

Hear Together Profiles Q3 2018:

The Humane Society Nelson County SPCA, Lovington, 4/4/18 – TFN. Since its inception 12 years ago, [The Humane Society Nelson County SPCA](#) has saved an upwards of 13,000 animals and maintained a 98% adoption rate. Nelson County is just one of a handful of no-kill counties in the state of Virginia, and although the SPCA operates with a small, part-time staff, the non-profit works hard to have animals locally adopted. Due to Nelson County's small population and the SPCA's limited resources, they also transfer animals to rescue groups and other no-kill shelters in higher-population areas throughout the Northeast. The Humane Society Nelson County SPCA depends solely on donations and has been able to thrive with the support of local businesses. Another important source of income comes from the SPCA Thrift Shop. They are always seeking volunteers to feed animals at the shelter, process donations at the thrift shop, and foster kittens and puppies. Listen to our Hear Together interview with board member Denise Merricks below, and visit [The Humane Society Nelson County SPCA's website](#) to learn about volunteer and fostering opportunities.

Southside Transformation Opportunities For Residents And Youth (STORY), Richmond, 3/28/1/ - TFN, [Southside Transformation Opportunities For Residents And Youth \(STORY\)](#) is a new non-profit created to help children from low-income backgrounds in the Tri-Cities area. Because the region's high school dropout rate is high, STORY's primary mission is to provide tutoring and other educational resources to get students to a level where they can be successful at school. STORY offers an afterschool program from Monday through Thursday every week, which gives children a safe space to do their homework, with specific focus on math and reading. STORY also offers mentorship programs every other Saturday, pairing children with Virginia State University students. Learn more at storyva.org.

Rockbridge County SPCA, Lexington, VA (4/27/18 – TFN) WNRN staff interviewed Executive Director, Tara Rodi, about their rescue of animals and how to find their list of adoptable pets.

Fountain Fund, Charlottesville, Many individuals released from incarceration face mounting debt due to court-imposed fees. If they do not repay their court costs within a designated amount of time, the penalties range from revoked parole to suspended driving privileges. Without the ability to drive, it can be hard to find transportation to work, therefore hindering their ability to earn the money to pay off their debts. A felony conviction also presents a significant barrier to obtaining gainful employment. These financial barriers make it extremely difficult for people to successfully reenter communities upon release from periods of incarceration. The Fountain Fund established in Charlottesville in 2016 offers low-interest loans to formerly incarcerated citizens along with financial counseling and referrals to other area resources. Loan funds may be used to repay fees, costs, restitution and other court-imposed obligations, purchase job-related clothing and equipment, or provide start-up funding for small businesses. To date, The Fountain Fund has helped over 200 people in our community and given out 31 loans amounting to \$75,000. Their hope is to better understand the problems facing their client population and to use their work to eventually evoke policy change. We spoke with Fountain Fund Director Nicole Snyder. Hear Together provides a link to hear an extended cut of Ms. Snyder discussing the impact of the organization on one of their very first clients.

LEAP, Charlottesville, The Local Energy Alliance Program (also known as LEAP) provides energy efficient solutions for homeowners in Charlottesville and Albemarle. One of the services they provide is a Home Energy Checkup, which is used to identify how homes use energy and to pinpoint any safety issues and areas in need of improvement. After the assessment, LEAP draws up a report with the list of to-dos, categorized by priority and tailored to each individual homeowner's goals. For this Hear Together segment, we joined Technical Director Wilson Ratliff for one of LEAP's in-home energy checkups. Listen to our profile below and find out more about LEAP on their website.

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, 6/5/18 – 9/1/18, Spanning over 50 acres of cultivated gardens, the [Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden](#) in Richmond has worked to connect people through plants since 1984. Open year-round, they offer a variety of themed landscapes ranging from a rose garden and a meditation garden to a community kitchen garden, along with accompanying programming. A popular field trip destination for local schools, they are also known for their Butterflies Live exhibition located in their expansive conservatory. We spoke with Lewis Ginter's Director of Education and Exhibitions, Kristin Thoromon.

Vector Space, Lynchburg, 6/17/18, Two years ago, Elise Spontarelli and her husband founded Vector Space, a nonprofit makerspace in Lynchburg. They offer classes for high school students and adults. With 8,000 sq. ft. of shared workshops, Vector Space features a textile center, an electronics lab, woodworking and metal-working areas, 3D printers, laser cutters and more. In addition to classes and workshops, Vector Space also offers membership options for the community, giving members 24/7 access to the space. Listen below as Spontarelli gives us a tour of the space for this Hear Together profile.

Building Bridges, Lynchburg, 6/18/18, Building Bridges is a nonprofit in Lynchburg that has been connecting children ages 9-19 to the arts since 2015. With a team of volunteers and instructors, they work with at-risk and underprivileged students who may not have otherwise had access to performing arts programming. As their name suggests, collaboration is key for Building Bridges, which has partnered with other area nonprofits like the Boys and Girls Club, the Academy Center for the Arts, and the YMCA to provide year-round programming. Their programming isn't just limited to theater – they have instructors in dance, creative writing, spoken word, poetry, and movement – and their projects tend to cultivate a combination of skillsets. We spoke with Coordinator Janice Benejan for our Hear Together on Building Bridges. Listen at the audio link below.

Kid's Haven, Lynchburg, 6/27/18 - , One in seven American children lose a parent before the age of 20. Founded in 1998, Kids' Haven is a community-based organization in Lynchburg that serves the unique needs of grieving children and their families through support and education. They strive to provide access to free grief support, and their programming takes many forms. They host group nights that begin with a shared meal followed by peer group breakouts for both children and caregivers. Family nights are another option: Open to current and past participants and families, they involve larger group activities. Kids' Haven also has grief support groups in area schools, which offer support during the school day. We spoke with Program Director Ginna Haske for this Hear Together segment. Listen at the audio link below and find out more information on [their website](#).

Enrichmond Treelab, Richmond. [7/20-]The Enrichmond Treelab is a nonprofit greenhouse that grows trees and plants in the city of Richmond. In March of 2017, they started growing 800 native trees from the State Forestry Department. Now, they're up to 1200 trees, 200 shrubs and close to 1000 perennials. Their goal is to use most of these trees to replace street trees throughout Richmond. An urban heat island effect is taking place in areas devoid of trees throughout the city, so they hope to cultivate community involvement and work with the City Forestry Department to get trees planted in those neighborhoods. Plants have to grow for 3-5 years before they can be transplanted, so in the meantime, Treelab acts as a supplier, partnering with area nonprofits to offer trees and perennials at a wholesale price. Businesses and even homeowners can purchase from them, too. Treelab applies these profits to their production, continuing efforts to cultivate mature trees for parks and street wells. WNRN spoke with Treelab Manager Aaron McFarland

Anne Spencer Museum, Lynchburg. [7/30-]When you think about the cultural and artistic movement known as the Harlem Renaissance, the town of Lynchburg, VA, doesn't immediately come to mind. But it turns out, the Harlem Renaissance has roots in our own backyard, which are being celebrated today at the Anne Spencer House and Garden Museum. A Virginia Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, the Queen-Anne style house on Pierce St. belonged to poet, activist, and teacher Anne Spencer, who became associated with the Harlem Renaissance through NAACP Field Secretary James Weldon Johnson. He visited Spencer's home around 1918 to help establish a Lynchburg chapter, and after finding some of her poems on the dining room table, encouraged her to publish. The house became a gathering place for some of history's most important figures: Booker T. Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., and Thurgood Marshall, to name a few. Nowadays, Anne's granddaughter, Shaun Spencer Hester, is the museum's curator. She gives tours and seasonally changes room displays, staying true to Spencer and her husband, Edward. Every item in the house is theirs – from the products in the medicine cabinet to the slip covers in the living room. The structure of the house is original, too – crafted by Edward out of found objects, like the standout red leather doors in the kitchen that came from a demolished African American movie theater in town. Anne was also an avid gardener, and her backyard garden was restored in 1983 – brought to life with perennials, roses, pergolas, a pond, and the cottage where she spent time writing. Although Anne's papers are held in the Special Collections Library at the University of Virginia, WNRN interviewed with Shaun Spencer Hester.

