



Virginia Rain in September

A last minute cancellation by Adam McPeak and Mountain Thunder sent the Arts Council into overdrive. Thanks to the network of presenters the Council has formed over the last few years, it was able to get recommendations for a number of bands. However many of them were already booked. But there is a happy ending to this story.

A connection was made with Virginia Rain Band which graciously agreed to come to Monterey for the September Second Saturday on September 10 at 7 pm at the Highland Center.

Virginia Rain Band's home is Warrenton, Virginia, where it was formed in May of 2019. The four members of the band are known for their original songs and renderings of Country Music songs. According to the Band, the September 10 concert will be "family friendly."

Because of support from the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge and members of the Highland County Arts Council, admission to the concert will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for high school and college students. Children admitted for free.

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Make note

Our new email:
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Register Now for Fall Workshops

The Basketry Workshop was held in August and considered a success by all who participated. Several were asking by the end of the workshop, "What can we take next?" The answer was easy with two more great workshops planned for fall.

On September 17, Margie Fullerton will lead a workshop in Ecoprinting at the Monterey Presbyterian Pavilion. Students will learn the art of printing with botanical elements from their yards and woodlands. They will print on both paper and silk with finished projects to take home and proudly display.

On October 20 & 22, the popular Barn Quilt Painting workshop will be held at artist Margie Boesch's Barn Quilt studio in the Blue Grass Valley. Participants will learn the techniques and create a 2'x2' barn quilt to add wonderful color to their property.

Plan your next fall activity today by registering at highlandartsacademy.com



SECOND SATURDAY AT SEVEN FALL 2022 SEASON

VIRGINIA RAIN

September 10

Family-friendly country music

THE ORIGINAL RHONDELS

October 8

Premier party and dance band - a band with a big sound, and a great show

THE WAYNE TEEN IM PROV

November 12

Funny, teen improvisation from the Wayne Theatre in Waynesboro

GEOFFREY MARSH

December 10

Juggling, puppetry, magic, and more!

Musikgarten Returns to the Highland Children's House

The Highland County Arts Council believes “when art survives, communities thrive” and we were pleased to be able to sponsor Musikgarten for the Highland Children's House once again in 2022. Classes began in July and will extend into early October.

This program enabled our organization to reach an important component of the Highland art community – our children. When started early, art education and appreciation can become a lifelong interest.

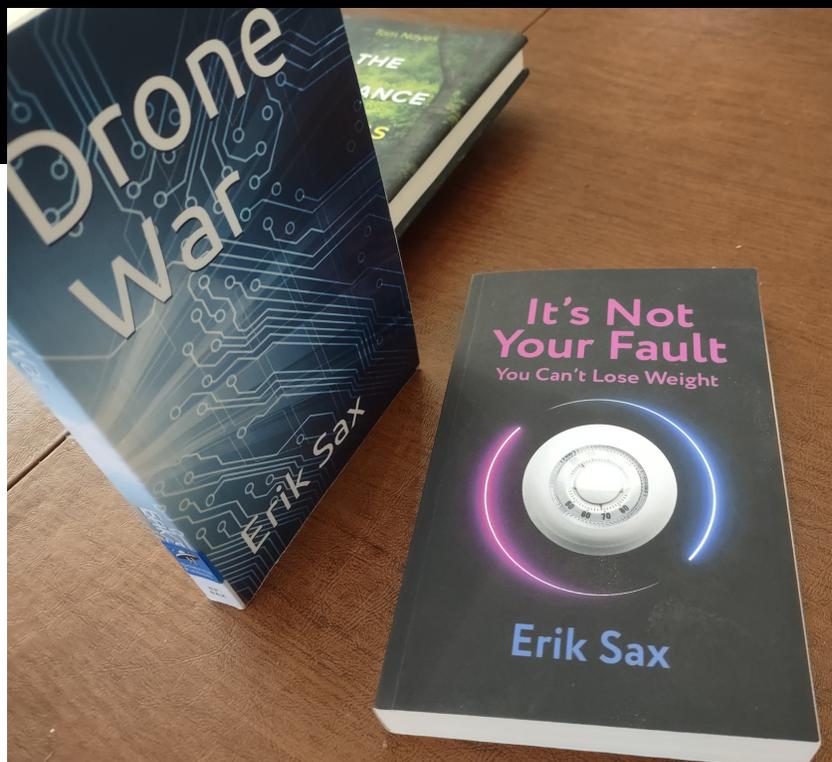
Our ability to sponsor Musikgarten is in large part due to your membership and continued support of the Arts Council. If you and your family are members, thank you for helping make this possible.



Local Author: ERIK SAX

"Begin at the beginning," the King said, very gravely, "and go on till you come to the end: then stop."

I was chastised as a child for staying up too late reading and that trend has continued into my adulthood. As a college student I was torn between being an English major and a Computer Science major. Computers won out, but I have always been drawn to writing and reading. When we moved to Highland full time, I was working in an intense start-up culture and needed a break from reality. When I took a hiatus with the company I decided it was the perfect time to get some of the stories down on paper. My first book, Drone War was self-published in 2018. My most recent book hit Amazon just this year.



There is a never ending list of outstanding stories that brew in my head. They are not outstanding in the sense that they are great; it's that they are not yet finished. Perhaps one will pique your interest. Send me your vote and encouragement!

1. A political comedy set in 2025 - Lindsay Graham is president and the “Cabrona-virus” in Mexico has unpredictable symptoms
2. A sci-fi version of “Where the Red Fern Grows.” Set 50 years in the future, small robots are charged with protecting children so they may roam freely.
3. A nascent offshoot of the “Perfectionists” move from Oneida to Hart Island. The story is of the thrilling eldritch horror that unfolds amid the island's long abandoned asylum, theme park, military installation and mass graves.
4. Bitcoin was created by anonymously using the alias Satoshi Nakamoto. Is the real “Satoshi” still in prison for murder?
5. What if “The Wizard of Oz” was a dream amid our world - hiding childhood trauma and a complex family story. Who is the bad guy of this story?
6. A fantasy in which the main character's magical ambitions arise from lucid dreaming

Thanks for checking out my book “It's Not Your Fault You Can't Lose Weight”, and leave a review on Amazon. The most recent review says “I have at least 50 books on obesity - this is by far the best,” which has me walking on air.



Thank You, Arts Council

The Highland Center offers sincere thanks to the Highland County Arts Council for their generous contribution to our 100th birthday celebration on Saturday, August 13th. The main attraction of the evening was a street dance featuring callers and live music by Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters. The band and callers were provided by the Arts Council as part of their 2nd Saturday at 7 series and were a gift to both The Highland Center and the community.

The Highland County Arts Council has been a wonderful partner and supporter of The Highland Center over the last twenty-five years. We recognize that The Highland Center exists and thrives today, in large part, because of that support. We look forward to continuing to work with the Highland County Arts Council and to offering more cultural events and community gatherings in the future.



Without the support of the following organizations, the Highland County Arts Council would not be able to provide the programming that is its hallmark.

The Virginia Commission for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts

The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge

The Little Swiss Fund

The Charles Pinckney Jones Foundation

Creativity Corner

A Few of Our Favorite Things



The current show in the Mountain View Room of HCPL is titled "A Few of Our Favorite Things". Members of the Highland County Arts Council Board selected Wall Art from their home and wrote a description about it to share with others. We all have our favorites and hope the show will remind everyone of their own.