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*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!

2021 Events

Event	Date(s)
Bingo	5/7 9/10 11/5
MCAE Annual Fundraiser	4/17
Farmer's Market	June-Sept
Celebration of the Arts	6/12
Music Under the Stars	6/25 7/23 7/27 9/24
Oyster Harvest Festival	11/13
Grand Illumination	11/30
Santa's North Pole & Holiday Market	12/4



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CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW STAFF



Anton Freeman has joined our team as the new Program Coordinator. A recent graduate from CSU Bakersfield, Anton moved here all the way from California with his fiancé to start a new chapter in his life. Anton is excited to be a part of The Montpelier Center team and call Virginia home.



Christi Connors is the new Director of Events. With experience in hospitality and non-profits, she will be an excellent addition to the team. Christi loves reading, Washington Nationals baseball, and the great state of Texas.



EXECUTIVE UPDATE

What a year we've had! Closing our doors for a few months was something that definitely took us by surprise.

Our team rallied coming up with creative ways of having outdoor events, small-group classes, and even started a Virtual Learning Stations program to assist those having to learn remotely this school year.

2021 has brought with it a lot of excitement as we welcomed two new staff members to the team and a new spring event, The Montpelier Center Celtic Festival! We're getting very excited for our Mardi Gras Annual Fundraiser on April 17th! This year, we'll be out under a clear, open-air tent on our gorgeous Village Green.

We look forward to this year and seeing you all at events, programs, and in classes.

~Kelly

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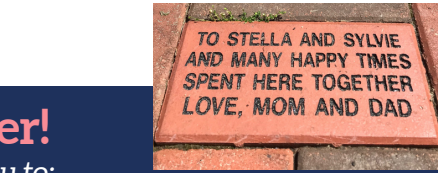
To engage and enrich the community through a variety of cultural and educational experiences.

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

From the President



Dear Patrons and Community members,

Greetings from the Montpelier Center for Arts and Education Board and Staff! 2020 has certainly been a challenging year in so many ways. Thank you for your continued support of our events, classes and programs. We are happy to report that the MCAE has come through 2020 in a healthy state financially and has continued to support the community throughout the pandemic.

Through this community support, we were able to raise \$50K to match a \$50K grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation. This year, that money will be used on needed updates and repairs to the MCAE. The updates that you'll see this year include an improved audio visual system in the ballroom, new carpeting and tile in the hallway and preschool, security cameras on the outside of the facility, repointed brick, auto blinds on the upper windows in the ballroom, a repaved parking lot other needed repairs.

As the pandemic reality set in in March, the MCAE immediately went about plans for continuing community support during this uncertain time. Once virtual learning started in the surrounding county schools, the MCAE set up virtual "learning stations" for our community youth who may have internet challenges or whose parents needed assistance with childcare. We also offer an afterschool learning program that assists with any child who needs to bridge the school to home gap with arts and activities.

During the summer, our Music Under the Stars, Farmers Market and Celebration of the Arts were all well supported and safely social distanced, thanks to our "Village Green" capacity. In the fall and winter, we hosted 2 segments of our History series, our first annual Oyster Festival, our annual Grand Illumination and Santa's North Pole. All events were Covid compliant with appropriate social distancing, sanitary practices and food trucks with individual, hot meals available for purchase.

Our preschool classes as well as our art, yoga, guitar, debate, cheer club and dance have continued with limited interruption. The Center is looking forward to the remainder of 2021, including our annual fundraiser, which has been rescheduled for April 17th, 2021. This years' theme is Mardi Gras Masquerade.

Please see our website for tickets and sponsorship information.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

The center is happy to welcome several new board members; Chris Johnson (Johnson and Johnson Law firm, Rockville, Va.) Dr. Clara Scott, educator and Montpelier native, Dr. Theresa Neiss (Dr. Tre - Montpelier Chiropractic) and Kelly Aderhold - CPA and lifelong western Hanover resident. This year has also brought several staffing changes at The Center.

A fulltime Director of Events position has been added, and we welcomed Christi Connors into this position in January. Christi comes to us with much experience in events planning, most recently managing events at the American Civil War Museum. The Program Coordinator responsibilities are now handled by Anton Freeman. Anton joined the center last year as a part time office and afterschool assistant and quickly became an integral part of our team. Kelly Waldrop continues as our Executive Director and has led the center through this year with confidence and a steadfast passion for serving this community that is second to none.

Thank you for your continued support for the Center and for our Western Hanover Community. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

All the best,

Joy Howard
 President, Board of Directors

EVENTS

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE
April 17, 2021

There's still time to get tickets to our biggest party of the year!

Live and Silent Auction
Raffles
Dinner from White House Catering
Live Music from The Deja Gruv Band

Get your tickets now!