Embrace Richmond, Richmond. [8/6-] Embrace Richmond is a nonprofit that's been serving neighborhoods in Richmond since 2005. Their motto is "to strengthen communities from the inside out," by building on the abilities and strengths of the residents themselves. WNRN interviewed founder and director, Wendy McCaig.

VA Women's Monument Commission, Richmond. [8/6-]The Virginia General Assembly established the Women's Monument Commission in 2010. In partnership with the Virginia Capitol Foundation, the Commission is planning a first-of-its-kind monument on Capitol Square in Richmond that honors and commemorates the accomplishments and contributions of four centuries of Virginia women to our Commonwealth and our nation's history. The architect's winning design calls for 12 ground-level statues arranged in an elliptical-shaped plaza. Sandra Treadway is the Librarian of Virginia and serves on the Commission's Executive Committee. When choosing the 12 honorees, she says, the Commission wanted to strike a geographical, chronological, and occupational balance — and to ensure that the women reflected the diversity of our population. Ultimately, they decided on 12 women who are mostly absent from history books. It was their goal, Treadway explains, to honor women who had done important things, but who had never been publicly recognized. Ideally, the Commission would like to dedicate the

monument in October of 2019, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first large group of women to Virginia to settle the colony. WNRN interviewed Sandra Treadway.

Miller Home for Girls, Lynchburg, (8/13-) The Miller Home for Girls is a residential home in Lynchburg that's served as a safe place for young girls to live since 1875. Their tag line is "changing lives one girl at a time" and to date, they've cared for more than 1000 girls. Licensed by the Department of Social Services, the Miller Home can house anywhere from 8-10 girls at one time, and the average age of placement is around 12 or 13 years old. Most placements come from all over the state of Virginia, although they accept out of state placements, too. We spoke with Executive Director Stacy Garrett for this Hear Together profile.

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, Lynchburg, (8/20-) For over 65 years, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah in Lynchburg has been engaging children, families, and the greater Lynchburg community in meaningful outdoor experiences. The day camp offers activities ranging from swimming, archery, fishing, and zip-lining to low ropes courses and arts and crafts. Outside of their day camp sessions, Executive Director Tasha Gillum says the Camp is hoping to make their 44 acres a gathering place for Lynchburg residents. In fact, the camp has a storied legacy of community-building and inclusion; their onsite pool was the first integrated pool in Lynchburg. Lynchburg resident Larry Farmer was the naturalist at Camp Kum-Ba-Yah from the mid-50s until 1985. In addition to leading nature hikes and documenting the Camp's wildlife and animal population, he recalls working at Lodge of the Fishermen, a nonprofit cafe near the camp's entrance that's now known as [Common Ground](#). We spoke with Gillum and Farmer for this Hear Together profile.

Community Connections Q3 2018:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Glen Allen, 7/1-9/13/18, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond invites you to join them on Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. for Flowers After 5, their summer concert series, on the lawn at historic Bloemendaal House. Guests are invited to bring their blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy live music from regional musicians showcasing a range of styles and cultures. This family friendly event features food, drink, and children's activities. For more information, you can visit lewisginter.org

Local Energy Alliance Program, Charlottesville, 5/17/18-9/30/18, The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) empowers central Virginia homeowners with energy efficiency solutions. Starting in July, LEAP will offer Project Management, a streamlined path for homeowners to complete energy upgrades in Charlottesville and Albemarle. After an initial Home Energy Check-Up, a LEAP Energy Advisor will act as your single point of contact throughout the process, minimizing the uncertainty and inconvenience of dealing with multiple contractors directly. For more information and to get started with a Home Energy Check-UP, it's leap-va.org.

Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, Lynchburg, 5/10/18-7/13/18, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah in Lynchburg has registration open for this summer for ages 5-13, free programs called Young Buds for your younger children, and a new Keeper of the Woods program. What's keeper of the woods? They have over 40 acres and a new Kinderwoods play space that they would love to share with you! Camp sessions from June to August are still available. For more information you can visit their website, campkumbayah.org

Young Women's Christian Association, Richmond, 5/30/18-9/1/18, If you or someone you know is in crisis due to sexual violence, the emergency departments at VCU Medical Center or any Bon Secours hospital is a safe place where a hospital accompaniment advocate from YWCA Richmond can meet you. Advocates start by believing survivors, and empowering them to feel safe. They connect survivors to resources that can help them gain control of their lives. They also support survivors as they navigate collecting forensic evidence, making police reports, and deciding what services they need after they leave the hospital. To find out more about Domestic and Sexual Violence resources, you can call the Greater Richmond Regional Hotline at [804-612-6126](tel:804-612-6126) and learn more at ywcarichmond.org/violence/

Commonwealth Community Trust , Richmond, 5/30/18-9/1/18, Commonwealth Community Trust is a nonprofit organization established in 1990 that serves clients nationwide. Their mission is to administer pooled special needs trusts so that people with special needs and their loved ones can plan for their financial future. They provide a cost-effective and convenient way to set aside and preserve funds that will be used to enrich the quality of life for individuals with special needs. A Pooled Special Needs Trust protects eligibility for Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income and ensures that the funds are used for the sole benefit of the Beneficiary for a variety of items such as medical or dental expenses not covered by insurance, caregiver services, adaptive technology, home renovations, clothing, and much more. For more information, you can visit trustCCT.org

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Kinderwoods play space that they would love to share with you. Camp sessions from June to August are still available. For more information, you can visit their website.

First Tee, Charlottesville, 6/3/18-7/16/18, The First Tee of the Virginia Blue Ridge invites you to take in the views of the Blue Ridge Mountains while playing a round of golf at either historic Farmington or Keswick on Monday, July 16th. You can entertain clients, reward employees, or just bring friends and enjoy an afternoon of golf followed by a cocktail reception and awards ceremony. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards providing program scholarships so more youth have an opportunity to learn life skills, character development, and life-enhancing values like as integrity, judgment, and perseverance. For more information, you can email info@thefirstteevbr.org

Girl Scouts of the Virginia Skyline, Salem/Charlottesville, 6/3/18-8/4/18, The Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council is holding their annual Over the Edge event on Saturday, August 4th . Feeling brave? You're invited to join them as an "edger" and rappel nine stories down the Omni Hotel in downtown Charlottesville. If high adventure isn't your thing, you're still welcome to join them to cheer on other edgers and participate in other planned activities. Proceeds from Over the Edge support Girl Scout opportunities across their 36-county council. You can learn more and sign up www.gsvsc.org/en/events/over-the-edge.html

Blue Ridge Irish Music School, Charlottesville, 6/17/18 – 8/3/18, The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) is dedicated to creating community through Irish music and dance and offers classes for all ages and skill levels. They are hosting a summer day camp August 6th-10th for ages 5-14. At BRIMS Summer Camp, kids participate in activities including Irish music, dance, song, drama, crafts and more. No previous experience is needed and all levels are welcome. For more information, you can visit brimstunes.org

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Richmond, 6/17/18-7/14/18, The JDRF Central Virginia Young Leadership Committee works every day to change the reality of Type 1 Diabetes for millions of people by funding research, advocating for government support of research, ensuring new therapies come to market, and connecting and engaging the T1D community. They invite you to join them for their Brew A Cure event on July 14th from 1 p.m. – 10 p.m. at Garden Grove Brewing and Winery in Carytown. There will be live music, raffle prizes, drinks and food. Proceeds will go towards JDRF's vision of a world without Type 1 diabetes. For more information, you can visit their Facebook page.

Court Appointed Special Advocates, Richmond, 6/17/18-9/13/18, Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates, also known as CASA, is in need of volunteers to serve children in our community. CASAs are everyday citizens appointed by judges to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. You could make a difference in a child's life. Richmond CASA is a program of Greater Richmond Stop Child Abuse Now. To learn more, you can visit grscan.com/casa.

