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## Q1 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 Q1 2019

**Check Point One**, Hanover County, 10/29-, Located on a 33-acre working farm in Hanover County, Checkpoint One is a nonprofit that offers non-riding equine assisted therapeutic programming for veterans, any status military and the first responder community and their families. They also offer yoga and other stress management-nature-infused services. Checkpoint One's model is based on the tenant that clients have their own best solution. Each session is client-led and includes a mental health professional, an equine specialist and a horse. We took a tour of the farm with co-founder and Executive Director Andy Kaufman and Mental Health Coordinator Mary Margaret Signorelli.

**DePaul Community Resources**, Lynchburg, 11/5-, DePaul Community Resources is a nonprofit human services organization that's served Central and Southwest Virginia for 41 years. They have two divisions: a Child and Family Services Division that works with children in foster care all the way through adoption and independent living, and their Developmental Disability Services Division, which has just launched a new campaign looking for sponsored residential homes for adults and children that have intellectual and developmental disabilities. This focus comes after the mandatory closure of four of Virginia's five training centers. The Central Virginia Training Center, located in Lynchburg, is set to close in 2020. Emily Moore, the DePaul Regional Recruiter in Lynchburg helped us learn more.

**Dogs Deserve Better**, Charlottesville, 11/13-, Kimberly Hawk started the Dogs Deserve Better Blue Ridge chapter less than a year ago, and the animal rescue has already helped over 150 dogs in Central Virginia. Whether it's building a fence in someone's yard, donating a dog house, or taking care of spay and neuter costs, they work with residents to provide solutions for pets to live healthy and active lives. In the event that owners can no longer take care of their pets or animals are already abandoned, Dogs Deserve Better offer foster and adoption services.

**Virginia Legal Aid Society**, Lynchburg, 11/28-, Virginia Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm based in Lynchburg that provides free legal services to the low income population in South Central Virginia. As one of nine Virginia Legal Aid programs in the state, they offer advice in person or on the phone, and provide representation in court. They help with civil legal problems, such as access to public benefits like food stamps and social security, and deal with issues like hazardous housing conditions. Cassandra Humbles used Virginia Legal Aid last year to resolve a case with her landlord, and now serves on the Board of Directors so that she can spread the word about Virginia Legal Aid to other community members. Cassandra Humbles and Executive Director David Neumeyer helped us with this profile.

**Emergency Food Network**, Charlottesville, 12/3-, Since 1973, the Emergency Food Network has provided families in Charlottesville and Albemarle County with a three-day supply of food to tide them over in times of need. Families can call in the morning to place their order, then pick up their bags of food at the distribution center that afternoon. Bags are filled with more than just an assortment of nonperishable items. Although EFN does hold food drives and partners with other area food pantries, they also make a concentrated effort (with the help of a nutritionist who serves on their board) to provide healthy, fresh options. EFN is open 5 days/week, 52 weeks a year and provides other resources outside of the three-day food supply model. They have diapers on hand for families and food packages

for members new to the area. Board Chair Megan Cloud and longtime EFN volunteer Pat Henricks told us about the mission and how to get involved.

**The Leukemia and Lymphoma**, Richmond, 12/7-, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission is to cure blood cancer and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. While there is no prevention for blood cancer, LLS focuses on research and patient support programs. They're the second-largest cancer organization that funds research in the country; Out of the 18 new cancer drugs that were approved by the FDA last year, they helped fund 15 of them. LLS' impact can be felt on a local level, too. The Virginia Chapter has given over 1.4 million dollars in copay assistance to patients and their families in the state alone. Ria Freyberg, the Executive Director of LLS's Virginia Chapter spoke to us for this Hear Together profile.

**Richmond Performing Arts Alliance**, Richmond, 12/12-, The Richmond Performing Arts Alliance has been a resource for artists and students in the Greater Richmond area since 2009. As part of a new partnership with Wolf Trap, RPAA's early learning programs will operate as Greater Richmond Wolf Trap, and will replicate the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts' proven model for early childhood arts integration in Richmond-area schools, childcare centers and other learning environments. RPAA's Director of Education, Jennifer Maddox talk to us for this Hear Together profile.

**Charlottesville Food Justice Network**, Charlottesville, 12/17-, The Charlottesville Food Justice Network is an emerging collaborative effort among more than two dozen local organizations that work in the Charlottesville food system. From community-based garden programs to area food pantries, these nonprofits have come together to create a healthy and just food system for all. In addition to on the ground collaborative programming, the Network also tackles overarching issues and aims to enact policy change. Program Director Shantell Bingham told us about CFJN, including their Youth Justice Intern program.

**Virginia Center for the Book**, Charlottesville, 1/4/19 - Virginia Center for the Book's Book Arts program offers classes in letterpress printing, book binding, paper-making and typesetting. The hands-on studio, located in Charlottesville, is accessible to the public or by membership, and boasts the largest collection of moveable type that's available for public use in the state of Virginia. For this Hear Together profile, we attended a printmaking class with Book Arts Program Director Garret Queen and Kevin McFadden, the Chief Operating Officer of Virginia Humanities, the parent organization of Virginia Center for the Book.

**Common Ground Healing Arts**, Charlottesville, 1/28/19-, Common Ground Healing Arts began offering yoga classes in a nearby women's prison in 2009. Since its inception, the program has expanded to include five teachers, over 200 students and an even longer waiting list. Most recently, Common Ground launched the first yoga teacher training program for an incarcerated population offered in the state of Virginia. We spoke with Common Ground volunteer yoga instructor Sarah Moseley about the physical and psychological impact that yoga — and a broader connection to the community — has on the incarcerated population.

**PACEM Secure Seniors Program, Charlottesville, 2/7/19,** There's a network of shelters, food pantries and charities operating across our region to combat homelessness. But as is the case with most nonprofit work, there's still often a shortage of resources. In Charlottesville, the Salvation Army is the only overnight shelter open year-round -- and they fill up quickly.

The Haven is a multi-resource day shelter in Charlottesville that's open every morning 365 days/year. When The Haven closes in the afternoon, guests can turn to another nonprofit in the wintertime: PACEM.

Celebrating their 15th season this year, PACEM employs a low-barrier, housing-focused shelter model and just crossed the threshold of having provided 100,000 bed nights for individuals in our community who are homeless. They also provide case management, meeting with each individual to come up with a plan to get them on a path to self-sufficiency, whether its assisting them in getting an ID to gain employment or connecting them with mental health or substance abuse services.

Most recently, PACEM launched their Secure Seniors Program for homeless individuals age 55 or older. Once an individual finds a place to live, PACEM works with them and can provide financial assistance in the form of a security deposit and first month's rent provided by the Alliance for Interfaith Ministries (AIM).

Charlottesville resident Brenda Smith is one of the first success stories of the Secure Seniors program. We caught up with Executive Director Jayson Whitehead to learn more about the Secure Seniors Program, and Brenda sat down with us to share her journey.

**Iron Lives, Lynchburg, 2/14/19,** IRON Lives is a nonprofit that fosters leadership and character-building skills in middle and high schools across Lynchburg. Over 200 students are enrolled in their pre- and after-school programs, which feature guest speakers, activities and assignments.

Recently, IRON Lives teamed up with Beacon of Hope to launch the Heroes Mentoring Program, bringing college work study students to work one-on-one with students to establish success plans and work toward goal achievement.

We spoke with IRON Lives CEO/co-founder Dr. Derek Brown and Chief Development and Operations Officer Sabrina Marth for this Hear Together.

**Jacob's Chance, Richmond, 2/18/19,** Jacob's Chance is a nonprofit in Richmond that provides social and athletic opportunities for children and young adults ages 5-25 with special needs.

Their year-round sports programs include basketball, bowling, baseball, tennis, indoor soccer, volleyball, flag football, tennis, and even summer surf camp at Virginia Beach. Their Teen Scene social club is overseen by their United High School Board of Directors, giving teens with special needs the opportunity to plan social events for their peers and learn how a nonprofit board operates.

**Sisters Keeper Collective, Charlottesville, 2/25/19,** The Sisters Keeper Collective is a nonprofit that works to reduce perinatal mortality for women of color in Charlottesville and the surrounding counties.

They do so by training women of color to become birth sisters who then work with pregnant women of color throughout pregnancy, labor, delivery, and the postpartum period.

Sisters Keeper was founded in 2014 in response to the poor birth outcomes that disproportionately affect Black women in the United States. Nationally, Black babies die at over two times the rate of white babies, and Black women are 3-4 times more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women.

By pairing women of color with people from their community who can serve as care navigators, Sisters Keeper is actively addressing these disparities -- and it's working. Over the past four years, they've served around 300 women; They haven't experienced any losses and their prematurity rate is lower than the national average.

