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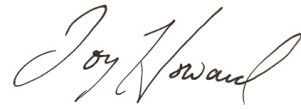
Happy Holidays from the Board of Directors and the staff at the Montpelier Center!

After a very successful year, we look forward to a 2023 filled with art, music, dancing, and community fellowship.

Our 2023 will “kickoff” with our annual fundraiser on March 11. Get your “Yellowstone” attire ready for this party that you don’t want to miss!!

I hope to see you around the “Center”.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!

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MCAE Board President



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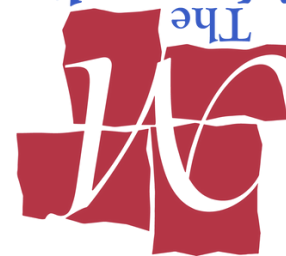
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# THE CANVAS

*A 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!

# UPCOMING EVENT DATES

## 2023 Annual Fundraiser

March 11th  
(6:30 - 10 PM)

## Kids Art Reception

April 23rd  
(10 - 2 PM)

## Gospel Showcase

April 30th  
(2 - 5 PM)

## Celtic Festival

May 6th  
(12 - 5 PM)

## Music Under the Stars

4th Friday of the month  
June-September  
(6 - 9 PM)

## Montpelier Bluegrass & BBQ Festival

August 12th  
(3 - 8 PM)

## Celebration of Arts

October 14th  
(10 - 2 PM)

## Halloween Bash

October 31st  
(5 - 7 PM)

## Oyster Harvest Festival

November 11th  
(12 - 5 PM)

## Santa's North Pole/Grand Illumination

December 1st (6 - 8 PM)  
December 2nd (10 - 3PM)

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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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**Want to see your logo ? Send a message to [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org) to get involved!**

## SUPPORT THE CENTER

- Become a Patron Member
- 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!



*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 any events, on our website, or by contacting our office.

Cowboy Bang, Bethany School's Strawberry Pretzel Salad, Joy's Easy Meatloaf, Dale's Famous Chocolate Truffles, and much more can be yours when you own this incredible Cookbook.



## Buy A Brick

Give a Lasting Gift

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

## EVENTS

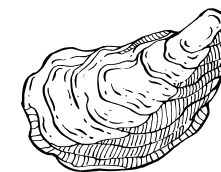
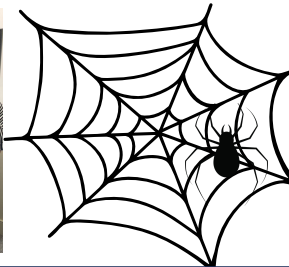


# HALLOWEEN BASH

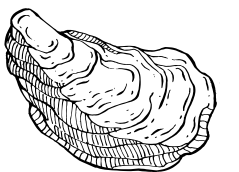


The 2nd Annual Halloween Bash was held on a rainy October 31st. We were able to move our activities indoors, which included a Halloween Scooby Doo Movie shown in the Ballroom, free popcorn for the kids, games and coloring tables were set up in the Dance Studio, and our hallways were lined with very generous local businesses handing out candy. Many parents thanked us for offering a safe alternative to trick or treating outdoors, and a great time was had by all. The Center was decorated with spooky mummies, bats, and ghosts adding to the fun.

Thank you to Liesfeld Construction, Montpelier Veterinary, Pawscienda Smith & Sons Services, Edward Jones, April Pruitt, John Jones III for sponsoring The Halloween Bash.



## THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION'S Oyster Harvest Festival



This Annual Oyster Harvest Festival was one to remember! We had an awesome list of food vendors, such as Lil Somethin Sweet, Ashland Meat Co., Sandtopia, Strawberry Street Cafe, and La Bete, who brought a variety of oyster-based dishes to The Montpelier Center. One of the Montpelier Center's all-star volunteers, Walter Wright, served his famous Oyster Stew. The village green was partially filled with craft vendors offering one of kind gifts and treats for the holiday season. The Josh Lief Band and Spencer Hatcher and The Ol' Son Gang perform live throughout the day. Thank you for everyone who came out. We are already getting ready for the 4th Annual Oyster Harvest Festival!

