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## Q2 2019 Quarterly Report

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WNRN broadcasts on multiple frequencies throughout central Virginia. Our signals reach Charlottesville, Richmond, Lynchburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Harrisonburg and Lexington as well as the 21 counties near these cities.

Hear Together is our award winning public service program that we run hourly at approximately 35 minutes past the hour on our airwaves. The content focuses on non-profits to inspire and motivate that listeners will volunteer in their own community. The Hear Together segments provide a platform for WNRN's educated listeners to learn more about the missions of many non-profits.

WNRN radio broadcasts more than 8000 public service announcements each year. Hear Together gives over \$300,000 in free airtime to area regional non-profit organizations. These organizations can then use the profile on their website to seek funds from grantors and for basic education.

WNRN's goal to actively encourage giving back to our community is met by airing messages with direct appeals for volunteers. We know that all non-profit organizations have volunteer boards, run programs that use volunteers, and need volunteers to run fundraising events for their operations. Therefore, we aim to share a wide range of ways to make a difference for every schedule and interest for potential volunteers.

WNRN interviews local citizens who are involved with local non-profits in order to spotlight their community engagement. WNRN staff actively looks for non-profits who are reliant on volunteer engagement but have limited means to recruit. Interested listeners can learn more about each organization by visiting our website for more information, links, and to hear the audio again.

WNRN increases the impact of non-profits that work to address the most significant issues challenging our community. We measure the results of Hear Together using these criteria: count the number of public service announcements aired, how many non-profit organizations were served, and which counties and cities are served. Hear Together regularly surveys non-profits to hear feedback and what the profiles have accomplished for them.

### **Hear Together Profiles Q2 2019:**

**Little Wings Early Learning Center, Lynchburg, 4/18-** Little Wings is a high-quality early education center for children ages 2.5-5 years in Lynchburg.

A facet of the nonprofit human services organization HumanKind, Little Wings is the first preschool in the state of Virginia to receive accreditation in the HighScope curriculum.

The HighScope method is based on active, child-led learning and emphasizes adult-child interactions. From their family-style breakfast promoting collaboration and manners to their field trips structured around student interest, this unique day school fosters children's independence and problem-solving and decision-making skills.

Research has shown that high-quality preschool education garnered through the HighScope curriculum has been linked to positive child outcomes. Students enrolled in the curriculum had fewer teenage pregnancies, were more likely to have graduated from high school, committed fewer crimes, and were more likely to hold a job.

Listen to our interview with Little Wings Director Holli Relyea at the audio link below, and find out about Little Wings Enrollment options here.

**Heifetz Institute, Staunton, 4/30-** The Heifetz International Music Institute is a training institution for string players that operates on the campus of Mary Baldwin University in Staunton.

Using their proprietary Heifetz Performance and Communication Training Method, they not only teach their students to play their instruments at a higher level, but they also integrate lessons about stagecraft.

Every Summer, the Heifetz Institute runs from the end of June through the middle of August, with a focus on performance. Students perform an upwards of 50 concerts in a variety of venues across the Commonwealth like Mary Baldwin University, the American Shakespeare Center and James Monroe's Highland.

Since its founding in 1996, the Institute has trained a total of 1800 students, and this year, their sessions are comprised of 160 students from 23 states and 12 different countries.

For this Hear Together profile, we spoke with President and CEO Benjamin Roe. Listen at the link below, and learn more about Heifetz on their website.

**Children's Home Society, Richmond, 5/15-**, For nearly 120 years, the Children's Home Society of Virginia in Richmond has helped place children in foster care with families. Recently, they've made a concentrated effort to address an overarching issue in the Virginia foster care system: Virginia is ranked 49th out of 50 states in the rate at which kids age out of the system, meaning that an estimated 500 adolescents per year "age out" of foster care at the age of 18 without ever having been adopted.

Without family support, they're entering the world at a disadvantage, often lacking housing, transportation, education and professional opportunities. Like most 18-year-olds, they're not prepared to be fully on their own, and their challenges are compounded by histories of abuse, abandonment, and instability.

In response to this staggering statistic, the Children's Home Society of Virginia has teamed up with another nonprofit, the Better Housing Coalition, to form The Possibilities Project. The project provides resources for those who have aged out of foster care and also includes a research track, which works to identify national best practice programs and policies.

We spoke with Chief Advancement Officer Bruin Richardson for this Hear Together Profile. You can listen at the link below and find out more about The Possibilities Project [here](#).

**OAR Richmond, Richmond, 6/11-**, Opportunity, Alliance and Reentry of Richmond, known as OAR, is the leading reentry service provider for those recently released from incarceration in the Richmond area. OAR helps individuals transition back into our community by offering in-depth case management, assessing risks and needs and establishing a case plan.

Their resources range from job and computer training to housing and food bank referrals. They even have a Ride to Reentry program that matches clients with a bicycle and provides safety training.

OAR is always looking for volunteers and is accepting wish list donations. Learn how you can get involved [here](#), and listen to our Hear Together profile with Executive Director Sarah Dimick at the audio link below.

**ReEstablish Richmond, Richmond, 6/18-**, ReEstablish Richmond is a nonprofit that helps refugees establish roots, build community and achieve self-sufficiency.

Richmond has been resettling refugees since the '70s, so there were already resources in place by the time ReEstablish was founded in 2010. With that in mind, ReEstablish concentrates on forging partnerships with other area organizations and filling in the gaps when it comes to need. Their programming primarily focuses on health and wellness, along with language and transportation independence. They match over 150 trained volunteers with refugee families along their resettlement journey.

We spoke with Executive Director Kate Ayers for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and find more information on their website.

**City of Promise**, Charlottesville, 6/25-, City of Promise is a grassroots nonprofit that serves the neighborhood of 10th and Page, Westhaven, and Starr Hill in Charlottesville.

As a “cradle to college” organization, they offer early childhood education to expecting mothers and then provide in-school and after-school programming for elementary, middle, and high school students.

We spoke with interim director, Mary Coleman, for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below and learn more about City of Promise on their website.

## **Community Connections Q2 2019:**

**Capital Trail Cap2Cap Ride, Richmond, 4/1-5/10**, The Virginia Capital Trail Foundation's mission is to enhance, promote, and advocate for the development of the 52-mile Virginia Capital Trail running from Williamsburg to Richmond along the historic Route 5 corridor. They are hosting their annual Cap2Cap bike ride fundraiser on Saturday, May 11th at Dorey Park in Henrico County. The non-competitive ride offers 4 distances and accommodates all ages and experiences levels. The event will feature cycling, entertainment, and refreshments. You can learn more at [virginiacapitaltrail.org](http://virginiacapitaltrail.org).

