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## **Q4 2019 Quarterly Report**

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Celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, WNRN is a non-profit independent music radio station providing 24-hour music content and community messaging across nine frequencies in Charlottesville, Richmond, Central Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley. Our mission is to strengthen communities through music, art and education, creating confidence in our listeners that our station is a force for good where they live. Our gross population reach is 1.5-2 million, with our weekly cumulative estimated at 70-80,000 listeners. The median age range of our listeners is 22 year to 55 years of age.

Established in 2015, WNRN's *Hear Together* is a multifaceted program that aims to identify the real issues facing our communities and highlight the nonprofits working tirelessly to fulfill those needs. *Hear Together* addresses these issues through produced segments that aren't isolated in one place during our broadcast day or week, but rather are woven into each hour of our regular music programming with the goal to inform, inspire, motivate and accomplish. *Hear Together's* coverage is threefold: *Hear Together Profiles* are reported, interview-based features; *Community Connections* are public service announcements promoting nonprofits' causes or upcoming events, written in each nonprofit's own words and recorded in their own voice; *Culture Connections* are public service announcements outlining upcoming arts and cultural events in the region. By offering our nonprofit neighbors a platform to voice their mission at no cost, we hope to promote awareness and increase action and involvement among our listening audience.

*Hear Together* provides over \$300,000 in free airtime to area nonprofits whose marketing budget is otherwise minimal or nonexistent. These nonprofits work in the following focus areas: education and school readiness, mental health and wellness, job readiness, water and land conservation, transportation, affordable housing, food security/hunger/nutrition, creative placemaking, community health and aging.

At the end of each quarter, WNRN's Managing Producer collects feedback from each featured nonprofit to gauge the effectiveness of our coverage and gather suggestions of ways in which we can improve our program moving forward.

Since the inception of the *Hear Together* program in 2015, WNRN has been involved with over 600 nonprofit organizations and has won four Virginia Association of Broadcasters Awards for its public service: three awards in the Best Public Service/Community Event category for *Community Connections* and one in the category for Best Human Interest Series for *Hear Together Profiles*.

## **Community Connections Q4 2019 (October 1 – December 31, 2019)**

**James River Association Landowners Program, Richmond, VA; 7/18-10/18:** The James River Association provides a voice for the James River so it can improve and enhance communities. The James River Association and VA Department of Forestry are working with landowners in central VA to restore or create forest buffers on their properties to improve water quality in local streams. Growing trees on your property filters pollution, reduces the impacts of flooding, and provides habitat for wildlife. They welcome any landowner interested in growing trees for cleaner water to apply for this program. For more information, you can go to their website, [jamesriverbuffers.org](http://jamesriverbuffers.org). James River Association is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMIWalks, Richmond, VA; 7/18-10/18:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Virginia Chapter is hosting the 12th Annual NAMIWalks Virginia on Saturday, October 5th, at Innsbrook North Shore Commons in Glen Allen. NAMIWalks is the largest mental health education and fundraising effort in America. They bring people of all ages and fitness levels together to combat stigma, raise funds and promote awareness of mental illness. Check in begins at 10 a.m. and step off is at 11:30 a.m. In addition to the scenic walk along the lake, the day will also include family-friendly entertainment. Proceeds from this event go toward providing education and support for individuals living with mental illness and their loved ones. They welcome you to walk with them for mental health. To register for the walk, you can call 804-285-8264 X 211 or visit [namiwalks.org/virginia](http://namiwalks.org/virginia).

**Skyline Country Cloggers Events, Charlottesville, VA; 8/2-10/18:** Skyline Country Cloggers new season of beginner and intermediate Appalachian clogging dance classes will be held at The Front Porch — a nonprofit roots music school located on the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. Classes take place on Tuesday evenings beginning on Tuesday, September 17th and continue through Tuesday, March 26. By the end of the session, students will have learned several clogging dance routines as performed by the Skyline Country Cloggers. You can find more information and enroll online at [frontporchville.org](http://frontporchville.org) or [skylinecloggers.com/classes](http://skylinecloggers.com/classes).

**CJ's Thumbs Up Foundation Meal Fairies, Charlottesville, VA; 8/2-10/18:** CJ's Thumbs Up Foundation is a nonprofit based in Ashland whose mission is to provide assistance to families of children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, including the families and caregivers of young patients at The Children's Hospital of Richmond and UVA Children's Hospital. They're committed to making unbearable situations just a little more bearable. They have an Emergency Bill Pay program to help ease families financial burden -- and through their Meal Fairies program, they're proud to serve meals once a week to families of children receiving inpatient care at UVA Children's Hospital. They're always looking for volunteers -- and donations to continue providing meals to families in need. To learn more about CJSTUF, find volunteer opportunities or to make donations that will make a positive impact on local families, you can go to their website, [CJSTUF.org](http://CJSTUF.org).

**Out of the Darkness Staunton and Lynchburg Walks, Staunton/Lynchburg, VA; 9/1-10/4:** American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Virginia Chapter is hosting their Annual Out of the Darkness Community Walks on Saturday, October, 5th at Riverfront Park in Lynchburg and Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton. Suicide prevention starts with everyday heroes like you. They welcome you to join them as they walk to fight suicide and raise awareness about mental health. You can be a part of the movement turning hope into action as they aim to create a culture that's smart about mental health. Funds raised

at the walks will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. You can find more information about these and other walks in Virginia at [AFSP.org/outofthedarkness](http://AFSP.org/outofthedarkness).

**Out of the Darkness Richmond Walk, Richmond, VA; 10/5-10/18:** American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Virginia Chapter is hosting their 10th Annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk on Saturday, October, 19th at Deep Run Park in Richmond. Suicide prevention starts with everyday heroes like you. They welcome you to join them as they walk to fight suicide and raise awareness about mental health. You can be a part of the movement turning hope into action as they aim to create a culture that's smart about mental health. Funds raised at this and other walks will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. You can find more information about these and other walks in Virginia at [AFSP.org/outofthedarkness](http://AFSP.org/outofthedarkness).

**Friends of the Chessie Trail Run the Chessie, Lexington, VA; 8/26-10/18:** On Saturday, October 19th, we're hosting the Chessie Trail Marathon, Half-Marathon and 5K on the banks of the Maury River in Rockbridge County. You can run the trail with more locks and dams per mile than any other trail in the United States. Proceeds from this race go towards trail development and maintenance. Not a runner? We have lots of volunteer opportunities before and during the race. On Saturday, October 19th, we're hosting the Chessie Trail Marathon, Half-Marathon and 5K on the banks of the Maury River in Rockbridge County. You can run the trail with more locks and dams per mile than any other trail in the United States. Proceeds from this race go towards trail development and maintenance. Not a runner? We have lots of volunteer opportunities before and during the race. You can learn more online at <http://runthechessie.org>

**YMCA of Central VA Mission in Motion, Lynchburg, VA; 8/26-10/11:** The YMCA of Central Virginia welcomes all to the Inaugural Mission in Motion bicycling event at the Sedalia Center in Big Island Virginia on Saturday, Oct 12th. The Sedalia Center is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. There are offering several options for both the novice and experienced cyclist - A 10-mile family fun ride, 5 unique 20-mile paved loops, a 20- or 58-mile gravel route, and even mountain biking trails close-by for a fun-filled day on your bicycle. The course will have a starting location and a centralized rest stop so you can choose whatever distance or surface strikes your fancy. So, if you're lucky enough to own multiple bikes – the YMCA welcomes you to bring them all and have a taste of everything this event offers. All proceeds for this event go towards LIVESTRONG at the YCMA – a cancer survivorship program at our YMCA. Learn more on [BikeReg.com](http://BikeReg.com) – search for Mission in Motion on Oct 12th.

**SPARC SPARC of Hope 5K Run and Walk, Louisa, VA; 9/25-10/18:** The Suicide Prevention Awareness Resource Council, SPARC, is a nonprofit in Charlottesville working to de-stigmatize the conversation about suicide, inspire hope, and share local resources. On Saturday, October 19th, they are hosting the 6th Annual SPARC of Hope 5K Run and Walk at East End Farm in Louisa. The run starts at 8 a.m. with a speaker, the walk, and remembrance activities to follow. You can visit [sparchope.org](http://sparchope.org) for more information and to register.

**Capital Trail Rocketts Landing Cap Trail 10M/5K, Richmond, VA; 9/25-10/25:** 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 welcome you to bring your friends and family to run or walk the Capital Trail on Saturday, October 26th starting at Stone Brewing in Richmond for their inaugural Rocketts Landing Cap Trail 10M/5K. Proceeds from this

event will help them continue to enhance the overall Capital Trail experience. You can learn more online at [viriniacapitaltrail.org](http://viriniacapitaltrail.org).

