



Highland Happenings Spring 2022

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Save the Date

Maple Festival Fun

GAME NIGHT

5-9pm on Friday, April 1

Bring your friends, family, and favorite games to our free game night. Sussanna's Confections will remain open until 8pm.

TUESDAY TALKS

Tuesday, April 12

Tuesday, May 10

Tuesday, June 7

Learn with us at **2pm** on the second Tuesday of each month. This free series covers a range of engaging topics. Upcoming talks focus on stargazing, beekeeping, and local gardening.

FARMERS' MARKET

Fridays 3-6pm

starting May 27

The Highland Farmers' Market will begin again on May 27. Come visit us for fresh, local products!

TASTE OF HIGHLAND

Saturday, July 23

This year's Taste of Highland fundraiser featuring local foods & makers will take place July 23. Stay tuned for more details.

The Highland Center had a wonderful time celebrating the Highland County Maple Festival. The Highland County Arts Council and Chamber of Commerce offered entertainment here three times each weekend. All the entertainment got rave reviews and, as expected, the cloggers, square dance & square dance workshops drew especially large crowds.

The Gallery of Highland was staffed and open to visitors and fresh soups made with local ingredients and other refreshments were offered on the lower level.

We were thrilled to welcome visitors to our building and be part of this wonderful annual tradition. Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and made the Maple Festival great!



Little Switzerland Cloggers



Mary Beth Gutshall



Square Dancing



Square Dance with callers Ellen and Eugene Ratcliffe

Ongoing Events

SUSANNA'S CONFECTIONS

Tuesday & Fridays, 9am-6pm

Enjoy a sweet or savory treat and a hot beverage at Susanna's Confections Café open on the lower level of The Highland Center every Tuesday and Friday from 9am-6pm.

GALLERY OF HIGHLAND

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

The Gallery of Highland is open every weekday. Stop by to view and purchase the work of Highland's talented artists and authors. A portion of proceeds benefits The Highland Center

CO-WORKING SPACE

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Our gracious and spacious co-working studio is available to all locals and visitors for very reasonable daily, weekly, or monthly rates. Rental fee includes free wifi and access to copier, printer and other technology.

Farmers' Market Returns in May



The Highland County Farmers' Market will commence for the 2022 season on Friday, May 27th.

The Farmers' Market takes place every Friday from 3-6pm from late May through early October and brings together a variety of local products including meat, fruit, vegetables, baked goods, honey, syrup, and other locally made items. Specially themed markets, demonstrations, and live music take place regularly

at the market making it the place to be on Friday afternoons.

The market also participates in the SNAP and the Virginia Fresh Match programs which means that those who use SNAP benefits at the Farmers' Market double their funds!

Follow the [Highland Farmers Market on facebook](#) to stay up to date on what will be happening at the market this season.



Game Night on April 1st



Gather your friends and family and join us at for a game night at The Highland Center from 5-9pm on Friday, April 1st. A limited selection of games will be provided but we encourage you to bring your favorite board or card game to share. This free event is a great way to try new games and find new people to play with and we hope that this is the first in what will become a recurring, monthly event.

Susanna's Confections Café will remain open until 8pm on April 1st so that you can purchase a hot drink or treat to enjoy while you play.

We look forward to seeing you at The Highland Center!

Help Wanted



The Highland Center is seeking a part-time bookkeeper to add to our staff! Our bookkeeper is an integral part of our team and we look forward to finding the right person to manage this critical aspect of our work.

This position offers 20-30 hours of work each week with flexible hours and the option to work both remotely and on site.

Some experience in accounting or bookkeeping and familiarity with Excel and QuickBooks is preferred. The ideal candidate will be organized, detail-oriented, honest, and excited to be part of this vibrant, community organization.

A complete position description and application instructions can be found on our website:

www.thehighlandcenter.org/help-wanted

Contributions Sought for Youth Employment

We are thrilled that Karen Milnes will once gain lead the Youth Employment Program during the summer of 2022.

For nearly two decades, the Youth Employment Program has provided Highland County youth with education, experience, and paid employment during the summer months. Local businesses and organizations benefit by receiving reduced-cost employees who bring with them new skills, ideas, and energy.

Karen is now in the recruitment phase of programming. If you would like to serve as a work site and have local youth work alongside you this summer or if you are a Highland County

We are seeking donations to cover the expense of 10 teens working 10 hours a week for 10 weeks during the summer of 2022.



2021 Participants Emma Herold and Emma Harman

resident between the ages of 15-18 and would like to participate in the program, please email Karen at

yep@thehighlandcenter.org

The Highland Center is still seeking funds to support the 2022 program. Our goal is to secure sufficient funds so that we can completely subsidize the cost of 10 teens working for 10 hours a week for 10 weeks.

If you would like to donate to support the Youth Employment Program or would like more information, please contact Elizabeth Lohr-Myers at director@thehighlandcenter.org or 540-468-1922.

Tenant Spotlight



The Highland County Arts Council (HCAC) was one of the first organizations to recognize that preserving the Highland Elementary School was critical to the infrastructure of the county and was instrumental in the formation of the Highland Center over 25 years ago. The HCAC has been a steadfast and important presence in this building ever since.

The organization has a classroom at the front of The Highland Center building that is used for meetings and a variety of weekly arts activities including an artists group, basket weaving group, and fiber arts gathering. The HCAC also holds the majority of its events at The Highland Center and has been committed to im-

proving the performance space in the auditorium with acoustic panels, stage, lights, and sound equipment. Through grants with NEA, VCA, and other community foundations, the HCAC began the 2nd Saturday @ 7 performance series and has been responsible for offering top quality, diverse performances each month.

The Arts Council believes that the arts are essential to our communities. They support and encourage artists by holding classes, workshops, and camps and they facilitate regular exhibits and performances with local artists and artisans.

One very popular program of the HCAC is the Arts Academy. The Arts Academy began in 2019 and offers intensive workshops on a variety of arts and crafts led by experienced in-

structors. Through the Arts Academy, the HCAC seeks to make Highland a destination as a creative environment in which to learn and experience art. Past Arts Academy workshops have focused on barn quilt painting, basketry, broom making, eco-printing, photography, pottery, printmaking, and stained glass.

The 2022 workshop schedule and registration will be available on April 1, 2022 and can be found at www.highlandartsacademy.com

For more information about the Highland County Arts Council and their activities, please visit www.highlandcountyartscouncil.org



HCAC event with Larnell Starkey & The Spiritual Seven

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