**Project Yoga Richmond Saturday Salutations, Richmond, 4/8-5/10**, Project Yoga Richmond believes that yoga has the power to strengthen and transform individuals, and, in turn, whole communities. They make yoga affordable and inclusive to all through a pay-what-you-can studio and community programs across the Greater Richmond Region. In partnership with local groups, schools and community centers, we are dedicated to removing economic, social, and physical barriers to a regular yoga and mindfulness practice, in order to improve community health and wellbeing. They invite you to join them at the kickoff of Project Yoga Richmond's community series, *Saturday Salutations*, at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts on Saturday, May 11th from 9-10 a.m. This outdoor class on the VMFA's Belvedere Deck is open to all levels, is beginner appropriate, and family-friendly. The proceeds from this class support Project Yoga Richmond's yoga and mindfulness programs. You can find more information [here](#).

**Hospice of the Piedmont 5K, Charlottesville, 4/8-5/10**, Hospice of the Piedmont in Charlottesville is hosting their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Run & Remember 5K Walk/Run at Keswick Golf Club and Estates on May 11<sup>th</sup>. They welcome you to join them starting at 8 a.m. for a 5K run/walk featuring post-race food and prizes. This event is family and dog-friendly. All proceeds benefit Hospice of the Piedmont. Information about registration and online fundraising can be found at [hopva.org/5k](http://hopva.org/5k) or by calling 434-817-6900.

**The Bridge PAI – Revel Fundraiser, Charlottesville, 4/11-5/3**, The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative is a nonprofit community arts organization serving artists, thinkers and the broader Charlottesville community. They're hosting REVEL, their annual fundraising bash, on Saturday, May 4th. This year, REVEL will feature live music from The Extraordinaires, Trae Pierce and the T Stones, and a late-night blacklight party hosting by DJ Appian. There will also be an art auction, live art making activities, and the Charlottesville Food Showcase. REVEL is a celebration of the vibrancy of the creative undercurrent in Charlottesville and all proceeds from this fundraiser support community-centered cultural programming throughout the year. You can learn more online at [thebridgepa.org](http://thebridgepa.org).

**VDM Discovery Dash, Charlottesville, 4/11-5/10**, The Virginia Discovery Museum in Charlottesville invites you to lace up your running shoes for their 29th annual Discovery Dash on Saturday, May 11th, at Monticello High School. Participants will enjoy a morning of family

fitness, including a toddler scramble and quarter-mile, half-mile, and mile runs for kids ages 3 to 12; a sibling race for ages 5 to 14; parent-child relays; and a community-wide school relay. Registration is required to participate, and each runner will receive a Dash T-shirt. You can learn more about the race schedule and registration online at [ww.vadm.org](http://ww.vadm.org).

**Northside Library MiniCon, Charlottesville, 4/11-5/3**, On Saturday, May 4th, the Northside Library will be hosting their first ever MiniCon from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be comics provided by Atlas Comics, a cosplay contest, LARP combat demo, local fandom panel, RPG one-shot campaigns, coffee & more. You can even "catch" a selfie with an electric-yellow movie star. Northside Library is located at 705 Rio Road West in Charlottesville - and this event is open to the public. They hope to see you on May 4th.

**Hope's Legacy Equine 5K, Afton, 4/11-5/4**, Hope's Legacy Equine Rescue welcomes you to walk, trot, or gallop, on Sunday, May 5th at their second annual Hoofin' It for Horses 5K Trail Run! The Trail Run starts at 8AM sharp and is open to all ages and fitness levels. Don't be surprised if their horses and donkeys run alongside you as you wind your way around their trails. Immediately following the race, they're hosting an Open House from 9AM to 2PM. You can enjoy food, music, educational programs, vendors, kids craft activities, a field dash, a yard and tack sale, and meet their rescue animals. All proceeds benefit the horses and donkeys at Hope's Legacy. You can register for the race at [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) or on their website, [www.hopeslegacy.com](http://www.hopeslegacy.com)

**Riverviews Dali Dinner, Lynchburg, 4/11-4/26**, The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation and Riverviews Artspace is hosting the Dali Dinner Experience at Riverviews on April 27th and invite you to enjoy the culinary creations of chef Jason Arbusto as he recreates dishes from Salvador Dali's own cookbook. The evening will feature a portrayal of Salvador Dali and his wife, Gala, who will read Tarot cards for the guests. Proceeds from this fundraiser go to Riverviews Artspace. You can learn more at [www.riverviews.net](http://www.riverviews.net).

**Lynchburg Grows Salad Days 2019, Lynchburg, 4/22-5/22**, The mission of Lynchburg Grows is to work with their community to provide access to healthy food and to afford purposeful jobs to individuals with disabilities. They invite you to join them for a picnic dinner on the lawn, live music with Firecracker jam, and a garden-themed silent auction, at their Salad Days event on Thursday May 23rd from 6-9 p.m. They'll have a giant salad bar set with greens and veggies raised at Lynchburg Grows, plus toppings and dressings made by local chefs. It's Thursday May 23rd from 6 to 9. Tickets can be purchased through their website or by becoming an event sponsor. Learn more at [lynchburggrows.org](http://lynchburggrows.org).

**Network2Work, Charlottesville, 4/19-7/19**, Network2Work is a nonprofit serving central Virginia in effort to eradicate a third of poverty by 2025 by securing employment for those who are under and unemployed in our community. Network2Work believes we can achieve these goals with the help of individuals who serve as peers that empower and encourage job-seekers

along their career pathways. If you are interested in becoming a peer, you can email Network2Work at: [network2work@pvcc.edu](mailto:network2work@pvcc.edu) or give them a call at: 434-961-5310.

**Rooster Walk, Martinsville, 4/19-5/22**, The 11th annual Rooster Walk Music & Arts Festival is taking place in Martinsville over Memorial Day Weekend, May 23rd - 26th at Pop's Farm in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. They welcome you to join them for a weekend of live music, camping, outdoor adventures, healing arts, food and drink. Proceeds from the festival go to a memorial scholarship fund, public school band programs and local charities. You can find more information, including the full band lineup at [roosterwalk.com](http://roosterwalk.com).

**Project GROWS Open House, Harrisonburg, 4/19-5/9**, Project GROWS is a 10-acre, educational farm located in the Central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with a mission to improve the health of children and youth in our community. They are changing kids' health through hands-on, garden-based nutrition education and access to fresh, local vegetables at their farm, in school cafeterias, and throughout the community. They welcome you to join them at their Open House on May 10th and then for a Garden Work Party every Thursday from 2-7 p.m. beginning on May 30th. You can find more information [here](#).

**The Haven, Charlottesville, 4/19-7/19**, The Haven is a nonprofit day shelter in downtown Charlottesville that's served the homeless in the community for nearly a decade. People fall into homelessness for many reasons. Some have jobs but can't afford the cost of Charlottesville housing; some are trying to reunite with families; some are mentally ill and need community care. The Haven is a place for new beginnings. Volunteers at the haven make sure folks get the supplies they need. They hand out soap, shampoo, towels, laundry detergent, and socks. They also help people with their job searches, take phone messages, and sort and distribute mail for the guests. For more information on how you can help your neighbors facing homelessness, visit [thehaven.org](http://thehaven.org).