Their new office space on the downtown mall serves as a community hub for pregnant women and new moms. They offer drop-in hours for breastfeeding support and their prenatal rooms provide expectant moms with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with birth sisters to talk through birth plans and childbirth options. They also offer workshops and classes like a new mom and baby music class, prenatal or postpartum yoga, and even a mama's meetup group.

The Sisters Keeper Collective is a project of Mother Health International. We spoke with Executive Director Rachel Zaslow for this Hear Together profile.

**Virginia Capital Trail, Richmond, 3/22/19,** The Virginia Capital Trail is a 52-mile multi-use trail connecting Richmond and Williamsburg along the Route 5 corridor. It's maintained by the Virginia Capital Trail Foundation, a nonprofit whose mission is to enhance, promote, and advocate for its continued development.

A key component of the VCTF is its trail ambassador program. Ambassadors patrol the trail -- alerting the VCTF about maintenance issues -- and help keep the trail clean. They also keep an eye on fellow trail-goers, providing aid if there's a safety issue. You can learn more about becoming a trail ambassador [here](#), and take a listen to our Hear Together with VCTF Executive Director Cat Anthony .

**Richmond Ambulance Authority, Richmond, 3/26/19,** Richmond's EMS services used to be handled by private and volunteer EMS organizations. But this system didn't allow for equitable service across the city -- not everyone was receiving the same response time to their calls. So the city of Richmond granted a franchise to one company, the Richmond Ambulance Authority, to provide EMS services to the city of Richmond to ensure that all Richmond residents would receive the same response regardless of where they lived or their ability to pay.

Nowadays, the nonprofit fields over 50,000 9-1-1 calls/year, so efficiency is key. They have in-house training for their providers, crews that restock and decontaminate the vehicles after each use, and on-site mechanics. But these are not the only unique aspects of their set-up.

RAA's ambulances are posted on street corners, organized geographically based on the frequency of calls they've received in each area in the past. That way, when a call comes in, they're already in the field and ready to go.

We spoke with RAA's Public Relations Media Manager, Mark Tenia, for this Hear Together Profile.

## **Community Connections Q1 2019:**

**Piedmont Housing Alliance, Charlottesville, 10/11 - 1/11/19,** Piedmont Housing Alliance creates housing opportunities and builds community through education, lending and development. They believe everyone should have a place to call home. Did you know that they have a Down Payment and Closing Cost loan program? If you are thinking about buying your first home in the City of Charlottesville, or the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Louisa, Fluvanna, Greene or Nelson, they might be able to help you with your down payment or closing costs. Saving for a down payment can be difficult and their counselors can help you understand the home buying process and help you apply for this program. You can visit [piedmonthousingalliance.org](http://piedmonthousingalliance.org) for more information or you can call their office at 434-817-2436.

**Virginia Repertory Theater, Richmond, 10/24 – 1/5/19,** The Virginia Repertory Theatre is a nonprofit theatre company in Richmond and they believe there is nothing like the power of live theatre. They are presenting the musical Sister Act from November 16th through January 6th at their Broadway-style theatre downtown. Based on the 1992 hit movie starring Whoopi Goldberg, this musical stars Felicia Curry as a fallen showgirl who unexpectedly finds sisterhood and redemption when she is forced to take refuge in a convent. They welcome you to join them in the Arts District for lunch or dinner, and a show. You can find more information on this event and group packages at [virginiarep.org](http://virginiarep.org) or by calling the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

**Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, Lynchburg, 11/2 - 2/2/19.** For the last 70 years, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah at Cosby Woods has been serving our community through a nature-based summer day camp on 44 acres in the heart of Lynchburg. They're excited to share their expanding, year-round programs on their newly-named campus, Cosby Woods. They invite you to come to the same great place to experience Young Buds, an interactive nature exploration program for ages 2-5; Families In Lynchburg Adventuring, a family nature club; Environmental education programs designed for area schools; and KinderWoods, a nature explore space to connect children's hearts, minds and bodies to nature through playful exploration in the woods. They're the same great place, with a new name and expanding programs. They hope you join them in community outside. You can find more information at [campkumbayah.org](http://campkumbayah.org)

**PACEM, Charlottesville, 11/5 – 2/5/19,** PACEM is a local emergency shelter for our homeless neighbors in Charlottesville. Their Secure Seniors Program is a new initiative offering housing assistance to homeless guests ages 55 and older. Through this program, they recently helped a 71-year-old grandmother who slept in Washington Park move into safe and stable housing. The Secure Seniors Program can only succeed with support from the greater Charlottesville community. You can find more information <http://pacemshelter.org/>

**CASA of Central Virginia, Lynchburg, 11/7 – 2/7/19,** CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates and they provide a voice for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. CASA of Central Virginia helps children in Lynchburg, Amherst, Bedford, Campbell, Nelson and Appomattox establish a safe and permanent home. They conduct information sessions multiple times each month all over Central Virginia to inform communities about how they are able to help. You can learn more about CASA at [CVCASA.org](http://CVCASA.org).

**Charlottesville Women in Tech**, Charlottesville, 11/9 – 2/9/19, Charlottesville Women in Tech is a non-profit for emerging and established professionals that provides human connections and resources for women and girls interested in or associated with technology. Their vision is to bridge the gender gap in tech by providing a safe and welcoming environment for women and girls to connect, learn and collaborate in Charlottesville. They host monthly meetings that include speakers on tech topics and allow for networking with other local women. Events are open to all women in our community. You can learn more at [cvillewomen.tech](http://cvillewomen.tech).

**Autism Society of Central Virginia**, Richmond, 11/14 – 3/14/19, The Autism Society Central Virginia is a voice and resource of the Greater Richmond autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support. They're dedicated to improving the lives of all affected by autism, at any age and any stage. They host a variety of programs, including family outings, educational workshops, support groups, social groups, and more. You can find more information <https://ascv.org/>

**Urban Mountain Adventures**, Lynchburg, 11/26 – 3/1/19, Urban Mountain Adventures is a non-profit in Lynchburg that serves at-risk youth through intentional relationships, weekly mentoring, and wilderness adventure trips such as climbing, white water rafting, and backpacking. They offer these trips to the public as well and all proceeds go to their youth ministry. They're excited to announce that they've recently expanded into two new areas of Lynchburg: They're now serving Daniels Hill, College Hill, and James Crossing (formerly Greenfield), effectively doubling the number of youth they served this time last year. They're looking for monthly partners to help them continue their work You can learn more <http://www.urbanmountainadventures.org/>

**The Front Porch**, Charlottesville, 11/29 – 1/5/19, Registration is now open for The Front Porch Roots Music School's Winter 2019 semester, which begins on January 7th and runs through the last week of March. They have over 72 course offerings for you to choose from! You'll see many of your old favorites and lots of new classes including "The Dreamtime Project for Kids," "Girl Band," "Bob Marley Tunes," "The Roots of Rock," and more. You can find complete information about their course catalog at [frontporchville.org](http://frontporchville.org) If you're interested in taking private lessons, they offer instruction on a variety of instruments. If you don't see something offered, just ask -- they'll do their best to match you with an instructor for the instrument of your choosing. You can email [info@frontporchville.org](mailto:info@frontporchville.org) or call 434-806-7062 to discuss placement and availability. They encourage you to register for private lessons by Sunday, January 6th for special tuition rates.

**Oakland School**, Troy, 12/3 – 1/20/19, The Oakland School in Troy is hosting an open house event for parents and families interesting in learning more about their specialized program that focuses on assisting students with possible learning differences, organizational needs, or for students who just thrive in a smaller learning environment. They welcome you to bring your family to their school on Monday, January 21, 2019, from 10 a.m. - noon to learn all you'd like to know about an Oakland education. You can find more information [oaklandschool.net](http://oaklandschool.net)

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 12/6 – 1/15/19, In conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, the Northside Library welcomes

you to attend their job fair on Wednesday, January 16th from 2 to 5 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 welcome 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 required.

**Greater Richmond Alzheimer's Association**, Richmond, 12/7 – 3/8/19, Over 30,000 individuals in the Greater Richmond area are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. The Greater Richmond Alzheimer's Association provides care and support services to all those affected by Alzheimer's and fund research in search of prevention and treatment. You can call them 24 hours a day/7 days a week at 800-272-3900 or find them online at [alz.org/care](http://alz.org/care).

**Elk Hill**, 12/12 – 2/14/19, Elk Hill is a nonprofit in Goochland whose mission is to help children and families transform overwhelming challenges into successful futures. Through their specialized education, community-based services, and residential treatment programs, children and families can discover the academic, vocational, behavioral, and relationship skills and stability they need to be successful. For more information, you can visit [elkhill.org](http://elkhill.org).