**Music Resource Center Party Like a Rock Star, Charlottesville, VA; 9/17-10/17:** The Music Resource Center is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that fosters the youth in our community through music. They provide a safe, diverse, and creative community where teens learn, grow, and make music together. They work to ensure that the MRC is affordable to all. They are hosting their annual fundraiser, Party Like a Rock Star, on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Music Resource Center. This year, their party features food, a full, open bar, live band-e-o-kee with guest performances and the '90s alt-rock band Superunknown. You must be 21 to attend. Proceeds from this event help support their programming. You can find more information at [musicresourcecenter.org/party](http://musicresourcecenter.org/party).

**Jefferson School of African American Heritage Tour, Charlottesville, VA; 9/3-11/30:** The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center in Charlottesville welcomes you to explore regional African American history on public tours they are now offering every Friday at 1:00 pm and every Saturday at 11:00 am. Their community guides will uncover the untold narratives of our local community, and guests will also have the opportunity to view the work of emerging and established artists from the African Diaspora. You can learn more [here](#).

**Cville Municipal Band Fall Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 9/28-10/19:** The Charlottesville Municipal Band will present their 97th Season Fall Concert on Sunday, October 20th at 3:30 p.m. at the Dickinson Main Stage Theater at Piedmont Virginia Community College. The program will include classics to the contemporary and a world premiere work by Charles Torian Jr. University of Virginia music department faculty member Katy Ambrose will be their guest French Horn soloist. You can find more information [here](#).

**Cville Municipal Band Holiday Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 11/20-12/14:** The Charlottesville Municipal Band will present their 97th Season Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 15th at 3:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School. The program will include Holiday classics, a sing-a-long and a special surprise. Concert-goers are asked to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to donate to the Emergency Food Bank. You can find more information [here](#).

**Center for Nonprofit Excellence Board Academy, Charlottesville, VA; 9/9-10/31:** Center for Nonprofit Excellence is a nonprofit working across Virginia to strengthen nonprofits to realize the potential of the communities they serve. Have you considered volunteering for a nonprofit board, but are unsure where to get started? For the last 10 years, CNE has offered Board Academy—a 3-month-long series of workshops that supports the development of effective nonprofit board leadership. CNE faculty uses a variety of readings and activities to cover a range of topics, including board roles and responsibilities, strategy, finance, philanthropy, board recruitment, difficult conversations, and change management. Board Academy 2020 will begin in January and applications are being accepted until November 1, 2019. For more information about this program and potential scholarship opportunities, visit <http://thecne.org>

**Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation Awareness, Richmond, VA; 10/1-10/31:** The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation is not a traditional grantmaking foundation. VBCF is a statewide, Richmond-based nonprofit providing Virginians with knowledge and a voice in the fight against breast cancer. October is national breast cancer awareness month, and pink ribbons are everywhere this month. It's a good reminder to

talk to your health care provider about when you should start and how often you should get a mammogram. VBCF invites all to learn more about the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation's mission to Educate, Advocate, Eradicate at their updated website [vbcf.org](http://vbcf.org). You can find help for yourself or a loved one, request free breast health basics brochures for women and men to share in your local community, and explore ways to get involved with VBCF's work.

**Whistle Stop Theatre Company The Pied Piper, Richmond, VA; 9/12-10/12:** The Whistle Stop Theatre company in Ashland, VA is presenting a family-friendly musical all about the Pied Piper. This twist on the classic poem by Robert Browning follows the Pied Piper as they empower the children of Hamile through song and dance. Performances run from Saturday, October 5th through Sunday, October 13th at the Ashland Theatre. Find out more information at <http://WhistleStopTheatre.weebly.com>

**Culture Works artoberVA, Richmond, VA; 10/1- 10/31:** CultureWorks are a nonprofit in Richmond that drives a vibrant community through arts and culture. They are presenting the fourth year of artoberVA for the month of October. artoberVA is a celebration of arts and culture throughout RVA and the Tri-Cities. CultureWorks invites everyone to attend an event that you know you'll love or explore something that's new to you. artoberVA is for everyone – building and elevating a more accessible and inclusive arts and culture community! Check out their calendar for special events, art in unusual places, and collaborations throughout the region online at <http://artoberVA.com>

**Blue Sky Fund Dominion Energy Hike for Kids, Richmond, VA; 10/1-10/31:** Blue Sky Fund are a nonprofit in Richmond that provides transformational experiences for urban youth through outdoor education. They provide access to experiential science investigations and outdoor adventure programs such as hiking, paddling, and rock climbing for students who attend Richmond Public Schools. Blue Sky Fund is excited to host the Dominion Energy Hike for Kids event on Saturday, October 26th. Participants can choose to hike 3, 8 or 14 miles on the James River Park System from downtown Richmond. Hikers will then enjoy food, Vasen beer, and live music at a post-hike party overlooking the river. Proceeds from the event will provide more opportunities for the children from the city's most vulnerable communities to experience the outdoors in a meaningful way. For more information, visit [www.blueskyfund.org](http://www.blueskyfund.org)

**Institute for Reform and Solution Criminal Justice Days Conference, Harrisonburg, VA; 9/12-10/16:** The Institute for Reform and Solutions nonprofit in Staunton and Harrisonburg working to improve the current criminal justice system. They are hosting a community criminal justice days conference on Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Mennonite University. All members of the community, professionals, and students, are invited to join. Topics include the opioid crisis, immigration, restorative justice, domestic violence, cannabis, mental health, homelessness, and more. In conjunction with the Earthtober campaign, the Institute aims to eliminate the use of single-use plastic straws, water bottles, and bags at the event, and ask that people bring their own reusable items. For more information and to register, visit their website, [reformcjs.org](http://reformcjs.org).

**Hospice of the Piedmont Death Café, Charlottesville, VA; 9/19-10/12:** Hospice of the Piedmont in Charlottesville is hosting a Death Cafe on Sunday, October 13th, from 2-4 p.m. at the Center (formerly the Senior Center), 491 Hillsdale Drive, in Charlottesville. At the Death Cafe, people gather in small groups to discuss death and dying. The main objective of the event is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their lives. A Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes, and no products or services are sold or endorsed. It is a

discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. Learn more online at [deathcafe.com](http://deathcafe.com) or by calling Hospice of the Piedmont at 434-817-6900.

**Buena Vista Arts Council Lost Arts Street Fest, Buena Vista, VA; 9/19-10/11:** Buena Vista Arts Council invites all to join them on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. for Mountain Day, a yearly lost Arts street festival held in downtown Buena Vista. A regional tradition for more than 20 years, Mountain Day hosts craft demonstrations, live music and dance, local history, fine art, and handmade items for sale, food vendors, community organizations, children's activities, and more. The American Legion will also host a car cruise-in. The event is open to the public. Find more information online at <http://mountainday.org>

**Cville Timebank Repair Café, Charlottesville, VA; 9/11-10/11:** The Cville TimeBank is hosting a Repair Cafe on Saturday, October 12th, from 12:30-4 pm at the Habitat Store on Harris Street in Charlottesville. Things like chairs, fans, and lamps usually end up in a landfill when they break. But volunteers at the Repair Cafe can fix broken stuff and make it useful again. The whole community is invited to bring household items like clothing, toys, bikes, small appliances, furniture, and jewelry. Handy volunteers will be happy to fix your stuff and even show you how it's done. More information is at [cvilletimebank.com](http://cvilletimebank.com).

**Shenandoah Valley Art Center Fall Foliage Festival Art Show, Waynesboro, VA; 9/19-10/11:** The Shenandoah Valley Art Center is a non-profit in Waynesboro that boosts awareness of the visual arts and artists in the community. They are hosting the 49th annual Fall Foliage Festival Arts Show on Saturday, October 12, and Sunday, October 13th, in downtown Waynesboro. For More information, visit [svacart.com](http://svacart.com) Shenandoah Valley Art Center is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville Rake-a-thon; 10/5-11/15:** Habitat for Humanity is a local non-profit with a vision of a greater Charlottesville community where everyone can find a decent place to live. On Saturday, November 16th, they are hosting their 7th annual Rake-a-Thon. The Rake-a-thon is a family-friendly event of all ages that raises funds and awareness for affordable housing in the community. Volunteers rake lawns, and in exchange, neighbors give a donation of their choice to Habitat. Last year, more than 500 volunteers rakes 95 lawns and raised \$20,000 to support a local family in purchasing a Habitat home in Lochlyn Hill, a mixed-income community off Rio Road. This year, all event proceeds will support four homebuyers in purchasing affordable Habitat homes on Nassau Street in Belmont. Rake-a-Thon is a team-building event for families, businesses, churches, school and youth groups, and social clubs. You can sign up your team of volunteer rakers by finding the Rake-a-Thon-link on Habitat's homepage at [cvillehabitat.org](http://cvillehabitat.org)

**Habitat for Humanity of Central Virginia Mission, Lynchburg, VA; 11/16-2/16:** Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit in Charlottesville with a vision of a greater community where everyone can find a decent place to live. Their approach to affordable housing has grown from building single homes to creating diverse, inclusive and vibrant sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods. IN the past 27 years, HABitat has walked side-by-side with 228 local families as they realized their dream of homeownership. With Habitat's help, homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Habitat is currently working alongside the residents of Southwood Mobile Home Park as they design their own community and their future. They are also working with local partners to develop and implement innovative solutions to close the affordable housing gap of the community. For more information, visit [cvillehabitat.org](http://cvillehabitat.org).