**Better Housing Coalition StayHome RVA, Richmond, 4/19-5/4**, The Better Housing coalition is raising awareness of the need for affordable housing in the region and welcome all to join for *Stay Home RVA*, Richmond's first non-event gala from April 29th-May 5th. Here's how it works: You stay home and donate what you would have spent going to a gala. Then, share your support for more affordable housing in your community on social media. As thanks, you'll get a virtual swag bag full of dinner and cocktail recipes and playlists curated by local celebrities, and discounts to local food tours. All donations are fully tax-deductible, and their toolkit has everything you need to help spread the word. Find out more at [stayhomerva.org](http://stayhomerva.org)

**Autism Society of Central Virginia – 5K, Richmond, 4/19-5/17**, The Autism Society Central Virginia is presenting the 17th annual 5K & Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 18th. Bring your entire family out to Stony Point Fashion Park and enjoy a morning of celebration and community. The festivities include a Kids Zone and fun run, Sensory Friendly Zone, Resource Fair, and competitive chip-timed 5K, as well as live entertainment and food vendors. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards the opportunities and programs the ASCV provides to individuals with autism and their families in Central Virginia. Learn more online at [ascv5k.org](http://ascv5k.org).

**Community Tax Law Project, Richmond, 4/19-6/1**, The Community Tax Law Project is a nonprofit in Richmond that helps low to moderate income taxpayers throughout Virginia with federal and state income tax issues. Now that filing season is over, do you owe the IRS? Are you unable to pay the balance all at once? if so, a recent change in the law could help! Now, low income taxpayers who enter into a payment plan with the IRS using direct debit from a bank account will no longer be charged an initiation fee. For more information, you can contact the Community Tax Law Project by calling 804-358-5855 or by email at [info@ctlp.org](mailto:info@ctlp.org).

**LEAP Tour De Solar, Charlottesville, 4/24-5/31**, LEAP, the Local Energy Alliance Program, is an environmental nonprofit focused on energy efficiency and the adoption of renewable energy in Virginia. Solar energy is quickly being implemented on homes all over Charlottesville. That's why LEAP and partners are connecting residents with a fun group bicycle tour and discussion to learn how to bring solar to your home! You're invited to bike with us to explore various solar installations with the "Tour de Solar" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st. We'll wrap-up the ride with a group lunch, Q&A session, and a tour of the Sun Tribe Solar warehouse. More details about "Tour de Solar" can be found on the LEAP Facebook page.

**Scottsville Scoot 5K, Scottsville, 4/24-5/10**, The Scottsville Elementary PTO is hosting the 5th Annual Scottsville Scoot 5K and Fun Run Obstacle Course on Saturday, May 11th beginning at 8 a.m. They welcome you to come out to Scottsville for a morning run and to see the obstacles supported by their race sponsors, including a hay climb, color crawl and egg walk. You can stay after the race to enjoy the Scottsville farmer's market and historic downtown area. You can register online at [active.com](http://active.com) or on site at the Dorrier Park Pavilion on race day.

**Rivanna Riverfest, Charlottesville 4/24-5/10**, The Rivanna Conservation Alliance invites you to 'Come Celebrate and Experience Your River' at the first annual Rivanna RiverFest on Saturday, May 11th, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The day will kick-off with two races in the morning: a 6-mile kayak and canoe race on the Rivanna River and the Fix-a-Leak 5k foot race. Both races end at Darden Towe Park, where visitors may sign up for an underwater photography workshop, join in water monitoring demonstrations, participate in kid-focused activities, and learn about the local groups that support the river. At noon, RiverFest will continue with a celebration at the Rivanna River Company along East High Street. The event will feature live music, food trucks, local beverages, and even more family-friendly activities. You can find more information about Rivanna RiverFest events and locations as well as how to register for the paddle and running races at [rivanna](http://rivanna)

**DisruptHR Charlottesville, Charlottesville, 4/25-5/20**, DisruptHR/Charlottesville welcomes you to join them on Tuesday, May 21st, from 5-8 p.m. at the Jefferson Theater on the downtown mall for an evening of intelligent and provocative talks from our area leaders about the future of work and talent. The evening will begin with an hour of business networking with beer, wine, and light appetizers. DisruptHR/Charlottesville is a partnership with Computers4Kids and all proceeds from the event will be used to strengthen C4K's STEM-based College & Career program for low income youth. Tickets are on sale now on EventBrite. You can learn more at [disruptHR.co/Charlottesville](http://disruptHR.co/Charlottesville), or [follow them on Twitter](#).

**Crozet Spring Arts and Crafts Festival, Crozet, 4/25-5/11**, The 39th annual Crozet Spring Arts and Crafts Festival will return to Claudius Crozet Park on Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th with over 120 juried fine art and craft exhibitors selling their own handcrafted creations. Claudius Crozet Park invites you to join them for this family-friendly event featuring craft demos, food trucks and booths, Virginia beer, wine, and distilleries, children's activities and more. There will be live entertainment from Peyton Tochtermann and Greg Howard, Wicked Olde, the Isabel Bailey Band and others. The Festival will take place from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Details and directions can be found online at [crozetfestival.com](http://crozetfestival.com).

**Fetch a Cure, Richmond, 5/5-6/6**, FETCH a Cure is a Richmond-based nonprofit dedicated to furthering pet cancer awareness, education and treatment options. Their vision is simple: A community where no one is denied a choice for their pet's health due to a lack of options, education, or funding. The 12th Annual Pets on Parade Benefit and Auction is happening on Friday, June 7th, starting at 6pm, on the lower level of Main Street Station. This event includes food from local restaurants, drinks, entertainment, a silent auction with something for everyone, and a spirited live auction. Canine companions are also welcome to attend! Proceeds from the evening will go on to support the Companions in Crisis program, which provides financial assistance to help families in Virginia, Maryland, and DC pay for life-saving pet cancer treatments. For more information, check out their website, [www.fetchacure.org](http://www.fetchacure.org).

**Alzheimer's Association of Central Virginia, Charlottesville, 5/5-8/5**, Alzheimer's disease and other dementia is not a part of normal aging. It affects memory, thinking, behaviors, and personality. Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Virginia believes no one should have to face Alzheimer's alone. Alzheimer's Association Central and Western Virginia Chapter's programs and services include support groups, a 24-hour helpline, education programs, a medic alert safe return program, and community programs for persons in the early stages of the disease. The Alzheimer's Association is here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call them at 1-800-272-3900 or visit [alz.org](http://alz.org).

**Henricus Park, Richmond, 5/6-8/6**, Henricus Historical Park is a living history museum located in Chester – just south of Richmond. Costumed interpreters at Henricus Historical Park re-create 17th-century life in the second successful, permanent English settlement in North America and in the Powhatan Indian Village of Arrohateck. They welcome you and your family to visit Henricus and re-live America's beginnings. If you're looking for a place to host your wedding, family reunion, or other event, Henricus offers both indoor and outdoor venue space along the James River. You can find more information [here](#).