**Project GROWS**, Augusta, 12/13 – 3/1/19, Project GROWS is a nonprofit, educational farm for youth located on 10 acres in the rolling hills of the Central Shenandoah Valley. Our mission is to improve the health of children and youth in Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Kids who have a hand in growing their own vegetables in the garden love to eat them. They know that bringing fresh local produce into our local school system combined with nutrition education is helping to grow a new generation of engaged and healthy youth. You can learn more about their events and programming at [www.facebook.com/ProjectGrows/](http://www.facebook.com/ProjectGrows/)

**Charlottesville Waldorf School**, Charlottesville, 12/13 – 1/11/19, Charlottesville Waldorf School, located near Pen Park, is proud to be part of a 100-year tradition of Waldorf education worldwide, serving students from Early Childhood up through 8th grade. They have been cultivating creative, critical, and ethical thinking since 1982. They're hosting their annual Open House on January 12th from 9:30 – noon. They welcome you to explore Waldorf education by attending this interactive open house with teacher demonstrations in their elementary and middle school classrooms. Teachers and current parents will be available to answer questions, and children are welcome to attend. For more information, you can go to [cwaldorf.org/openhouse](http://cwaldorf.org/openhouse).

**Charlottesville Ballet**, Charlottesville, 12/16 – 2/15/19, Charlottesville Ballet welcomes you to join them "up front" in their intimate studio theater for an Evening of Romance on February 16th at 4 and 7 pm. The performance by Charlottesville Ballet's professional company includes classical ballet plus new commissioned works made just for Charlottesville audiences. They welcome you to bring your valentine to enjoy wine by [Loving Cup Vineyard & Winery](#) and hors d'oeuvres from [The Shebeen Pub & Braai](#). You can find more information including tickets <https://www.charlottesvillieballet.org/>

**Special Olympics**, Charlottesville, 12/19/ - 1/11/19, Special Olympics Virginia is a nonprofit that provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and

adults with intellectual disabilities. They're hosting the Special Olympics Tennis Invitational at Boars Head Sports Club January 10th - 12th. They invite you to watch some of the top Special Olympics tennis athletes in the country compete during three days of round-robin tournament play, a UVA tennis clinic and a community doubles night. For more information, you can visit [specialolympicsva.org](http://specialolympicsva.org).

**The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Amherst, 12/19 – 1/17/19,** The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is one of the world's leading artist residency programs located in Amherst. They advance the arts by providing creative space in which national and international artists produce works of visual art, music, and literature. They welcome you to join them on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 p.m. for a reading by two military veteran poets, Karen Skolfield and T.J. Anderson, III at Riverviews Artspace in Lynchburg. You can find information about their NEA-funded residencies for veterans or more about this event at [vcca.com](http://vcca.com).

**Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College, Lynchburg, 12/19 – 1/25/19,** The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is presenting two Spring exhibitions opening on Friday, January 25th. The exhibition One Place, Two Views: John Walker and Kayla Mohammadi features abstract paintings by two artists inspired by a shared sense of place. It will be on view through April 14th. The exhibition Developed and Disturbed: Visions of the American Landscape was curated by three Randolph College students and explores how landscape art reveals the increasing tension between nature and industry in the U.S. It is on view through August 25th. The Maier Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5PM at [1 Quinlan Street](http://1QuinlanStreet). More information about the exhibition and related events can be found at [MaierMuseum.org](http://MaierMuseum.org).

**The Foothills Child Advocacy Center, Charlottesville, 12/17 – 1/15/19,** The Foothills Child Advocacy Center in Charlottesville helps children who are victims of child abuse in Charlottesville, Albemarle, and surrounding counties. They invite you to learn how to keep the kids you love safe. They are offering the nationally-recognized Stewards of Children training on the prevention of child sexual abuse on two Saturdays in January: in Spanish on Saturday, January 5th, and in English on Saturday, January 19th. The training will take place both Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Central Downtown Library. You can find more information [foothillscac.org](http://foothillscac.org)

**The Enrichmond Foundation, Richmond, 1/4/19 -1/20/19 ,** The Enrichmond Foundation is a nonprofit that works to activate and enhance Richmond's public spaces. They'd like to welcome you to the return of the RVA On Ice rink. The ice rink is open 7 days a week at the 17th Street Market in Shockoe Bottom, with extended holiday hours. Ice skates and skate aids are available for rental. More information can be found at <https://enrichmond.org/>

**The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation , Richmond, 1/4/19 – 1/20/19,**The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation is not a traditional grant-making foundation. They're a statewide, Richmond-based nonprofit providing Virginians with knowledge and a voice in the fight against breast cancer. In partnership with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, they welcome you to join them on Monday, January 21st – the Martin Luther King holiday – from 8 a.m. to noon at the Virginia General Assembly. You will learn more about health and pharmaceutical policy and legislative issues affecting Virginians

with cancer and have a chance to speak with your elected officials You can learn more about this event and the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation's mission to Educate, Advocate, Eradicate at [vbcf.org](http://vbcf.org) or on Facebook.

**Virginia Discovery Museum, Charlottesville, 1/7/19 -2/9/19** , The Virginia Discovery Museum invite you to strap on your goggles and slip into your lab coat for KidVention, their annual family science festival, from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9th, at the Herman Key Recreation Center on the east end of the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. This community event welcomes dozens of local exhibitors and over one thousand visitors each year as children are introduced to a variety of scientific fields like biology, chemistry, earth science, engineering, physics, and zoology. Families are encouraged to explore the world around them through hands-on demonstrations, experiments, games, and more. KidVention is recommended for children ages 2 to 10, but all ages are welcome to attend. Proceeds support the museum's educational programming, and admission includes a same-day visit to the Museum. You can learn more about KidVention and the Virginia Discovery Museum online at [vadm.org](http://vadm.org)

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge, Charlottesville, 1/7/19 – 1/31/19**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge is an agency that recruits volunteer mentors and matches them with youth in the city of Charlottesville, and in Albemarle, Fluvanna and Nelson Counties. January is National Mentoring Month: A time to learn more about how mentoring programs bring our communities closer together. This year, they are committed to expanding their reach by connecting with more families in our area, and they're excited to tell you more about new programs for adjudicated youth and for resettled refugee families that are in development. At the same time, they're still seeking mentors for over 50 children who are ready to be matched. If you are interested in finding out more about their programs, or in joining their network of supporters, you can visit [blueridgebigs.org](http://blueridgebigs.org) or follow them on [Facebook](#).

**University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1/17/19 - 2/1/19**, The University of Virginia's Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity welcomes you to join them for the 2019 Community MLK Celebration as they commemorate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from January 19th through February 1st. This year's theme is "Women in the Movement": an exploration of the roles women have played and continue to play throughout social movements. The celebration begins on Saturday, January 19th, at 3:00 pm with Tony Award-winner Leslie Odom, Jr. speaking at John Paul Jones Arena. White House Correspondent April Ryan is the 2019 Community MLK Celebration keynote speaker. The Keynote Event will take place on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm at the Paramount Theater in downtown Charlottesville. A complete calendar of events may be found at [mlk.virginia.edu/events](http://mlk.virginia.edu/events). For general inquiries about the events calendar, you can call UVA's Office of the Vice President and Chief Officer for Diversity & Equity at 434.243.2079.

**Richmond CASA, Richmond, 1/17/19 – 4/19/19**, Richmond Court Appointed Special Advocates, also known as CASA, is currently in need of volunteers to serve children in the city of Richmond. CASAs are volunteers appointed by judges to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected. They make sure the child's needs are heard – in the community and in the courtroom – and serve as a caring,

consistent adult in a child's life. Richmond CASA is a program of Greater Richmond Stop Child Abuse Now. You can learn more at [grscan.com/casa](http://grscan.com/casa)

**The Chrysalis Institute**, Richmond, 1/17/19 – 4/30/19, The Chrysalis Institute is a nonprofit in Richmond's Museum District offering programs for adults in mindfulness and personal evolution. They are hosting spring classes from February through June on topics like self-compassion, mindful living, and meditative art. They welcome you to do your inner work with them. You can find more information at [chrysalisinstitutie.org](http://chrysalisinstitutie.org)

**Wild Virginia**, Charlottesville, 1/17/19 – 2/7/19, Wild Virginia is an environmental advocacy group that is dedicated to protecting and connecting Virginia's wild places. One of their largest fund-raisers is coming up this spring: the Wild and Scenic Film Festival! They're looking for volunteers to help them plan their two Charlottesville screenings. They welcome you to join them at the Wild and Scenic Film Festival planning meeting on February 7th at 6PM at the Wild Virginia office on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. Snacks and drinks will be provided. If you are interested in contacting sponsors, picking films or want to do something low-key like hanging posters, they would love to have you — no experience necessary. You can RSVP by emailing [info@wildvirginia.org](mailto:info@wildvirginia.org)

**The Piedmont Landscape Association**, Charlottesville, 1/17/19 – 2/7/19, The Piedmont Landscape Association welcomes you to join other gardening enthusiasts and landscape professionals for the 36th annual Piedmont Landscape Association seminar on February 7th at The Paramount Theater on Charlottesville's downtown mall. Each year, this event brings in renowned authors and lecturers from across the mid-Atlantic and beyond. This year's speakers will discuss topics such as climate-wise gardening, which plants to choose for your shade garden, and how to utilize native edibles in the landscape. Tickets to the event will include a continental breakfast and snacks throughout the day along with door prizes donated from local garden centers, nurseries, and horticultural suppliers. More information can be found at [piedmontlandscape.org](http://piedmontlandscape.org) or [theparamount.net](http://theparamount.net) or by calling The Paramount box office at 434-979-1333.

