

## From the President

Hello and Happy Fall.

Summer seems to have flown by this year and this Fall and Winter are packed with new and returning programs and events.

The Music Under the Stars series this past summer was fantastic and it would not possible without our sponsors which included Montpelier Family Chiropractor, April Pruitt and Justin Williams with Edward Jones as well as Aldred Family Dentistry. We appreciate their repeated support of The Montpelier Center.

Our upcoming Fall and Winter events include Mystery Gifts Bingo on September 20<sup>th</sup>, Pull for The Montpelier Center at Cavalier Rifle & Pistol club on September 27<sup>th</sup>, "Have you Filled Your Bucket Today" Theater program on September 28<sup>th</sup>, Fall Market/ Baking Contest on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, LOVE sign revealing and the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montpelier School on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Second Annual Barn Bash featuring The Mullins Sisters on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Relay for Life Bingo on November 8<sup>th</sup>, History Series with Charles Wissinger on November 12<sup>th</sup>, "The True Story of Pocahontas" Theater program on November 16<sup>th</sup>, Grand Illumination on December 3<sup>rd</sup> & Santa's North Pole Market on December 7<sup>th</sup>! We are busy and look forward to seeing you at these events.

The programs and classes offered this Fall and Winter are packed as well from Kids Yoga and Chair Yoga to Oil & Acrylics classes, Pottery Class, Drawing Classes and Photography classes to mention a few. We have new classes as well as returning classes.

Our Art Gallery will have beautiful quilts on display this Fall as well so please stop by to see these amazing pieces of art.

As we head into the end of 2019 please consider giving back to The Montpelier Center. There are many ways to contribute including financially, through volunteering at our many events, in-kind services, becoming a patron as well as using Amazon Smile and Buying a Brick to name a few. We truly would not exist without volunteers, community support and donors.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards,

Sagle Jones Purcell  
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The Montpelier  
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Fall 2019



# The Canvas

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



YOU'RE INVITED

## LOVE Sign Unveiling

and  
90th Anniversary Celebration

OF THE HISTORIC MONTPELIER SCHOOL BUILDING

Sunday, October 13th, 2-4 pm

# CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEWS

We had an exciting summer at The Center with our summer concert series, new workshops, mini-camps, and a fantastic History Series program! We also welcomed a couple new staff members who are excellent additions to our team!

Thank you to everyone who came out to Music Under the Stars and to our generous sponsors, Montpelier Family Chiropractic, April Pruitt & Justin Williams with Edward Jones & Aldred Family Dentistry!

We can't wait to continue rocking out this November with The Mullins Sisters at our 2nd Annual Barn Bash!

Loads of new classes and workshops have been added this fall - be sure to check the out in this newsletter or online! There's something for everyone!

Thanks for your support!

*Kelly Waldrop*

## WELCOME NEW STAFF



The Montpelier Center is pleased to announce that Angie Dymacek has joined us as the Program Assistant. Angie comes to us with a degree in Business Administration and Communications. We welcome Angie to our teach- she will be a real asset to our Program Department!

We also want to express a warm welcome to Marie Armstrong who will be our new teacher/director of the preschool here at The Montpelier Center this fall! Marie comes into this role after accepting the position as Lead Teacher, and showing her ability to organize and her passion for the success of The Center's Preschool program.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Montpelier Center Preschool Program is a nurturing half-day preschool for both 3- & 4-year-old students in an educational setting. The goal is for our students to feel secure and successful while interacting with others and exploring our world. We incorporate language arts, science, library story time, field trips, guest speakers and holiday celebrations to enhance learning. Our teachers are dedicated to providing instruction in a fun and caring atmosphere. A few spots are still open - **for more information, contact Marie Armstrong at (804) 683-5671 or Preschool@MontpelierCenter.org**

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

### MISSION

*The Mission of The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is to engage and enrich the community through a variety of cultural and educational opportunities*

### STAFF

Kelly Waldrop	Executive Director
Angie Dymacek	Program Assistant
Allyson Catoe	Art Gallery Director
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Walter Wright	Office Volunteer
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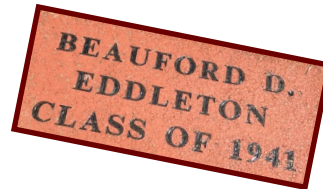
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Fri 9am-6pm; Sat. 9am-2pm

# PLEASE SUPPORT OUR INCREDIBLE BUSINESS MEMBERS!

<b>Become a Business Member Today!</b>		

## SUPPORT THE CENTER

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





You can even support The Center while you do your regular shopping! **(Hint—Christmas is fast approaching!)**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support The Montpelier Center while you buy all the things you would buy normally, at **no cost to you**. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you'll 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 & Education as the organization you would like to support. From there, every time you make eligible purchases, The Center will benefit!