**Staunton Augusta Art Center Art in the Park, Staunton, 5/8-5/25**, The Staunton Augusta Art Center, a non-profit visual art organization, is hosting its 53rd Annual Art in the Park Memorial Day weekend under the trees at Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton, Virginia. Enjoy a weekend of juried fine art and fine craft, live music, and children's art activities. The two-day festival will be held Saturday, May 25th from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, May 26th noon to 5pm. For more details visit <http://www.saartcenter.org>

**Smart Cville Civic Innovation Day, Charlottesville, 5/8-5/31**, On June 1st, Smart Cville presents the third annual Civic Innovation Day at CitySpace on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. Bringing together designers, developers, public servants, and community members from diverse backgrounds, this event aims to consider how technology can address specific challenges in our community - it's part hackathon, conversation, and community event. The theme for this year's event is "How might smart cities technology improve the quality of life in the region?" Everyone can participate: designers, developers, public servants, teachers, students, and technology enthusiasts are all welcome. If you're looking to contribute to our community in a hands on way, this event is for you! Learn more about the Civic Innovation Day online at [cid.smartcville.com](http://cid.smartcville.com).

**Montpelier Eco Rodeo Fest, Orange, 5/8-5/18**, James Madison's Montpelier invites you to bring your family and friends to Montpelier on Saturday, May 18th, to take part in their inaugural Eco Rodeo Festival, when they celebrate James Madison's environmental stewardship. You can learn about soil, water, air, and animal conservation; meet beekeepers; see birds of prey and other critters; shop for native plants; make seed bombs and bluebird boxes; enjoy live music, beer, and food; and hear from organizations that share a passion for preserving, protecting, and respecting our environment. You can learn more at [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org).

**Charlottesville Climate Collaborative Trivia Night, Charlottesville, 5/8-5/28**, The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative is an environmental nonprofit working to inspire climate action and reduce carbon emissions. They invite you to join them at Kardinal Hall for Climate Action Trivia on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 6PM. They welcome folks of all ages to join them and test their sustainability smarts! This environmental-focused trivia night is open to the public and no registration is required. More information can be found [here](#).

**Meals on Wheels Charlottesville App, Charlottesville, 5/8-8/8**, Meals on Wheels of Charlottesville/Albemarle is a local community-based nonprofit organization delivering hot meals to people throughout Charlottesville and Albemarle County vulnerable to hunger and isolation due to limited mobility caused by disability and age. Their volunteers deliver meals 5 days a week, 52 weeks a year and provide a friendly check to people who would otherwise be hungry and alone. They've launched a new initiative in partnership with the RoundUp App. Donating your spare change each month will fund, on average, 2 meals to our homebound neighbors. You can find out how your change can help be the change at [cvillemeals.org](http://cvillemeals.org), or install the RoundUp App from the App store or Google Play and search for Meals on Wheels of Charlottesville.

**Early Music Access Project, Charlottesville, 5/10-5/22**, The Early Music Access Project is a rotating group of musicians bringing a wide range of early music to Charlottesville and surrounding communities. On Thursday, May 23rd, they're presenting "Murder in Messina: An Early Music Murder Mystery" at The Haven. They don't want to give away too many juicy details, but this special concert will explore the music of 17th century violinist-turned-murderer Giovanni Antonio Pandolfi. They invite you to bring your finest detective skills! Proceeds from

this event fund their future innovative concerts. You can find more information at [earlymusiccville.org](http://earlymusiccville.org).

**Computer4Kids, Charlottesville, 5/15-8/15,** Computers4Kids, also known as C4K, is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that combines mentoring and technology to prepare youth for brighter futures. They provide mentors and personalized STEM training to nurture young learners towards a future full of choice. Through their 1:1 and group mentoring program, they provide personalized, professional-level support to youth creating projects in programming, game design, electrical engineering, robotics, audio and video production, 3D modeling, plus their newest tech, VR. C4K's makerspace is a vibrant and inclusive learning environment. Their youth members learn 21st century skills through project-based learning, workshops led by experts, field trips to colleges and businesses, plus access to industry-level technology. To join, youth should be interested in learning new skills, live locally, eligible for free or reduced lunch at school and enrolled in 6th – 12th grades. They are open year-round after school and throughout the summer. To learn about joining the C4K family as a youth member or volunteer mentor, or for more information, you can go to [computers4kids.net](http://computers4kids.net).

**North Garden Farmer's Market, Charlottesville, 5/15-5/18,** The North Garden Farmers Market promotes the efforts of local, small-scale farmers, local growers, and local artisans who seek to sell their products directly to consumers. They invite you to come out to their market on Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. at Albemarle CiderWorks. Their season runs through October. They'll have fresh, seasonal produce, local meats and cheeses, berries and peaches, cider and prepared food, bracelets and portraits. There's often live music and plenty of space to relax and meet with friends in an apple orchard surrounded by the rolling hills of Central Virginia. You can find them on [Facebook](#).

**Waldorf Summer Camp, Charlottesville, 5/15-7/26,** Charlottesville Waldorf School is hosting their Summer Garden Camp for children ages 3 - 6 starting in June. These one-week sessions run through August 2nd. The Summer Garden program recognizes and respects young children's desire for predictable rhythm. Each day at camp, they prepare wholesome snacks together, enjoy open-ended indoor and outdoor play, as well as artistic and nature-based activities. Waldorf educators believe that young children grow best in an environment that provides active play with natural materials in a home-like setting. With their Summer Garden program, they strive to provide this experience each and every day. You can learn more at [cwaldorf.org](http://cwaldorf.org).

**Richmond Alzheimer's Association Longest Day, Richmond, 5/15-6/20,** The Alzheimer's Association Greater Richmond Chapter invites you to help shine a light on the more than 140,000 Virginians living with Alzheimer's and their 420,000 caregivers. On the Longest Day, June 21st, people around the world will raise funds and awareness for the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. On the day with the most light – the summer solstice – participants come together to fight the darkness of Alzheimer's through an activity of their choice. You can join the fight to end Alzheimer's and select your activity at [alz.org/thelongestday](http://alz.org/thelongestday).

**Wilton House Museum Jammin' on the James, Richmond, 5/15-6/15,** The Wilton House Museum is a historic house museum in Richmond that tells a uniquely Virginian story, from the 1750s to today. They're hosting the 13<sup>th</sup> year of Jammin' on the James, an outdoor concert series featuring local artists. Jammin' on the James takes place on the second Saturday of June, July, and August, with music starting at 6 p.m. They invite you and your family to join them for a tour of Wilton before the show -- and then you can bring a blanket, bring a picnic, and enjoy the music. You can find more information at [wiltonhousemuseum.org](http://wiltonhousemuseum.org) or find their events on Facebook.