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 1/28-2/19/19, The Northside Library in Charlottesville welcomes you to join them on Tuesday, February 19th at 6:00pm for *The Music I Breathe* with Nathaniel Star. Soul singer and songwriter Nathaniel Star will discuss the rich history of African-American music and the artists who influenced his own multi-faceted sound. Star will perform original songs influenced by multiple genres spanning from funk to jazz to hip-hop. Northside Library is located at 705 Rio Road West in Charlottesville. This event is open to the public.

**North Branch School**, Afton, 1/28-2/12/19, The teachers and staff of North Branch School invite you to tour the campus, visit classrooms, meet teachers and parents, and learn more about their hands-on approach to learning. Visitors may call for an appointment or attend their Open House on Tuesday, February 12th, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM or 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Scholarships and financial assistance opportunities are available. For more information, you can call 540-456-84-50, or visit [north-branch-school.org](http://north-branch-school.org)

**The Blue Ridge Irish Music School, Charlottesville, 1/28-2/24/19,** The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) is hosting the Irish traditional band, Teada, in concert on Sunday, February 24th at Cville Coffee. A traditional band with a truly worldwide reach, Teada is driven by a fascination for the timeless, expressive force of music inherited from previous generations of musicians. The six members of Teada play fiddle, flute, Irish uilleann pipes, guitar, accordion and piano. Teada's show also includes singing and Irish dance. You can go to [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org) for tickets

**The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Amherst, 1/30-3/15/19,** The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, VCCA, is one of the world's leading artist residency programs located in Amherst. They advance the arts by providing creative space in which national and international artists produce works of visual art, music, and literature. They are hosting a volunteer day on Saturday, March 16th from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and are looking for volunteers to help with gardening their historic grounds in the foothills of the Blue Ridge. Volunteers will be provided a lunch and an opportunity to meet the artists in residence. For information and to sign up, you can go to [vcca.com](http://vcca.com)

**Connor's Heroes Foundation, Richmond, 2/1-5/2/19,** Connor's Heroes Foundation is a nonprofit in Richmond that provides hope, guidance and support to children with cancer and their families. They welcome you to join them for the 9th Annual Heroes Art Ball on Friday, May 3rd at the Bon Secours Redskins Training Center for food, music and dancing and a live auction. The live auction features art created by our childhood cancer heroes in collaboration with local, professional artists. Proceeds from this event support the work of Connor's Heroes and ensure fighting childhood cancer is no journey any family faces alone. You can find more information at <https://www.connorsheroes.org/>

**Arbor Earth Food Drive, 2/1-3/10/19,** The Arbor Earth Foundation and RVA Food Not Bombs is a nonprofit in Richmond that works to solve problems like hunger, homelessness and poverty while creating a sustainable natural food supply with their own garden. They also prepare meals and provide donated clothes to be shared with the hungry and homeless. They're hosting a Canned Food Drive at RVA Create Space from March 3rd-11th. They're looking for canned food donations and always welcome new volunteers to help them prepare and distribute food at Abner Clay Park and the Conrad Center. You can find more information [here](#).

**Virginia Reperatory Theater, Richmond, 2/1-3/2/19,** The Virginia Repertory Theatre is a nonprofit theatre company in Richmond, and they believe there is nothing like the power of live theatre. They are presenting the musical *Once* from February 8th through March 3rd at their Broadway-style theatre downtown. *Once* is based on the film by John Carney and features a folk-rock score, with all of the actors playing instruments. *Once* is a story of love that speaks to the power of music to connect us all. They welcome you to join them in the Arts District for lunch or dinner and a show. You can find more information on the show and group packages at [virginiarep.org](http://virginiarep.org) or by calling the Box Office at 804-282-2620.

**Richmond Little League, Richmond, 2/1-2/17,** Richmond Little League is a community recreational baseball and softball league for girls and boys ages 5-15 who live or go to school within the city

boundaries. Their upcoming season begins in March and registration is currently open. Their girls softball program, in its third year, is taking off and for their youngest players, they're offering girls tee-ball for the first time this Spring. You can register online [here](#)

**TheaterCHS**, Charlottesville, 2/1-2/16/19, Charlottesville High School's drama program, TheatreCHS, will be performing the Broadway hit *Mamma Mia* featuring the music of Swedish pop group ABBA. *Mamma Mia* will be on stage from February 15th-17th at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at CHS. They welcome the entire community to come out and enjoy the show. All proceeds from ticket sales go towards supporting Charlottesville High School's award-winning drama department. You can buy tickets at the door or online [here](#).

**Second Street Gallery**, Charlottesville, 2/1-2/28/19, Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville welcomes you to join them for their gallery exhibition, *Inside the Artist's Studio*. For this exhibition, Second Street Gallery's Chief Curator, Kristen Chiacchia, has paired one local painter with one local photographer (Russ Warren and Bill Moretz, Sharon Shapiro and Stacey Evans, Ken Horne and Guillermo X Ubilla, and Cate West Zahl and Kristen Finn). Over the last 6 months, the photographers have documented the artists' process as they created works specifically for the exhibition at Second Street Gallery. The exhibition will take place in SSG's Main Gallery with an installation of photographs next to each painter's finished artworks. Programming for the exhibition will include field trips to the different artist's studios for tours and talks. You can visit [secondstreetgallery.org](http://secondstreetgallery.org), to learn all about their upcoming field trips.

**Lynchburg Daily Bread**, Lynchburg, 2/11-3/16/19, Lynchburg Daily Bread is a nonprofit in Lynchburg that serves hot lunches to anyone in need 365 days/year. On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, they're partnering with the Academy Center for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowls. They welcome you to bring your family to this event, where each ticket holder picks a one-of-a-kind handmade bowl and enjoys soup and bread donated by local restaurants. All proceeds go to the Daily Bread, to support our mission of feeding the hungry, every day of the year. You can find more information at [academycenter.org](http://academycenter.org).

**Piedmont Master Gardeners**, Charlottesville, 2/11-3/14/19, In cooperation with the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Piedmont Master Gardeners is presenting the 2019 Spring Lecture Series for home gardeners. The lectures are on four consecutive Thursday evenings, beginning on March 14th from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Albemarle County Office Building on 5th Street Extended. Topics include Trees to Enhance your Garden, Native Plants, Pesticide-Free Vegetable Gardening and Marvelous Monarchs. You can find details on the lecture series [here](#).

**Virginia Festival of the Book**, Charlottesville, 2/11-3/24/19, As a program of Virginia Humanities, a nonprofit located in Charlottesville that serves the entire state, the Virginia Festival of the Book celebrates books, reading, and literary culture. They are hosting the 25th annual Virginia Festival of the Book March 20th - 24th in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. They welcome you to explore our schedule of more than 200 programs for all ages and reading interests, most of which don't require a ticket. You can find more information [here](#).

**Amherst Habitat for Humanity**, Lynchburg, 2/11-3/9/19, [Amherst County Habitat for Humanity](#) is a non-profit affiliate of Habitat International serving Amherst County. Their mission is to help break the

generational poverty cycle by building affordable housing for qualified homebuyers. Their existing mortgages receivables pay all of our expenses, allowing all monies from of our donations, fundraisers and grants to go 100% into our building program. Their volunteers and sponsors build two homes per year. They're hosting their 16th annual Bluegrass event at the Historic Academy Theatre in Lynchburg on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4 p.m. They welcome you to join them for live music by The Deer Creek Boys, New Standard, James River Cutups, The Little Mountain Boys & Deep Blue Express. Tickets are available at the Academy Box Office or online at [academycenter.org](http://academycenter.org).

**Accessible Music Project, Charlottesville, 2/11-2/27/19,** The Accessible Music Project is a Charlottesville-based nonprofit that believes in the therapeutic benefits of live music. Since 1995, they've brought live music from David Wilcox, Greg Howard, Rob Williams and more to our neighbors and loved ones in communities like the Cedars Healthcare Center, Rosewood Village and Meadowcreek Center. They welcome you to join them at Random Row Brewing on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, for the Dab for Good Charity Bingo Night benefiting the Accessible Music Project. Bingo book sales begin at 5:30 p.m. and bingo starts at 6. They'll have a prize for every winner.

