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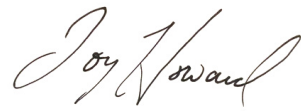
Merry Christmas and happy holidays from the board, staff, and especially my family to you and yours. This time of year, we often find ourselves counting our blessings. We have many to count. The Montpelier Center is a private nonprofit. We could not keep our doors open without public support. Thank you, our friends, volunteers, and supporters, for all you do to support The Center.

I hope, as you look through this newsletter, you are as excited and proud as I am about the Montpelier Center activities. There is always something and something for everyone. We can expect even more in 2024. Soon our tenant, the library, will be moving into the beautiful new building Hanover County is providing them. This will give The Center room to grow and more room for parking.

Please keep connected so you can catch the many events and classes coming up this spring. Join our email list, Facebook, and webpage.

I specifically want to point out a couple of don't miss dates. We have our annual meeting and community gathering on Monday, January 22. It is a great time to see neighbors, meet new board members, and get an update about The Center. The theme for our 2024 Fundraiser will be "New York, New York". Be certain to reserve Saturday March 16th for that fun filled event.

May your holiday be warm, happy, and safe.



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The
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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

Santa's North Pole
December 2nd
10:00 - 3:00 PM

Grand Illumination
December 1st
6:00 - 8:00 PM

2024

Annual Fundraiser
March 16th
6:00 - 10:00 PM

Music Under the Stars
April 19th
May 17th
June 21st
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Celtic Festival
May 4th
11:00 - 3:00 PM

Oyster Harvest Festival
November 9th
11:00 - 3:00 PM

Halloween Bash
October 31st
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Grand Illumination
December 6th
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Santa's North Pole
December 7th
10:00 - 3:00 PM



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MISSION

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

Support our Business Members!

Want to see your logo ? Send a message to 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
- Support the Endowment
- Sponsor an event



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.

\$10 A BOOK



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TO DONATE,

BECOME A

PATRON OR

SPONSOR AN

EVENT!

Buy A Brick

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

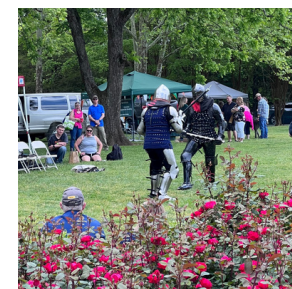
For More Information

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

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Volunteer Spotlight Hunter Dixon

Special thank you to Hunter Dickson for all he does for The Montpelier Center. Hunter is a volunteer for our events and has helped at our Music Under the Stars, Bluegrass & BBQ, and Oyster Festival events. Hunter is also a member of Church of our Savior and a past volunteer at Wings of Hope.



The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education's CELTIC FESTIVAL

We are so excited to announce our Celtic Festival is returning on May 4th, 2024!

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!



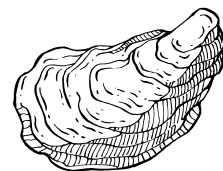
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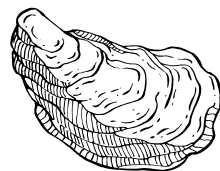
HALLOWEEN BASH

The 3rd Annual Halloween Bash was held on October 31st. We were able to move our activities indoors, which included a Halloween Charlie Brown 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 and patrons 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 C.T. Purcell, Inc and Smith & Sons Services 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 Sandtopia and Bourne Rogue BBQ 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 as well. The village green was partially filled with craft vendors offering one of kind gifts and treats for the holiday season. Bradley Wilson and The Cary Wimbish Band performed live throughout the day. Thank you for everyone who came out and we are already getting ready for the 5th Annual Oyster Harvest Festival in 2024!

Thank you to C.T. Purcell, Inc, Central Site & Utilities, Portofino Ristorante Italiano, and Wegmans for sponsoring The Oyster Festival.



For More Information:

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

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

Spots are still available for 2023 - 2024 year

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

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education Gospel Showcase

We hosted our second 5th Sunday Gospel Showcase on Sunday October 29th. We wanted to provide a platform for local churches and performers to display their talents and gifts, while receiving positive exposure. We had a ton of people come out sharing the true meaning of the Gospel, through song and how it continues to be an integral part of our lives. Thank you to **Hanover Harmony, Less Like Me, Hopeful Baptist Church, Evelyn Chambers, and Oak Grove Southern Gospel Band.**

Join us for the next Gospel Showcase on Sunday, March 31st!



PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER

CLASSES

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & COCKTAILS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 3:00 - 5:00 PM
AGES 21+ \$45.00



Come chill on a Sunday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 PM and make a white margarita Christmas Cocktail with Teresa Neiss (Dr. Tree) to sip on while needle felting Christmas designs on 3 premade wool balls using your own designs with help from art instructor, Lisa Powers. There will be design inspiration

RESTART AN EMPOWERING GROUP NUTRITION PROGRAM

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 4TH - FEBRUARY 1ST
6:00 - 7:00 PM AGES 18+
\$295.00 (INCLUDES WORKBOOK)

Part nutritional education, part sugar detox, part support group - an empowering combination! RESTART Program is a simple, powerful way to give your body a vacation from sugar and processed foods. With a 3-week sugar detox built right in, the program focuses on how to use REAL FOOD to boost your energy and cut sugar and carb cravings.

Hatha Yoga

Fridays, January 12 - February 16
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
\$60.00 Ages 18+

This program offers classic Yoga postures for strength and flexibility, breath work to harmonize body, mind and spirit, and the simple art of meditation, which teaches us to be in the moment. Each class ends with blissful guided relaxation. Attendees are asked to bring a yoga mat for lying on the floor, and to wear loose clothing and a cover cover-up for added warmth during the guided relaxation.

