

NEWSLETTER



Elk River Ramblers at Hands & Harvest Festival



The Elk River Ramblers are a dynamic string trio, presenting original arrangements and compositions of Appalachian Old-Time, Bluegrass, Celtic, Klezmer, Jazz, and Classic Rock.

The Elk River Ramblers were formed in 2009 by original members Alan Dutchess, Terry Richardson, and Paul Marganian. Originally they were an informal group playing mostly Old-Time Appalachian tunes on Thursday nights at their name-sake venue, The Elk River Restaurant. Over the years, and through many ups and downs, they have evolved into a group playing a wide, eclectic mix of musical genres. With three CD recordings to their name, they can be seen at various locations throughout the Mountain State.

The Elk River Ramblers currently are Seth Maynard on guitar and vocals, Galen Watts on 6-string electric bass and vocals, and Paul Marganian on fiddle, guitar, and vocals.

The Arts Council is proud to be a sponsor of the Hands & Harvest Festival, and to bring this great band to our community!

Saturday, October 10
3 p.m.

The Highland Center
61 Highland Center Dr.
Monterey

Regular Admission: \$10

- Students: \$5
- Ages 12 and under:
FREE!



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"The Road Less Travelled" exhibit



The Road Less Travelled

Paintings of Highland County
by Ginny Neil

September 23-November 13
Highland County Public Library

Reception
October 18, 2026 2:00-4:00

The beautiful artwork of talented local artist Ginny Neil can now be viewed at the Highland County Public Library in Monterey. Join her for a reception on October 18 from 2-4 p.m. 15% of sales will go to the Highland County Public Library. Ginny noted her thanks to the Arts Council for sponsoring exhibits and other arts events in Highland County.

Ginny shared her artist statement for the exhibit:

"Forty-three years ago, when I crossed Shenandoah Mountain into Highland County, I never imagined I would fall in love with a farm, a farmer, and a place set away from everything I had known. I grew up in the suburbs of Richmond, but Highland and I were made for each other.

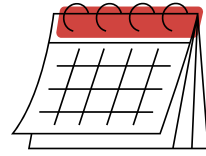
The road less travelled brought me to the place my heart didn't even know it wanted. Trying to capture its beauty with paints and paper can be maddening. How do you make a painting that shows quiet beauty, rugged individualism, and a heritage that stretches back generations?

These are some of my attempts to share something about the place that captured my heart. May they remind you of all the places that capture yours."

In addition to viewing her artwork at the library through November 13, you can also read three great children's books by Ginny. Visit her website www.ginnyneilwrites.com to learn more!



Upcoming Events



**Elk River Ramblers at
Hands & Harvest Festival**
Saturday, October 10, 2026
The Highland Center, 3 pm

Membership Meeting
featuring
Darci Tucker, storyteller
Saturday, November 14, 2026
The Highland Center, 7 pm



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



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