**The Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Committee, Charlottesville, 2/11-4/1/19,** The Martin Luther King Day Commemoration Committee is a nonprofit in southern Albemarle County that provides college scholarship money to High School seniors. They sponsor an annual essay contest open to students of any school who live within the Monticello High School district and who will be entering college in the coming Fall. They invite interested students to submit an essay on how Dr. King's work has impacted their life. This year's essays must be received by April 1. For more information, you can contact Scholarship Committee Chair Graham Paige by phone at 434-286-3639 or by email at [gtpaige@aol.com](mailto:gtpaige@aol.com).

**Charlottesville Ballet, Charlottesville & Lynchburg, 2/17-3/9/19,** The Charlottesville Ballet is presenting their brand new production of *Cinderella* on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Paramount Theater in downtown Charlottesville and on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Academy Center of the Arts in downtown Lynchburg. *Cinderella* features a cast of 30 professional dancers and local students. Set to a moving score by Prokofiev, this full-length ballet is filled with spellbinding dance and mischief and magic for audiences of all ages. After the shows, they're hosting the Bibbidi Bobbidi Ball for children ages 3 to 8. Plus, they welcome Charlottesville attendees to join them for their season wrap party "When the Clock Strikes Midnight" at the Paramount Theater. You can find more information, including tickets, [here](#).

**Collins Center, Harrisonburg, 2/18-4/5/19,** The Collins Center & Child Advocacy Center is a nonprofit in Harrisonburg whose mission is to end sexual violence and its impact in our community. In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness month, they are hosting their spring fundraiser, the Chocolate Walk. They welcome you to join them on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm at The Turner Pavilion for an evening of community and chocolatey goodness. This year, their event features a variety of handmade chocolate treats from local businesses and bakers and an interactive art installment at check-in. Proceeds from this event support the Collins Center's core services. You can learn more at [thecollinscenter.org](http://thecollinscenter.org).

**Hospice of the Piedmont, Charlottesville, 2/18-4/5/19,** The Hospice of the Piedmont in Charlottesville offers free grief support camps to any young community member, regardless of whether they lost a loved one under their care, every Spring. This year's Journeys Spring Bereavement Camp will be held on Saturday, April 27th, from 8:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Triple C Camp in Charlottesville. Camp provides a safe and supportive environment that gives grieving children the opportunity to discover that they are not alone and their feelings are normal. The day's activities include art and music expression, a challenge course adventure, grief education, lunch, snacks, and a meaningful closing ceremony to memorialize loved ones. This camp is open to the public and is offered to children and teens ages 5-18 who have been affected by the recent death of a loved one. You can learn more at [hopva.org/journeys](http://hopva.org/journeys) or by calling 434-817-6900.

**The New Community School, Richmond, 2/18-3/22/19,** The New Community School in Richmond is an independent college-preparatory day school empowering bright students in grades 5 through 12 who are challenged by dyslexia and related learning differences. They welcome you to join them at the 11th annual READ Art Show and Sale on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd. READ brings together nearly 100 local and regional artists to their campus to showcase their work and support bright students who think and learn differently. Friday evening's reception includes live music, food, and more. Proceeds benefit The New Community School. You can find more information at [tncs.org](http://tncs.org).

**Project Yoga Richmond, Richmond, 2/18-4/5/19,** 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, they are dedicated to removing economic, social, and physical barriers to a regular yoga and mindfulness practice in order to improve community health and well-being. They invite you to join them at their pay-what-you-can studio located at 6517 Dickens Place. They feature a full schedule of classes that are available to all individuals, regardless of income level. Whether you are brand new to yoga or have been practicing for years, all are welcome. You can find more information [here](#).

**Charlottesville Waldorf School, 2/18-3/7/19,** In conjunction with Charlottesville High School, the Charlottesville Waldorf School is hosting a discussion with Kim John Payne, author of the best-selling book *Simplicity Parenting* on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center. They welcome you to attend Payne's presentation on Social Inclusion where he introduces a whole community approach that deals with bullying and behavior challenges openly and firmly, but without judgement. You can find more information [here](#).

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, 2/19-3/18/19,** The Northside Library welcomes you to join us on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30pm for *An Evening with Devon Sproule & Laura Eve Engel*. Folk singer Devon Sproule and Brooklyn poet Laura Eve Engel will provide an intimate evening of music and poetry. You can hear readings from Engel's latest collection *Things That Go* alternating with sets from singer-songwriter Devon Sproule. Books and music will be available for purchase. Northside Library is located at 705 Rio Road West, Charlottesville. This event is open to the public.

**Building Goodness Foundation, Charlottesville, 2/25-5/11/19,** The Building Goodness Foundation in Charlottesville connects skilled volunteers from the design/build industry with community organizations in need of repair work. Are you an electrician, plumber, or carpenter? They welcome you to use your professional skills to make our community stronger by joining them for one of their local build days. You can find more information [here](#).

**The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants , Charlottesville, 2/25-4/26/19,** The Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants was founded in 1986 to collect, preserve and distribute historic plant varieties and promote greater appreciation for the origins and evolution of garden plants. Located at Jefferson's Tufton Farm, approximately 2 miles from Monticello mountain, the Center for Historic Plants hosts 3 Open House events each year, which are open to the public. They welcome you to join them for their upcoming spring Open House on Saturday, April 27th, for a garden tour and workshops on beekeeping and container gardening. They'll also have a wide range of native and historic plants for sale, with all purchases benefitting the non-profit Thomas Jefferson Foundation. You can find more information about the Center for Historic Plants [here](#) or [join their Facebook group](#).

**Market Central, Charlottesville, 2/25-3/29/19,** Market Central is a nonprofit that supports local farms, farmer;s markets, and entrepreneurs -- and connects them to the community. Their goal is to enrich our health, the environment, and the local economy, and to promote social and cultural diversity in the City of Charlottesville. They are hosting Charlottesville's winter farmer's market every Saturday through the end of March. They welcome you to join them Saturdays under the big tent at the IX Art Park from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. where you'll find over 30 local vendors offering food including produce, meat, baked goods, eggs, and tea. You'll also find crafts from local artisans, food trucks, and prepared foods. SNAP-eligible customers can access tokens to spend like cash at the market. You can find more information [here](#) or [RSVP to their events on Facebook](#).

**The Cville TimeBank, Charlottesville, 2/25-3/20/19,** The Cville TimeBank is holding a Repair Café on Saturday, March 30th, from 12:30 - 4 p.m. at The Habitat Store on Harris Street. Things like chairs, fans, and lamps usually end up in a landfill when they break, but volunteers at the Repair Café can fix broken stuff and make it useful again. They're inviting the whole community to bring household items like clothing, toys, bikes, small appliances, furniture and jewelry. Their handy volunteers will be happy to fix your stuff and even show you how it's done. You can find more information [here](#).

**Tandem Friends School, Charlottesville, 2/25-3/8/19,** Tandem Friends School is an independent, nonprofit Quaker School serving grades 5-12 in Central Virginia. They're presenting the inaugural Community Speaker Series event, *Tandem Speaks!*, on Friday, March 8th at 7 p.m. at the Dickinson Fine and Performing Arts Center at Piedmont Virginia Community College. They welcome you to join them for an evening with Dahlia Lithwick, former Charlottesville resident and current senior editor at Slate, and Khizr Khan, a Muslim-American U.S. Gold Star Parent as well as a lawyer and constitutional rights advocate. Mr. Khan and Ms. Lithwick will offer their unique perspectives on the issues of social justice, human rights and constitutional interpretation in a conversation moderated by Risa Goluboff, the Dean of UVA School of Law and a Tandem Friends parent. You can find more information [here](#). All proceeds support financial aid assistance at Tandem Friends School.

**Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, 3/1-3/22/19,** Second Street Gallery in Charlottesville is pleased to present an Artist Residency exhibition featuring artist Jessica Burnam to be held in the Dové Gallery. For this exhibition, Second Street Gallery has selected Jessica Burnam to set up a studio in the Dové Gallery where she will both work and exhibit throughout her residency. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to experience Burnam's process firsthand, watching as art is created and hung on the gallery walls. You can find more information at [secondstreetgallery.org](http://secondstreetgallery.org).

Charlottesville, 3/4-5/4/19, The Montessori School of Charlottesville is hosting their annual Truck Touch event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th.

**The Montessori School of Charlottesville, 3/4- 5/4**The Truck Touch is a family-friendly event that allows children to explore some of their favorite trucks! There will also be food vendors, face painting, and many more activities. They invite you to bring your family and friends out to the IX Art Park in downtown Charlottesville to support our school community. All proceeds from this event will go toward increasing our scholarship fund so that we can continue to broaden access to early childhood education in our community! You can find ticket information [here](#).

