

From the President

Dear Patrons and Community Members,

The Montpelier Center just concluded the 2020 Annual Fundraiser and we are all so grateful for the support we received from community members near and far. We surpassed our 2019 gross revenue for the annual fundraiser as well as the net income!

Thank you to all that contributed as volunteers, sponsors, donors of auction items and that could attend. You all contributed to the success of the annual fundraiser.

The Montpelier Center had an exciting line up of art exhibits, events and programs coming up this Spring and early Summer, which had to be postponed or canceled to help limit the spread of COVID19. We hope you stay in touch with us virtually as we navigate this unusual time. We look forward to seeing all of you this summer and thank you again for your continued support!

Best regards,



Sagle Jones Purcell
President, Board of Directors




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Spring 2020

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THE MONTPELIER CENTER'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Check out our new and continuing classes, programs, community events, & more!



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CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEWS

The Center has been buzzing with activity (until recently)! Our new Theater, Jazz, & Drawing classes have become very popular - it's inspiring to see young people learning how to express themselves and their creativity. We're working on making virtual classes available. Updates are added regularly to our website and Facebook page.

Thank you SO much to our generous sponsors and all of those who attended our Annual Fundraiser, Sequins & Spurs! We exceeded our fundraising goal & surpassed the numbers from last year's record-breaking event.

We're looking forward to our Farmer's Market starting in **June** - now on **TUESDAY's** from **4-7pm!** We're looking for vendors, producers, crafters, guest musicians, and food trucks - let us know if you're interested!

We hope everyone is staying healthy during this bizarre time!

Thanks for your support!

Kelly Waldrop



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education is vigorously monitoring the ongoing situation regarding the spread of the COVID-19. The health of our patrons and team members is our paramount concern. In accordance with CDC guidance and local officials, we have made the following precautions to mitigate further transmission of the virus:

- All **April & May** rentals, classes, programs, and events have been **rescheduled** or **canceled**.
- Staff **office hours** have been reduced to only what is necessary to keep The Center up and running. *Staff is working from home and will be checking the office voicemail and email regularly.*
- **Art Gallery Exhibit** has been uploaded to our **website**; artwork can be enjoyed and purchased from there until we reopen our doors.
- Building has been **deep cleaned** and continues to be disinfected and cleaned each week.



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

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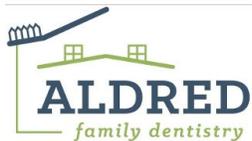
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**Center Hours: M-Th 9am-9pm;
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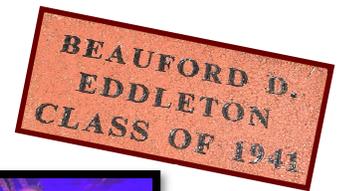
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- Become a Patron
- Give through **United Way**
- Engrave a brick on our Village Green
- Purchase artwork in our gallery
- Shop with Amazon Smile



Become a Patron!

Starting at an annual fee of \$25; entitles you to:

- **10% Discount** on Montpelier Center classes, workshops, & events!
- **5% Discount** on rentals of the Facility!



You can even support The Center while you do your regular shopping!

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, 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 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!

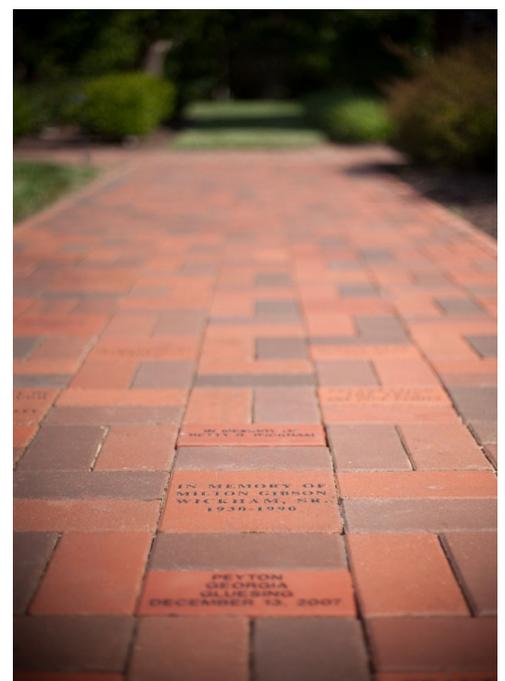
Give the gift that lasts a lifetime!