### Purchase an Engraved Brick

A brick laid in our Village Green is a wonderful present for your loved one!

Give the gift that lasts a lifetime!

Celebrate your life, your family, your friend, your company, or your pet, and support The Montpelier Center at the same time!

Bricks are available in two sizes:

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



For more information about purchasing a brick, visit our website at: [www.montpeliercenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html)  
Or email The Center office at [info@montpeliercenter.org](mailto:info@montpeliercenter.org).

## PROGRAMS & EVENTS

### Pull For The Montpelier Center

Friday, September 27th from 3-7 PM

Please join us for a clay and pistol shoot fundraiser at the Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club. Net proceeds for this fundraising event will benefit The Montpelier Center for Arts and Education.

Spots are limited! Please register by Friday, 9.20.19.

Tickets are \$100 per person and include:

- Unlimited clays
- Professional Instruction
- Catered food
- Open bar at conclusion of shooting
- Personal protective equipment
- Shotguns and pistols (*ammunition not provided*)

#### Additional Information

Shot shells are limited to low brass with max shot size 7 1/2

The Cavalier Club recommends:

- 12 gauge 1 ounce loads #8 shot
- 20 gauge 7/8 ounce loads #8 shot
- Smaller gauge guns are available for rent and shot shells are available on site (22 & 9mm caliber)

Registration available online, by email, or by mail.

Event will be held at 14151 Boondock Lane, Montpelier, VA 23192



### 90TH CELEBRATION & LOVE SIGN UNVEILING

Sunday, October 13th from 2-4 PM



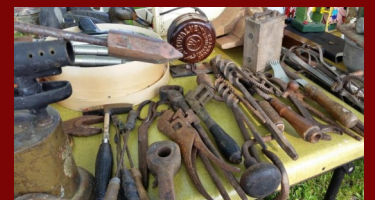
2019 marks The Montpelier Center building's 90th Anniversary in existence. Originally known as Montpelier School, it was resurrected by the Save Our School Foundation in the late 80's and eventually took on the role of the nonprofit you know today as The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education in 1991.

The Montpelier Center has touched the lives of so many in our community over the past 90 years. To celebrate that, we want to commemorate this exciting anniversary occasion with an event showcasing moments in its history!

We'll be celebrating this momentous occasion on Sunday, October 13th from 2-4 PM - all are welcome to join us for a 90th Anniversary Celebration & LOVE sign ribbon-cutting ceremony!

MONTPELIER is getting a LOVE SIGN thanks to a grant awarded by the Virginia Tourism's LOVEworks project! The locally designed and inspired artwork is an extension of our community and the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand, which is celebrating it's 50th anniversary in 2019!

Special thanks to Nancy Cozart, Lois Shipley, Deanna Waldrop, John Meola, Liesfeld Contractors and all who gave items to make this spectacular sculpture!



## PROGRAMS & EVENTS CONTINUED



### Montpelier Children's Theater

Join us for family-friendly, professional stage performances at The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education! The Montpelier Center was able to launch its Children's Theater program in early 2019 with the *Power of Change* grant! With heartfelt story lines, these plays offer great life lessons and fun for the whole family!

Made possible by a grant through



#### Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

Saturday, September 28th  
Showtime 2PM, Doors Open 1:30PM  
Popcorn, snacks, and drinks available for purchase

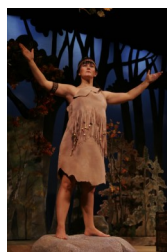
This fun-filled musical, put on by the VA Repertory Theatre, demonstrates the benefits of having a thoughtful and positive outlook on things. The play uses the term "bucket" to represent how to express kindness and appreciation towards others.



#### The True Story of Pocahontas

Saturday, November 16th  
Showtime 1PM, Doors Open 12PM  
Popcorn, snacks, and drinks available for purchase

Join **Pocahontas** on her amazing journey and see how courage and determination can change the world. Come get a behind-the-scenes look at the real Pocahontas, an international business woman, strong-minded leader & an adventurer.



## History Returns Series

What an enriching evening we had at our August History Returns Series with over 50 in attendance hanging on every word **Tony Williams** shared about the incredible alliance forged between Washington & Hamilton was instrumental in the formation of our country. Tony enlightened us on the unique partnership of the young, headstrong, financial genius immigrant (Hamilton) and the hard-working, wise, business-minded Virginian (Washington). Our evening was made sweeter by homemade mini-cherry pies and brownies thanks to Dedee Waldrop.