**AHIP, Charlottesville,3/4-3/13,** Albemarle Housing Improvement Program (AHIP) is a nonprofit serving Charlottesville and Albemarle that makes sure our neighbors are safe at home by completing critical home repairs. They invite you to join Nest Realty's Drink it Forward event from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 13th at South Street Brewery in downtown Charlottesville. All proceeds from Nest's special keg will be donated to AHIP, helping more local families waiting for critical home repairs, like roofs, heating systems, handicap ramps, insulation, plumbing and electrical fixes, and dozens of other home repairs, renovation tasks, and energy-efficiency upgrades. You can find more information [here](#).

**Iron Lives, Lynchburg, 3/4-4/14,** IRON Lives, Inc. is a nonprofit in Central Virginia that serves as a bridge between students and the community by providing positive youth development, committed mentoring, and character centered athletics. They are hosting their 9th Annual IRON 5K and Bacon Festival on Sunday, April 14th. They welcome you to join them for a run/walk through the town of Amherst, complete with food and entertainment at the end. You can find more information and sign up [here](#).

**Junior League, Lynchburg, 3/4-3/23,** The Junior League of Lynchburg is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the action of trained volunteers. Together, with the American Red Cross and other Leagues across the state of Virginia, they are hosting their first annual Blood Drive on Saturday, March 23rd. The drive will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, located at 1215 VES Road. They invite you to join them in supporting our local hospitals and in giving back to our community through donating blood or participating in a raffle. Financial contributions will support the League's mission of growing the potential of women in our community. You can learn more [here](#).

**Charlottesville Climate Collaborative, Charlottesville, 3/7-3/27/19,** The Charlottesville Climate Collaborative, also known as C3, is an environmental nonprofit working to create a local culture of climate action. It takes *a lot* of resources to manufacture new clothes; Over 600 gallons of water are used to produce a new cotton tee shirt. They're hosting a clothing exchange to give dresses and go-to

jeans *new life* when you swap your pre-loved outfits for some nearly-new threads. You're invited to swap and shop at their eco-event, *Fashion Footprints*, on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Haven in Downtown Charlottesville. Pre-loved clothes can be donated a week before the event — March 18th through the 22nd. Details about the donation drop-off location and more about *Fashion Footprints* can be found [here](#).

**Camp Holiday Trails**, Charlottesville, 3/7-4/28/19, Camp Holiday Trails is a nonprofit camp in Charlottesville for children and teens with medical needs. On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, they're hosting their Hope Grows Celebration at King Family Vineyards. There will be supper, live music and activities for kids. Proceeds from Hope Grows bring kids with medical needs to Camp. [You can find more information here.](#)

**Virginia Institute for Autism**, Charlottesville, 3/7-4/12/19, For 20 years, The Virginia Institute of Autism in Charlottesville's Run for Autism 5K has been creating family-friendly fun and real social impact in our community. They invite you to join VIA families and staff and 1000 of your neighbors and friends on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for this year's race. The day kicks off at Charlottesville High school at 1:30 am with a Kids Race. The 5K begins at 8 a.m. and throughout the event, you and your family can enjoy music, prizes, and the joy of making a difference in our community. The donations you help raise go to support critical programs for children, young adults, and families struggling with the challenges of autism. You can register online [here](#).

**Jefferson-Madison Regional Library**, Charlottesville, 3/7-3/20/19, The Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville's program, The Same Page, provides everyone with the opportunity to focus on a single book within their community. This March, they encourage all residents of Central Virginia to read and discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See, which explores the lives of a Chinese mother and her daughter who have been adopted by an American couple, tracing the different cultural factors that compel them to consume a rare native tea that has shaped their family's destiny for generations. They also welcome you to attend related library programs throughout the month, including a chance to meet the author on Wednesday, March 20th. You can find more information [here](#).

**The Richmond Performing Arts Alliance**, Richmond, 3/15-4/27/19, The Richmond Performing Arts Alliance's Associates Board is hosting its first annual Parking Lot Party on Saturday, April 27th from 4-8 PM. They invite you to bring your friends and family out to the Dominion Energy Center for the Performing Arts parking lot to enjoy an afternoon and evening of bands, brews and bites. Bands include headliner Sleepwalkers, with special guests The Congress and The Whiskey Rebellion. Additional music and entertainment by DJ Diesel, food and beverages by Slideways Mobile Bistro, Goatocado, Pizza Nostra, King of Pops and Growlers to Go – plus activities with Art180, Art on Wheels and the Visual Arts Center of Richmond. Proceeds from this event benefit the artistic and educational programs of RPAA. You can find more information [here](#).

**Ronald McDonald House**, Richmond, 3/18-5/4/19, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Richmond is a nonprofit that provides a "home-away-from-home" and support services inside area hospitals for families whose children are receiving medical treatment in the Richmond region. They are hosting a block party BBQ fundraiser, presented by LUNCH. | SUPPER! on Sunday, May 5th. As part of this event,

we'll be auctioning off 60 cement garden pigs decorated by members of the community to support our programs. You can visit the events section [here](#) for more information, to buy raffle tickets, or to donate so that they can continue #keepingfamiliesclose.

**Richmond Fisher House, Richmond, 3/18-4/13/18,** The 10th Annual Richmond Bluegrass Jam is happening on Saturday, April 13th, from noon to 11 p.m. at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. The event will feature more than 25 of the best local bluegrass and Americana bands playing on three stages for 11 straight hours. Open jam areas also will be available. All proceeds go to support Richmond Fisher House, a home away from home for the families of veterans and active-duty soldiers recuperating at McGuire Medical Center. You can find more information at [rvbluegrassjam.com](http://rvbluegrassjam.com).

**The Henricus Foundation, Henrico, 3/18-5/3/18,** Henricus Historical Park is a living history museum located in Chester, just south of Richmond. The Henricus Foundation is hosting its second annual musical event, *HenROCKus: Bands & Brews on the James River Bluff*, on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-8 p.m. They welcome you to join them in Henricus for a day of local music, local food, and local beer and wine! All ages are welcome and proceeds from the event support their children's education fund. You can find more information [here](#).

**Literacy Volunteers, Charlottesville, 3/26-4/24/19,** Literacy Volunteers are hosting their 12th Annual Wordplay Competition at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Paramount Theater on the downtown mall in Charlottesville. Wordplay is a fundraising event where teams go head-to-head in a fast-paced trivia competition that is far from trivial. Proceeds go towards their continued efforts to help the adults in our community who are learning to read, write, and speak the English language. You can find ticket information [here](#).

**The Alyssa House, Charlottesville, 3/26-4/10/19,** The Alyssa House in Charlottesville is hosting a Game of Thrones Trivia Night at Firefly Restaurant and Arcade on Wednesday, April 10th from 8-10 p.m. Just in time for the season premiere of *Game of Thrones*, they welcome you and your team of 2 to 4 people to test your knowledge of all things Westeros and compete for prizes. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards providing housing and care to families of children in medical crisis while they receive long-term treatment at UVA Children's Hospital. You can learn more at [thealysahouse.org](http://thealysahouse.org).

**Love No Ego Foundation, Charlottesville, 3/26-6/28/19,** The Love No Ego Foundation is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that provides real-world development for kids and young adults ages 10-24. Using their three principles: love over ego, love over fear, and communication over conflict, they aim to help youth overcome challenges, find purpose, and live their true greatness. They offer motivational speaking presentations, workshops, mentoring and youth personal training. You can find more information [here](#).

**Jacob's Chance, Richmond, 3/26-5/11/19,** 11th from 6-10 p.m. at ACCA Temple at 1712 Bellevue Ave. Proceeds will go to offset the programs and opportunities that Jacob's Chance provides for families caring for special needs. You can find more information at [chips4achance.com](http://chips4achance.com).

**Richmond Symphony, Richmond, 3/26-5/11/19,** The Richmond Symphony is a nonprofit in Richmond that aims to change lives through the power of music. They're co-hosting the Hanover Sounds Festival at

Pole Green Park on Saturday, May 11th. They welcome you to join them from 4-8 p.m. for this family-friendly event featuring performances by the Hanover Concert Band, the Richmond Symphony with No BS Brass Band, and more. You can find more information at [richmondsymphony.com](http://richmondsymphony.com).

**Wildrock**, Charlottesville, 3/26-5/11/19, Wildrock is our area's nature play and discovery center located in Crozet. They welcome you to celebrate Spring by making a family day trip to the Blue Ridge foothills to visit their artfully-designed play areas surrounded by mountain, stream and forest. Their season kicks off with outreach events in Charlottesville, including a Tiny World Terrarium Making Party on Thursday, April 11th and the Family Urban Tree Hugger Walk on Saturday, April 14th. They're now open on Saturdays, and you can find more information about their hours and programs [here](#).