**Montpelier Juneteenth, Orange, 5/20-6/15,** On Saturday, June 15th, James Madison's Montpelier presents its annual Juneteenth Celebration of African American history, music, food, family and freedom. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a traditional libation ceremony and continues until 4 p.m. with live music, living history, enslaved community walking tours, and more. The Barbeque Exchange will be offering a buffet featuring fried catfish, chicken fricassee, and all the sides, or bring your own picnic. Juneteenth is co-sponsored by the Orange County African American Historical Society. They also invite you to treat your dad to a house tour on Father's Day. You can learn more [here](#).

**James River Batteau Festival, Lynchburg, 5/24-6/14,** On Saturday, June 15th, at 10:00 am families, boaters, and friends of the river are all invited to celebrate the launch of the 34th annual James River Batteau Festival on Percival's Island in Downtown Lynchburg. The entire 8-day 120-mile expedition is a program of the Virginia Canals & Navigation Society, which was formed to preserve and enhance Virginia's rich inland waterways heritage. You can bring a kayak, paddle board or canoe to float along, or stand on the shore to witness nearly twenty replica batteaux, each over 40 feet long, begin their journey down the James River. There will be historical artisans, crafters, food, and entertainment as the cannons are fired to send off the batteaux and their crews on their journey from Lynchburg to Maiden's Landing in Richmond. On Wednesday, June 19th, the batteaux will arrive in Scottsville, where the town has arranged music, food vendors and a beer garden. For more information on ways to become involved in the James River Batteau Festival, visit [batteau.org](http://batteau.org)

**Charlottesville Climate Collaborative Awards Night, Charlottesville, 5/24-6/19,** Over the past year, nearly 100 businesses and nonprofits in the Charlottesville region engaged in the Better Business Challenge, a friendly competition to save energy, innovate, and demonstrate climate leadership! Now it's time to celebrate these climate leaders at the 2019 Awards Night celebration at the Paramount in June. The whole community is welcome to come out and learn about the local work with a global impact of these nearly 100 Challenge participants like Colonial Nissan, United Way, WorldStrides, and Firefly Restaurant, to name a few. The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative's 2019 Awards Night is on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at the Paramount Theater on the Downtown Mall. Because a cleaner planet starts right here. For more information visit website at [cvillebizchallenge.org/events](http://cvillebizchallenge.org/events)

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Brewers Ball, Richmond, 5/24-6/12,** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the fight to treat and cure cystic fibrosis, a rare, genetic

disease that shortens the lives of children and young adults and makes breathing difficult. When the Foundation was founded, the median life expectancy for someone with CF was just FOUR years old; most didn't live long enough to start Kindergarten. Today, thanks to the Foundation's commitment to innovative research, drug development, and care, people with CF are now living into their 40s, and beyond. However, as of today, there is still no cure for CF. This June, there will be two Brewers Ball events, one in Charlottesville, and one in Richmond, to celebrate Virginia's Brews, Food, Music, and Difference Makers -- on Thursday, June 13th, at IX Art Park in Cville; and on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, at Historic Tredegar in Richmond. Guests can enjoy local craft beer, ciders, cocktails, and food - listen to live music - bid on live and silent auctions -- network -- and more -- all adding tomorrows for people living with CF. Tickets and more information are available at <https://finest.cff.org/brewersballcville> or [finest.cff.org/brewersballrva](https://finest.cff.org/brewersballrva), or by calling 804.527.1500.

**Crozet Independence Day, Crozet, 5/29-6/28**, Crozet Fire Department invites all to join for the Crozet Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 29th. The event begins with the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department parade at 5 PM on Crozet Avenue to Crozet Park, followed by live music by the local band Jacobone, childrens rides and games, food, local beer and cider, and finishing with fireworks at 9:30 PM. The event is sponsored by the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department, Crozet Community Association, Claudius Crozet Park, Crozet Lions Club, Life Journey Church, Crozet Board of Trade, and several other area civic groups, churches, and citizen volunteers. Donations will be accepted at the door. More informaton is available at [crozetcommunity.org](http://crozetcommunity.org)

**Charlottesville Municipal Band June Concert, Charlottesville, 5/31-6/17**, The Charlottesville Municipal Band is presenting the second concert in its 97th season Summer Concert Series, Music Around the World, on Tuesday, June 18th, at 7:30 Pm in the Fluvanna County High School Auditorium. The program will include everything from marches to Broadway melodies, featuring clarinetist Rose Bittle and vocalist Dick Orange as guest soloists. There will be a musical instrument petting zoo for the kids beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information, visit [cvilleband.org](http://cvilleband.org), or visit their pages on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

**Petersburg Area Art League, Petersburg, 5/31-6/14**, The Petersburg Area Art League is a nonprofit located at 7 E. Old Street in Petersburg that empowers the community through the Visual and performing arts. They are having the Friday for the Arts open house on June 14th from 5:00-9:00PM featuring the paintings of Svetlana Sevostyanchik in their Member Gallery. The collection, owned y Mr. Christopher Nightingale, has never been shown in the United States. Local artists Pat and Jerry Harvey with Cindy Cornett will be featured in our Main gallery as a group show. Exhibits will remain on display through the month of June Along with the open house, they are launching their Summer Music series in the Art Park adjacent to the PAAL. Families, blankets, and lawn chairs are welcome. Music runs from 6:30-10Pm and food and beverages will be available. The monthly series will feature local bands and take place the second Friday of every month through September. Proceeds from this event help maintain the PAAL Art Park, galleries, and classrooms. For more information, visit [paalart.org](http://paalart.org).

**ReEstablish Richmond Breaking Bread, Richmond, 5/31-7/11**, ReEstablish Richmond is a local nonprofit that helps refugees establish roots, build community, and become self-sufficient. All are invited to join for the Breaking Bread series, where we will dine with our neighbors and learn more about the cultural wealth of resettled communities that call Richmond home. The first event in the Breaking Bread series is a night of dinner, drinks, and conversation featuring tasting menu prepared by local Afghan chefs on Friday, July 12th. For more information, visit their website, [reestablishrichmond.org](http://reestablishrichmond.org).

**Richmond Shakespeare Festival, Richmond, 6/6-8/3**, The Quill Theatre and Agecroft Hall and Gardens are thrilled to welcome you to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Richmond Shakespeare Festival, the only festival of its kind in the U.S. Performances take place Thursday through Sunday evenings, June 6<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> on the historic grounds of the restored 16<sup>th</sup> century Agecroft Hall. This summer, the Festival features *The Tempest* in June and the all-female cast of *Taming of the Shrew* in July, both performed each night outdoors at 7:30 PM, in the courtyard of a house that stood in England during Shakespeare's lifetime. Gates open at 6 p.m. for picnicking on the lawn before the show. You can learn more at [agecrofthall.org](http://agecrofthall.org).