#### CHARLES WISSINGER "Marquis de Lafayette"

November 12th, 2018 at 7pm in the Ballroom

Back by popular demand is Charles Wissinger, professional local actor and history lover. Let Wissinger take you to France, on trips across the Atlantic, to Valley Forge, and yes through Hanover County on the way to Yorktown as he portrays the 19-year-old Marquis de Lafayette who became like a son to George Washington.

Find out more below or on our website at [www.montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/history-returns-series.html)



### Montpelier Farmer's Market

The 2019 season runs through September, with additional Markets on Oct. 3rd & Dec. 7th!

The Montpelier Center Farmers Market's 2019 season is ending soon! Join us every Thursday from 4-7pm where your neighborhood producers have locally grown and made goods available. Our farmers market has frequent special guests, showcases junior vendors monthly, and games which bring unique opportunities for the whole family.

(For more info, visit our website at: <http://www.montpeliercenter.org/farmers-market.html>)



## IN OUR GALLERY

### COUNTRY SCHOOL QUILTERS

September 2019

In September, The Country School Quilters (CSQ) of Montpelier present "A Quilt Show in the Village" at The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education.



In 1989 fifteen local quilters formed this group to share their knowledge and love of the quilting arts. CSQ meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Hanover Parks & Recreation Building next door to the Montpelier Center. For more information, go to [countryschoolquilters.blogspot.com](http://countryschoolquilters.blogspot.com). A portion of sales benefit The Center.

### 90TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTO EXHIBIT

October 2019

2019 marks The Montpelier Center building's 90th Anniversary. After being Montpelier School for over 50 years, it was set for destruction, but was resurrected by the Save Our School Foundation and eventually took on the role of the nonprofit you know today as The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education in 1991. It has touched the lives of so many in our community over the past 90 years. To celebrate that, we want to commemorate this exciting anniversary occasion with an event showcasing moments in its history!

For the month of October, our gallery will be filled with collections of images, stories, report cards, interviews and pieces from the building's past. You're invited to help us celebrate this monumental occasion by sharing your connection to The Montpelier Center!



## VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS

The Center has been incredibly busy, so that means our volunteers have been hard at work too! They have helped to make Music Under the Stars and the History Returns Series possible this summer! If you attended one of these programs you may have seen them working at a check-in table, catering, doing some advertising around town, helping with our kids zone, or even hanging a banner by the roadside!!

In addition to our programs and events, we have a lot of volunteers who help us maintain The Center's building and grounds. They have been busy replacing lightbulbs, painting, & addressing mailings!

We are so thankful for our volunteers who help us compile and prepare all of the things that you receive in the mail, help us file important records, and bring cheer to our visitors!

**Want to volunteer? Please let us know! There are a lot of great things coming up at The Center that we would love your help with. Email or call the office at [info@MontpelierCenter.org](mailto:info@MontpelierCenter.org) or (804) 883-7378!**

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Become a patron and join or create a club!

Check out our clubs below:

### Clubs

FREE FOR PATRONS

- Art Club- Open Studio on Thursday's 10am-3pm
- Beginners Knitting Club - Thursday's 6:30pm
- Book Club - 4th Tuesday's 1pm
- Hanover Herb Guild - 3rd Monday's 7pm
- Mah Jong - Monday's 1pm
- The Schoolhouse Investors Club- 1st Monday's 7pm



# MUSIC AT THE CENTER

## MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

We had a fantastic summer concert series this summer celebrating our community with live music, food trucks, winery and a kid zone filled with bubbles, games and a bounce house! We welcomed *The Reflections Big Band*, *Scattered*, *Smothered*, and *Covered* and *The GunSlingers*. All of this was made possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: **Montpelier Family Chiropractic**, **Edward Jones' Financial Advisors April Pruitt and Justin Williams** and **Aldred Family Dentistry**. Thank you for making memories and enjoying the evening with us.



# FALL CLASSES

## ART

To register for any of these art classes, visit [www.montpeliercenter.org/art.html](http://www.montpeliercenter.org/art.html) or call (804)883-7378.

### OIL & ACRYLICS

**Instructor: Betsy Taylor, 12 week class**

**Wednesdays, beginning September 11th, 10am—12pm in the Art Studio**

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. \$240 / \$216 Patrons. For more info call Betsy at 804-441-3365.