**Montpelier October Events, Orange, VA; 10/1-10/19:** During the month of October, James Madison's Montpelier welcomes all to get outdoors and enjoy their eight miles of walking trails, or take a guided walking tour such as the Historic Landscape tour, the Journey from Slavery to Freedom, Seasonal Forest Strolls, and "The Great Beyond" Cemetery Tour. They are also offering an Architectural Photography Workshop on October 20th, and on October 26th, invite all to participate in the Forest and Field Nature Exploration Series, which will focus on nature journaling. Montpelier welcomes all to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. Learn more about their programming online at [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org). Montpelier is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Montpelier Veteran's Day Events, Orange, VA; 10/20-11/11:** James Madison's Montpelier welcomes all to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, barbecue and a locally sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and their award-winning exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." During Veteran's Day weekend, Montpelier honors U.S. military veterans with offers on tours and in the museum shop. Learn more online about what you can do at Montpelier at [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org). Montpelier is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Montpelier Holiday Open House, Orange, VA; 11/12-12/6:** James Madison's Montpelier welcomes all to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, barbecue and a locally sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and their award-winning exhibition, "The Mere Distinction of Colour." On December 7th, Montpelier says thank you to neighbors and friends at their holiday open house, featuring tours, visits with Santa, hands-on history activities, cookies and cider, and a buffet lunch by the Barbecue Exchange. Learn more about what you can do at Montpelier at [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org). Montpelier is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Montpelier End of Year Tour, Orange, VA; 12/7-12/31:** James Madison's Montpelier is a historic landmark and home of the fourth president James Madison, located just north of Charlottesville. As fall turns into winter, Montpelier invites all to experience history at their house in the Virginia foothills. They have daily tours, eight miles of walking trails, barbecue and a locally-sourced menu at the Exchange Cafe, and our latest exhibition, "Mysteries of Montpelier," where you can create your own miniature museum displays, touch artifacts from the property, and take a picture at a selfie station. Between December 26th and January 1, Families will have the opportunity to take the hands-on tour "Discovering Montpelier: A Family-Friendly Tour." Learn more online about what you can do at Montpelier at [montpelier.org](http://montpelier.org). Montpelier is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Virginia Institute of Autism Gala, Keswick, VA; 9/19-10/4:** The Virginia Institute of Autism is hosting their 23rd Anniversary Gala at Castle Hill Cider in Keswick on Saturday, October 5th. The black-tie optional event includes a silent auction, dinner and dancing. This year's theme is "Celebrating a Galaxy of Possibilities" and they're honoring the unique constellation of characteristics that makes each person with autism special. All proceeds support life-changing programs of the Virginia Institute of Autism. You can purchase tickets [here](#).

**Nelson Future Farmers of America Bluegrass Benefit, Lovingston, VA; 9/22-10/12:** Nelson FFA welcomes all to join on Saturday, October 12th from 4:00 – 9:00 PM at the Nelson Co. Middle School Auditorium in Lovingston for a night of music featuring In the Tradition, The Little Mountain Boys, James River Cutups, and Deep Blue Express. There will also be silent auction items, a live auction, raffles, bake sale and concessions. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the event will be held from 4-9. All proceeds will be used for trip expenses for students to attend and compete at the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis. For more information, call 434-263-4801.

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School October Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 10/1-10/18:** The Blue Ridge Irish Music School presents Steph Geremia & The Flyaways in concert on Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Cville Coffee. Steph is an Irish American flute player and singer, highly regarded as one of the top musicians of her generation. Steph will be joined by fiddle maestro, Ben Gunnery, and Scottish-American powerhouse Alan Murray on bouzouki, guitar and vocals. Tickets are available at [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School November Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 10/19-11/4:** Blue Ridge Irish Music School presents a house concert with the legendary fiddle player Frankie Gavin on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. Frankie, a founding member of the seminal Irish super-group De Dannan, will be joined by Louise Costello on banjo and Tommy McCarthy on fiddle. Tickets are available at [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Claudius Crozet Park Crozet Fall Arts and Crafts Festival, Crozet, VA; 9/12-10/12:** The 39th annual Crozet Fall Arts and Crafts Festival will return to Claudius Crozet Park on Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th with over 120 juried fine art and craft exhibitors selling their own handcrafted creations. They invite you to join them for this family-friendly event featuring craft demos, food trucks and booths, Virginia beer and wine, children's activities and more. There will be live entertainment from Susie and the Pistols, John Wyant, Sue Harlow, 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).

**The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative Halloween Party, Charlottesville, VA; 10/8-10/30:** The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative is a community arts non-profit and cultural hub of Charlottesville that believes in the power of culture to foster meaningful connections. On Halloween, Thursday, October 31st, all are invited to come party at their third 3rd annual Halloween Party starting at 7 pm. There will be live music, a DJ, and plenty of beverages, dancing, and spooky terrors! All with the backdrop of the community art Gallery at 209 Monticello rd in the Belmont neighborhood. This is an opportunity for all frightful souls to Monster Mash the night away in support of community arts. There is an admission fee after 8 pm and all proceeds support the authentic Cville arts and culture that The Bridge provides a home to year-round. Learn more at [thebridgepai.com](http://thebridgepai.com)

**Crozet YMCA Halloween at my Y, Crozet, VA; 10/8-10/25:** The Crozet YMCA is hosting the Halloween at my Y event on Saturday, October 26th, from 1 to 3 pm. All are invited to bring the entire family out to Claudius Crozet Park to enjoy an activities-filled afternoon including a costume run, trunk or treat, and a floating pumpkin patch. Learn more and register online by visiting their website, [piedmontymca.org](http://piedmontymca.org) and clicking on "special events at Crozet YMCA," or by calling 434-205-4380.

**Victory Hall Opera Armida, Charlottesville, VA; 10/8-11/1:** Victory Hall Opera is a chamber opera company in Charlottesville that aims to bring opera to new audiences with contemporary productions in unexpected venues. They are presenting Haydn's opera Armida, complete with chamber orchestra, on November 1st, 3rd, and 5th at Belmont Arts Collaborative. The production takes you behind the scenes at an opera house, where the off-stage drama threatens to take over the singers' lives. All are invited to hear their international singers' voices up close, and experience opera in a new way. For more information, visit [victoryhallopera.org](http://victoryhallopera.org).

**Red Shoe Cville Battle of the BBQ, Charlottesville, VA; 10/8-10/25:** Red Shoe Cville is an organization in Charlottesville that helps house hundreds of families with children in need of life-saving medical

procedures at the UVA Hospital. Red Shoe Cville puts the fun in fundraising for the Ronald McDonald House and are proud to be presenting the first annual Battle of the BBQ on Saturday, October 26th, from 12 to 4 pm at Champion Brewing Company in downtown Charlottesville. Tickets include a taste from each BBQ competitor and a beverage. Restaurants will be competing for bragging rights as event ticket holders and an expert panel of judges will be voting on their favorite. Find more information online at Red Shoe's Facebook page, [facebook.com/RedShoeCville](https://www.facebook.com/RedShoeCville).

**Boxerwood Nature Center Pumpkin Walk, Lexington, VA; 10/8-10/24:** Boxerwood Nature Center is a nonprofit in Lexington that educates and inspires people of all ages to be environmentally responsible stewards of the earth. They're hosting their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pumpkin Walk on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30PM. (The rain date is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>). The gardens will be all a glow with carved jack-o-lanterns, pumpkin totem poles, luminaries, and glowing creatures. This scare-free family-friendly event will include hot cider and homemade donuts. You can find more information at [boxerwood.org](http://boxerwood.org).