**Richmond Justice Initiative, Richmond, 6/6-9/6**, Richmond Justice Initiative is a nonprofit working to prevent and end human trafficking throughout Virginia and the US. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which one person or group sells or exploits another person through force, fraud, or coercion for sexual purposes, labor purposes, or organs. Because human trafficking is reported as the fastest growing crime in the world, and because it affects people in the United States at a devastating rate, they work to bring education to communities to protect themselves and their youth. Their nationally award-winning curriculum, the Prevention Project program, equips middle and high school students to know the risks, common lures, and how to safely protect themselves and others from human trafficking. They train teachers, social workers, youth leaders, and others working with students, who then teach the curriculum in classrooms, after-school programs and youth groups across the country. They also offer In-Depth Training, where they equip youth workers with the tools needed to recognize, prevent, and intercept human trafficking safely and effectively. The Virginia Department of Education requested RJI's expertise in developing the Guidelines for Training on the Prevention of Trafficking of Children. Their training fully aligns with these standards. They invite anyone who is interested in combatting human trafficking in their communities to visit their website: [rvaji.com](http://rvaji.com) and learn more.

**Enrichmond Farmer's Market, Richmond, 6/6-9/6**, The Enrichmond Foundation is hosting a weekly farmers market, every Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at 17th Street Market in Richmond's Shockoe Bottom neighborhood. The farmers market features Virginia vendors, including local farmers, gardeners, artisans, bakers, craft-makers and more. Their weekly schedule also includes food demonstrations, music, and capoeira classes. They invite you to make the 17th

Street Farmers Market your weekday farmers market every Thursday through November. You can learn more online at [enrichmond.org](http://enrichmond.org).

**Richmond Ambulance Authority Safety Fair, Richmond, 6/6-6/25**, On June 26<sup>th</sup>, the Richmond Ambulance Authority will be at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They invite you and your family to join them for a demonstration of Hands-Only CPR, a lifesaving skill, and interactive safety stations. They're giving away Hands-Only CPR kits to the first 150 people that arrive so you can train your family and friends. You can learn more on their website, [raaems.org](http://raaems.org).

**The First Tee Golf Tournament, Charlottesville, 6/11-7/14**, First Tee of the Virginia Blue Ridge is a youth development organization that works to positively impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. On Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup> annual First Tee Invitational Golf Tournament will be held at both Farmington and Glenmore Country clubs in Charlottesville. There will be prizes for the winning teams as well as special contests and even the chance to win a car. Proceeds from this event will allow the organization to run programming for area youth, including partnerships with other youth-serving organizations like the Boys and Girls Club of Central Virginia. Learn more at <http://thefirstteevirginiablueridge.org> or by calling (434)987-0133

**Black Box Players – Robin Hood, Charlottesville, 6/12-7/28**, Aldersgate United Methodist church and the Black box players in Charlottesville present their musical production of *Robin Hood*. Performances run from July 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Aldersgate UMC. The production is suited for all ages. For more information including ticket information and their dinner theatre night on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at <http://cvaumc.org>

**Jeffersonland Chorus, Charlottesville, 6/13-6/27**, The Jeffersonland Chorus is a men's community a capella group that has been filling Charlottesville with barbershop music for over 50 years. on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, they are hosting A Midsummer Night's A Capella Concert, featuring material from Irving Berlin to the Beatles, and beyond! Special guests for the evening include local performer Jim Wynton, and Harmony Inc.'s 0218 International Champion Quartet, Aged To Perfection. Join for an evening of song, highlighting harmonies in the barbershop style. Community members can join the group for rehearsals Monday nights at University Baptist Church on West Main St. More information for the concert, as well as weekly rehearsals, are available at <http://jlchorus.org>

**Shift/Enter Tech Conference, Charlottesville, 6/20-8/9**, The Shift/Enter Conference is happening on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM- 2:30 pm to support successful careers in tech in central Virginia. The event will be held at Open Source Connections near Random Row Brewery on Preston Ave in Charlottesville. Shift/Enter is Charlottesville's tech career day for adults in tech or who want to be in tech and will include advice from local tech leaders about

common job processes, mock interviews, and resume clinics. Learn more at <http://shift-enter-cville.com>.

**HSP Bluegrass and Brews, Richmond, 6/20-7/19**, Highland Support Project is a nonprofit in Richmond focused on protecting, preserving, and restoring mountain regions across America. The organization is partnering with AlterNatives and local Richmond breweries to host Bluegrass and Brews, a music festival where folks can enjoy local brews while listening to local tunes. The festival will be held on Saturday, July 20th, from 11am until 11pm at AlterNatives located at 3320 W. Cary St in Carytown and is open to everyone. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Highland Support Project's efforts to improve the quality of life and ecological health of Highland Communities. For more information, visit [rvabluegrassandbrews.com](http://rvabluegrassandbrews.com)

**The Valentine Tour Series, Richmond, 6/20-9/25**, The Valentine is a museum in Richmond with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret the city's history. The Richmond History Tour program is one such program that fulfills this mission. The tour season, which runs through October, offers visitors and residents alike over 400 public walking and driving tours to choose from. Participants can delve into the history of Hollywood Cemetery, complete a scavenger hunt in Shockoe Bottom or explore the impact of monuments and art in the Museum District. The Neighborhood Tour series highlights a different Richmond neighborhood each month, giving attendees the opportunity to learn more about this diverse and evolving city. For more information, visit <http://thevalentine.org>

**Charlottesville Municipal Band July Concert, 6/20-7/15**, The Charlottesville Municipal Band presents the fourth concert in their 97th Season Summer Concert Series, Pot pourri, on Tuesday, July 16th at 7:30pm at the Paramount Theater on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. The program will include everything from marches to Broadway melodies, featuring guest artists trumpeter Don Brubaker, and vocalist Bob MacDonald. There will be a musical instrument petting zoo for the kids in front of the stage beginning at 7:00 pm. For more information, visit [cvilleband.org](http://cvilleband.org), or visit their page on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

**Mountaintop Montessori Fall Class, Charlottesville, 6/1-8/1**, Mountaintop Montessori School is a nonprofit independent school in Charlottesville that offers a Montessori education for students through 8th grade. They are expanding their toddler program for this upcoming Fall, and welcome applications for children ages 18 months or older. For more information and to complete an application, visit their website, [mountaintopmontessori.org](http://mountaintopmontessori.org).

## Culture Connections Q2 2019

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 April 1st – April 7th:

This Friday, the McGuffey Art Center will present Rebekah Wostrel in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery. Ms. Wostrel is best known for her delicate forms, etched with simple geometric shapes. The result is both subtle and surprising. Susan Northington will show in the Lower Hall Galleries, Blake Hurt in the Upper Hall South Gallery and Polly Breckenridge in the Upper Hall North.

Also this Friday in Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery on Water Street opens two exhibits. The first is a two-person show featuring the photo-realistic work of Michael Fitts and Megan Read. Fitts is well-known for his meticulous paintings of culturally relevant objects on pieces of metal that have been stretched to create a canvas for his work. The objects may range from a piece of bubble gum to a vintage dress pattern, but each is rendered with precision and elegance. Read is best known for her figurative work in oil and charcoal. She often paints and draws nude women with a bold feel for composition and a keen understanding of light and shadow. In a separate gallery, Michelle Gagliano will be showing her new paintings that reflect the interrupted forces of Nature.