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: www.montpeliercenter.org/bricks-on-the-village-green.html



Help Us Meet Our Match!

2nd Wave of Capital Improvements

thanks to a

\$50,000 (1:1) Matching Grant



Patrons and Friends of the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education,

We are thrilled to announce that The Mary Morton Parsons Foundation (MMP) has awarded The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education a **\$50,000 challenge 1:1 matching grant!** Make your gift go further by donating during this Matching opportunity. **Every little bit helps - no gift is too small!** **Donate** on our **website** MontpelierCenter.org or **mail a check** to P.O. Box 82, Montpelier, VA 23192.

The MMP grant funds will cover **pressing capital needs** of The Montpelier Center historical building, including: replacing the hot water boiler system, replacing tiles/carpet, pointing up bricks around the exterior of the building, replacing the lift system for ballroom windows, installing auto blind system for upper windows in the ballroom, fixing the parking lot, adding a commercial quality screen and projector for the ballroom. **With these improvements in place, The Montpelier Center will be poised to meet its growing demand for more arts, historical, educational, musical, theater, pre-school, and cultural events and programs in its community.** Thank you for considering donating to help us improve our building so we can serve most effectively!

Over the years, the community has come together to help The Center. Thirty years ago, the community and patrons such as yourself put a roof over our heads when you saved Montpelier School from being demolished! A decade ago, you helped us turn our front field into a beautiful community green space and as little as three years ago, you put us on solid (and beautiful!) ground with the refurbishing of our hardwood floors and bathrooms. **Now, you are helping us to become a more polished, operational, and secure so we're suited for all the community's needs!**



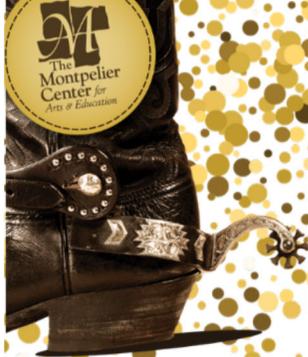
Some of the improvements we need help with:

While our **ballroom windows** are beautiful and aesthetically pleasing, the mechanisms for the lift system do not work due to age and use. Many of the mechanisms are exposed, causing potential safety issues.

The **flooring** of the four public points of entry to The Center, the kitchen, and preschool are in need of attention. Many areas show signs of severe wear, **fracture, buckling,** and damage; many tiles just pop completely out due to expired adhesive.

As frequently seen in historic buildings, The Montpelier Center's **brick** facade is showing signs of wear and tear. Several bricks are missing and the brick pointing needs **repair urgently.**

There is obvious wear and tear on our **parking lot**, with cracks in the asphalt and damage due to vehicle oil and other fluid leaks.



Sequins & Spurs Annual Fundraiser



What an incredible night celebrating and raising funds to support The Montpelier Center for Arts & Education at our **sold out 2020 Annual Fundraiser!** 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 Main Street Station Band, we came together and **raised over \$55,000** to support The Center's operations & programming! This year, we are thrilled to see our **Children's Theater program expand** with classes, professional plays, and student performances. 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, culinary design, and more!

Thank you again to all the local businesses and community members who sponsored, donated, and attended this fundraiser and **CBS 6's Cameron Thompson** for emceeding to support The Center's mission to **engage** and **enrich** the **community** through a variety of cultural and educational experiences. .