**International School of Charlottesville Fun Run, Charlottesville, VA; 10/11-10/26:** The International School of Charlottesville is a foreign-language immersion & multicultural school for students as young as age two. They believe in building bridges between people and connecting across cultures; they build bridges by teaching the next generation to speak a foreign language, allowing them to learn from international teachers, and by inspiring their curious minds toward many different cultures. They're hosting The International School Fun Run on Sunday, October 27th at Rives Park in Charlottesville. There will be kids races by age group, face painting, pick-up basketball, chalk art, 2 playgrounds, ribbons, and stickers. The event begins at 4pm, with races starting at 4:30. Donations are optional, and proceeds go toward teachers, scholarships, multiculturalism, and language-learning. You can learn more on their website here: [theisc.org](http://theisc.org).

**Songmaker Series Maia Sharp Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 10/15-11/7 :** The Songmaker Series is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that brings nationally touring songwriters to town. They are happy to welcome Maia Sharp to their stage on Friday, November 8th, at 7pm at C-Ville Coffee. Maia's songs have been covered by artists such as Bonnie Raitt, Cher, The Dixie Chicks, David Wilco, Keb' Mo', Trisha Yearwood, and Art Garfunkel. Information about the show and advance tickets are available by email at [songmakerseries@earthlink.net](mailto:songmakerseries@earthlink.net), or on their Facebook page, [facebook.com/songmakerseries](https://www.facebook.com/songmakerseries).

**Halestone Foundation Fall Dance Concert, Lexington, VA; 10/15-11/8:** The Halestone foundation is a non-profit dance organization in Lexington that provides dance education for people of all ages. They are hosting a fall concert of professional dance and dance film on Saturday, November 9th, and Sunday, November 10th at the Halesstone Dance studio in Lexington. The concert showcases work from a variety of artists located in southwest Virginia and beyond, from Brooklyn NY to Houston, TX. Proceeds from the concert benefit Halestones education programs. For more information, visit <http://halestone.com>.

**Girls on the Run Fall 5K, Charlottesville, VA; 10/16-11/16:** Girls on the Run of Central Virginia is a nonprofit in the greater Charlottesville area that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using an experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. They are hosting their celebratory Fall 5k on Sunday, November 17th at St. Anne's Belfield Lower School. Pre-5K activities and on-site registration begin at 12pm, with the first wave of runners going at 1pm. For more information about volunteering or running a general participant, visit their website, [girlsontheruncenva.org](http://girlsontheruncenva.org).

**Twice is Nice Fall Food Drive, Charlottesville, VA; 10/16-11/13:** Twice is Nice is Charlottesville's only donation based, volunteer run, upscale resale boutique. They feature men's and women's clothing, accessories, home decorative items and furniture, all donated by the community. On Thursday, November 14th, they are partnering with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to host a food drive and special shopping event. All are welcome to bring non-perishable food donations to the barrels at either Preston Avenue location from 10 AM -5:30 PM. Food donations benefit the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank while Twice as Nice proceeds continue to benefit community programs for Seniors in need. Learn more about Twice as Nice and their mission at their website, <http://twiceisnicestore.org>. Twice is Nice is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**The Alyssa House Harry Potter Trivia, Charlottesville, VA; 10/16-10/28:** The Alyssa House is hosting a Harry Potter trivia night at Champion Brewing Company near the downtown mall in Charlottesville on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 8-10 PM. Just in time for Halloween and the witching season, all are welcome to participate in teams of 2-6 people to test your knowledge of the wizarding world. All questions will be based on the book series, and costumes are encouraged. Proceeds from this event go towards providing free housing and care to families of children in medical crisis staying in the Alyssa House while they receive long term treatment at UVA Children's Hospital. Learn more at [thealyssahouse.org](http://thealyssahouse.org).

**Vector Space Hill City Robot Battle, Lynchburg, VA; 10/17-11/8:** Vector Space is a nonprofit in Lynchburg providing access to tools and community for makers. They are hosting Hill City Robot Combat on Saturday, November 9th at the Barksdale Gymnasium at Virginia Episcopal School. They welcome you to join them starting at 10 a.m. to cheer on local students and makers from around the region as their custom built robots take to the arena and battle for victory. You can find more information on their website: [vector-space.org](http://vector-space.org).

**ARTCHO, Charlottesville, VA; 10/17-11/1:** ARTCHO is an annual art and music festival held at the IX Art Park in Charlottesville. Their mission is to support their local arts community and to raise funds for an annually selected local non-profit. This year, ARTCHO is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville to assist them in their ongoing efforts to provide families in our area with safe, affordable homes. Habitat has donated furnishings from their local Habitat Store for our artists to up-cycle and donate back to ARTCHO for a silent auction to be held at the festival. They welcome you to join them at this year's ARTCHO Festival at the IX Art Park on Saturday, November 2nd, from 10:30 am and 5:30 pm. There will be over 50 artists booths for you to peruse, live music, food trucks, and beverages from local breweries and wineries. Several artists will also be conducting art workshops suitable for all ages throughout the day. Proceeds benefit the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville. You can find more information here: [artcho.org](http://artcho.org).

**Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Fall Book Sale, Charlottesville, VA; 10/21-11/9:** The Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library are a non-profit member organization dedicated to supporting the public libraries in the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson. They are hosting their Fall sale at the Gordon Avenue Library in Charlottesville from Saturday, November 2nd through the following Sunday, November 10th from 10 am- 7 pm each day. The doors will open on the 2nd with almost 100,000 community-donated items including books, LPs, CDs, puzzles and games; the shelves will be restocked throughout the sale. Proceeds from the fall and spring book sales support library programs for children and adults, occasional funding for larger projects such as a new Bookmobile, and promoting reading and learning throughout the JMRL area. All are also welcome to join the Friends at the Members Preview sale on Friday, November 1st from 5-7 pm. You may sign up at the door. Learn more about becoming a member and more at [jmrlfriends.org](http://jmrlfriends.org).

**Kelly Watt Memorial Scholarship Race, Earlysville, VA; 10/23-11/22:** Paige and Pall Watt established the Kelly Watt Memorial Scholarship in memory of their late son. Kelly ran Cross Country at Albemarle High School and was to continue running at The College of William & Mary. Just 19 days prior to his freshman year of college, he died tragically of complications from environmental heatstroke on July 30th, 2005. In honor of Kelly, they are hosting the 15th Annual Kelly Watt Memorial Race at Panorama Farms in Earlysville. All are invited to join for the race on Saturday, November 23rd. All proceeds from this sole fundraiser go toward the Kelly Watt Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduating Albemarle High School student athlete. You can learn more online at [kellywattmemorial.com](http://kellywattmemorial.com).

**FETCH a Cure Designing with your Dog in Mind, Richmond, VA; 10/23-11/12:** FETCH a Cure is a Richmond-based nonprofit dedicated to furthering pet cancer awareness, education, and treatment options. From 6 to 10 pm on Wednesday, November 13th at the Dewey Gottwald Center in Richmond, they are hosting a dinner and speaking engagement with veteran interior designer, Vern Yip, about Designing with Your Dog in Mind. Industry professionals, homeowners, and animal lovers are invited to gain inspiration and insight from Vern Yip around creating functional spaces for people and pets. 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, you can check out their website, [fetchacure.org](http://fetchacure.org).

**Piedmont Master Gardeners, Charlottesville, VA; 11/1-12/1:** The Piedmont Master Gardeners work in Charlottesville and Albemarle County and are part of the Virginia Cooperative Extension. Master Gardeners are plant people who love teaching. They run after school garden clubs, offer seminars on lawn care and vegetable growing, and offer advice about plants, like when to prune your azaleas. By becoming a Master Gardener you can explore your passion for lifelong learning, teaching, volunteering, *and* gardening. If you'd like to become a Master Gardener, the Piedmont Master Gardeners are now accepting applications for the 2020 Training Class. You can download the application at [piedmontmastergardeners.org](http://piedmontmastergardeners.org). The deadline for applying is December 1, 2019.

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library Job Fair, Charlottesville, VA; 10/31-11/19:** Northside Library is partnering in conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, to a monthly job fair on Wednesday, November 20th from 2 to 5 pm at Northside Library at 705 West Rio road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or career, you can sit down one-on-one with representatives from more than 20 local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, all are invited to come early at 1pm for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration is required. Find out more [here](#).