Richmond Symphony, Richmond, 6/17/18-8/16/18, The Richmond Symphony is hosting their annual summer recital series beginning on Thursday, July 12th, with the final concert being held on Thursday, August 16th. This year's theme, Stories in Music: The World of Robert Schumann, exposes the intrigue

and complexity of German composer Robert Schumann. For single tickets and subscriptions for this series, you can visit richmondsymphony.com

Virginia Repertory Theatre, Richmond, 6/17/18-8/11/18, The Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond is presenting their children's show, *Knuffle Bunny*, July 13th – Aug 12th at their Children's Theatre in the Shops at Willow Lawn. The show is based on the Caldecott Medal-winning picture book. It runs one hour and is set for children ages 4 and older, and their families. For more information, you can visit Virginiarep.org or call the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

Rockfish Valley Community Center, Nelson, 6/17/18-7/21/18, The Rockfish Valley Community Center in Nelson County is hosting their 4th Annual SK8 Nelson, a skateboarding fundraiser, from 4-9 PM on Saturday, July 21st. They invite you to join them at the Rockfish Valley Community Center on Rte. 151 in Nellysford for food and drinks from Blue Mountain Brewery, Bold Rock Cider, Cardinal Point winery, Blue Ridge Bucha, and Trager Brothers coffee. Plus, live music from Shagwuf, The Blndrs, and more. The skate jam session starts at 4 PM and there will be a best trick competition from 6-8 PM. All proceeds go toward the costs of keeping and maintaining Nelson's only skate park on RVCC's grounds. For more information, you can visit rockfishcc.org, SK8 Nelson's Facebook page, or call 434-361-0100.

Montpelier, Orange, 6/18/18-8/10/18, This summer, Montpelier invites you to visit and experience history with your family and friends. They have family-friendly tours, eight miles of walking trails, a hands-on archaeology lab, public archaeology expeditions, a variety of walking tours around the property, "The Mere Distinction of Colour" exhibition, galleries, the Exchange Cafe, the Gilmore Cabin, and more.

Wildrock, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-8/31/18, Wildrock is a nature playscape and discovery center located a scenic drive outside of Charlottesville in northwest Albemarle County. They invite families to explore their pristine stream, hide out in their playhouses, climb on their giant salamander and relax in sight of the Blue Ridge foothills. They're excited to offer expanded summer hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, in addition to their weekend openings. You can visit wildrock.org to learn more.

Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-7/13/18, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library invites you to their job fair on Friday, July 13th from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Northside Library at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 p.m. for a Job Interviewing Techniques workshop. This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration is required.

Literacy Volunteers, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-8/11/18, Literacy Volunteers' mission is to help individuals become better workers, consumers, neighbors, citizens and parents through one-to-one tutoring. In the last five years, their student enrollment has increased by 94%. To keep up with the demand for their services, they are urgently seeking volunteers to tutor adults in reading, writing, or speaking English. Their students come from a variety of backgrounds, and they are hoping to acquire the skills they need to independently pursue life goals, support their families, and contribute to their communities. You can

help students achieve their goals by registering for their upcoming New Tutor Training on Saturday, August 11 from 9:30am to 4:00pm. To register, you can call 434-977-38-38 or visit literacyforall.org for more information.

Charlottesville Municipal Band, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-7/17/18, The Charlottesville Municipal Band has been the soundtrack of the community since 1922 and they invite you to join them for their concert on Tuesday, July 31st at 7:30 pm at the Paramount Theater on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. The program will include classics, patriotic favorites, jazz, pop and show tunes with guest trombonist Jason Dech. There will be a musical instrument petting zoo for the youngsters beginning at 7:00 pm.

Front Porch, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-7/10/18 The Front Porch, a roots music school in downtown Charlottesville, is hosting the 4th annual Tuesday Tunes in partnership with James Monroe's Highland. The second sunset concert of this three-part series will take place on Tuesday, July 10th from 6-9 PM, and will feature the bluegrass band Meadow Mountain. They invite you to bring your family out to the home of President James Monroe with a blanket and chairs to enjoy music from Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region. For more information, you can visit frontporchville.org.

Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of UVA, Charlottesville, 6/18/18-7/19/18, The Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection of UVA is the only museum dedicated to Australian Aboriginal art outside of Australia. They're presenting their 6th annual summer concert series called Night at the Museum on the third Thursday of each month this summer. They invite you to join them for live music, local beer wine and cider, a food truck rally, and two exhibitions of contemporary Indigenous Australian art. On July 19th, they're hosting the local band We Are Star Children, beer from Hardywood Park, Bold Rock cider and wine from Ankida Ridge Winery.

Virginia Repertory Theatre, Richmond, 6/18/18-8/25/18, The Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond is presenting the show, Crimes of the Heart, at the Hanover Tavern July 20th – Aug 26th. Three sisters reunite in this Southern Gothic comedy to escape their past, yet their present reality offers hilarious and troublesome obstacles along the way. You can eat a meal or enjoy a beverage in the Hanover Tavern before the show. For more information, you can visit virginiarep.org or call the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

Charlottesville Climate Collaborative, Charlottesville, 7/2/18–10/1/18, The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative is running the third Better Business Challenge, which is a friendly year-long competition to help businesses, nonprofits, schools, and congregations save energy, adopt solar power, innovate, and demonstrate their commitment to the environment! Participating organizations have until May of 2019 to take action and gain points. For more information, you can visit cvillebizchallenge.org

Wild VA, Charlottesville, 6/28/18 – 7/29/18, Wild Virginia is co-hosting a Live Webinar with Appalachian Voices on Monday, July 30th, from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Staunton Public Library. They invite you to join them to learn how to detect and report water quality impacts from natural gas pipelines. Attendees will learn to identify, document and report pollution incidents associated with large-scale pipeline development, along with erosion control practices used in pipeline development, pollution to look for,

and how to best document problems. Snacks will be provided. The Live Webinar is part of the Virginia Pipeline Visual Assessment Program developed by Trout Unlimited and West Virginia River's Coalition. You can visit wildvirginia.org to RSVP.

Enrichmond, Richmond, 6/27/18-7/27/18 The Enrichmond Foundation presents the first annual Kickback Fridays at Kanawha Plaza, happening every Friday in July from 5 to 8 p.m. They invite you to join them after work in the Plaza for live music, beer, and food trucks. Proceeds from these events will go towards the Enrichmond Foundation's mission of supporting Richmond's people, parks and public spaces. You can learn more on [their Facebook page](#) or at enrichmond.org/events.

Second St Gallery, Charlottesville, 7/2/18-7/27/18, In collaboration with the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Museum, Second Street Gallery is presenting *Ngerringkrrety: One Voice, Many Stories* featuring vibrant paintings by Regina Pilawuk Wilson. Wilson won Australia's most prestigious Indigenous painting prize and her work has since been collected by the National Gallery of Australia and the British Museum. Wilson drew inspiration for *Ngerringkrrety: One Voice, Many Stories* from the traditional weaving practices of her people. The exhibition is on view at Second Street Gallery on the downtown mall in Charlottesville through July 27th. For more information, you can visit secondstreetgallery.org.

Piedmont Housing Alliance, Charlottesville, 7/2/18-8/14/18, Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. If you are thinking about buying your first home, they invite you to join their VHDA Homebuyer Classes this August at their office at [682 Berkmar Circle](#) in Charlottesville. They have a two-part evening class on August 7th and 14th. Their class will teach you how to get started and what steps to take on your path to homeownership. For more information or to register, you can visit piedmonthousingalliance.org or you may call their office at 434-817-2436.

Charlottesville Municipal Band, Charlottesville, 7/18-8/14, The Charlottesville Municipal Band has been the soundtrack of the community since 1922 and they invite you to join them for the final concert of their 96th Summer Concert Season – Farewell to Summer -- on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 pm at the Paramount Theater on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. The program will include classics, patriotic favorites, jazz, pop and show tunes, and feature guest artists the C'ville Singers and strings from the Front Porch Roots Music School. The program will include classics, patriotic favorites, jazz, pop and show tunes with guest trombonist Jason Dech. There will be a musical instrument petting zoo for the youngsters beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information, you can visit their website [here](#), [like them on Facebook](#) and [follow them on Twitter](#).