Thank you to Aldred Family Dentistry, Edward Jones-April Pruitt, Liesfeld Construction, US Silica, CT Purcell, Inc., Center of the Universe Brewery, Montpelier Veterinary, Junkluggers of Central VA, Joy & Jill Howard, and John Jones III for sponsoring The Oyster Festival.



For More Information:

Visit our website: <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/oyster-harvest-festival.html>

# EVENTS

## GRAND ILLUMINATION

This years Grand Illumination was a blast! We started the night off with a performance from Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Bell Choir to get us in the Christmas spirit. Then the Concert Ballet of Virginia performed scores from The Nutcracker.

To end The Grand Illumination, all of the attendees headed outside to see the unveiling of the new Christmas lights in the Montpelier Center's Village Green.

**Thank you to US Silica, CT Purcell, Inc., REC, and Joy Howard & Jill Schubert for Sponsoring The Grand Illumination**



Santa's North Pole was jam-packed with holiday fun! Our winter wonderland was filled with local vendors where the community got one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts. Families also got to see Santa Claus himself and got priceless photos with him on a vintage red pick-up truck.

**Thank you to US Silica, Liesfeld Construction, REC, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, CT Purcell, Inc., and Joy Howard & Jill Schubert for sponsoring Santa's North Pole.**



# 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.

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 story time, 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 am - 12:15 pm**

Pre-school registration for the 2023-2024 school year will open open early March 2023



The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education's

## CELTIC FESTIVAL

May 6th, 2023 | 12 - 5 PM

Live Music, Food Trucks, Games, & More



**We are so excited to announce our Celtic Festival is returning on May 6th, 2023!**

Come join us as we celebrate the best of Celtic, Irish, and Scottish culture, including live music, Celtic food, whiskey tastings, axe throwing, and many more activities!



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

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

# CLASSES AT THE CENTER

## Yoga for Everyone

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

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!



## Carolina Shag Dance

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30  
Jan 12th - Feb 16th  
\$80.00 per person  
Instructor: Judy & Bobby Chiles

Join the Carolina Shag Dance class where we have the beach, boogie, blues tunes, and a beautiful dance floor. Shag is a smooth, graceful dance with emphasis on footwork rather than on turns. If you are tired of sitting on the sidelines, come join us for this easy going, fun filled, playful and informative class.



**Note:** Students do not need to have a dance partner to sign-up.

## Line Dance

Thursdays, 7:45-8:45pm  
Jan 12th - February 16th  
\$80.00 per person  
Instructor: Judy & Bobby Chiles

You can be on the dancefloor and leave the sidelines behind. Come join us for some fun easy line dance classes. Get in shape, have a great time and maybe even lose some of those holiday pounds



**Note:** Students do not need to have a dance partner to sign-up.

## Wedding Dance

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:45  
Jan 11th - February 15th  
\$80.00 per person  
Instructor: Judy & Bobby Chiles

We have a class specifically designed to get you prepared for those elegant receptions. You and your partner will learn to glide across a beautiful hardwood floor at a beautiful Wedding venue.



**Note:** Students need to have a dance partner to sign-up.

## Twirl Class

Tuesdays, TBA  
Jan 10th - February 14th  
\$160.00 per person  
Instructor: Sherry Childress

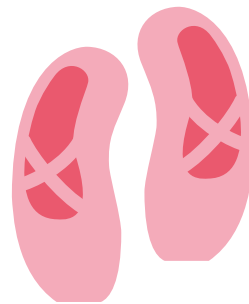
Join us for a 6 week class where you will learn how to twirl a baton, dance ribbons plus a few other surprises along the way. This is a great class for color guard members to learn different skills that could potentially be used in performing or a fun class for beginners that have always wanted to learn to twirl! If you sign up and bring a friend, you will be entered into a drawing for a special gift from the instructor at the end of the session.



## Ballet

Elementary  
Thurs, 4:30-5:15  
Pre-School  
Wed, 12:30-1:15  
\$90 (month)  
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.



**Note:** Students do not need to be enrolled in the Pre-school program to participate.

# EVENTS



We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Fundraiser on March 11th, 2023! The theme is "Yellowstone", so come comfortable in your boots and jeans, prepared to dance to the great band Shades of Gray. Kevin Pauley will be our auctioneer and emcee, and we know you will be interested in all of the items available for auction that evening. As always White House Catering will provide a delicious meal and our Bar will be open for business. We hope you will have fun and If you are lucky you may avoid a trip to the train station with RIP.