WWW.MONTPELIERCENTER.ORG/ANNUAL-FUNdraiser.HTM

Join us on our new date, April 17, for our annual fundraiser, *Mardi Gras Masquerade*! Don your masks and be ready to **bid online**, get down with The Deja Gruv Band, and enjoy a classic Cajun meal, courtesy of White House Catering.

This event will be outdoors on the village green to comply with all COVID restrictions. All of our vendors are following COVID protocols, as well. Buy your tickets online at our website, under the Annual Fundraiser page or contact our office.

Become a Sponsor or Donate to our Auction!

Sponsorship of this event is key to the continued success of the mission for The Montpelier Center and is a way for you or your firm to support and give back to the community. The Board of The Montpelier Center is extremely appreciative of your consideration for sponsorship support. Sponsorships and tickets available online or by contacting our office.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

Sponsorship opportunities available



Cavalier Pistol Club
John Purcell
Ultimate Pools
Green Air

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Celebrate at The Montpelier Center



If you are looking for a unique wedding, party, or event venue that you can make your own, look no further than **The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education.**

With over 4,500 square feet of indoor space and a full catering kitchen, complimented by the large, vibrant Village Green, your big day will be something special!



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

THANK YOU!

With the incredible support of our patrons and community, we met & exceeded the \$50,000 match granted by the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation for vital building repairs and updates needed to take care of our historic school building!

The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation awarded The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education a \$50,000 challenge 1:1 matching grant to help jumpstart and raise funds to cover pressing capital needs of The Montpelier Center's historical building.

This year, we are thrilled to be able to do the following: replace the lift system for ballroom windows, install auto blind system for upper windows in the ballroom, add a commercial quality screen & projector for the ballroom, replace the tiles and carpet in entrance hallways, kitchen, & preschool, replace the hot water boiler system, repair the parking lot, and point up bricks around the exterior of the building.

With these improvements in place, The Montpelier Center will better able to meet its growing demand for more arts, historical, educational, musical, theater, pre-school, and cultural events and programs in its community.

Drop by throughout the year to see the new us!



EVENTS



Our inaugural Celtic Festival on Saturday, March 13 included whiskey tasting, axe throwing, blacksmiths, archery, a kids' corner full of fun activities, Scottish heavy games, and lots of entertainment, beer, and food for everyone to enjoy.

THANK YOU to our Sponsors!



Our volunteers are the heart of our team, they make our events happen. We have a full slate of events this year, and WE NEED YOU!

Email info@montpeliercenter.org to sign up!



Bingo is back on Friday's in 2021! Our first BINGO of the year was a huge HIT, so don't delay... get your tickets or table now to guarantee your seat. Between the great raffle prizes, door prizes, and BINGO prizes, you won't want to miss these Fridays at The Center.

PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER



The Montpelier Center Farmers Market

Every Tuesday 4 — 7pm
May — September

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is excited to announce the return of The Montpelier Center Farmers Market in 2021 on Tuesdays—new day, same time!

The Montpelier Center Farmers Market brings quality products, grown or created right here in this community, directly to you. We envision a community hub that will provide a space to join together with neighbors as well as an incredible locally focused resource to our area.



This market is a seasonal, producer-friendly market with vendors that include farmers and artisans. This market seeks to connect our community with quality, locally produced, and inspired goods. We've been working hard looking for new vendors and food trucks for our Farmer's Market. **We're still looking for growers, producers, crafters, guest musicians, and food trucks. Help us grow and improve our market by becoming a vendor, musical performer, or volunteer!**

Interested in becoming a vendor, performer, or volunteer?
Visit montpeliercenter.org/farmers-market.html call (804) 883-7378 or email programs@montpeliercenter.org for more info.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMP

We are excited to announce that Engineering for Kids of Central Virginia is holding a Chemical Engineering Camp this Summer!

Additional details coming soon!

TIME AND TOPICS TBA



Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for updates!



Swimming into Summer!

June 21-24 9:30-1:00
Ages 6-12 4 Day Camp
\$160 (\$147 for Patron Members)

Shimmer in the Sun
Teacher: Traci Harrison
Campers will make glass sun catchers, ornaments, and painted sea glass using real oyster shells, glass beads, and beach glass.

Under the Sea
Teacher: Savannah Smith
Campers will sculpt a clay creature, design your own printing plate with prints inspired by the shiny sea, and sift through sand art.

Feet in the Sand
Teacher: Sarah Salle
Campers will make a sandy seashell collage, acrylic beach painting with a personal painted touch, and a wind chime using real seashells and beads.

Art Show Thursday @ 1:00

For More Information

2021 SUMMER CAMPS



Where in the World Will We Go!