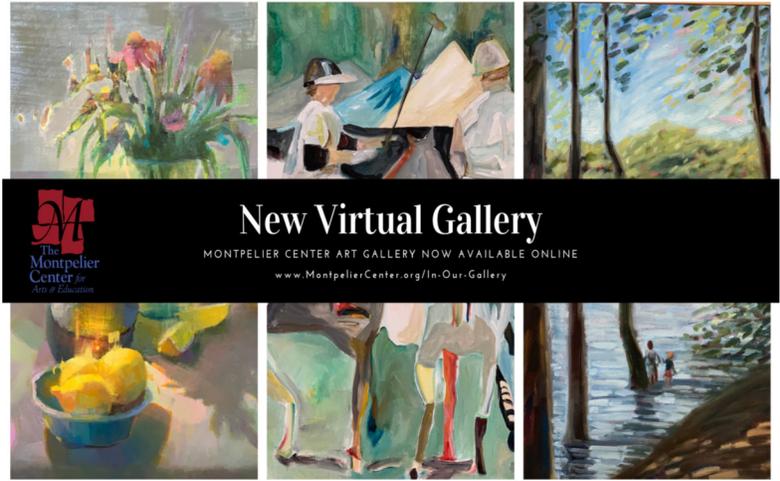
IN OUR GALLERY

The 'Tuesday Night Art Group'

March—April (Available Online)

This exhibition is comprised of works of art from the 'Tuesday Night Art Group,' which includes artists Tamara Murray, Tom Tartaglino, Tim Howeth and Nancy Wallace and L. Staigler. These gorgeous landscapes, figurative pieces, etchings, and more are now available ONLINE to view and purchase! Check out 'In Our Gallery' on our website.

All works of art will be available for sale, with proceeds benefitting The Montpelier Center and the artist.



New Virtual Gallery

MONTPELIER CENTER ART GALLERY NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE
www.MontpelierCenter.org/In-Our-Gallery

THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION'S

7th Annual South Atlantic Juried Exhibition



Opening Reception
May 2nd, 6 PM
On Display through June 29th

17205 Mountain Rd. Montpelier, VA 23192

Artists listed above:
Edward Tappan, Nicole Olsdal,
Susan Lutz, & Dennis Winston.

We're accepting applications for the 7th Annual South Atlantic Juried Exhibition **until May 4th**. Selected pieces will be *on display* in The Center's Gallery from **June 13-August 9th**. Last year we had 123 entries and showcased artists from Maryland to Florida!

We're excited to welcome Alexis Shockley, Art Specialist at VCU Health, as our juror this year. Alexis will carefully evaluate and select the works to be displayed in our gallery and will award 4 artists of outstanding caliber.

Prizes range from \$750-\$100.

View past winners and find out more at:
MontpelierCenter.org/South-Atlantic-Juried-Exhibition

For more information about our gallery, email our Art Gallery Director, Allyson Catoe,
Allyson.Catoe@MontpelierCenter.org

VOLUNTEER HAPPENINGS



The Center has been incredibly busy, so that means our volunteers have been hard at work too! They have helped to make the Barn Bash, History Returns Series, & Children's Theater possible this fall! If you attended one of these programs you may have seen them working at a check-in table, catering, doing some advertising around town, 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 with administrative needs as well as 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 or (804) 883-7378!



Clubs

Become a patron & join or create a club!

- 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
- The Schoolhouse Investors Club- 1st Monday's 7pm

Visit www.MontpelierCenter.org/Clubs--Organizations for more details.





Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year!

We are having a successful year in our Montpelier Center Preschool Program! The program offers a half-day preschool for students of ages 3 and 4. Our goal is to provide a nurturing and educational environment with much exploring and hands-on learning. We incorporate language arts, math and science concepts, and many opportunities for fine motor development and skills.



In addition, we enjoy weekly story times at the library, seasonal field trips, guest speakers/visitors, and holiday celebrations— all of which provide great learning enhancements to our program.