**Building Goodness Foundation 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Charlottesville, VA; 10/30-11/15:** Building Goodness Foundation is largely known for its work in Haiti and other developing communities, but its mission to build community and improve lives starts here in central Virginia. BGF projects have helped local non-profits to serve vulnerable children and families, women recovering from addiction, persons with disabilities, and those struggling with mental illness. This year, they celebrate 20 years of building goodness. They celebrate two decades of volunteer service throughout our community. All are welcome to join on Saturday, November 16th at their office on Carlton Road in Charlottesville to celebrate 20 years of building community and improving lives. Learn more online at [buildinggoodness.org](http://buildinggoodness.org).

**Claudius Crozet Park, Crozet Winter Brews Festival, Crozet, VA; 11/4-12/6:** All are welcome to join on Saturday, December 7th at Claudius Crozet Park for a celebration of dark beers from Virginia Brewers. There will be more than 15 local breweries and cideries including Starr Hill, live music with Lord Nelson,

Matthew O'Donnells, and Blue Ridge Bards, a Winter Market, food trucks, and other family-friendly activities. All proceeds from the event will benefit Claudius Crozet Park- a no-profit organization dedicated to making recreation available to all. Learn more at [crozetbeerfest.com](http://crozetbeerfest.com).

**Common Ground Healing Arts, Charlottesville, VA; 11/4-2/4/2020:** Common Ground Healing Arts is a non-profit in Charlottesville that seeks to improve wellness throughout the community by expanding access to complementary health care. They focus on evidence-based practices such as yoga, meditation, acupuncture, and massage. Their vision is to bring people together across socio-economic lines with an understanding that everyone is part of an interconnected community where everyone deserves to feel well and whole. For more information, visit their website at <http://commongroundcville.org>, or find their list of classes on Facebook. They are located at the Jefferson School City Center in downtown Charlottesville.

**Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Charlottesville, VA; 11/15-2/15:** Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is a grocery store that provides fresh food to community members in need year-round. Visitors can choose from fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, bread, and a variety of other donated food. They are looking for volunteers to help visitors sign up and pick out food at the pantry. Learn more at [cvilleloaves.org](http://cvilleloaves.org).

**Greater Richmond Stop Child Abuse Now, Richmond, VA; 10/30-12/3:** Greater Richmond Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) is a non-profit in Richmond whose mission is to prevent and treat child abuse in the greater Richmond area. They are currently collecting toys and gifts to support a holiday event they host annually for the families they serve. SCAN is collecting toys through December 4<sup>th</sup> for children ages 0-17. If you are interested in donating or learning more, visit [grscan.com/santashop](http://grscan.com/santashop).

**Three Notch'd Road: The Virginia Baroque Ensemble, "O Beauty: A Baroque Christmas from Around the World" Concert, Staunton, Charlottesville, Richmond, VA; 11/7-12/7:** Three Notch'd Road: The Virginia Baroque Ensemble is a nonprofit based in Charlottesville that seeks to enrich the culture of Central Virginia with historically informed performances that reveal the transcendent beauty of early music. They are presenting their second concert of the season, "O Beauty: A Baroque Christmas from Around the World", in Staunton, Richmond, and Charlottesville Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This program will feature critically acclaimed bass soloist Peter Walker and soprano Katelyn Aungst, joined by the instrumentalists of Three Notch'd Road for traditional folk tunes and hymns alongside works of the High Baroque composers. For more information, you can visit their website: [tnrbaroque.org](http://tnrbaroque.org). Three Notch'd Road: The Virginia Baroque Ensemble is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School, Ceili Family Dance Party, Charlottesville, VA; 11/7-11/15:** BRIMS, The Blue Ridge Irish Music School, is hosting an Irish Ceili Family Dance Party on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A ceili is a participatory social dance party where all dances are taught and called to live music. No previous experience needed, all ages and skill levels are welcome. You can find more information at: [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Park Street Christian Church, Home for the Holidays Artisan Market, Charlottesville, VA; 11/11-12/6:** Home for the Holidays Artisan Market at Park Street Christian Church are a nonprofit in Charlottesville that seeks to bring local artists, musicians, and the community together to support one another and grow small businesses. They are hosting a holiday market on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM featuring live music, area arts and crafts vendors, locally roasted coffee and homemade baked goods,

and an onsite photographer available for last-minute holiday photos of you, your family, and even your pets. For more information, you can find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/cvilledisciples](https://facebook.com/cvilledisciples)

**Charlottesville Waldorf School Holiday Bazaar, Charlottesville, VA; 11/11-12/5:** The Charlottesville Waldorf School welcomes you and your family to enjoy a festival holiday tradition at their 35th annual Holiday Bazaar. On Friday, December 6, from 6-9pm the adult-only shopping preview will feature a curated selection of craft and gift vendors, complimentary music, food, and wine. The next day, Saturday, December 7, all are welcome to enjoy family pastimes including wreath making, candle dipping, leatherstamping, and more from 10am to 4pm! Children can make special purchases for friends and family in the Secret Garden, enjoy puppet shows, and treats. The shopping pavilion will be open, with handcrafted items and more. For more information, you can visit [cwaldorf.org](http://cwaldorf.org).

**The Women's Initiative Writing Contest, Charlottesville, VA; 11/13-12/14:** The Women's Initiative is a non-profit in Charlottesville that provides mental health services for women regardless of ability to pay. They are currently accepting entries for the annual Challenge into Change Writing Contest. Community members are invited to submit an essay or poem about a woman who has transformed a life challenge into an opportunity for change. This contest aims to celebrate each woman's unique story; perfect grammar and spelling are not required, and first-time writers are encouraged to enter. The deadline for entry is Thursday, December 12th. For more information about the contest and The Women's Initiative's mental health services, you can call (434) 872-0047 or visit [thewomensinitiative.org](http://thewomensinitiative.org).

**Agecroft Hall and Gardens Yuletides, Richmond, VA; 11/13:** Agecroft Hall & Gardens in Richmond, VA welcomes you and your whole family to travel back in time to experience the Christmas season in three different eras of their historic house for Yuletides. Visitors can tour the house to experience the holidays in 17<sup>th</sup> century England and at a 1942 Christmas party for soldiers home from the war. Outside, entertainment on the grounds will include Victorian carolers, Morris dancers, a Renaissance acrobat and even a reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. A crafts table for children and hot apple cider will round out the afternoon's offerings. Yuletides will be held on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5:00 pm. You can learn more online at [agerofthall.org](http://agerofthall.org). Agecroft Hall & Gardens is a proud supporter of WNRN.

**OAR of Richmond Adopt a Family and Holiday Store, Richmond, Va; 11/15-12/26:** OAR of Richmond is a nonprofit that offers second chances to adults impacted by the criminal justice system. They are hosting the Annual Adopt a Family and Holiday Store through December. This program adopts families that have an incarcerated loved one over the holidays and provides them with gifts, warm clothing, and gift cards for food. This program serves families located in Richmond and the surrounding counties. All are welcome to get involved by adopting a family, a child or an adult, and donating the gifts on their wish list this year! For more information, visit [oarric.org](http://oarric.org).

**Paralyzed Veterans of America Mid-Atlantic Chapter Mission, Richmond, VA; 11/13-2/14/2020:** The Paralyzed Veterans of America are a non-profit in North Chesterfields who's mission is to "be a supportive community for capable heroes." They host many fundraising, sporting and community events throughout the year that support local Veterans and the local disabled community at large. For more information about the mid-Atlantic chapter and upcoming events, visit their website at [pvamidatlantic.org/](http://pvamidatlantic.org/) or find them on Facebook at Mid-Atlantic Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America.

**Blue Ridge Irish Music School Holiday Concert, Charlottesville, VA; 11/15-12/21:** BRIMS, the Blue Ridge Irish Music School, is hosting a Holiday showcase of Irish music, song, and dance on Sunday, December 22nd, at 2:00 PM at the Haven in downtown Charlottesville. Performers include BRIMS students ages

five through adult as well as BRIMS instructors. This festive family event is open to the public. You can find more information at [brimstunes.org](http://brimstunes.org).

**Lynchburg Daily Bread Holiday Collections, Lynchburg, VA; 11/15-12/31:** Lynchburg Daily Bread is a soup kitchen in downtown Lynchburg. They offer a hot meal every day of the year and bring food to the neighboring counties from Amherst and Bedford, to Appomattox and Altavista. While nearly all of their food is donated, they are in need of cleaning supplies like bleach, dish detergent and paper towels. They are also looking for more volunteers to help provide meals to our neighbors in need this holiday season. For more information, visit [lynchburgdailybread.com](http://lynchburgdailybread.com) or find them on Facebook.