June 28-July 1 9:30-1:00
Ages 6-12 4 Day Camp
\$160 (\$147 for Patron Members)

Trinkets from our Travels
Teacher: Traci Harrison
Campers will create a sculpted ornament, hand painted driftwood, rock painting, and an Aboriginal painting

Fun with Fusion
Teacher: Lana Durant
Campers will make a tree of life using copper wire and glass, a glass garden stake inspired by flags around the world, and a fused creature.

Travel through Woodworking
Teacher: Lydia Mardegian
Campers will use wood as your vessel to sand, carve hammer, and drill through the creative process.

Art Show Thursday @ 1:00

Call: (804) 883-7378
Email: info@montpeliercenter.org
Visit: montpeliercenter.org/summer-camp

2020 YEAR REVIEW

Celebration of the Arts

What a fun day celebrating everything art! Attendees could try out paint pouring, chalk art, pottery, flower arranging, and more!

We were delighted to have a professional aerialist join us along with a SilverMan.

Over 25 vendors brought a variety of handcrafted creations, such as ceramic hanging flower pots, metal works, stained glass, and more.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: James River Air, Liesfeld Contractor, and Southwood!



Oyster Harvest Festival

Our inaugural Oyster Harvest Festival was full of activity and provided a much-needed day out in the beautiful fall weather.

Live music provided by Doc Cousins Band, Chris Campbell, and the Janglish Reinharts kept the crowd dancing and bobbing their heads. Twenty vendors filled the green with local goods, crafts, and experiences.

We are looking forward to this year's festival on November 13th.



Grand Illumination & Santa's North Pole

Ring in the holidays with these two annual favorites is always a blast! Our cheer club kicked off our Grand Illumination, followed by snippets of the Nutcracker performed by The Concert Ballet. Blair's West band concluded the evening with live music.

Santa's visit to The Center was one for the books! Hot chocolate, letter writing to Santa, crafts, and lots of holiday shopping describe this exciting day.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Aldred Family Dentistry, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, REC, US Silica, & Commonwealth Landcare!



SCHOOL

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.

OUR CLASS IS FIN-TASTIC!

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The Montpelier Center's preschool program provides a nurturing, developmentally appropriate environment that promotes social, emotional, language, cognitive & physical growth. We incorporate **language arts, math and science** concepts, and many opportunities for fine motor development and skills. In addition, we enjoy our weekly story times, seasonal field trip, and holiday celebrations! Our goal is for our students to **feel secure and successful** while interacting with others and exploring the world around them.

Open Registration!

The Montpelier Center preschool program's registration is open for the 2021-2020 school year. Sign up soon to secure your child's spot!

For More Information

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

Learning Stations

Virtual Learning in a group setting with teaching coaches available to help children.

Student-Centered, nurturing environment for students to learn virtually through their school system. These stations provide a location and Learning Coach for your child to participate in your school system's Virtual Learning program.

Our learning coaches will provide guidance, help with technology, assignments, staying on task, and will facilitate social time, breaks/recess and lunch.



After-School Program

After school program for students from 2 pm - 6 pm. Weekly & Daily payment options.

Engaging After School Program with optional tutors, clubs, and enrichment classes at an additional cost. Program will include outdoor/indoor recess time, art & music activities, occasional movies, game time, and more!

We are a stop for a South Anna bus, but do not provide transportation from Beaverdam, Jouette, or other schools. All students are welcome!

For More Information/Sign Up

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

PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER

Returning
Early Fall

History Returns
to The Montpelier Center

Proudly Sponsored by:

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The History Returns Series is coming back to The Center this Fall! This series brings the past to you with authors, speakers, and actors telling stories of the olden days. Previous topics included the history of Hanover and the untold stories of Jefferson Davis's daughter Winnie

We want your input!

The History Returns Series director, Carol Beam, is looking for the community's input on what topics they would be interested in hearing about. You can access the survey on our website under the History Returns Series page. We will also be sending the survey via email to everyone our email list.

The History Returns Series is proudly sponsored by TCV Trust & Wealth Management



For More Information

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

The Montpelier Center for Arts and Education's
ART EXHIBIT

IN OUR GALLERY Mid-Atlantic Pastel Society

This exhibit features artwork from the Mid-Atlantic Pastel Society. These art works are composed from adults from beginning student to professional, the society provides its members with fellowship, support and growth through bimonthly programs, by offering workshops, critiques and other educational training, and with opportunities to exhibit.

Come visit our art gallery free of charge or visit our Online Gallery! If you see an art work that you love, you can purchase it and take it home! t from the comfort of your home on our website via our virtual art gallery.

