallery free of charge or visit our Online Gallery! If you see a piece that speaks to you, you can purchase it and take it home! Proceeds from all art sales benefit the artist/photographer and The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education.

Upcoming Galleries

"Three Friends" Group Exhibit
September 1st - October 29th

The Grand Local
November 1st - January 3rd



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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South Atlantic Juried Exhibition Winners



The South Atlantic Juried Exhibition was nothing short of exquisite, and we are thrilled to announce the winners again!

- 1st Place - So Be It, by Nan Dawkins (pictured above)
- 2nd Place - African Queen, by Isabella Martire
- 3rd Place - The Families We Build, by Haurie Hoen
- Honorable Mention - James River Bridge, by Kay Darling
- Popular Vote Winner - Maymont Tulips, by David Cheatham