**UVA Voice Clinic**, Charlottesville, 3/27-4/20/19, The UVA Voice Clinic is presenting the fifth annual World Voice Day concert on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 p.m. They invite you to bring your friends and family to The Front Porch on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville for food, drinks, and entertainment from a line-up including Adar, Madeline-Holly Sales, and featured performer Erin Lunsford, among many others. The event is a celebration of the human voice -- its beauty, imperfections, and resilience -- and is celebrated world-wide during the month of April. For more information, you can email [jlott@virginia.edu](mailto:jlott@virginia.edu).

**The Louisa County Historical Society**, Louisa, 3/27-4/27/19, The Louisa County Historical Society is hosting their sixth annual Heritage Day celebration on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Sargeant Museum of Louisa County History, located at 214 Fredericksburg Avenue in Louisa. Heritage Day features demonstrations by numerous skilled craftsmen from Central Virginia, many using the tools of their trades from the early 19th century. Visitors will learn how blacksmithing, embroidery, spinning, chairmaking and other early American trades were performed. Some of these activities, like doll-making and shelling corn, will be hands-on and suitable for small children. This family-friendly event will include on-site food vendors and will be held rain or shine. They're still looking for event volunteers and artisans interested in participating. You can learn more by calling the Louisa County Historical Society at (540) 967-5975 or visiting their [website](#).



Culture Connections Q1 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 December 31st to January 6th**

This Friday, In Charlottesville, Chroma Projects is opening Jennifer Printz: Of Space and Matter in the Front Gallery, and Dan Mahon: Looking Just Past The Sky in the Mezzanine. Jennifer Printz's drawing, prints, and mixed media come out of her contemplative interpretations of the firmament and how we observe or frame it. Dan Mahon's manipulated photographs of the sky and atmosphere surrounding local sites are somewhat documentary in nature, but Mahon alters them to create a disorienting, surreal environment, turning the familiar place into an otherworldly locale. The opening is from 5-7pm.

Also opening in Charlottesville at the McGuffey Art Center's Sarah B. Smith Gallery painter, Kelly Lonergan presents "And Then There Were Two". This exhibition includes eleven paintings, which explore the story of Eve and Adam, outside the gates of Eden just moments after the Expulsion. This is that moment and that place, featuring the first steps in the history of humankind. The opening is 5:30-7:30.

In Richmond, this is the final week for the Institute of Contemporary Art's exhibit : Hedges, Edges, Dirt. The exhibit considers how we relate to our surroundings and to each other, whether we are rooted in place or in transition. Five artists are each represented here by a focused body of work. This international group of artists deploys play, beauty, and poetry to complicate and reimagine interrelationships among nature and culture, bodies and spaces.

**For the week of January 7th to 13th**

The Second Street Gallery, in Charlottesville is hosting Scott Irvine and Kim Meinhelt of WAXenVINE for a special Gallery Reception and Artist Talk where they will be discussing their current exhibition. from 5:30-7:30pm. WAXenVINE is the collective vision of husband and wife team, photographer Scott Irvine and artist Kim Meinhelt. Their work centers on themes of light, shadow, texture, and beauty. You'll also get a chance to see John Grant's exhibition, ATTRACTION. Attraction features a distillation of Grant's traditional work along with various photomontage techniques and painting. In this latest series of botanical work, Grant has further refines his digital technique. Unlike traditional photography, which demands the artist shoot film to be brought back into the darkroom and developed into an image, Grant goes out into the world and takes his subject home with him. Collecting blossoms from his personal spring gardens and across Central Virginia's naturally bountiful landscape, Grant returns to the studio to scan the botanical material at a high resolution.

In Richmond, the Institute of contemporary art: Features Weekly Provocations Performances. Every week a new guest, including DJs, poets, dancers, and musicians interpret Rashid Johnson's Monument every Friday and Saturday afternoon through July 14, with an additional

evening performance on the First Friday of every month. No tickets are necessary and the event is free.

These are the last two weeks for The Fralin Museum at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville exhibit, Reflections: Native Art Across Generations, which 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: Teri Greeves, Wendy Red Star, Lily Hope and Kay WalkingStick. 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.

#### **For the week of January 14th- January 20th**

This Friday, the Page Bond Gallery in Richmond opens VIEW FIND 8, and new work by Charlottesville photographer William Wiley. Check their website for more information. In Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College continues it's annual faculty exhibitions featuring a one person exhibit by Charlottesville potter, Tom Clarkson in the North Gallery and a group faculty show featuring the work of their fine art faculty including Rick Weaver, Fenella Belle, Jeremy Taylor and Lou Haney.

Also in Charlottesville, The Welcome Gallery, sponsored by New City Arts, is featuring their annual Artist Exchange. This is an artist-led program that brings together local artists to create and exchange a unique set of artworks with one another. Led by Mara Sprafkin, New City Arts, and Paul Handler, the New City Artist Exchange builds community by increasing awareness of Charlottesville art among the local artist community and facilitating a network of artist peers. The New City Artist Exchange is as much of a "place" as it is a program. This years participants include [Annie Temmink](#), [Frank Walker](#), [Golara Haghtalab](#), [Grace Ho](#), [Karina A. Monroy](#), [LeVonne Yountz](#), [Matt Eich](#), [Nick Watson](#), [Phuong Duyen Nguyen](#), & [Rayne MacPhee](#).

#### **For the week of January 21st- January 27th**

The Maier Gallery at Randolph College in Lynchburg is opening ONE PLACE, TWO VIEWS: JOHN WALKER AND KAYLA MOHAMMADI, this Friday from 5-7pm. Kayla Mohammadi is first generation American, born to a Finnish mother and Iranian father in San Francisco. John Walker was born in Birmingham, England. Stylistically distinct, both are non-objective, abstract painters whose work is suggestive of landscape. The exhibition offers rich, complementary interpretations of a shared, beloved sense of place. While they have participated in the same group exhibitions before, this is the first time the couple has exhibited together in a two-person exhibition.

In Roanoke, the Taubman Museum's exhibit DRIVE: ICONIC AMERICAN CARS AND MOTORCYCLES is in its final week.

Some call them rolling sculptures, others the shape of speed. The exhibit features nearly two dozen legendary vehicles that defined the height of American automotive ingenuity. The

vehicles featured in the exhibition span over a half-century from 1912-1965 and include one-of-a-kind concept cars and celebrity-owned roadsters and motorcycles.

In Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts continues it's exhibition, Temples and Shrines in Japan: Woodblock Prints by Kawase Hasui. This exhibition features twelve woodblock prints by Japanese artist Kawase Hasui (1883-1957). Selected from nearly 700 Hasui prints donated to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts by René and Carolyn Balcer, these works focus on scenes of temples and shrines across Japan, celebrating their sacred architecture and connections between people and nature.

### **For the week of January 28th – February 3rd**

In Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts opens Hollar's Encyclopedic Eye: Prints from the Frank Raysor Collection. One of the most prolific printmakers of the Baroque period, Wenceslaus Hollar rose up out of obscurity in one of Europe's most turbulent eras to amass an astounding body of work. Underrated during his lifetime, Hollar produced up to 2,500 etchings in a prodigious 50-year career. The breadth and virtuosity of his works have inspired artists for centuries, and yet his name and profile are only now on the rise.

Also in Richmond, this is the final week for Sable Elyse Smith's: For Freedoms – 50 State Initiative with 1708 Gallery.

As part of the expansive network of institutions that is For Freedoms, 1708 is amplifying the social and political agency of contemporary art in the cultural landscape of Richmond. This multi-site project with Smith is part of an imperative that elaborates on Richmond's relevance in discourses between art and politics.

The Welcome Gallery, in Charlottesville is presenting a residency with artist | [Karina A. Monroy](#). Using the visual arts, Monroy explores and questions the definitions of femininity in relation to her identity as a Mexican-American woman. She examines the women in her own family and investigates how their identities have been shaped by these expectations of "womanhood". Like most first-generation immigrants, she has found that she must navigate between two cultural worlds, choosing what to discard and what to embrace from each.

### **For the week of February 4th-February-10th**

In Charlottesville, McGuffey Art Center will be celebrating Black History month in all of their galleries. The opening is 5:30 to 7:30 pm, this Friday

This is the final week for the Visual Art Center of Richmond's exhibit I YOU WE, featuring artists Emmy Bright, Jessica Heikes and Leigh Suggs.

These three artists live in different cities but they have remained in close dialogue since first meeting at a residency in 2009. Over the past few years, they have forged a distinctive model of discourse to explore the overlaps and gaps between their artwork. Each artists' style and media preference is unique, however, they share concerns around emotions, relationships and the literal and metaphorical spaces in between beings and objects.