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Enrichmond, Richmond, 7/18-8/9, The Enrichmond Foundation is hosting a pop-up farmers market on Thursday, August 9th, from 4-7 p.m. at the 17th Street Market in downtown Richmond. They invite you to celebrate National Farmers Market Week with over 20 vendors, including local farmers, artisans, live music, and more. For more information, you can find us on the [17th Street Farmers Market Facebook page](#) or at [enrichmond dot org](#).

Wild VA, Charlottesville, 7/18-8/6, Chris Burkett Talk Wild Virginia invites you to join them on Tuesday, August 7th, for a talk by Chris Burkett, the Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He will discuss the agency's efforts to protect species from becoming endangered, Virginia's second Wildlife Action Plan, and collaboration opportunities on conservation projects that will benefit both wildlife and people. The discussion will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Ivy Creek Foundation. For more information, you can visit [wildvirginia.org](#) to RSVP.

UVA Child Development Lab, Charlottesville, 7/18-10/31, The University of Virginia Child Development Labs are a group of developmental psychology laboratories that study how children think and learn about the world around them. They would like your help with their research. They are looking for children between birth and 12 years of age to participate in quick studies. Studies typically involve activities like reading a story, playing a game, or watching a video, and children get to take home a small prize for participating. Their research depends on families in the community, so they invite you to volunteer with your child and contribute to science. For additional information, you can visit their website [childdevelopmentlabs.org](#).

Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue, Afton, 7/18-8/17, Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue has been rescuing horses and donkeys throughout Virginia for ten years. They invite you to join them on Saturday, August 18th, from 6:30-10:30 PM to recognize their 10th Anniversary. You can enjoy catered hors d'ouvres, a silent auction and raffle, and meeting their special equine guests! Hope's Legacy's Anniversary Party will be held at the Barn at Turkey Ridge, just south of Charlottesville. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward their permanent home in Albemarle County. You can find ticket information on their website, [hopeslegacy.com](#).

Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 7/18-8/1, The Northside Library invites families and children of all ages to learn about the Multicultural Roots of Rock and Rap with Young Audiences of Virginia artist Curtis Blues on Thursday, August 2nd at 4 PM at 705 Rio Road West in Charlottesville. Did you know that the American banjo comes from Mali, the guitar from Spain, or that many percussion rhythms come from Cuba and South America? Curtis Blues will bring history to life by playing instruments from all over the world and exploring how that history still influences the music we listen to today. There is no registration required for this family-friendly event.

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truck rally, and two exhibitions of contemporary Indigenous Australian art. On August 16th, they're hosting the local band Adar, beer from Devil's Backbone Brewery, Bold Rock cider and wine from Stone Mountain Winery. You can learn more kluge-ruhe.org

Cville Sing Out, Charlottesville, 7/27/18-8/11/18, The C'ville Sing Out is taking place on the afternoon of August 12th in Charlottesville. They invite you and your entire family to come to this pop-up, sing along event -- no experience required. They'll meet at Mt. Zion First African Baptist Church on Lankford Avenue at 2 pm for a rehearsal of three songs, followed at 4 pm by the sing-along performance across the street at IX Art Park. With accompaniment by local musicians, they will all be singing Leonard Cohen's "Halleluja," led by Terri Allard, John Legend's "Glory," led by rapper J-Wills, and local songwriter Evelyn Carter's "Charlottesville." The Children's Choir of Central Virginia will lead for "We Are The World." Stephan Said will perform his new single, "We the People." You can learn more online and register at cillesingout.org.

CROP Hunger Walk, Richmond, 7/28/18-8/24/18 Ending hunger means responding with compassion and long-term sustainable approaches. The 48th annual Richmond CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, September 16th at Ginter Park United Methodist Church. The route will go through the Bellevue and Ginter Park neighborhoods and a portion of the funds will support three agencies fighting hunger locally: Shalom Farms, CARITAS and Senior Connections. For more information, you can visit crophungerwalk.org/richmondva.

Childsavers, Richmond, 7/26/18-8/24/18, ChildSavers is a nonprofit organization in Richmond that believes all children deserve access to trauma-informed mental health services and quality early care. They invite you to join them at The Veil Brewing's Forever Summer Fest on Saturday, August 25th for one of three ticketed sessions running from 11 AM to 9 PM. This 3rd annual charity event is being held at the Virginia War Memorial and features funky, wild, and sour beers from craft brewers from around the country! All proceeds go to support their programs helping children, throughout Central Virginia, be safe, happy, healthy, and ready to learn. You can learn more about ChildSavers' mission, ways to get involved, and Forever Summer Fest by visiting ChildSavers.org or following them on Facebook.

Building Goodness, Charlottesville, 8/2/18-9/13/18 The Building Goodness Foundation, a Charlottesville-based nonprofit providing construction services in Central Virginia, is hosting their annual Volunteer Celebration on Friday, September 14th, from 5-7 PM at the Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center in Darden Towe Park in Charlottesville. They will have catering from A Taste of Home Southern Cuisine, and outdoor/indoor space for the whole family. They invite you to join them on Friday, September 14th, as they celebrate the non-profit construction work BGF volunteers are doing in Haiti, Central America and in Charlottesville.

JABA, Charlottesville, 7/24/18-10/31/18, The Jefferson Area Board for Aging, also known as JABA, could not have the impact it does without the work of volunteers. Their insurance counselors help people navigate Medicare during open enrollment. Their Volunteer Ombudsmen serve to ensure residents' rights in nursing or assisted living facilities and help residents with problems they are unable to resolve

alone. JABA's neighbor-to-neighbor volunteers help seniors live safely and successfully in their home by providing socialization, transportation or shopping assistance. Dementia visiting volunteers engage with a person with dementia in their home while providing respite for the family caregiver. For more information about these or other volunteer opportunities with JABA, you can go to their website jabacares.org or call 434-817-5222.

Computer for Kids, Charlottesville, 8/1-8/23, Computers for Kids, also known as C4K, believes that all youth should have the 21st-century skills necessary to be competitive in college & future careers. At C4K, local youth from low-income households are connected with caring mentors. Youth and mentors work shoulder-to-shoulder to collaborate, problem-solve, have fun & gain important tech and life skills. On August 24th, from 5-7 pm, they are hosting their third Annual Showcase celebration, C4K Live, at IX Art Park! They invite you to celebrate youth innovation and bring your entire family out to meet our city's future leaders and see their rockets, robots, coded websites, drones, musical beats, virtual reality, 3D prints, interactive kinetic Art, 3D modeling and more! For more information, you can visit computers4kids.net

Rockbridge Area Hospice, Buena Vista, 8/2-9/14, Rockbridge Area Hospice is hosting the 21st annual Hospice Hustle on September 15th and invite you to join them at Camden Field in Buena Vista for a half marathon mountain run up to the Blue Ridge Parkway, or a 5k walk/run along the Maury River and downtown Buena Vista. The routes are sanctioned by the USATF and pre-registered participants will receive a t-shirt as part of their race packet. Post-race activities include pizza and beer provided by Dominos and Devils Backbone Brewing company. All proceeds from the event go to support the Good Neighbor Fund for Rockbridge Area Hospice patients and families. For more information, you can visit hospicehustle.org.

Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, 8/1-11/1, Second Street Gallery's mission is to enliven Virginia through access to contemporary art — and to inspire new ways of thinking, seeing, and doing. Second Street Gallery promotes contemporary artists by presenting their work in a professional gallery and encourages an appreciation of contemporary art and culture through public education. They invite you to join them for one of their exhibitions, lectures, workshops, classes or tours! They are located at 115 Second Street Southeast on the ground floor of the LiveArts Building on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. For information about upcoming exhibitions and events, you can visit secondstreetgallery.org.

Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 8/1-8/14, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library invites you to their job fair on Wednesday, August 15th, from 2-5 PM at the Northside Library located at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 PM for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration is required.