GENTLE YOGA

Mondays
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Ages 13+
\$40.00 (4-week session)

Whether you've been practicing for years or trying yoga for the first time, this class is for you. We'll focus on standing, seated, and some spine postures to improve strength and stability, as well as flexibility and mobility - with the additional benefits of reducing stress, improving your energy, and sleeping better too. Supply List: Yoga mat, yoga blocks, and yoga towel/blanket

ZUMBA

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
\$50.00 per session
Ages 10+

Zumba is a fitness program that involves cardio and dance. This dance workout — which looks and sounds more like a dance party — remains a popular go-to for fitness-minded folks around the world. Enjoy Latin inspired and current music! All dance levels welcome. Supply List: Water and athletic shoes

Elementary Ballet & Jazz

Tuesdays
5:00-6:00 PM
\$120/month

Pre-School Ballet

Wednesdays
12:30-1:15 PM
\$90/month

Join us an afternoon of dancing fun with these introductory ballet classes. 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.

EVENTS

NEW YORK NEW YORK ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



SAVE the DATE! Saturday, March 16th! Get ready for our 2024 "New York New York" Annual Fundraiser. This is The Center's largest fundraiser of the year and is vital for maintaining the Center's role in our community. We hope to see you!

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.

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Summer Concert Series
4th Fridays, June - Sept
Music starts at 7pm
FREE
Live Music, Food trucks, Cash Bar, Kid Zone



This season's Music Under the Stars was one to remember! Three concerts in a span of 3 months with bands Woody Woodworth & The Piners, Julius Pitman & The Revival, and Michael Hazelwood & The Freight Train 5. It was all fun at The Montpelier Center. We are excited to bring back new and returning bands, food trucks, and activities for the 2024 season!

Thank you to our 2023 Music Under the Stars sponsors, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, C.T. Purcell, Inc, Shalom House Retreat Center, Kenbridge Construction, and Commonwealth Landcare

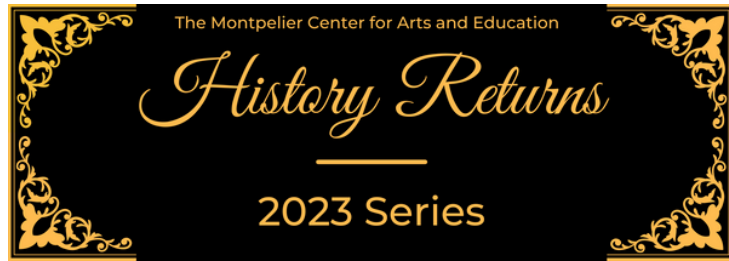
Hanover Concert Band Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 5th
7:00 PM

Come out and get into the Holiday spirit with The Hanover Concert Band. They will be performing on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM playing all of your Christmas favorites in The Montpelier Center Ballroom.

Admission is FREE

PROGRAMS AT THE CENTER



This years History Returns Series has been great fun and we are already looking forward to 2024 season! Here is what we had to offer in 2023!

Digging Deep into Your Family History

Henrico Concert Band performs Music Throughout the Decades

Galloping Through History : Secretariat

Arms of the American Soldiers since WWII

For More Information

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



GRAND ILLUMINATION

Join us Friday, December 1st for The Nutcracker performed by The Concert Ballet of Virginia, hot chocolate bar, music performed by Mt. Olivet Handbell Choir, Christmas caroling, and the illumination of The Center.



Don't miss the fun at at our winter wonderland on Saturday December 2nd! Shop local vendors and get one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends, get priceless photos with Santa, grab some hot chocolate and a Krispy Kreme donuts!

For More Information

Visit our website montpeliercenter.org or email us 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.

2024 GALLERY SCHEDULE

Grand Local : November 14 - January 8

Plein Air Show : January 9 - March 11

Hanover Youth Art Show : March 12 - April 29

South Atlantic Juried Show : April 30 - June 24

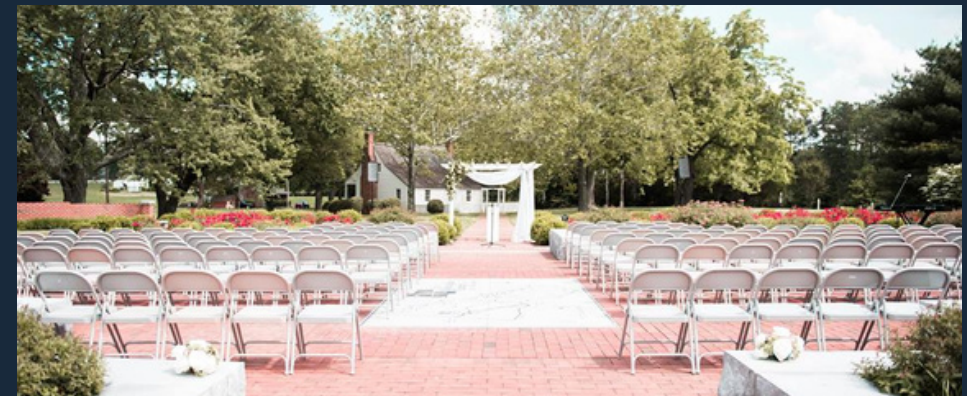
Artists on a Journey to Unmask Mental Illness: June 25 - August 26

Alice Simons Fine Art : August 27 - October 28

Veterans Quilt Show : October 29 - December 2

For More Information

Visit our website montpeliercenter.org or email us programs@montpeliercenter.org.



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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