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



Montpelier Center Preschool



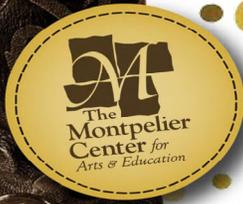
3 & 4 year-olds
9:15 AM ~ 12:15 PM
Mon - Thurs
\$275/month

Features:

- Low student-to-teacher ratio
- Story Time @ The Library
- Exciting Field Trips
- Daily recess
- Hands-on learning
- Special enrichment activities

To Register: Call 804.683.1828 or email Preschool@MontpelierCenter.org





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Programs at the Center

THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION'S

History Returns

2020 SERIES

Series Proudly Sponsored by:



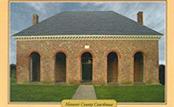
Quarterly Program: 2nd Tuesday of Feb, May, Sept, & Nov

What an enriching evening we had at our February History Returns Series with Martha Waldrop McCartney! With over 60 in attendance learning about the founding and growth of Hanover County, from the rural farmlands to the more populous county it is today, as we celebrate Hanover County's 300th Anniversary! Thank you to The Hanover Historical Society for selling copies of Martha's book for signing!



NATURE'S BOUNTY,
NATION'S GLORY

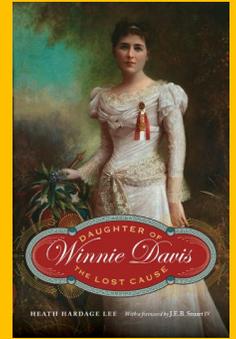
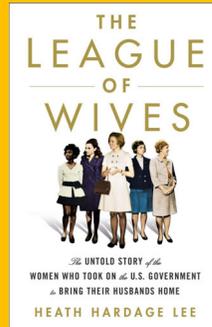
The Heritage and History of
Hanover County, Virginia



Martha W. McCartney

Upcoming Program on May 12th (possibly postponed)

Have you ever heard the story of Jefferson Davis's youngest daughter Winnie? Join us as we welcome Heath Hardage Lee, author of *The League of Wives & Winnie Davis, Daughter of The Lost Cause*, who will have us on the edge of our seats as we discover Winnie's untold story and her fight to live free of her family's legacy.



RSVP: MontpelierCenter.org/History>Returns-Series

proceeds benefit

THE MONTPELIER CENTER &
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



\$20
*16 multi-card
games,
snacks, &
drinks

\$5 Dinner
served
6-7pm



Cake Auction



& Raffle

FRIDAY'S

~~May 2, Sept. 18, Nov. 6~~

7pm



Events at the Center

****Due to COVID-19, we are rescheduling Family Movie Night, our spring Children's Play, and the Doc Cousins Band Concert****

Coming up this Summer



Celebration of the Arts : Make sure to mark your calendar for **June 13th**, when Hanover's largest arts festival returns with live music, local art vendors, food trucks, kids activities, and more!

Join us at The Montpelier Center as we celebrate all things art with the **23rd Annual Celebration of the Arts festival!** With local art vendors, live music, food trucks, live art demonstrations, and kids activities, this event will be fun for the whole family!

Want to be a Demonstrator or Vendor?

Share your passion and skills with the community and become a vendor and/or demonstrator at Celebration of the Arts! Show attendees how to make pottery, paint, draw, dance, or more. We want to fill our Village Green with ALL TYPES of artists and craftsmen! Download a form on our website or email us to request an application form.

Support the Arts in our Rural Community by becoming a Sponsor!

Sponsorship forms available on our website or by contacting Kelly at KWaldrop@MontpelierCenter.org - thank you in advance for your generosity!



Music Under the Stars

The Center is thrilled to welcome back this program in 2020 with an exciting new lineup!

This Friday evening FREE summer concert series celebrates local music and all things community.

Food Trucks, bounce house, games, cash bar, and live music are the perfect combination for a fun Friday evening under the stars!