The Montanova Stables Foundation, Keswick, 7/18-8/19/18, The Montanova Stables Foundation is a nonprofit organization that partners with family support staff and social workers to identify students who would benefit from their after school and summer horsemanship programs. Students learn valuable life lessons and build confidence through horsemanship and hard work on a tranquil 50 acre farm in Keswick. They invite you to their farm on Sunday, August 19th, for a schooling hunter horse show to support their work and showcase the students' progress. This family-friendly event begins at 8:30 AM and runs through the afternoon. You can visit montanovastables.org for more information, including a full prize list.

Building Goodness, Charlottesville, 7/1-8/18, The Building Goodness Foundation is a Charlottesville-based nonprofit providing construction services in Central Virginia. They have partnered with more than 45 local nonprofits to make sure their programs can be held in safe and sustainable buildings for years to come. They are always looking for skilled volunteers in our area to help design, build and manage projects. You can learn more on their website [here](#).

The Alyssa House, Charlottesville, 8/8-11/9, The Alyssa House provides free housing and care to children receiving medical treatment at UVA Children's Hospital. Under a joint plan of work with Virginia Organizing, The Alyssa House offers a private home in Charlottesville that is suited for families with immunocompromised children undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from major organ transplants. They rely on community support to keep their doors open and their services free. Volunteers help care for families and maintain the facility. You can learn more at TheAlyssaHouse.org

The Bridge Line, Charlottesville, 8/9-10/6, The Bridge Line is hosting their second annual dance event, BridgeLine Boogie, on Saturday October 6th, from 6-10 p.m. at the Carver Rec Center in Charlottesville. They'll have live music from Erin and the Wildfire, 180 and ACME Swing Manufacturing Company, a silent auction and more. Proceeds from this event go to their direct services for people with brain injuries. Bridgeline.org for more information.

Richmond Symphony, Richmond, 8/15/18-9/7/18, The Richmond Symphony is hosting the Northside Big Tent Community Festival: In Tune With the Northside, Celebrating Its History and People. This outdoor festival is open to the public and will be held in Bryan Park on Saturday, September 8th. They welcome you to bring your whole family to enjoy music, arts and crafts, and food trucks. Music will begin at noon and last until 9 p.m. with performances by Triple Crossing Jazz Project, The Neons, VibeHouse, The Richmond Symphony, and more. For more information, you can visit richmondsymphony.com.

Embrace Richmond, Richmond, 8/15/18-11/15/18, Embrace Richmond is offering asset-based community development trainings around the Greater Richmond region this fall and winter. They welcome you to learn about the gifts, talents and abilities of neighborhood residents in a way that leads to lasting community-driven transformation. They believe that community-based organizations, youth development organizations, congregations and government agencies all play a role in community transformation. They have customized their trainings for each of these stakeholders and seek to bring about multi-sector collaboration through their efforts. Their aim is to assist participants by providing information on how to grow healthy, vibrant communities from the inside out. For more information

and to view their full training calendar, you can visit embracerichmond.org or contact heather@embracerichmond.org.

Cameron K Gallagher Foundation, Richmond, 8/15/18-9/7/18, The Cameron K. Gallagher Foundation welcomes you to the Dominion Payroll SpeakUp5k presented by Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. This 5k run/walk will take place on Saturday, September 8th at Byrd Park and includes food, music, and family-friendly activities. If you can't make it to Richmond that morning, you can participate in their virtual run. As a virtual participant, they will mail you a race shirt and bib, and you can run or walk from wherever you are located that day. Together, you will help raise awareness of teenage depression and anxiety all across the nation. Proceeds from this race fund their programming for teens and help us fulfill our mission to end the stigma associated with teen depression and anxiety. For more information, you can visit speakup5k.com/Richmond.

Studio Two Three Factory, Richmond, 8/15/18-9/20/18, Studio Two Three in Richmond is a nonprofit that gives people the space, tools and classes to find that thing they love and make it. They are hosting The Factory, their Warhol-themed art auction, on September 21st. This live and silent auction features 50 local and nationally-known artists; A horse suit; and Warhol's galore. Proceeds from The Factory make the magic of Studio Two Three possible. For more information you visit studiotwothree.org.

Health Brigade, Richmond, 8/15/18-11/15/18, For close to 50 years, Fan Free Clinic provided health care to those in need in the Richmond area. As an extension of that legacy, Fan Free Clinic became Health Brigade in 2016. They are still here serving the Richmond community. Health is what they do. Brigade — like the bucket brigades of old — is how they do it; One team working together for the common good. You can find out more about Health Brigade by visiting their website, healthbrigade.org.

VCU Massey Cancer Center, Richmond, 8/15/18-9/20/18, The Massey Alliance is hosting their 9th Annual Massey on the River on Friday, September 21st on Mayo Island in Richmond. The party features all-you-can-eat-bbq, local craft beer, wine and non alcoholic beverages, a silent auction and music all night from Three Sheets to the Wind. Proceeds from the event support cancer research at the VCU Massey Cancer Center. For more information, you can visit masseyontheriver.org.

Wild Virginia, Richmond, 8/13/18-9/3/18, Wild Virginia is hosting a Stream Ecology Outing with Conservation Director David Sligh on Sunday, September 9th. They'll visit stream locations and show you the basics on how to assess water health through sampling bugs that live on the bottom of streams. You don't need any experience or expertise but can pick up important insights on how aquatic ecosystems work. The water should still be plenty warm for wading, so you can bring your water shoes — along with a lunch, sunscreen, & bug spray. If you're interested in planning hikes like these, you can join them for their monthly outings and education meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 4th at the Starr Hill Brewery Tap Room in Crozet. They'll discuss their past month's events, and plan for future outings. For more info, you can email info@wildvirginia.org.

ESO Arts Center, Belle Haven, 8/13/18-9/7/18, The ESO Arts Center in Belle Haven on the Eastern Shore of Virginia presents the annual Eastern Shore's Own Craft Beer & Music Festival on September 8th. This fundraiser supports arts programming in Accomack and Northampton Counties. They welcome

you and your family to the Eastern Shore to enjoy an afternoon of craft beer, music from The Crooked Road and coastal Virginia seafood. They have parking, room for lawn chairs and blankets, and a kids' art tent. You can learn more online, esoartcenter.org

Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 8/15/18-9/18-18, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library invites you to their job fair on Wednesday, September 19th, from 2-5 PM at the Northside Library located at 705 West Rio Road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or new career, you can sit down with more than 15 representatives from a variety of local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, they invite you to come early at 1 PM for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration is required.

Borgen Project, Richmond, 8/22/18-11/22/18, The Borgen Project is a nonprofit that aims to fight global poverty. If you are interested in getting involved with a local, telecommute role to end extreme poverty across the globe, you can learn more at borgenproject.org.

Lighthouse Studio, Charlottesville, 8/21/18-9/14/18, Light House Studio in Charlottesville is hosting their 17th annual Youth Film Festival on Friday, September 14th at 6 p.m. at the Paramount Theater on the downtown mall. The Festival showcases a variety of the top student-created films over the past year, giving young filmmakers the chance to share their work with the community. Many of last year's films have been recognized nationally and internationally. They welcome you to see this year's films before they hit the film award circuit and enjoy the festivities catered by L'Etoile restaurant. For tickets and more information, you can visit lighthousestudio.org.

Dark Skies Bright Kids, Charlottesville, 8/16/18-9/28/18 Dark Skies Bright Kids is a volunteer-run program out of the University of Virginia Astronomy Department that aims to enhance science education for elementary school students in underserved schools in rural Virginia. They seek to foster the natural curiosity of children by helping them explore the Universe in a social setting with hands-on activities. They are hosting the 2018 Central Virginia Star Party on Saturday, September 29th from 6:30 pm to 10 pm at Albemarle Cider Works in North Garden, Virginia. This event is open to the public. You are welcome to bring a picnic – and there will be telescope observing, hands-on astronomy activities, planetarium shows, and cider tastings. You can learn more at facebook.com/DarkSkiesBrightKids.

Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, 8/16/18-9/4/18, Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville is hosting their Season 45 Kickoff Party on Wednesday, September 5th. They'll be announcing their 2018-2019 Season of exhibitions and sharing details about some upcoming events! Light-fare by [Tilman's Cheese & Wine](#), cider by [Potter's Craft Cider](#), and wine will be provided at their location just off the downtown mall in Charlottesville. On September 7th, Second Street Gallery presents water. poison.drink.dive. on First Friday from 6-8 pm. This new exhibition is by New Orleans artist [Lana Guerra](#). Also on view will be Teeny Tiny Trifecta, consisting of three works of art by over 70 local, regional, and national artists in a wide range of styles, techniques, and mediums, all measuring 10 inches or smaller. For more information, you can visit secondstreetgallery.org

Piedmont Housing Alliance, Charlottesville, 8/15/18-9/11/18,

Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. If you are thinking about buying your first home, they invite you to join their VHDA Homebuyer Classes this August at their office at [682 Berkmar Circle](#) in Charlottesville. They have a two-part evening class on September 4th and 11th. Their class will teach you how to get started and what steps to take on your path to homeownership. For more information or to register, you can visit piedmonthousingalliance.org or you may call their office at 434-817-2436.

Lynchburg Grows, Lynchburg, 9/7-9/28/18, Lynchburg Grows' mission is to work with the community to provide access to healthy food and to afford purposeful jobs to individuals with disabilities. They are hosting their Greenhouse Dinner Event on Saturday, September 29th from 6-9 p.m. During cocktail hour, you can enjoy local beer and wine while strolling through the greenhouses. Then, sit down to a four-course Fall feast made with local ingredients. You can find more information at lynchburggrows.org

Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, 9/7-12/13/18 The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is presenting their 107th Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art, *Zeitgeist: The Art Scene of Teenage Basquiat* on view through December 14th. *Zeitgeist* is a group exhibition focusing on the artists and scene around Jean-Michel Basquiat's teenage, pre-fame years. The exhibition tells the story of Basquiat's early work, peers, and creative community during the early '80s in New York's Lower East Side. The Maier Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at [1 Quinlan Street](#) on Randolph College campus. More information about the exhibition and related events can be found at MaierMuseum.org.

Thor's Hammer, Buckingham, 9/5-9/28/18, Thor's Hammer is a nonprofit in Buckingham County with a mission to raise awareness and funds for our volunteer fire departments. They are hosting the 2nd Annual Thor's Hammer Firefighter Games and Chili Cook-off on September 29th at the Buckingham Agricultural Resource Network facility in Buckingham. This family-friendly event features firefighter competitions, chili, activities for kids, live music, cake walks, and food and drink. For more information, you can visit thorshammerfest.org or find them on [Facebook](#).

Virginia Repertory Theater, Richmond, 8/31-10/13/18, The Virginia Repertory Theatre in Richmond is presenting *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* at their Broadway-style theatre downtown. This Tony award-winning play runs from Sept 21st – Oct 14th. Based on the best-selling novel by Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* traces the adventure of 15-year-old Christopher who goes on a fantastical journey to discover what happened to his neighbor's dog. For more information, you can visit virginiarep.org or call the Box Office at 804-282-2620 and ask about group rates.

Montpelier, Orange, 9/5-9/28, This Fall, James Madison's Montpelier welcomes you to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, public archeology programs, and their award-winning exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." There is barbecue and a locally-sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and across Route 20 are the Gilmore Cabin,

1910 Train Depot, and more. On September 15th, they are hosting their annual Constitution Day Celebration. You can enjoy house tours, walking tours, hands-on history activities, wagon rides, a buffet lunch, and live music. You can learn about all you can do at Montpelier online at montpelier.org, where you'll also find their new podcast about challenging the status quo, American Dissent, premiering September 18th.

Center for Earth Based Healing, Roseland, 9/5-9/21/18, The Center for Earth-Based Healing is a non-profit in Nelson county that provides nature-based healing programs for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. They welcome you to their 2nd Annual Benefit Concert & Silent Auction featuring music by Erin & the Wildfire on Saturday, September 22nd at the Historic Wayne Theatre located at 521 W Main St in Waynesboro. Doors open at 6 p.m. and proceeds benefit the Center for Earth-Based Healing's programs. You can visit earthbasedhealing.org and click on 2018 Benefit Concert for ticketing information, or call 434-277-5001 or email michelezehr@earthbasedhealing.org for details.

Higher Achievement, Richmond, 8/31-9/21, Higher Achievement is an educational nonprofit in Richmond that works to close the opportunity gap during the middle school years. They aim to provide a rigorous year-round learning environment, caring role models, and a culture of high expectations to instill their scholars with the character, confidence, and skills to succeed. They are seeking volunteer mentors to dedicate one hour, one night a week, to work with a small group of middle-schoolers throughout their Afterschool Academy starting on October 1st. Their mentors support scholars in academic curriculum and build lasting relationships. You can learn more or apply online higherachievement.org/locations/richmond/

Enrichmond, Richmond, 8/31-9/26, The Enrichmond Foundation is a nonprofit in downtown Richmond working to serve the people, parks, and public spaces of the city. As a pop-up program of the 17th Street Market in partnership with Baresoul yoga, Enrichmond is hosting a month of community yoga at Kanawha Plaza every Thursday during the month of September from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. You can find more information, enrichmond.org

MACAA, Charlottesville, 8/31-9/28, MACAA's Project Discovery is a program that prepares first-generation college students to enroll, apply, and succeed in higher education. They are hosting their second annual bingo fundraiser on Saturday, September 29th, in Charlottesville. The event will feature prizes from area businesses and all proceeds will support students directly through academic scholarships. They welcome you and your whole family to join in the games at MACAA's Park Street offices from 1-3 p.m. You can learn more on their website, MACAA.org.

Charlottesville Derby Dames, Charlottesville, 9/1-10/2/18 On October 20th, the Charlottesville Derby Dames present a roller derby bout between Charlottesville's own Belmont Bruisers as they take on the Greenbrier River Rollers from West Virginia at their Xanadu Warehouse. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the bout starts at 4:30 p.m. You can get your tickets in advance at Brown Paper Tickets, Cocoa and Spice or from your favorite Dame. Limited seating available. Proceeds from the event benefits Shelter for Help in Emergency. For more information, visit CharlottesvilleDerbyDames.com.

Boys Home of Virginia, Covington, 9/12-10/20, The Boys Home of Virginia is a nonprofit organization in Covington that provides housing, education, and a supportive living environment to boys ages 6-17 whose lives have been negatively impacted by poverty or family instability. On Saturday, October 20th, they invite you and your family to join them for the Boys Home Howl-O-Ween Hustle 5K and Kids Fun Run, starting and finishing at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington. The kids fun run starts at 9:30 a.m., and the 5K starts at 10:00. In addition, they'll have face painting, games, prizes, sweet treats, and costume contests. For more information, you can visit www.runforboyshome.com, or call (540) 965-7703.

Project GROWS, Augusta County, 9/12-10/4, The Boys Home of Virginia is a nonprofit organization in Covington that provides housing, education, and a supportive living environment to boys ages 6-17 whose lives have been negatively impacted by poverty or family instability. On Saturday, October 20th, they invite you and your family to join them for the Boys Home Howl-O-Ween Hustle 5K and Kids Fun Run, starting and finishing at the Intervale Trailhead of the Jackson River Scenic Trail, in Covington. The kids fun run starts at 9:30 a.m., and the 5K starts at 10:00. In addition, they'll have face painting, games, prizes, sweet treats, and costume contests. For more information, you can visit www.runforboyshome.com, or call (540) 965-7703.