**Bedford Community Christmas Station, Lynchburg, VA; 11/15-12/25:** Bedford Community Christmas Station is a non-profit, volunteer organization that assists low-income households on a seasonal basis. They were established in 2006 to provide Christmas assistance to families that live in Bedford, earn a low income, and include a child, senior citizen or disabled adult. Their mission calls to serve families in a dignified and respectful manner. The Christmas Station is set up like a department store, with clothing for all ages, toys, food, books, and household items like towels and blankets. Eligible families can come select gift items for household members and receive a food box that includes a canned ham. Volunteers are always welcome on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and this holiday season, they are looking for volunteers to help out through their "shopping days", which will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. They are also accepting any donations to help meet the needs of the 300+ families they serve each year. For more information, you can visit their website: [bedfordchristmas.com](http://bedfordchristmas.com).

**Miriam's House Holiday Donations, Lynchburg, VA; 11/15-12/25:** Miriam's House is a non-profit in Lynchburg dedicated to ending homelessness and rebuilding lives. This holiday season they are working to ensure that all homeless families in the community are in a home for the holiday. To make that happen, Miriam's House relies on donations from the local community. They are always looking for household items, non-perishable food and cleaning supplies. Learn more at <http://miriamshouseprogram.org>.

**Jefferson Madison Regional Library December Job Fair, Charlottesville, VA; 11/20-12/10:** Northside Library is partnering in conjunction with Virginia Careerworks Charlottesville, part of the Piedmont Workforce Network, to a monthly job fair on Wednesday, December 11th from 2 to 5 pm at Northside Library at 705 West Rio road in Charlottesville. If you're looking for a new job or career, you can sit down one-on-one with representatives from more than 20 local employers. Bringing your resume is encouraged but not required. Plus, all are invited to come early at 1pm for a "Job Interviewing Techniques Workshop." This event is for ages 16 and up and no registration is required. Find out more [here](#).

**Piedmont Virginia Community College, Let there Be Light, Charlottesville, VA; 11/22-12/12:** Piedmont Virginia Community College is presenting Let There Be Light, an annual one-night outdoor exhibit featuring 16 light-centered artworks and performances on Friday, December 13th from 6-9 pm on the grounds surrounding the V. Earl Dickinson Building at PVCC. Hot chocolate, apple cider and tasty treats will all be available on site. A special feature this year will be the return of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Artmobile with its exhibition, *How Far Can Creativity Take You?* This event is open to the public and all are welcome to bring a flashlight or come as an "enlightened being" dressed in light. You can find more information online at [LetThereBeLightPVCC.com](http://LetThereBeLightPVCC.com).

**Arc of the Piedmont Santa Fun Run, Charlottesville, VA; 11/19-12/7:** Arc of the Piedmont is presenting the sixth annual Charlottesville Santa Fun Run & Walk on Sunday, December 8th at 11am. Bring the entire family out to the Sprint Pavilion on the downtown mall and enjoy a festive all-abilities walk/run supporting a great cause. Coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and the Oscar Mayer Wiener Mobile will all be on site, and Santa suites and elf hats are included. Proceeds from the event go towards providing programs and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

**HumanKind First Night Bags, Richmond, VA; 12/11-2/20/2020:** HumanKind is a non-profit in Richmond that aims to strengthen individuals and families and to lift them up to instill hope. They are hosting a First Night Bags drive which provides one backpack for every child, equipped with basic materials for their first night in a new home. These cases can be dropped off at the Richmond office, located at 908 North Thompson Street between 9 AM and 5 PM Monday through Friday. HumanKind is also in need of more foster parents. If you've ever considered changing the lives of children in need of hope please consider becoming a foster parent with HumanKind. For more information, visit [HumanKind.org](http://HumanKind.org).

**Housing Families First House Tour, Richmond, VA; 12/11-1/11/2020:** Housing Families First is a Non-profit serving Richmond families experiencing homelessness with the tools needed to achieve housing stability. Community members are invited to tour their facility on the 2nd Wednesday at 4 pm or 3rd Thursday at noon every month. You can RSVP to [terri@housingfamiliesfirst.org](mailto:terri@housingfamiliesfirst.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled tour. Learn more online at [housingfamiliesfirst.org](http://housingfamiliesfirst.org).

**Allegheny Mountain Institute Farm and Food Education Fellowship, Staunton, VA; 12/12/19-2/10/2020:** Allegheny Mountain Institute is an educational non-profit in Highland and Augusta counties that works to cultivate healthy communities through food and education. They are currently accepting applications for their Farm and Food Education Fellowship. This fully-sponsored, 18-month program prepares and empowers individuals to become teachers and ambassadors for a more vibrant and accessible local food system. In the first phase of the program, Fellows spend six months in immersive farm training on the Allegheny Farm campus in Highland County. Then, Fellows spend one year in service work in the region, transferring the skills they have learned to help build healthy communities. Applications for the Fellowship are due on Monday, February 10th. For more information and to apply to the fellowship visit [amifellows.org](http://amifellows.org)

**Sacred Plant Traditions winter classes, Charlottesville, VA; 12/12-1/18/2020:** Sacred Plant Traditions welcome all to join for a series of winter herbal medicine classes held on the following dates: January 18th, February 1st, and February 8th. In these classes, topics will be explored like winter immunity, natural health with depression as well as cardiovascular health. Proceeds support Botanica Mobile clinic, where they offer herbal health support for low-income communities as well as the greater Charlottesville area. You can find more details and directions on their website, [sacredplanttraditions.org](http://sacredplanttraditions.org) or by calling 434-295-3820. Sacred Plant Traditions is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

**Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle winter training, Charlottesville, VA; 12/12-1/17/20:** Literacy Volunteers of Charlottesville/Albemarle is seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers to tutor adults in reading, writing, or speaking English. Their students come from a variety of backgrounds, and they are hoping to acquire the skills they need to independently pursue life goals, support their families, and contribute to their communities. If you would like to help students achieve their goals, LVCA invites you to call 434-977-3838 to register for a New Tutor Training on Saturday, January 18th from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM at the Jefferson School City Center. No teaching experience is

necessary, only a desire to make a difference in someone else's life. You can learn more at [literacyforall.org](http://literacyforall.org)

**Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center, Fishersville, VA, 12/18/2019-3/18/2020:** The Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center Foundation gives businesses and individuals the chance to support job training and medical rehabilitation at WWRC in Fishersville. That support goes towards things not otherwise available through state funding, like materials for the greenhouse program, specialized medical equipment, wheelchair accessible vans, and much more. WWRC serves individuals with disabilities from across Virginia. You can learn more about their achievements on the Foundation's VR Workforce Studio podcast, which highlights stories of employment including training and education, vocational rehabilitation, and which celebrates the champions of employment who hire people with disabilities. You can learn more online at [wwrcf.org](http://wwrcf.org).

## Hear Together Profiles Q4 2019 (October 1- December 31, 2019)

**OAR of Richmond, Richmond, VA; 6/9-present:** 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, VA; 6/17-present:** 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, VA; 6/26-present:** 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](#).

**The Valentine Museum, Richmond, VA; 7/1-present:** The Valentine opened its doors in 1898, making it the oldest museum in Richmond. Through partnerships and community-building, they aim to tell the broader story of our region with exhibitions, tours, special events, research opportunities, school programs and more.

We spoke with The Valentine's Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Eric Steigledger, for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below and learn about current exhibitions, Conversation Series, and more on their [website](#).

**Virginia Folklife Program, 7/16-present:** A facet of Virginia Humanities, the Virginia Folklife Program is the state center for documenting, presenting and supporting Virginia's folklife. For the past 30 years, they've celebrated the ways in which people express a connection to community, particularly through the arts.

Their programming extends throughout the state, as members conduct field recordings and document cultural events -- oftentimes centered on music. One of their biggest initiatives, the apprenticeship program, pairs masters and apprentices in traditional art forms, skills or work traditions for a duration of nine months.

We spoke with Director Jon Lohman for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more about the Virginia Folklife Program [here](#).

**The Listening: Freedom School, Lynchburg, VA; 7/31-present :** The Listening is a nonprofit in Lynchburg focused on youth mentoring and development through the performing arts. This year, they've launched a new literacy and reading program for middle school students – The Freedom School.

The first Freedom School was founded in 1964 as part of an effort to educate and provide resources that weren't previously available for communities of color. Today, there's an active network of over 150 Freedom Schools in the United States – and The Listening's is the second site in Virginia.

We spoke with founder and executive director Nick George for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the link below and learn more about The Listening's Freedom School [here](#).

**YWCA Church St Bridal, Lynchburg, VA; 8/20-present:** When it comes to raising money, events like a 5K race, a golf tournament or a gala come to mind. But for the YWCA of Central Virginia, charity takes on a different form: bridal wear. Located in downtown Lynchburg, [Church Street Bridal](#) offers designer wedding gowns at off-the-rack prices.