Sponsors Needed - show your support for the community by sponsoring one of these fabulous summer concerts! Full sponsorships are \$1,000 or Co-Sponsor for \$500 each.

Please contact our office if you're interested in sponsoring: KWaldrop@MontpelierCenter.org or 804.883.7378

A graphic for the 'Music Under the Stars' event. It features a dark blue background with a white sunburst and musical notes. The text 'THE MONTPELIER CENTER FOR ARTS & EDUCATION presents MUSIC UNDER THE STARS Summer Concert Series' is displayed in white and yellow. Below this, a dark blue box contains the text '4th Fridays, June - Sept Music starts at 7pm'. At the bottom, the text 'Live Music, Food trucks, Cash Bar, Kid Zone' is written in white.

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Summer Concert Series
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SPRING CLASSES CONTINUED

BODY & MIND *(Class updates available on our website)*

Chair Yoga

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

Wednesdays, 6-week sessions, 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 Ins



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.



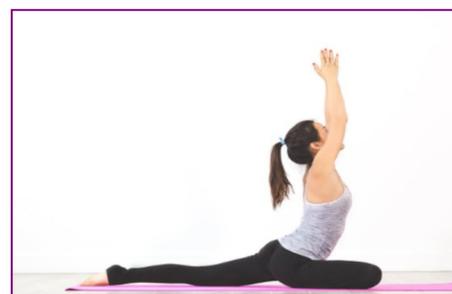
Hatha Yoga

Instructor: Wendy Phillips

Wednesdays, 6-week sessions, 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. *Free for military & first responders*

Session: \$85 / \$80 Patrons / \$15 Drop Ins



Jazz

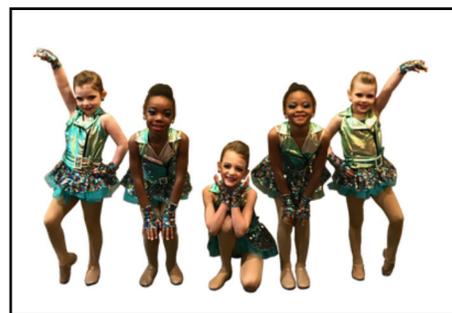
Instructor: Chimene Bruno

Thursdays, 6-week sessions, 4-5pm

In the Dance Studio, Ages 6-12

This style of dance is a very popular, high-energy form of dance that you'd typically see on the stages of Broadway! It combines kicks, leaps, jumps, turns, and everything in between! Students will increase focusing skills, flexibility, stamina, core strength, self discipline and gain knowledge of dance terminology.

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



Refit

Instructor: Sarah Renner

Thursdays, 6:30—7:30pm

in the Dance Studio

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

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



Programs at the Center



The Montpelier Center **Farmers Market**

Help Us Welcome Back our
Farmer's Market this June!

Tuesdays, 4pm-7pm

The Center is excited to announce the return of The Montpelier Center Farmers Market in 2020 on our Village Green- we pushed back the start date to help keep our vendors, farmers, and patrons safe!

We've been hard at work making some updates and adding new vendors - our market will now be on **Tuesdays**, we'll have a **dinner option** to either take home or enjoy on our Village Green, and we're welcoming local **musicians** to perform during our market!

We're looking for **Growers, Producers, Crafters, Makers, guest musicians, & food trucks!** Help us **Grow & Improve** our market by becoming a **vendor, musical performer, or volunteer!**

Interested in becoming a vendor, performer, or volunteer?

Visit MontpelierCenter.org/farmers-market or contact our **office** at Info@MontpelierCenter.org



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Financial Literacy Workshops

Quarterly & Open to the Public: Tuesday's

§ **July 14th - Investing 101 - Current Market & Outlook - *how is COVID19 and the presidential election effecting the market?***

§ **October 13th - Topic TBD**

SPRING CLASSES - check website for updates due to COVID-19

ART *(All April & May classes have been rescheduled or canceled.)*

To register for any of these art classes, visit MontpelierCenter.org/Art or call (804) 883-7378.