### PAINT POUR

**Instructor: Hope Suzuki of Get Creative, 1 Day Workshop**

**Friday, September 13th, 7pm—9pm in the Art Studio**

Create vibrant, abstract masterpieces using an acrylic + pour medium flip-cup technique on your choice of a 12 x 12 inch or 11 x 14 inch canvas. Limited spots available for a maximum of 10 participants! Check or cash payments may be dropped off at The Montpelier Center before September 11th. \$35 / \$32 Patrons.



### DRAWING

**Instructor: Rebecca Poole, 8 week class**

**Beginners, Thursday, September 19th, 7pm—8:30pm in the Art Studio**

**Intermediate, Wednesday, September 18th, 7pm-8:30 in the Art Studio**

Always wanted to learn to draw? Not sure where to start? Here's your chance! This class is an introduction to drawing and will include information on materials and a variety of drawing skills. Throughout the eight weeks, we will explore graphite pencils, charcoal, and colored pencils. Each week will include instruction, demos, and student work time. A supply list will be provided before the first class. \$160 / \$146 Patrons



### FALL STRING ART (NEW)

**Instructor: Crystal Kuti with Bee Creative, 1 day workshop**

**Sunday, September 22nd, 2pm—4pm in the Art Studio**

"Often referred to as pin-and-thread art, string art is an addicting artform that is inviting to the most experienced crafter and the newcomer alike. Through the creation of intricate designs, crafters turn a plank of wood into a work of art. String art designs are not only fun projects but they are even better gifts." stringofheart.com \$40 / \$36 Patrons



### Kids Creative Art

**Instructor: Becca Poole**

**Monday, September 23-November 11th, 12:15pm—1pm in the Art Studio**

Every Monday children are invited to our Art Studio. We will make a new creation each week using various materials and styles. The focus of these sessions is creative expression rather than perfection. Session: \$64 / \$58 Patrons / Drop Ins: \$10



### PHOTOGRAPHY 101: Shooting a Better Image (NEW)

**Instructor: Bill & Linda Lane, 4 session class**

**September 24-25 & October 1-2, 6:30PM—8:30pm**

"Improve sharpness, composition and the use of and control of light all of which will enhance our photography" Need to be able to put camera in manual mode, and know how to change F/stops, Shutter Speeds and ISO. We'll teach you how they are used. An SLR or mirrorless camera is recommended. For questions call Bill & Linda at 804-883-7740. \$115 / \$104 Patrons



## BARN BASH

We have more live music coming your way!

Join us in our ballroom on **November 2nd** as we welcome **The Mullins Sisters**; music starts at 7:30PM, doors open at 6:30PM. Come hungry -we'll have a cash bar and BBQ dinner from the **Mountain Road Market** and be ready to **dance the night away!**

\$15/pp (\$12/patrons; \$20 at the door)



### ??? Mystery Gifts Bingo ???

**Friday September 20th, 2019 at 7pm**

Featuring Mystery Prizes such as gift cards, quilts, Longaberger baskets, & Pampered Chef. Homemade -cake auction & Raffle. *Doors open at 6pm.*

*Proceeds benefit The Montpelier Center!*

### Relay for Life Bingo

**Friday November 8th, 2019 at 7pm**

Prizes for each game include various prizes from a multitude of merchants, homemade cakes auction and a raffle. *Doors open at 6pm. Proceeds benefit Relay for Life!*

\$20 donation per person includes snacks & 16 bingo games



## FALL CLASSES CONTINUED

### ART CLASSES CONT.

#### Hand Painted Beverage Glasses

Instructor: Hope Suzuki with *Get Creative*

Saturday, October 5th, 6:30pm—8:30pm, in the Art Studio

Customize your own unique "SUNFLOWER" stem or stem-less glasses, (2 per participant) through the guidance of instructor. No prior experience is necessary as you will have a pre drawn image & step-by-step instructions. For ages 15 & up. The cost includes all supplies (2 glasses pp). Check or cash payments may be dropped off at The Montpelier Center before October 3rd. \$30 / \$27 Patrons



#### TEA TOWEL WORKSHOP (NEW)

Instructor: Becca Poole, 1 Day Workshop

Tuesday, October 22nd 6pm—8:30pm, in the Art Studio

Print your own tea towel using unique designs or artwork and create a gorgeous kitchen accessory. Tea towel printing is the perfect way to commemorate a special occasion or simply express your artistic taste. \$45 / \$41 Patrons



#### POTTERY NIGHT (NEW)

Instructor: Mary & Eli Green

Wednesday, October 23rd, 6:30 PM, in the Art Studio

Grow Community RVA's skilled ceramicist will guide you through an interactive pottery class! Plan to get your hands dirty while tapping into your creativity!! Using a variety of hand-building techniques introduced during this fun workshop, you will make your very own unique clay pot, finished with desired textures, attachments, and glaze. The clay pieces will be fired at Full Pocket Farm and available for pick up at The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education two weeks later! \$35 / \$32 Patrons



