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NEWSLETTER



Storytelling & Membership Meeting



Our annual membership meeting on Saturday, November 14 will feature storyteller Darci Tucker. Darci was so phenomenal at our July event that we invited her back!

Darci is an accomplished historian, author, playwright, actress and storyteller. Portraying more than 20 women from American history, she performs in venues nationwide.

She wrote a book on how to portray people from history and literature, and she trains teachers and museum professionals to teach through storytelling and character interpretation. She is a veteran museum educator, and consults for museums and municipalities who want to improve their visitors' experiences. She was recently granted a Mount Vernon Research Fellowship to turn her original, one-woman play, Revolutionary Women™, into a book for middle grade readers.

Darci has been training classroom and museum educators since 1995. She has an extensive background in Colonial and Revolutionary-era Virginia history from 25 years of teaching history at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. She is on the faculty of the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute each summer, and was the Founding Director of the LEGACY character interpretation scholarship program at Bethel University in Tennessee. She performs in schools nationwide, and is a frequent presenter at educators' and storytellers' conferences. Her programs are designed to help teachers meet Common Core and State Standards. Prior to our Saturday event, Darci will be doing a program for the Highland County public schools.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. for the membership meeting in the Arts Council classroom, then stay for Darci's captivating performance at 7 p.m. at The Highland Center on November 14!

Saturday, November 14
6:30 p.m. Member meeting
7 p.m. Performance
The Highland Center
61 Highland Center Dr.
Monterey





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This Thanksgiving, We're Thankful for YOU!



As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, we're especially grateful for the wonderful community that makes the Highland County Arts Council possible!

We hope you're thankful, too, for the concerts, performances, and other arts activities that bring us together throughout the year. If the Arts Council has added a little joy, inspiration, or entertainment to your life, we hope you'll consider showing your appreciation with a gift.

Your support helps keep the arts alive and thriving in Highland County!
You can make a donation today at www.highlandcountyartscouncil.org/support-the-arts

Thank you for donations in September to...

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Members like you help ensure we can continue to bring quality artists, musicians, workshops and events to Highland County!

Youth Holiday Workshop

The 3rd Space will be holding Art for Gifts on Saturday, November 21. This holiday workshop will give youth in grades 6-10 an opportunity to make holiday gifts for family and friends. The workshop will be led by Tate Dunn from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the workroom upstairs at 3rd Space, 132 West Main Street in Monterey. Students will be charged $10 apiece.

3rd Space youth workshops are designed to offer students who love art and craft the opportunity to explore and expand their skills beyond what is taught in school. Additional plans for youth activity in 2027 include two Studio Saturdays and the popular CreARTivity Youth Art Camp on August 2-5, 2027. Information and registration can be found at www.3rdSpaceVa.org.



Upcoming Events



Highlands Community Orchestra Concert
Sunday, December 6, 2026
The Highland Center, 3 pm
Free admission,
donations accepted



Thank you, Rachel!

The Highland County Arts Council is sad to say 'Goodbye' to our Program & Events Coordinator, Rachel Camacho, as she leaves us to pursue other endeavors. We have all enjoyed getting to know Rachel and her family during this past year. We appreciate Rachel's insights and willingness to develop the Arts Council's programs.

Rachel came to us with many connections in Bath County and with interesting, fresh ideas. She has been a pleasure to work with, and she has come to our board meetings eager to join in the endeavor to bring the Arts to Highland County. Thank you, Rachel, for all your work this past year. Many of us on the Arts Council board can count her as a friend.

The Arts Council is seeking to find another hard-working person with new ideas and a sense of purpose in filling this position. If you are interested in this position, please send an email to: highlandcoarts@gmail.com

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