Upcoming Galleries

South-Atlantic Juried Exhibit

May 3rd - June 30th

Camera Club of Richmond

July 1st - August 30th

"Three Friends" Group Exhibit

September 1st - October 29th

The Grand Local

November 1st - January 3rd



8th Annual South Atlantic Juried Exhibition

Applications excepted until April 12th. Selected pieces will be on display in The Montpelier Center's Gallery from May 10th to July 14th. Last year we had over 100 entries and showcased artists from Maryland to Florida!

We like to welcome **Liza Pruitt**, as this years juror. Liza Pruitt is a Richmond based artist rep and art consultant. A sociology major from The University of Georgia, Liza currently represents 40 artists of varying styles and mediums. She has been featured in Real Simple Magazine, Virginia Living Magazine, Apartment Therapy and Realtor.com as well as many other publications.

Apply on our website, where you will find more information & the entry form!

Prizes range from \$750-\$100

CLUBS

Open Art Studio
Thursdays @ 10:00am

Cheer Club
Coming in Spring

Open Studio Art Club -
Thursday's 10am-3pm

Speech and Debate Club -
Tuesdays Noon-2pm

The Schoolhouse Investors
1st Monday of month @ 7:00pm

MOTHER'S DAY WORKSHOP

April 25th 2:00-3:30

May 2nd 2:00-3:30

Teacher: Andrea Ferment

Campers will leave with a handmade gift bag and tag and three to four handmade gift items inside, all ready to be given to mom the next weekend for Mother's Day.

Go to our website for more information!

MIND AND BODY CLASSES

Chair Yoga

Coming in Spring! 8-week session: \$85 Drop-In: \$15

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

A gentle yoga practice for anyone who would like to move mindfully to increase strength, maintain and improve balance and stability.

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.

Ballet

Thursdays, 4:15-5:00 (Pre-school) 5:00-5:45 (Elementary)

Instructor: Aspire Dance Academy \$60/month

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.

Robo Olympics

Saturday, April 10th 10:00-Noon Ages: 7-12

Instructor: Engineering for Kids \$30/workshop

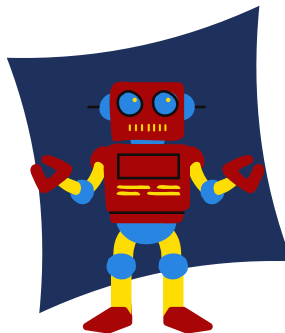
During the Robot Olympics classes, students design LEGO® MINDSTORM robots to compete in simulated Olympic events such as a sprinting in a race, throwing a basketball, tug of war, and sumo wrestling.

Aerospace Engineering

Saturday, May 8th 10:00-Noon Ages: 7-12

Instructor: Engineering for Kids \$30/workshop

During the Aerospace Engineering classes, students use the Engineering Design Process to design, create, test, and refine a variety of flying machines. They will plan and build a straw rocket to land in a target zone or fly the farthest distance, build a stomp rocket launcher and rocket to test aerodynamics, use house hold kitchen items to create rocket fuel, and use air and water to propel a bottle rocket 40 feet in the air!



ART AND MUSIC CLASSES

Guitar

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm \$60/month

Instructor: Clay Bowles

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 our brand new class, and let our instructor, Clay Bowles, guide you on your path to becoming a rock star!

Oil & Acrylic Painting

Wednesday, 10:00-Noon 12-week session: \$240 Patrons: \$216

Instructor: Betsy Taylor

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. For more info call Betsy Taylor at 441-3365.

Spark of Art

Wednesday, 5:00-6:00 \$60/month

Instructor: Chelsea Joyner

From our fabulous Summer Camp, Chelsea Joyner is back to lead this fun, creative art class! Kids will have a blast with different projects every week while learning new techniques and skills. Best for ages 5-12!

Glass Mosaic Workshop

Friday, March 26th 6:00-9:00 & Saturday, March 27th 6:00-7:00

\$75 total for both days & materials

Instructor: Sarah Watson

Create your own stunning 8"x10" framed glass mosaic wall hanging. The Friday night 3-hour session will be spent choosing and creating your template and then learning how to cut and adhere the glass to create your beautiful mosaic. The Saturday evening 1-hour session will be spent learning how to grout and complete your framed glass mosaic. You will leave with your finished masterpiece ready to hang.

Give One, Get One Community Art Project

Each month different artists will come to work in different mediums with the students (ages 9-99). For each medium, students will get to take something home and make something for the new garden area around the LOVE sign & Library-side of The Montpelier Center and be a part of our new Beautification Project!

Each Saturday class will start at 10 am and will be roughly 2 hours long.

Glass Fusion Butterflies: March 27th
Floral & Garden Arrangements: May 15