The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts , Amherst County, 9/11-10/13, The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is one of the world's leading artist residency programs located in Amherst, Virginia. They advance the arts by providing creative space in which national and international artists produce their finest works of literature, visual art, and music. They are hosting a day of Open Studios on Sunday, October 14th, from 4-6 p.m. They welcome you to visit with VCCA Fellows to see their work and learn more about their creative process, or take a self-guided tour of the VCCA outdoor sculpture collection and enjoy the autumn views of the Blue Ridge foothills. For more information, you can visit vcca.com

The Nelson County Future Farmers of America, Lovingston, 9/11-10/12, The Nelson County Future Farmers of America is hosting the Nelson FFA Bluegrass Benefit on Saturday, October 13th from 4 – 9 p.m. at Nelson Middle School Auditorium located at 6925 Thomas Nelson Hwy in Lovingston. They welcome you to enjoy a live auction, raffles, a bake sale, and concessions including Brunswick stew, BBQ, chili, hot dogs and drinks There will be music from Deep Blue Express, Little Mountain Boys, In the Tradition, and Monroe Station. Doors open at 3 PM and all proceeds will be used to offset expenses for the Nelson FFA Students' trip to the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the end of October. For more information, you can call 434-263-4801.

Charlottesville Municipal Band, Charlottesville, 9/11- 10/14, The Charlottesville Municipal Band is presenting their 96th Season Fall Concert on Sunday, October 14th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Dickinson Main Stage Theater on the campus of Piedmont Virginia Community College. Their guest artists are the Martin Luther King Community Ensemble. The program will include selections from the classics to contemporary, Broadway, Television, and a Sousa march. You can find more information cvilleband.org

Blue Ridge Irish Music School, Charlottesville, 9/10-9/28, The Blue Ridge Irish Music School in Charlottesville is presenting Bua in concert on Saturday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Cville Coffee.

Bua is a quartet of musicians, dancers and singers who perform Irish Traditional music. The members will also be offering workshops during the day in singing, sean nos dance, Irish flute, fiddle, guitar & bouzouki. For more information, you can visit brimstunes.org

Piedmont Housing Alliance, Charlottesville, 9/12/18-10/02/18,

Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. If you are thinking about buying your first home, they invite you to join their VHDA Homebuyer Classes this August at their office at 682 Berkmar Circle in Charlottesville. They have a two-part evening class on October 2nd and 9th. Their class will teach you how to get started and what steps to take on your path to homeownership. For more information or to register, you can visit piedmonthousingalliance.org or you may call their office at 434-817-2436.

Culture Connections Q3 2018

Beryl Solla, Chairperson of Piedmont Virginia Community College's Art Department delivers the weekly arts review on WNRN's Culture Connection.

For the week of July 2nd through July 8th.

In Charlottesville, the Ruth Caplin Theatre, at the University of Virginia, presents HARVEY. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Harvey is a charming comedy about hope, family and the power of staying true to who you really are. The play premieres this Thursday and continues through July 15th.

The Smith House Gallery in Harrisonburg presents the work of illustrator/artist Elise Trissel and the First Monday Poets. The exhibit, Suspending the Ink & Stars and Poetic Vision, runs through July.

The city of Scottsville is presenting a July 4th celebration this Wednesday at Dorrier Park. The celebration includes a parade, fireworks, music by Camomile and Whiskey, local business displays, food trucks and of course, art will be on display.

McGuffey opens a new exhibit this Friday, featuring Sam Gray in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery. Also look for a Summer Group Show in the Upper and Lower Hall Gallery and an Incubator Group Show in the Upper Hall Gallery North.

For the week of July 9th through July 15th.

The Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, is featuring "Small Botanical Sentiments", curated by Doreen Johnson and Dawn Cook Ronningen. Quilters were asked to create a small quilt that reflects their relationship to an iconic botanical quilt made by Esther Blair Matthews in 1858.

In Richmond, Art Works continues the exhibit of Mary Storms Recent Work as well as opening several new shows, including Silverpoint: Almost A Lost Art by Theresa Armstrong, this Friday, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. Mary Storms work consists of abstract mixed-media landscapes.

Also in Richmond, The Quill Theatre and Agecroft Hall are partnering with multiple local businesses and organizations to celebrate the Festival's 20th year. Richmond actor and Louisiana native, Lauren Elens, will be on the grounds for every performance with Sara Lou's New Orleans Style SnoBalls, a special shaved ice treat and New Orleans tradition.

As You Like It runs July 6th through the 29th, with a preview on July 5th. Tickets and more information about the Festival can found at QuillTheatre.org.

For the week of July 16th through July 22nd.

In Charlottesville, this Thursday, the Culbreth Theatre, on the grounds of the University of Virginia, opens the play *The Cocoanuts*. Frank Ferrante, well-known for his internationally acclaimed one-man show *An Evening with Groucho*, returns to direct and star in *The Cocoanuts*. Irving Berlin songs add to the fun of this musical that is perfect for the whole family!

This is the final week for The Virginia Museum of Art in Richmond's exhibit, *Contemporary Art from Portugal*. Featuring works by six artists, the exhibit reflects the range and vitality of contemporary art in Portugal.

The Staunton Augusta Art Center continues its exhibit, *Ferrous*, featuring metal sculpture by Michael Hough.

For the week of July 23rd through July 29th.

This Thursday, in Charlottesville, the University of Virginia's Ruth Caplin Theatre opens "*The Mountaintop*" This play reimagines Dr. King's final hours as he confronts his innermost thoughts and fears. King bridges the distance between this world and the next in this surprising and deeply moving play. It is directed by Kathryn Hunter-Williams

In Lynchburg, The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College continues the exhibit *Modern & Contemporary Selections from the Permanent Collection*. This highlights a selection of recent acquisitions to the Randolph College collection. Artists with works in the exhibition include Rackstraw Downes, Brice Marden, Carrie Mae Weems, and Andrew Wyeth, among others.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke continues the exhibition, *Genesis Chapman: Fire on the Mountain*. The exhibition features work by the Taubman's first juried triennial winner, Genesis Chapman. The series centers around his personal struggle with the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline, which will cross Chapman's homeland in several places. Chapman's new works document the environmental impact of oil and gas pipelines across the United States.

For the week of July 30th to August 5th

This is the final week for Kristen Cammermeyer's exhibit at the 1708 Gallery in Richmond. The installation, *In Constant Circulation* has transformed 1708 into a set for a generative, site-specific stop motion video. Cammermeyer's open process welcomes viewer interaction and engenders a spirit of transparency. Cammermeyer's work investigates the human impact on natural and fabricated ecologies through re-purposing and rehabilitating obsolete consumer goods.

The Maier Museum at Randolph College in Lynchburg continues its exhibit "*Modern & Contemporary Selections from the Permanent Collection*" through August 12th. The exhibit highlights a selection of recent acquisitions to the Randolph College collection.

Chroma Art Projects in Charlottesville presents Hasti Kahlili: Colorforms.

Iranian-born artist and UVA 4th Year Art Student, Hasti Kahlili translates her present surroundings, re-configuring objects, people, and animals into organic or geometric shapes. The opening Reception is this Friday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM Also in Charlottesville, Milli Coffee Roasters is opening an exhibition of new paintings and drawings by Scott Marzano. The opening begins at 7 this Friday. The Welcome Gallery is opening an exhibition today at 5pm featuring Eze Amos: Cville People Everyday.

For the week of August 6th to August 12th.

Beverly Street Studio School in Staunton, is opening Cleveland Morris' show, More Fun than Fun. The exhibit opens this Friday, at the school's downtown gallery. There will be a public reception from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm and an Artist's Talk at 6 pm. The impressively rendered paintings will consist of dramatic still life compositions by local Staunton resident, Cleveland Morris.

The Institute of Contemporary Art in Richmond, continues it's inaugural exhibit "Declaration" Included in this theme is "Passin On To Others", a piece by Amos Paul Kennedy Jr. This multi-site project produced in collaboration with barbershops and salons around Richmond creates a bridge to the ICA's neighbors while honoring barbershops and salons as historic cornerstones for communities, conversation, and entrepreneurship. Passin' On To Others consists of hundreds of letterpress prints that form a large installation at the ICA and ten smaller installations in downtown Richmond and the Jackson Ward, northside, and southside neighborhoods. The on-site installation presents submissions from all of the participants, along with the artist's own words.

Also in Richmond, The 1708 Gallery is accepting proposals for their new season. The deadline for submissions is Friday, August 17, 2018. Final notifications will be sent by late spring.

For the week of August 13th to August 19th.