### 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.



## Volunteer Spotlight Angelica Valencia & Alana Black

Special thank you to Angelica Valencia of Montpelier Family Chiropractic, and her daughter Alana Black. This mother and daughter duo volunteered their time to come out to Santa's North Pole and face paint for free.



Come out to The Montpelier Center Sunday, April 30th for the first Montpelier Center Gospel Showcase. We are inviting the bands and choirs from all of the churches in the community to show off their talents. We will also be providing fried chicken dinners available for pre-order.

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

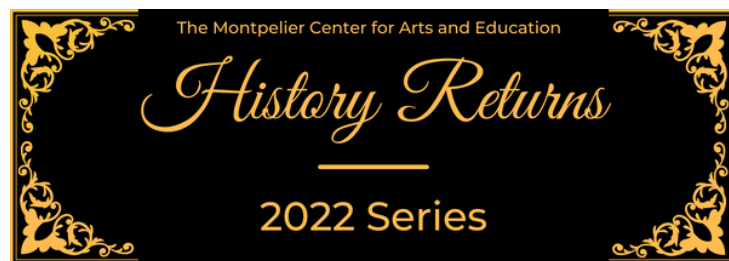
# PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER



The Montpelier Center is partnering with local musicians to offer FREE concerts to the public. We've had a handful of concerts so far, with Patrick Henry High School Orchestra, Henrico Concert Band, Ayush Pal, and James O'Brien all performing at The Montpelier Center. Keep an eye out for new concerts coming up in the future!

For More Information:

Visit our website: <https://www.montpeliercenter.org/concerts.html>



Brought to you by:



This year's History Returns Series was filled with a wide selection of history ranging from Firearms used in the Revolutionary War to finding out your genealogy. We were lucky enough to have a handful of experienced speakers come to The Montpelier Center and present these 4 programs:

- Dig Deep in Your Family History
- The Indomitable George Washington Fields
- Attic Treasure Road Show
- Firearms from Revolutionary War Through WWII

We are excited for what next year has in store and we are currently working on getting the 2023 schedule together.



For More Information

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

# PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education

## ART GALLERY

The Montpelier Center houses one of the oldest art galleries in Hanover County. While showcasing some of the best in local and regional art, we also serve as a satellite of the dynamic arts community in central Virginia. Stop by the Montpelier Center Art Gallery or visit our website to take a look at the art pieces.

We are currently getting dates together for 2023.

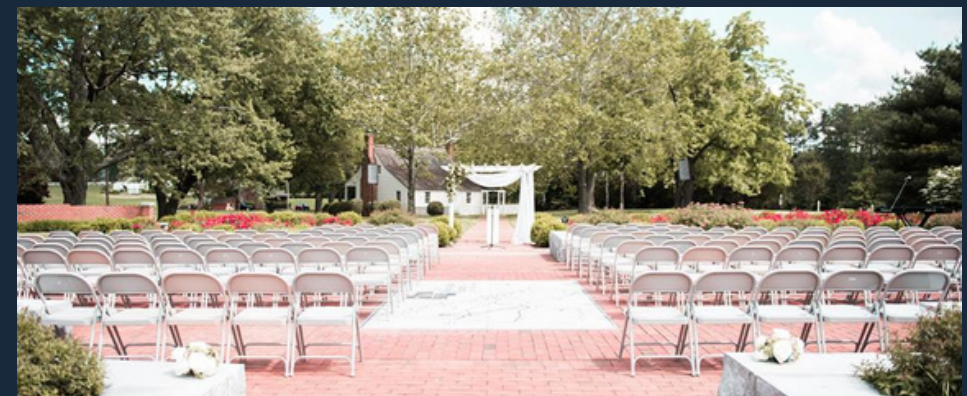
## IN OUR GALLERY

**The Grand Local Exhibit**  
November 3rd - January 4th



## BINGO Night in January

Friday, January 27th  
Doors @ 6 PM / Games @ 7 PM



## 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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