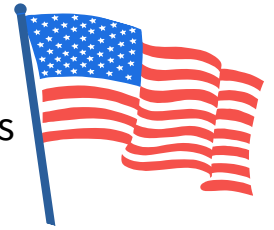




June was an incredibly busy, exciting and entertaining month.

Another Youth Drama Camp in the book, and boy, was it a huge success! These young people, educated, entertained and made the week a fun-filled week to say the least. We are already looking forward to next year!



While Drama Camp was in full swing, so was Artists' Weekend!

Artists Enjoy the Beauty of Highland

The 16th Annual Artists' Weekend, held on June 19-21, was attended by 18 regional artists who painted the beautiful landscape of Highland County. Throughout the weekend, the countryside was dotted with artists and their easels.

The event started with an early check-in on Thursday evening that also provided a social hour for artists at Big Fish Cider during their monthly Open Mic featuring local musicians. On Friday and Saturday, the participants then painted outdoors at some of their favorite locations or took advantage of private views provided through special permission from generous landowners. The popular Wet Paint Show on Sunday at the Highland Center gave the public a chance to see the results of their creativity, meet the artists, and take home an original piece of art.

The Artists' Weekend was begun by the Highland County Arts Council in 2008 and held for eleven consecutive years until the Covid pandemic caused it to be canceled for two years. This year's event was cosponsored by the Arts Council and 3rd Space as part of their shared vision to make Highland County a destination for the arts.



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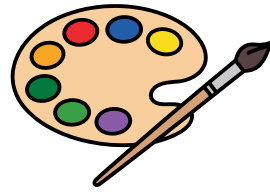
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Calling all Watercolor Artists! Highland County Plein Air Workshop

Jul 10– Jul 11, 2026



Join Peg Sheridan in beautiful Highland County for two days of plein air painting. You will learn how to choose a composition, create lights and shadows, use color to convey a mood, and paint loosely. She will offer ideas for condensing a complicated scene into simple shapes. Peg will also share tips for painting outdoors, under changing light and sometimes challenging conditions. With over 45 years of watercolor painting experience, 25 years of plein air painting experience and 35 years of teaching experience, she has a wealth of knowledge.

Watercolor painters are all welcome to this event. Basic beginner watercolor skills are needed. A materials list will be provided. It will include the gear you will need to paint outdoors.

Registration information at www.3rdSpaceVa.org



Don't Miss These Additional Workshops at 3rd Space!

JUNE 29–30 & AUGUST 3–4 – “CreARTivity” – This youth Art Camp is a 2 part enrichment experience for 6th through 10th graders. Students will explore expressing themselves with paint to learn more about color, texture and style.

JULY 10–12 & JULY 24–26 – “Pottery Parts I & II” – Discover your skill and interest in pottery using two techniques to make your own projects. You will throw a pot on the wheel and hand build another. The workshop is in two parts to allow your work to dry.

JULY 16 & 18 – “Barn Quilt Painting” – Learn how to design and execute a 2'x2' barn quilt. Add a splash of color to your landscape with your own wonderful outdoor barn quilt.

AUGUST 6–8 – “Basketry – Materials & Techniques” – Explore a variety of materials & techniques in the world of making beautiful baskets. You will select the materials and basket that interests you to make.

AUGUST 12–14 – “Advanced Basketry” – This workshop will provide information on materials, techniques, and design for the experienced basket maker who wants to increase their skill and knowledge of this wonderful art form.

AUGUST 15–16 – “Veneer Without Fear” – You will learn using a step by step process how to use beautiful contrasting wood veneers of your choice to make your own Chess/Checker board. You will take home a play board to have some fun playing chess or checkers with family and friends.

OCTOBER 22 & 24 – “Barn Quilt Painting” – Learn how to design and execute a 2'x2' barn quilt. Add a splash of color to your landscape with your own wonderful outdoor barn quilt.

July 11th at 6pm
Storyteller Darci Tucker and Ice Cream Social at Church at the Old Oak
3898 Meadowdale Rd, Monterey, VA 24465



Join us for an evening where history comes to life. Converse with three women who lived through the American Revolution! Explore the issues and events that led to the Revolution, women's rights and roles in colonial America, women's contributions to the war efforts, and the importance of active citizenship.

Who is Darci? An historian, author, playwright, actress and storyteller. She portrays more than 20 women from American history, and performs in venues nationwide. She literally wrote the 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, was Founding Director of a character interpretation program at a Tennessee university, 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.

We are also pleased to have two special guests accompanying Darci. Paul Vosteen and Lance Pedigo!

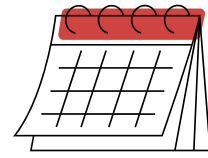
Paul joined the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums as a fifer in 1975 and worked his way up to the position of Drum Major for the Senior Corps. After leaving Williamsburg, he graduated from the Atlanta College of Art with a degree in Graphic Design. Paul has worked in graphics for both the public and private sector and is currently the Public Information & Multimedia Officer at Green Bank Observatory. When he is not writing press releases or creating astronomical art for science releases, he enjoys playing Irish music and attending sessions wherever he can find one.

Lance Pedigo got his start in his musical life as a young drummer in the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums. After graduating from the program, he continued his musical studies at James Madison University graduating with a major in music. After stints in New York, New Orleans and Hawaii performing in Broadway and music venues, Lance returned to Williamsburg, VA and took over leadership of the Colonial Williamsburg Fifes and Drums Corps for 25 years and manager of the Music Department at Colonial Williamsburg. As a corporate team builder, Lance has led events for Fortune 500 companies throughout North America and Europe. Lance continues to perform with local music ensembles as well as the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra.

We will have some chairs available, but we encourage you to bring your lawn chairs! Feel free to come early, bring a picnic and enjoy the incredible surroundings. Immediately following the performance join us for an ice cream social!



Upcoming Events!



July 30th at 7pm

Garth Newel Fellows
at The Highland Center
Free admission,
donations accepted



August 8th at 6pm

Kinnfolk at McCoy House
Garden
144 W Main St., Monterey
Free admission, donations
accepted



Highlands Community Orchestra Concert

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Garth Newel Music Center, 3 pm
The Highland Center, 7 pm
Free admission, donations accepted



**Elk River Ramblers at
*Hands & Harvest Festival***
Saturday, October 10, 2026
The Highland Center, TBD



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