In Charlottesville, the Second Street Gallery continues it's innovative programming with Inside the Artists' Studio, a group exhibition featuring the work of several local artists including Stacey Evans, Sharon Shapiro, Guillermo X Umbilla, and Russ Warren. For this exhibition, Second Street

Gallery's Chief Curator, Kristen Chiacchia, has paired one local painter with one local photographer. Over a period of at least 6 months, the photographers have documented the artists' process as they created works specifically for the exhibition at Second Street Gallery. The exhibition will take place in SSG's Main Gallery with an installation of photographs next to each painter's finished artworks.

#### **For the week of February 11th- February 17th**

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in Lynchburg is continuing their two new exhibitions: One Place, Two Views: John Walker and Kahla Mohammadi and an exhibition curated by three Randolph College students entitled Developed and Disturbed: Visions of the American Landscape. This exhibit 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 nineteenth century to the present, that address this tension in subtle and thought-provoking ways. All works were selected by the student curators from Randolph College's permanent collection housed at the Maier Museum of Art.

This Saturday, the Institute for Contemporary Art, in Richmond opens Give It or Leave It, a solo exhibition of film, video, and sculpture by filmmaker and artist Cauleen Smith. The exhibit will fill the ICA's Beverly W. Reynolds Gallery and reach into the adjacent Royall Forum with an overlapping series of immersive installations. Taking its title from a revision of the threat "take it or leave it," Give It or Leave It cultivates a spirit of generosity, hospitality, and selflessness, and proposes a new rule for a better world: creating something, offering it, and gifting it, regardless of recognition, acceptance, or rejection.

This Friday, in Charlottesville, Piedmont Virginia Community College opens two new exhibits: In the North Gallery, look for John Grant: Skyward. As indicated by the title, this new body of work intends to create an immersive and uplifting experience. The work experiments with combining two simple visual metaphors; flowers and sky. The desired result is to create something greater than the sum of its parts. In the South Gallery, Look Out: A Collection of Community Portraits, curated by Stacey Evans. Look Out includes work by several local photographers including Eze Amos, Aaron Farrington, Greg Antrim Kelly and Jesus Pino. The opening is this Friday from 5 to 7pm.

#### **For the week of February 18th- February-24th**

This Thursday, Lynchburg's, Sweetbriar College presents a lecture by visiting artist, Claire Stankus, in the Benedict Gallery at 5:30 p.m. Stankus will speak about her paintings showing in Benedict Gallery. The exhibition continues through through Feb. 28th. This is the final week for the Congo Masks: Masterpieces from Central Africa at the Virginia Museum of Fines arts in Richmond. Its immersive multimedia design, presenting eleven distinct regional styles of masks, evokes the diversity of ecosystems and cultures of the immense Congo.

Also in Richmond, Art Works Gallery continues "Where I've Been, Where I'm Going" by Jorge Ariel Escobar. Escobar is a photo-media and interdisciplinary artist, working with 19th century alternative processes, fibers and printmaking. The work explores internal dialogues which include emotions, thoughts and memories.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum is featuring COLETTE FU: WE ARE TIGER DRAGON PEOPLE, through September. Sparked by curiosity and the desire to explore her roots, artist Colette Fu began traveling to China. While there, she was able to experience and document the customs of many groups, including a tribe of which her mother and Roanoke resident Pearl Fu are members. The artist's long immersion in the unique cultures of Yunnan culminated in a spectacular collection of intricate pop-up books and photo collages called We Are Tiger Dragon People.

#### **For the week of February 25th- March 3rd**

This month, Artworks in Richmond, is gearing up for the April Earth Day festival in Manchester, with a "recycle art" component in their All Media Show. They'll also be exhibiting new artist, Kevin Sabo, in OK OK.

The Beverly Street Studio Gallery in Staunton continues it's exhibition of Nan Covert's work in Paint & Places: Dare County, NC. Highland County, VA. The Exhibition will run through March 10th. Paint & Places is a collection of paintings representing landscapes specifically influenced by the mountainside hayfields of Highland County, VA, and the salt marches in Dare County, NC.

In Charlottesville, The Welcome Gallery, off the downtown mall is exhibiting work by Mineko Yoshida. Born in Japan and educated in New York and Philadelphia, Yosida is best known for her minimal, colorful abstractions.

McGuffey Art Center, also in Charlottesville, opens several exhibits including: Lotta Helleberg in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery, Lindsay Heider Diamon in the Lower Hall North, Margaret Embree in the Lower Hall South and the Book Arts Show in the Upper Hall Galleries. The opening is this Friday, 5:30-7:30 pm.

#### **For the week of March 4th-March 10th**

The Institute for contemporary Art in Richmond continues their on-going installation Provocations by artist Rashid Johnson. Johnson is in the process of creating a new, large-scale work that responds to the soaring, light-filled expanse of the ICA's top-floor exhibition space, the True Farr Luck Gallery. Johnson conceived this new installation, Monument, as a site of both contemplation and collaboration. Visitors are invited to move around the work and to immerse themselves in its textures and details. Throughout its stay at the ICA, Monument will be activated by live performances created in response to the work.

The Fralin Museum of Art continues its exhibition *sometimes.we.cannot.be.with.our.bodies* by Vanessa German. Vanessa German is a visual and performance artist based in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Homewood. She is also the founder of Love Front Porch and the ARThouse, a community arts initiative for the children of Homewood.

*sometimes.we.cannot.be.with.our.bodies.* is an immersive installation of sculpture and sound that originated at the Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh, in 2017, and is being reimaged in The Fralin. German will be in residence in March, working with students and community members. Also in Charlottesville, The Kluge Rugh Aboriginal Museum continues *BEYOND DREAMINGS: THE RISE OF INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIAN ART IN THE UNITED STATES*. Curated by nine graduate students at UVA, *Beyond Dreamings* features key artworks from the original 1988 exhibition, alongside recent works that show the continuing diversity and dynamism of Indigenous Australian art.

### **For the week of March 11- March 17th**

In Lynchburg, The Academy Center of the arts presents their on-going series "Art Talks" this Thursday from 5:30-6:30pm.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond is showing *Patience and Perseverance: The Black Photographers Annual, Volume 4*. Between 1973 and 1980, a group of African American photographers based in New York City published four volumes of *The Black Photographers Annual*. Emerging from the Black Arts Movement, which grew out of the civil rights movement, as well as the collective of African American photographers each Annual featured the work of as many as 49 artists. The fourth installment focuses on the final volume of *The Black Photographers Annual*. When the Annual editors asked James VanDerZee if he had any advice for younger photographers, the elder artist replied, "patience and perseverance." This rotation pairs photographs by VanDerZee with a selection of works by a younger generation.

In Roanoke, the Taubman Museum continues *BOB TROTMAN: BUSINESS AS USUAL*.

Bob Trotman's series *Business as Usual* 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. The Taubman Museum of Art's presentation of this exhibition will debut several new sculptures in addition to artworks from various institutions and collections to explore Trotman's rich body of work.

The Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Arts at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, is opening *Colonial Wounds / Postcolonial Repair* this Monday.

### **For the week of March 18 – March 24th**

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Shapiro, Guillermo X Umbilla, and Russ Warren. For this exhibition, Second Street Gallery's Chief Curator, Kristen Chiacchia, has paired one local painter with one local photographer. Over a period of at least 6 months, the photographers have documented the artists' process as they created works specifically for the exhibition at Second Street Gallery. The exhibition is in SSG's Main Gallery with an installation of photographs next to each painter's finished artworks.

In Staunton, this is the final week for the Annual Juried Youth Art Show at the Staunton Augusta Art Center. The show features mixed media art work by preK-12th grade students from 35 area schools.

In Richmond, The University of Richmonds Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature is showing Across Time & Cultures: Ceramic Vessels from the Collection. Looking across time, global locations, and cultures, the exhibition features a selection of more than forty objects from the collection of the museum to highlight the remarkable universality of ceramic vessels, ranging from an ancient Greek vase made circa 550 B.C.E. to sculptural vases made by a contemporary Japanese artist.

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The University of Richmond's Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature, continues Wandering Spirit: African Wax Prints.

This exhibition is a tribute to the centuries old handmade designs and patterns on textiles that originated in Indonesia and were copied and industrialized by Europeans and exported to Africa. The exhibition traces the developmental pathways of the African wax print and tells how these fabrics reflect the stories, dreams, and personalities of the people who wear them. The history of the African wax print is a history paved along colonial trade routes and globalization in the post-colonial era. Though not originally from Africa, these textiles have become ingrained in African culture and society.

The Maier Museum at Randolph College in Lynchburg continues the exhibition: ONE PLACE, TWO VIEWS: JOHN WALKER AND KAYLA MOHAMMADI. Stylistically distinct, both are non-objective, abstract painters whose work is suggestive of landscape. The natural forms and features that surround their home in Maine are major sources of inspiration. The exhibition offers rich, complementary interpretations of a shared, beloved sense of place.