The Maier Gallery at Randolph College in Lynchburg presents the lecture *Art on the Edge: Borders and Barriers in Contemporary Landscape Photography* this Sunday, from 2-3 p.m. Lesley Shipley, Assistant Professor of Art History, considers the theme of borders in two contemporary landscape photographs: Carrie Mae Weems' *Untitled (from the Sea Island series)* and Stephen Tourlentes' *Rawlins, Wyoming, Wyoming Death House*. Both works are included in the exhibition, *Developed and Disturbed: Visions of the American Landscape*.

### For the week of April 8th – April 14th:

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke is continuing the exhibition *Tara Donovan: Untitled*. Brooklyn artist Tara Donovan is known for amassing small objects from ordinary life into unexpected forms, such as undulating clouds made from styrofoam cups, or giant stalagmites made from lavender buttons. In the two untitled works at the Taubman Museum of Art, thousands of straight pins form one three-foot cube, while thousands of toothpicks compose a similarly-sized cube. For installation, technicians use a mold into which they pour and repeatedly settle and press down the toothpicks or pins. Then friction, density, and gravity hold the cubes together. Depending on light and distance, the toothpicks and pins take on the aspect of completely differently materials.

This Friday, The Staunton-Augusta Art center opens *Art: a voice*, which features mixed media works with contributions from the Staunton Augusta Art Center, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Shenandoah Art Therapy, Western State Hospital, and the Mental Health of America of Augusta. The reception is from 6-8 p.m. with a gallery talk.

In Charlottesville, Kent Morris will visit Kluge-Ruhe for a residency April 1- 28th. He will present his work to UVA students in a variety of courses, in a gallery tour on Saturday, April 13th and in an artist talk on Thursday, April 18th. He will also lead a public collage workshop.

**For the week of April 15th – April 21st:**

The Staunton Augusta Art Center presents *April Shower Bring May Flowers*, a pottery exhibit by members of the center. The opening is this Friday from 5-7 p.m.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke continues the exhibit *Memory Painting: Harriet French Turner and Queena Stovall*. During the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a group of untrained women painters gained critical recognition for their works documenting day-to-day activities from their pasts. The most famous of these painters was Anna Robertson or "Grandma Moses," but Virginia natives Harriet French Turner of Roanoke and Queena Stovall of Lynchburg were also recognized for their lively, colorful depictions of their locale and memories. These women started to paint in their '60s, after having raised their families, and with recently gained time to reflect on their yesteryears.

This Friday in Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College presents their annual Student Exhibition and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chocolate Chowdown. The student work covers every media imaginable as does the famous Chocolate Chowdown. Come for the art and stay for the chocolate-dipped strawberries, eclairs, ice cream, Gearhearts and so much more. The opening is this Friday from 5-7 p.m.

**For the week of April 22nd – April 28th:**

The Duke Hall Gallery at James Madison University in Harrisonburg presents the *MFA Thesis Exhibition* opening April 22<sup>nd</sup> and closing on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The exhibit features the work of the University's most recent graduates from the Masters of Fine Art program.

There are still a few weeks left to see the Richmond's Institute of Contemporary's exhibit *Give it or Leave it* by Cauleen Smith.

Also in Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is preparing to open *Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment*. Prepare yourself for a voyage into the visionary art of Tibetan Buddhism. The journey from clamor to contemplation unfolds as you progress through a series of immersive spaces to engage with nearly 100 spectacular objects, both historical and contemporary, drawn largely from two of the country's most extraordinary collections of Himalayan art.

In Charlottesville, this is the final week for The Welcome Gallery's exhibition of work by sculptor Robert Strini & painter Ken Horne.

Also in Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College's Dept of Visual and Performing Arts presents *SOUND AND VISION*. The event will go throughout the day and evening and

feature workshops, performances and so much more. Check their website for a complete schedule.

**For the week of May 6th – May 12th:**

In Richmond, Endeavor Gallery continues it's annual clothing design exhibition "Put This On".

Also in Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Art presents Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment. The journey from clamor to contemplation unfolds as you progress through a series of immersive spaces, engaging with spectacular art along the way. Nearly 100 objects, both historical and contemporary, are drawn largely from two of the country's most extraordinary collections of Himalayan art: the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Asian Art Museum of San Francisco.

In Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery is announcing an open call for Teeny Tiny Trifecta Two: a group show to be held in SSG's Dové Gallery September 6 - 27, 2019. The deadline for submission is June 1st and will be juried by Kristen Chiacchia, the Executive Director and Chief Curator of Second Street Gallery. The exhibition kicks off the gallery's 46th season and will consist of a collection of 3 works of art from each artist, each measuring 9 inches or smaller, from a carefully curated selection of artists. Contact the gallery for more information.

The Maier Gallery at Randolph College in Lynchburg continues the class of 2019 Studio Art Majors' Thesis Exhibition through May 12th .

**For the week of May 13th – May 19th:**

In Charlottesville, Chroma Gallery has reinvented itself again at a new and interesting location. Chroma's new Micro Gallery is located inside the old bank vault on the main level of Vault Virginia at 300 E. Main St. The side entrance is on Third Street S.E. directly across from The Front Porch. The curator and director, Deborah McLeod continues to amaze.

Also in Charlottesville, the McGuffey Art Center continues its exhibit , STILL, in the Downstairs North Hall Gallery featuring oil paintings by Kelly Oakes.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum is sponsoring an exclusive tour of Art Go Bloom's exquisite floral exhibition followed by a high tea at The Hotel Roanoke.

The Institute for Contemporary Art in Richmond continues its exhibit Provocations by artist Rashid Johnson. This large-scale work responds to the soaring, light-filled expanse of the ICA's top-floor exhibition space, the True Farr Luck Gallery. The Provocations series takes its name from Steven Holl's design intention for the ICA's top-floor gallery space, which he calls "a provocation for artists to engage."

Also in Richmond, Page Bond Gallery presents SYNCHRONOUS, NEW WORK BY ISA NEWBY GAGARIN. In her new series of mixed media paintings, the artist explores forms of visual fragmentation and continuity through color relationships that personify sonic or musical qualities translated over diptychs and triptychs.

**For the week of May 20th – May 26th:**

Sweetbriar College continues its exhibit “Highlights From the Sweet Briar Collection” in the Pannell Gallery through June 2. As part of the programming, there will be a 10-part lecture series. From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Annie Labatt will introduce one of the pieces in the exhibition.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke’s current exhibition features self-portraits by twelve Midwest Group Painters alongside an equal number of self-portraits by guest artists. Some of the painters, such as Janet Niewald, Jan Knipe, and Bill White, live and work in the Roanoke region or have connections to it. The exhibition ranges from bust portraits against a neutral ground to pieces that incorporate evocative interior or landscape spaces, to pieces using abstraction and symbols.