Chalk Bird House Workshop

Instructor: Bridgette Rappe with *Chalk Couture*

Sunday, April 26th 2pm-4pm, in the Art Studio

Perfect for Spring! Join this workshop to create one of these incredible bird houses. While not fully functional, these charming bird houses make beautiful home decor pieces to brighten the house after a long, cold Winter.

\$55 / \$50 Patrons



Clay Tile Workshop

Instructor: Mary and Eli Green

Wednesday, April 22nd, 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 tile, 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 2 weeks later!

\$40/ \$38 Patrons



Easter Egg Chalk Workshop

Instructor: Bridgette Rappe with *Chalk Couture*, 1 day workshop

Sunday, March 29th, 2pm in the Art Studio

Just in time for Easter! In this workshop, you'll create 3 wooden Easter Egg cutouts (approx. 3.25" x 4"). Combine beautiful colors and patterns to create your own unique design using chalk paste! Open to all ages.

\$35/ \$31 Patron



Hand Lettering and Sign Workshops

Instructor: Janice Nicewanner

Sunday's 2 -4 pm, in the Art Studio

March 15th, April 5th & May 3rd

During our 2-hour workshop, you will learn the art of hand lettering and make your very own sign to take home! The instructor will demonstrate each letter, you'll practice and master each letter, & then you'll make your sign! (Signs are painted wood and will fit one or two words.)

\$35 per workshop / \$32 Patrons



Monogram Paint Party

Instructor: Kara Schrinel

Friday, April 3rd, 2pm in the Art Studio

Register by March 23rd!

Choose your own woodcut monogram design to decorate! Kara will offer step-by-step guidance to customize the piece in whichever way you like! Choose between a Quarterfoil Initial, a Vine Letter Saude, and much more! Create the perfect piece to add to your home, or give as a beautiful present! Price depends on design choice.

\$45-\$55



SPRING CLASSES CONTINUED

Paint Your Pet Workshop

Instructor: Crystal Kuti of *Bee Kreative*
Sunday, May 31st, 1-2:30pm in the Art Studio
\$35/ \$32 Patrons
Best for Ages 6-13

Don't miss your chance to celebrate everyone's favorite member of the family! Just send in a picture of your beloved pet and our Instructor will prepare the canvas to help your kids pay tribute to their pet and channel their artistic creativity!



Pour Painting Workshop

Instructor: Crystal Kuti of *Bee Kreative*
Sunday, May 31st, 3-4:30pm
\$40/ \$37 Patrons

Have you ever wanted to own one of those beautifully abstract paintings you see in museums? Here's your chance to create your own! No art experience necessary! Our Instructor will guide you through the process of pouring different paints onto your canvas and how to tilt the paints and canvas to achieve different results. Don't miss your chance to try one of the most fun and expressive painting methods around!



Preschool Creative Art

Instructor: Becca Poole
Mondays, starting March 30th, 12:15pm 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.
\$64/ \$54 Patrons Drop In: \$12/ \$10 Patrons



Succulent Wreath Workshop

Instructor: Mary and Eli Green
Wednesday, March 25th, 6:30pm, In the Art Studio

In this workshop you will become accustomed to paying close attention to the affects of layering and applying texture to your work. You decide what direction to take your piece in from starting with a preferred subject matter to creating a non-objective multi-media masterpiece!
\$48/ \$46 Patrons



Theater Classes

Instructor: Virginia Repertory Theatre
8-Week Session
Wednesdays, Starting April 1st, 4-5pm, in the Ballroom

This course will provide an in-depth exploration of theatre performance with instruction by conservatory-trained working professionals. Whether your young performer is trying theatre on for the first time, or a dedicated returning student, these classes are appropriate for the novice and the seasoned performer, alike!
\$125 / \$115 Patrons



To register for any of these classes, visit us at MontpelierCenter.org/Classes or call (804) 883-7378.