All proceeds support the YWCA's Domestic Violence Prevention Program, affordable housing program, and Sexual Assault Response Program, also known as SARP.

We spoke with Church Street Bridal's Key Holder, Lexi Porter, to learn about the YWCA's resources. Listen at the audio link below.

**Fetch a Cure Pixie's Pen Pals, Richmond, VA; 8/26-present :** Fetch a Cure is a Richmond-based nonprofit that focuses on improving the quality of life for pets. One facet of their programming, Pixie's Pen Pals, trains offenders in prisons across the state to become dog handlers -- and then pairs them with rescue dogs who are awaiting adoption.

The program has created a domino effect. It's freed up spaces in shelters for other dogs, reduced euthanasia rates in shelters, and reduced recidivism in the prisons.

We spoke with trainer Kasey Herrera and Pixie's program manager Sarah Pavilack for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below and learn more [here](#).

**Allison's Reach, Richmond, VA; 9/17-present:** David Matthews is the founder of Alison's Reach, a maternal mental health foundation out of Richmond that raises awareness about postpartum depression, or PPD. He named the nonprofit after his daughter, who he lost two years ago as a result of PPD. Her childhood best friend, Brittany Davis, is also on board.

With one in seven new moms experiencing PPD, Brittany hopes that opening up the conversation will lead to greater understanding and support in our communities. Education is important, she says, because PPD isn't the same for everyone; it can look different with each pregnancy.

We spoke with Matthews and Davis about debunking common misconceptions about PPD for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more about Allison's Reach [here](#).

**The Talking Book Center, Staunton, VA; 10/19-present:** The Library of Congress established the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled in 1931 as a service for blinded WWI veterans. Today, the Talking Book Center in Staunton is one of 45 NLS subregionals in the United States -- and just took home an award for Subregional Library of the Year.

Located in the Staunton Public Library, The Talking Book Center serves Augusta, Bath, Highland, and Rockbridge Counties. They offer a mail service at no cost, sending audio books and braille books and magazines to patrons.

We spoke with The Talking Book Center's Supervisor, Ilia Desjardins, for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more [here](#).

**Albemarle Housing Improvement Program, Charlottesville, VA; 10/22-present:** Founded in 1976, the Albemarle Housing Improvement Program ensures housing safety for residents in Charlottesville and Albemarle. They have an emergency repair program, and provide energy efficiency upgrades and more comprehensive housing rehabs.

Last year alone, AHIP served 134 households, totaling 303 residents. We spoke with AHIP Executive Director Jennifer Jacobs and homeowners Shirley and Louis Starks for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more about AHIP's year-round programming [here](#).

**Sports Backers, Richmond, VA; 10/29-present:** In the early '90s, Sports Backers was founded as a way to increase the number of sporting events and activities in the Greater Richmond area. Over the years, the nonprofit transformed into an active living advocacy group with a wider reach.

Sports Backers puts on some of Richmond's largest active events, like the Richmond Marathon, and helps facilitate run clubs at 75 elementary schools, provides free fitness classes at over 50 locations, and connects people to activities ranging from kayaking to field hockey. They've awarded over \$1 million in scholarships for student athletes in the area, and are integral in the push to build more bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

The work of Sports Backers and its community partners is paying off: Over 15% of Richmond's population live more actively today than they did 20 years ago.

We spoke with Sports Backers Executive Director Jon Lugbill for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below and learn more about the organization [here](#).

**Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Charlottesville, VA; 11/7-present:** Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry offers food to neighbors in need year-round in Charlottesville and the surrounding communities. They pick up from six different grocery stores five days a week, allowing them to offer healthy solutions to processed foods: fresh produce, frozen meats, dairy and eggs. Most residents who visit Loaves & Fishes receive disability income, retirement income, or food stamps, so the nonprofit employs a client choice grocery store model with portions intended to supplement what visitors can already afford. When Loaves & Fishes receives non-food items, like household goods or medical equipment, they rely on partnerships with other area nonprofits to make sure the donations reach the right people. We spoke with Executive Director Jane Colony Mills for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more about Loaves & Fishes, including ways to get involved, [here](#).

**Network2Work, Charlottesville, VA; 11/12-present:** Nearly one out of every five families in the Charlottesville region do not earn enough income to meet the costs of survival. That's where Network2Work at PVCC comes in. For the past few years, the nonprofit has connected job seekers with meaningful employment opportunities by providing skills training and removing barriers to employment. They partner with over 50 other nonprofits and human services agencies to meet needs ranging from childcare scholarships to loaner cars. To date, 92% of Network2Work's job seekers are employed. We spoke with Director Frank Squillace for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more about Network2Work [here](#).

**The Elizabeth Kates Foundation, Richmond, VA; 11/19- present:** The Elizabeth Kates Foundation was founded in 1942 to honor the the first warden of the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland. The nonprofit provides educational programming for those incarcerated at VCCW, enabling them to return to society as productive citizens and reducing recidivism rates. They offer book clubs, GED programs and onsite community college classes that are geared towards an associates degree in arts and sciences. We spoke with the Foundation's president, Donna Levy, for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn more [here](#).

**Keep Virginia Cozy, Richmond, VA; 12/17-present:** Keep Virginia Cozy is a Richmond-based nonprofit dedicated to the protection, stewardship and restoration of Virginia's wilderness. The organization's multi-faceted programming ranges from local litter cleanups to projects in Southwest Virginia, Shenandoah National Park and George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. They offer leave no trace instruction and classes in necessities like wilderness first aid and CPR. During their monthly series, Wildlife Wednesdays, they partner with Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to highlight and help a different native species. We spoke with founder Brian Bell for this Hear Together profile. Listen at the audio link below and learn how to get involved [here](#).

## **Culture Connection Q4 2019 (October 1, 2019- December 31, 2019)**

### **October 28- November 3:**

This is a busy week in Charlottesville as The Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative presents its annual Halloween Party this Thursday. The party begins at 7pm. This costumed dance party will be held in the gallery which is currently showing "Beyond: Virginia's Enduring Exploration of the Mind." All proceeds benefit the Bridge's community art programs.

This Saturday the Third Annual ARTCHO is scheduled at the Ix Art Park, from 10:30am to 5:30pm. This year the proceeds go to Support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Charlottesville. More than 50 local and international artists will be represented at this art-focused, community-oriented, family-friendly art festival

In addition to art, this year's ARTCHO will feature workshops, live music, food trucks, beer, wine and sake. The event will also feature a silent auction of home décor items from The Habitat Store that have been painted, decorated, or mosaiced by local artists.

Also opening this Friday, Chroma Projects is featuring Beatrix Ost: *Archaeology of the Omnivore - Paintings from the Garden Soil*. In conjunction with a Second Street Gallery exhibition of Beatrix Ost's paintings and sculpture, Chroma Projects is presenting another body of Ost's works on paper using the mud from her garden to create imaginary landscapes. The reception begins at 5:00 PM.

Meanwhile, Second Street Gallery, also in Charlottesville, continues the Beatrix Ost love fest with Beatrix Ost: *Illuminations & Illusions*. an exhibition spanning over four decades of Ost's career as a visual artist. An opening reception will be held in the gallery this Friday from 5:30 – 7:30pm., with a reading by the artist at 6:30pm. Beatrix Ost's evocative and dreamlike work has been exhibited all over the world, exploring the nature of time and intimacy, as well as the fragility of the beauty that surrounds us.

McGuffey Art Center will open several new shows including work by Tatiana Yavorska-Antrobis in the Sarah B. Smith Gallery. Yavorska-Antrobis is an accomplished artist whose skill and attention to detail is stunning.

In Harrisonburg, The Virginia Quilt Museum presents: *INSPIRED by ELVIS*, curated by Donn DeSoto. Fiber artists worldwide made quilts to honor Elvis Presley. The 94 quilts in this collection represent a wide range of techniques, interpretations and abilities.

### **November 4- November 10:**

In Charlottesville, the University of Virginia's Fralin Museum continues it's exhibit: *Time to Get Ready: Fotografia Social*, featuring the work of Maria Varela. Organized by the National

Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, IL. Maria Varela first engaged in social justice activism in high school and has continued her commitment to social justice today. According to Varela: "The images in this exhibition reflect the evolution of resistance movements over nearly three decades, from demonstrations to political organizing to establishing alternative institutions, which would model what we would do 'if we were in charge'."