This Thursday, In Lynchburg, The Ann White Academy Gallery and The Up Front continue their on-going Art Talks series. Art Talks is an opportunity for the community to hear from the artists who are a part of the Academy's network of artists.

In Charlottesville, Kluge Ruhe continues the exhibition (NUN GUN E) Ngunguni: Old Techniques Remain Strong. Ngunguni is an exhibition of paintings on eucalyptus bark from northern Australia. In 2017, the Kluge-Ruhe Collection received a request from the small art center of Durrmu Arts in the West Daly Region for images and information about artworks from their community held in its collection. After seeing this information, the elders proposed a project to revitalize bark painting in their region. This exhibition is a result of this exchange, and includes

earlier artworks from the 1960s alongside contemporary works created this year, all from West Daly.

Also In Charlottesville, local art group, BozART presents the exhibition Emerging Energy at UVA Medical Center in the lobby of the Main Hospital.

For the week of August 20th to August 26th

In Charlottesville, the McGuffey Art Center continues its summer shows with Sam Gray in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery, a Summer Group Show in the Upper and Lower Hall Gallery and an Incubator Group Show in the Upper Hall Gallery North.

The Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg, continues exhibition, Fly Me to the Moon, curated by Susanne Jones. Artists from eight countries have created 179 art quilts celebrating Man's First Walk on the Moon. This multifaceted collection commemorates the iconic images, recalls personal memories and so much more.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke is showing Beth Macy and Josh Meltzer: Portraits from the Frontline of the Opioid Epidemic. New York Times bestselling author Beth Macy and award-winning photojournalist and educator Josh Meltzer present a portrait exhibition documenting the families and first responders on the front lines of the opioid epidemic as depicted in Macy's new book Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America. Macy takes us into the epicenter of America's twenty-plus year struggle with opioid addiction, poignantly captured by Meltzer's intimate black-and-white photography.

For the week of August 27th to September 2nd.

In Charlottesville, The University of Virginia's Fralin Museum presents Reflections: Native Art Across Generations. This exhibition brings together historic Native American art drawn from the collections of The Fralin Museum of Art with the work of several distinguished contemporary Native artists. This exhibition establishes connections between past and present creative traditions and forms, exploring the idea of legacy and the meanings and inspirations that works of art carry through the generations.

In it's final week, Richmond's Page Bond Gallery is showing In Search of Ice: From the Arctic to Antarctica: New Photography by Penny Ashford and Hot! Hot! Hot, a summer group exhibition featuring work by several artists including Steve Bickley, John Grant, Roberto Jamora, Charlotte Rodenberg, William Wylie, and Sarah Yoder.

Also in Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery has announced that submissions are open for a new artist residency, to be held in SSG's Dové Gallery February- March 2019. A \$1,000 stipend will be awarded to the applicant chosen for this Artist-in-Residence exhibition. The application due date is October 1st. More information is available on their website.

For the week of September 3rd to September 9th

This Friday, Chroma Art Projects in Charlottesville, is opening an exhibition Tim O'Kane: One Intention in a Troubled World. This collection of works centers primarily around the wrapping of things; the concealing and swaddling of objects and messages within, and the carefully determined poetry of the wrapping materials themselves. Within every bundle there is an accompanying story about place and meaning, with a skin to protect or illuminate it.

In Lynchburg, Randolph College' Maier Gallery has commissioned first-generation street artist Al Diaz to paint graffiti on the gallery walls of the Museum. Diaz is best known for his collaboration with Jean-Michel Basquiat on SAMO©, graffiti that appeared in lower Manhattan from 1977 to 1979. A prolific and influential first-generation NYC subway graffiti artist, who later became a text-oriented street artist, Diaz's career spans five decades. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are also asked to respond to the question, "Is graffiti art or vandalism?" and leave their thoughts on a gallery wall at the Maier.

The Richmond Public Library will be opening Herald 4, a group exhibition, this Friday. Included in the exhibition is new experimental work by John Grant and others.

This Friday, in Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery opens two new exhibits. In the main gallery, Water. Poison. Drink. Dive, by artist Lana Guerra.

Water. poison.drink.dive. is an exhibition of dynamic, whimsical paintings and puppets created in a childlike style often characterized as "Outsider Art. Taking inspiration from urban graffiti, old artifacts, primitive masks, antique dolls, and weathered and decaying architecture, Guerra's work explores themes of childhood, circus sideshows, New Orleans Voodoo, and her own twisted imagination.

Also opening at Second Street is Teeny Tiny Trifecta, which will consist of three small works of art, by 65 artist, in a wide range of styles, techniques, and mediums, all measuring 10 inches or smaller. The exhibition aims to showcase the wide range of talented artists in Virginia and beyond, while providing an accessible introduction to contemporary art collecting. All work will be priced at \$100.

For the week of September 10th to September 16th

In Waynesboro, this Saturday, the Shenandoah Valley Art Center is presenting their Open Studio Tour, a self-guided tour that will take you all around their region of the Shenandoah Valley and give you a chance to meet artists, see demonstrations, and see some art. The tour runs from 10-5. Check their website for more details.

In Charlottesville, the McGuffey Art Center presents two major exhibitions. J.M. Henry will be showing his subtle and atmospheric abstract paintings in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery. in

the Upper and Lower Galleries, the Central Virginia Watercolor Guild will be displaying a wide range of styles and techniques that explore the powerful range of watercolor.

Weaving narrative with vivid hues and at a massive scale, Richmond artist Mickael Broth's *Everyone Wants to Leave Their Mark* is the Taubman Museum of Art's newest outdoor mural on view. Located in Roanoke, adjacent to Morning Brew Coffee Company under the Williamson Road overpass facing Norfolk Avenue, the mural recounts the journeys of Broth's family and friends in addition to his own experiences, ultimately exploring the human desire to leave an everlasting mark on a transient world.

For the week of September 17th to September 23rd.

In Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College Gallery opens two new exhibits: *Karma* featuring paintings by Lisa Beane and *Home of the Brave*, a group show featuring Yolanda Jones, Ed Miller, Lydia Moyer, Mary Michaela Murray, Lyle Solla-Yates and James Yates.

Using a variety of painterly styles and iconic images from pop culture and history, Ms. Beane's work takes a bold look at issues of Racism and culture. *Home of the Brave* includes a range of media and style that examines and highlights social and political issues facing us as we move into the future. The opening runs from 5-7pm, this Friday.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Art in Richmond, is showing *Krishna: The Blue-Skinned Lord*. This exhibition brings together paintings—twenty from VMFA's permanent collection and a single loan— from north and central India featuring this beloved boyish Indian god. Indian literature and art is filled with depictions of Krishna's mischievous youth, heroic encounters with demons, and romantic ventures that are metaphors for his devotees' emotional relationships with God.

James Madison University in Harrisonburg has launched The JMU SADAH Alumni Online Gallery which highlights the professional accomplishments, meaningful pursuits, and continuing excellence of former JMU SADAH students now living and working around the world. More information is on their website.

For the week of September 24th to September 30th.

At 5:30 p.m. this Friday, the Pannell Gallery at Sweetbriar College in Lynchburg, is opening an exhibition of work by Mexican-born artist Barbara Miñarro. Miñarro, who lives in San Antonio, is influenced by both Mexican and American cultures. Her work includes soft sculpture, installations and paintings. A Gallery talk will be presented in conjunction with the opening.

In Crozet, this is the final week for the mail art exhibition "The Mail Art Experiment" curated by local artist, Diana Hale. The exhibition features a variety of mixed media art work, made to be sent through the mail and displayed as received. The exhibition is being shown at the Crozet Public Library.

This Saturday, in Charlottesville, Chroma Projects will present FLOW: The Rivanna River Art Festival. It is scheduled to occur on both banks of the Rivanna River this Saturday from 10:00 - 3:00. It is an event that embraces the river and celebrates the fabulous diversity of our local creative culture, featuring visual and performing arts and FLOWtilla: The Spontaneous Art Boat Parade, which launches from Darden Towe's Boat Ramp at 10:00 AM.

The event concludes with an after party at the Rivanna River Company's new grounds off High Street.