#### PUMPKIN WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP (NEW)

Instructor: Crystal Kuti with *Bee Creative*

Sunday, October 27th 1pm—3:30pm, in the Art Studio

Watercolor painting is the process of painting with pigments that are mixed with water. Come join us as we experiment with different techniques to create a beautiful watercolor! \$35 / \$32 Patrons



### ENRICHMENT CLASSES

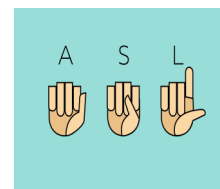
#### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS (NEW)

Instructor: Teri Urban and Reba Poole

Tuesdays, 6 weeks, October 1st-November 6, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Open to all ages. Come learn American Sign Language (ASL) with us! Reba Poole, a Deaf adult, and Teri Urban, parent of a deaf child, will be offering 'ASL for Beginners'. Children are welcome to join the class along with their parents. Children 2 and under are free. We recommend purchasing the book Learning American Sign Language by James Guido to help guide you through the class and maximize your ASL learning experience!

\$85 Adults / \$25 Child / \$80 Patron Adults / \$20 Patron Child



#### AEROSPACE ENGINEERING FOR KIDS (NEW)

Instructor: Engineering for Kids (5-12 year old's)

Saturday, October 5th, 10am-12pm

From straw rockets to bottle rockets this workshop is one that your children are sure to enjoy. Our experienced team has what it takes to help guide our young engineers in the right direction to discover why and how things happen. Our hands-on enrichment class encourages their sense of wonder, but also use the Engineering Design Process to encourage their ability to discover.

\$30 / \$27 Patrons



## FALL CLASSES CONTINUED

### BODY & MIND

#### REFIT (NEW)

Instructor: Sarah Renner

Thursdays, 6 weeks, September 19th-October 24th, 6-7:00pm, in the Ballroom

A combo of movement, dance & kickboxing—Wear comfy clothes and tennis shoes. Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. Bring your children ages 7+ to join in this multi-level workout class.

Session: \$36 / \$33 Patron / Children \$9 Drop-Ins: Adult \$8, Children \$2



#### MODERN DANCE (NEW)

Instructor: Chimene Freeman

Tuesdays, 6 weeks, September 24th-October 29th, 4-5pm, in the Ballroom

Your children ages 6-12 will be inspired to HAVE FUN and connect with themselves through dance in an interpretive fashion while demonstrating an appreciation for modern dance technique. This is a great day to EXPRESS YOURSELF! Session: \$72 / \$65 Patrons Drop Ins: \$15



#### JAZZ (NEW)

Instructor: Chimene Freeman

Thursdays, 6 weeks, September 26th-October 31st, 4-5pm, in the Ballroom

Your children ages 6-12 will be inspired to HAVE FUN and dance to shake off the school day. This style of dance is matched to the rhythms and techniques of jazz music.

Session: \$72 / \$65 Patrons Drop Ins: \$15



#### KIDDING AROUND YOGA

Instructor: Mary Renee

Wednesdays, 6 weeks, September 25th-October 30th, 3:30-4:30pm, in the Ballroom

Introducing your children to yoga at an early age can help them learn healthy lifestyle habits & set the foundation for a fit future. Mats provided; all ages welcome. Under 4 must be accompanied by adult.

Session: \$68 / \$62 Patrons



#### HATHA YOGA

(This Class is FREE to First Responders and Military!)

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

Wednesdays, 6 weeks, October 2nd-November 6th, 6:30pm—7:45pm, in the Dance Studio

This class is a restorative practice focusing on breathing, hip, and shoulders where a lot of stress is stored.

Session: \$85 / \$80 Patrons / \$15 drop in per class



#### CHAIR YOGA (NEW)

(This Class is FREE to First Responders and Military!)

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

Fridays, 6 weeks, October 4th-November 8th, 10-11am in the Dance Studio

Perfect for all levels, chair yoga is a great way to relax from head to toe without the stress of getting out of your chair. This flow is also perfect for those wanting a quick way to stretch your body and relieve tension. Open your hips, move your shoulders and neck, and find length in your spine with this chair yoga flow. Session: \$85 / \$80 Patrons / \$15 drop in per class



#### DIANE HALE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Every Tuesday (during the school year)  
in the Dance Studio

Contact The Diane Hale School of Dance at 798-3011 for class schedule, tuition, fees, and registration. Info available at: [dianehaleschoolofdance.com](http://dianehaleschoolofdance.com).