In Harrisonburg, the Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art at James Madison University presents *White Noise*, the thesis exhibition presented by MFA candidate Chris Cohen. The exhibition will include Cohen’s work in ceramics, photography, painting and installation. *White Noise* focuses on Cohen’s tenuous relationship with his own identity as a white, southern, American male. Cohen turns his eye on issues such as the writing (and re-writing) of history, cultural and racial supremacy, white identity politics, racism, religious fundamentalism and family loyalty.

**For the week of June 3rd – June 9th:**

In Charlottesville, this Friday, Second Street Gallery is opening *Radiolaria and Reef: Our Ocean’s Living Abstractions*, an exhibition of new work by artist Tina Curtis in the Dové Gallery. Curtis is attracted to the sea life in our oceans, large and small. *Radiolaria and Reef* is a close study of the living abstractions from these increasingly fragile bodies of water. The exhibition is an assemblage of vibrant, abstract Oceanscapes, representing sea flora and fauna. The exhibit opens at 5:30 with artist remarks at 6:30pm.

Also opening this Friday at Chroma Art Projects, look for *Cry of the Cicada: Photographs by Bill Mauzy*. Inspired by Matsuo Basho’s famous haiku poem, Mauzy’s eloquent, restrained photographs remind us that there is much wisdom and solace in the silently fleeing moments of nature. The opening starts at 5:30.

The 1708 Gallery in Richmond, is showing *Infrapolitics*, an exhibition by Alan Ruiz. Engaging the physical and institutional conditions of 1708, *Infrapolitics* explores the systems through which

power, in its literal and symbolic form, is distributed across spatial, social, and economic networks.

McGuffey Art Center, off Charlottesville's downtown mall, is opening several new shows including The Feminist Union of Charlottesville Creatives' latest group exhibition, *Women's Work*. The opening, this Friday runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is on the second floor Upper Hall Galleries. In this second open-themed group show, the works of eighteen local women artists showcase a variety of mediums, perspectives, experiences, and modes of work. The FUCC was formed in 2017, and is a growing network of female and gender-queer artists who seek to enhance their life and work through creative community. According to co-founder Sam Gray "Our collective provides a safe space for female & femme creatives to support each other's artistic journeys and share opportunities, experiences, and inspiration".

In Roanoke, the Taubman Museum of Art continues Bob Trotman's series *Business as Usual*. This is a constantly evolving body of work that satirizes the world of corporate business and high finance by reinterpreting it through the eye of a master artist/craftsman.

**For the week of June 10th – June 16th:**

In Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Art is continuing its exhibition, *Awaken: A Tibetan Buddhist Journey Toward Enlightenment*. Visitors are given the opportunity not only to view spectacular Buddhist art from the 9th century to the present, but also to take part in the narrative it presents of a quest for enlightenment. For participants and viewers alike, the exhibition offers a pause from the ordinary noise of daily living and a chance to contemplate and reflect. Beginning with a multimedia display that emphasizes the relentless distractions of daily life, the exhibition asks a basic question: are we really awake and fully aware? Visitors learn some of Buddhism's essential teachings and encounter artworks that serve as guides, allies wise and fierce, and equipment for the journey.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum shares artist Mickael Broth's new outdoor mural, *Everyone Wants to Leave Their Mark*. Located 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.

The Welcome Gallery on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall presents new work by Erin O'Keefe, Amanda Wagstaff, & Mary Lamb.

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College continues its exhibit *Developed and Disturbed: Visions of the American Landscape*. *Developed and Disturbed* examines how landscape art may reveal an increasing tension between nature and industry within the United States. The exhibition includes works in a variety of media, from the 19th-century to the present, that address this tension in subtle and thought-provoking ways.

**For the week of June 17th – June 23rd:**

In Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Art continues its exhibit, *A Return to the Grand Tour: Micromosaic Jewels from the Collection of Elizabeth Locke*. The works of art on view in this exhibition, which are predominantly pieces of jewelry, are impressive in their exquisite detail and craftsmanship. In addition to the tiny enameled glass that forms the mosaic, interesting designs include gold, precious stones, and diamonds.

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is showing *MODERN & CONTEMPORARY SELECTIONS FROM THE COLLECTION*. This exhibit explores a selection of recent additions to the collection and some “old” favorites. Curated by Maier Museum of Art Director, Martha Kjeseth Johnson, the exhibition will also include some rarely seen art from the Collection selected by Maier volunteers.

In Charlottesville, the Fralin Museum continues its powerful exhibit, *OF WOMEN BY WOMEN*. Curated by the University Museums Interns, under the guidance of M. Jordan Love, Academic Curator, *OF WOMEN BY WOMEN* is an exploration of the power inherent in the act of taking a photograph, how that power is distributed between the subject and the photographer, and how gender often informs that balance. Organized from The Fralin’s permanent collection, this exhibition consists entirely of photographs taken by women with women subjects; these women vary in age, race, nationality, status, and expression. While aiming for diversity, this exhibition also hopes to highlight that many women’s voices and experiences are often underrepresented or altogether missing from museums and fine art in general. Photographs are powerful and have the ability to either objectify or give agency to their subjects. *OF WOMEN BY WOMEN* looks at how and why this divide occurs, and how this dichotomy can be impacted by the genders of the individuals both in front of and behind the camera.

Also in Charlottesville, The Bridge is celebrating the hard work of Clark Elementary students in an exhibition that showcases the work of students participating in the after-school program, smART KIDS. Smart Kids operates weekly in four locations and focuses on the creative discovery and meaningful connection to real working artists in our community.

**For the week of June 24th – June 30th:**

In Charlottesville, the Fralin continues its exhibition “sometimes.we.cannot.be.with.our.bodies,” a one person, mixed media installation by Vanessa German. Vanessa German is a visual and performance artist based in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Homewood. Homewood is the community that is the driving force behind German’s powerful performance work, and whose cast-off relics form the language of her copiously embellished sculptures. If you haven’t seen this exhibit, you should. It is beautifully made and conceptually impeccable.

In Richmond, the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts continues the exhibition, *Cosmologies from the Tree of Life: Art from the African American South*. The work is rooted in African aesthetic legacies, familial tradition, and communal ethos. Previously marginalized as “folk or self-taught” art, they now take their rightful place as significant contributors to the canon of American Modernism. As artists, they imbued their works with a sense of individualistic style, yet they often embraced shared narratives. Employing an impressive breadth of media, the works in *Cosmologies from the Tree of Life* celebrate their imprint in sculpture, quilting, painting, and works on paper.

The Virginia Quilt Museum in Harrisonburg continues its exhibition *Contemporary Quilt Art from the International Quilt Festival Collection*. This exhibition is drawn from the Quilts, Inc. corporate collection, mostly from exhibitions at the Houston International Quilt Festival. Dr. Sandra Sider, Curator for the Texas Quilt Museum, selected the twenty-five quilts presented here, which date from 1994 to 2008. The artists range from several of the most famous names in contemporary quilt art to emerging artists at the time of purchase whose innovative work caught the collector’s attention. Themes and styles in this exhibition include narration, color abstraction, landscapes, the cosmos and homage to antique quilts.