In Lynchburg, The Maier Museum at Randolph College presents the The 108th Annual Exhibition: *CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS: VISUAL STORYTELLING*. For the first time in 108 years, Randolph College's Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art will focus on children's book illustration. The art of several illustrators, including the current 2019 Caldecott Medal winner, Sophie Blackall, will offer a magical time for visitors of all ages. Curated by Kathy Muehlemann, chair of Randolph College's art department and professor of art, the 108th Annual Exhibition features illustrations by Vanessa Brantley-Newton, Larry Day, Douglas Florian, E.B. Lewis, and Jerry Pinkney.

This weekend, The Artisans Studio Tour returns! Artisans in Central Virginia open their doors for you to explore their working spaces and purchase their works. Over 25 studios showing the work of 46 Virginia artisans will be displaying work. Check the website for maps and details.

#### **November 11- November 17:**

Second Street Gallery, in Charlottesville, continues its Beatrix Ost exhibition, as well as a one person exhibit in the Dove Gallery by Doug Young, Doug Young's work explores tensions between the natural and manmade world in a manner that is dystopian yet hopeful. Employing the technique of reverse painting on glass, Young creates a visual experience that uses illusion and wonder as an antithesis to oppressive systems that devalue individual labor and personal expression. The exhibition is curated by Kristen Chiacchia.

In Richmond, the 1708 Gallery is presenting their annual outdoor exhibit, InLight this Friday and Saturday, from 7-11pm. This free exhibit features a wide range of media and performances and interactive projects. The exhibit takes place in Chimborazo Park in Richmond. Check 1708's website for a full listing of their events.

In Roanoke, The Taubman Museum presents "Pop Power from Warhol to Koons." This original new exhibition focuses on leading contemporary figures such as Jeff Koons, Damien Hirst, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, James Rosenquist, and Robert Indiana, to name just a few. The inclusion of works from the original period of Pop art, which came into its own in America in the 1960s, provides a rich and meaningful context for the contemporary Neo-Pop expressions that constitute the core of the exhibition.

#### **November 18- November 24:**

In Roanoke, the Taubman Museum continues the exhibition *Julie Speed: East of the Sun and West of the Moon*, on tour from the El Paso Museum of Art. The exhibit explores the rich artistic production of Marfa, Texas, artist Julie Speed from the past five years, including many

recent works previously unseen. Sometimes described as neo-surrealist, Speed's work also offers images that are more personal and complex.

In Harrisonburg, the exhibit *From the Hills and Hollers of West Virginia: An Exhibit by Members of West Virginia Quilters*, continues at the Virginia Quilt museum.

In Richmond, the Institute for Contemporary Art continues its exhibition, *Great Force*. *Great Force* addresses the force of whiteness, the counter-force of black resistance, and the persistence of the color line in the United States. With new commissions and recent work by twenty-four artists in a variety of media, the exhibition examines race in the United States.

Also in Richmond, the 1708 Gallery is presenting *Enunciating Silence and*, a solo exhibition of new and recent work by Jesse Chun. Through sculpture, video, sound, and drawing, Chun examines the English language and its power structures. Working with various found sources, Chun re-interprets the authority, function, and meaning of the world's "common language" into a new system of relations.

#### **November 25-December 1:**

In Richmond, at the Virginia Museum of Art, check out "Transatlantic Currents: American Art from the Collection of Jane Joel Knox. This exhibition charts artists' engagements with Impressionism, landscape painting, still life, and academically informed styles from the nineteenth through the early twentieth century. Also in Richmond, The Page Bond Gallery continues the exhibit: *A Photographic Survey of the American Yard: Joshua White and Islands/Bitterroot Suite: Mac Ball*. The Exhibit Runs through December 6<sup>th</sup>.

In Harrisonburg, The Virginia Quilt Museum continues their exhibit, *West Virginia Child of the Civil War* in the third floor hall. The quilts in this exhibit are from their permanent collection. They were crafted during West Virginia's split from Virginia during the Civil War. These quilts ask the question of what life was like for women during this time period. James Madison University's Duke Hall Gallery in Harrisonburg is showing their School of Art and Design and Art History Faculty Exhibit. The exhibit ends this Sunday.

#### **December 9-December 15:**

In Charlottesville, this Friday, Piedmont Virginia Community College's Art Gallery presents the annual exhibit, *Let There Be Light*. The exhibit features 16 installations, working in light-based media. Travel through space in Chris Haske's and his student's multi-media, interactive installation, check out the Lazy Susen Collectives illuminated dwellings glowing in the forest and so much more. The outdoor exhibit is held on the grounds of the Dickinson Building and runs one night only from 6pm to 9pm. In addition to the amazing art, the public is invited to enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider and fresh banana bread.

Also, in Charlottesville, the Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Museum, will hold its Gift Shop Holiday Sale. The event is this Thursday, 10am to 8pm.

The Taubman Museum in Roanoke has a variety of art related events throughout the month of December for everyone from toddlers to adults. Check their website for more information. In Richmond, the second commission in the Institute for Contemporary Art's Provocations series will be created by Guadalupe Maravilla, an artist who, at age eight, immigrated alone to the United States from El Salvador in order to escape the Salvadoran Civil War. Combining drawing, sculpture, and performance, Maravilla's installation, *Disease Thrower*, draws on his own experiences with illness, migration, and the anxieties experienced by undocumented peoples.

Also in Richmond, Artworks continues their Winter Exhibits along with a special gallery filled with holiday gifts— Richmond style. Everything is handmade, in Richmond—from ceramics and jewelry to paintings and photography of Richmond. The gallery is featuring *Thread by Thread: Stories in Fiber and Fabric* by Joyce Watkins King. As a lifelong artist and designer, King has worked in many mediums, but the call of textiles always prevails.

#### December 16-December 22:

In Charlottesville, The Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Museum continues the exhibition, *The Country I Know Featuring Barbara Moore and Sharon Adamson. Ngayulu Nguraku Ninti (EN Gay ulu En gur aku Ninti) or The Country I Know*, is comprised of colorful large-scale paintings by Anmatyerre artist Barbara Moore and three smaller works by emerging artist Sharon Adamson. The paintings represent the artists' traditional homelands and are a rich and colorful expression of their relationship to it.

Also in Charlottesville, the **Welcome Gallery Artist Exchange, sponsored by New City Arts**, is an annual, artist-led program that brings together local artists to create and exchange a unique set of artworks with one another. This month, the Artist Exchange features Angela Gleeson, Rebekah Wostrel, and Steve Haske as well as several other local artists.

In Richmond, Artworks Gallery is showing **Back to Basics** by James Wilson. Wilson has been working with photography for 40 years—mostly with film. His most recent work has incorporated images in color printed on metal.

The Virginia Museum of Art, in Richmond, presents the premiere of *Edward Hopper and the American Hotel*, the first in-depth study of hospitality settings depicted in the works of one of the most celebrated American artists. Edward Hopper found artistic value and cultural significance in the most commonplace sites and settings. Hopper's spare depictions of familiar public and private spaces are often understood within the contexts of isolation, loneliness, and ennui of early and mid-20th-century America. As this exhibition shows, however, Hopper's immersion in the world of hotels, motels, hospitality services, and mobility in general presents a new framework for understanding the artist's work.

### December 23-December 29:

In Charlottesville, The University of Virginia's Fralin Museum continues its exhibition: **Otherwise**. Inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, *Otherwise* seeks to visualize LGBTQ+ themes and histories as a way of valuing them. Art historian David Getsy defines the 'otherwise' as the "endless positions of apartness from which queer stances are posited." The exhibition brings together work by over twenty-five modern and contemporary artists from The Fralin's permanent collection to examine the influence LGBTQ+ culture has had and continues to have on artistic production from the early twentieth century to the present. The exhibition presents works by artists who identify as LGBTQ+, as well as artists who have explored queer themes throughout their work.

Included in the exhibition are Berenice Abbott, Nan Goldin, Robert Indiana, Marisol, Duane Michals, Yasumasa Morimura, Louise Nevelson, and many others.

In Staunton, The Beverly Street Studio School continues their exhibitions *Agitation and Repose*: paintings by Milena Spasic: until January 5th, 2020 and *Aerial Landscapes*: paintings by Astrid Tuttle until the end of December.

In Richmond, The University of Richmond continues the exhibition, *Satire & Social Criticism: Prints by William Hogarth*, from the college's Collection. This exhibition features 40 works by British satirist William Hogarth including his most famous series, *The Harlot's Progress* and *Industry and Idleness*. Hogarth's prints were immensely popular among the general population of his day. Hogarth preferred to work directly from life and his cityscapes and figures were often recognized by the locals.

Near Lynchburg, Sweet Briar College's Benedict Gallery continues its exhibit by Nancy McDearmon. Entitled "Center of the Universe: Sweet Briar College" the exhibit runs through the Spring.