



Highland Happenings

Fall 2023

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Summer 2023 in Review



*Kacie Thurston and Caleb Blagg
at Highland Historical Society*

This Summer has been a good one here at The Highland Center. Our new Programs Manager, Jen Rattigan, has helped breathe optimism into community programs and is poised to move forward with creativity and passion.

The 2023 Youth Employment Program (YEP) began almost seamlessly with a number of teens returning to the program for a second year along with several worksites who have been dedicated participants over the years. For some folks, this was a first and successful learning experience. For the thirteen teens and worksites we matched, students worked in positions ranging from Pharmacy customer service, architectural design assistant-ship, farm staff, research and archiving, farmers' market vendors, and other positions where public interface and hospitality are important skills.

As we surveyed our worksites, some were especially pleased to have skilled help in technical support and all of them were happy to have the opportunity to guide and work with Highland youth:



Jordan White at AMR WVLS

“Our YEP student “was enthusiastic, hard working and contributed by suggesting ideas, and knowledge.”

“Many things would not have happened without our YEP employee's assistance!”

We look forward to next year with more resources to guide and help young employees.

Summer 2023 in Review cont'd

We were thrilled by the synergy between the Youth Employment Program and the Highland Farmers' Market this year. Thanks to popular demand and YEP support, Church Hill Produce returned to the Highland Farmers' Market with YEP teens staffing the booth.

With Church Hill Produce, Num Num Farms, and the occasional presence of AMI, the Farmers' Market has been able to offer a reliable, almost full diet presentation every week. We want to thank each of our vendors, and local artists who show up for our Friday Market as well as our customers for making the Highland Farmers' Market happen.

October 6th will be our last outdoor market and will be located on the Courthouse lawn for the Hands and Harvest Festival. Stay tuned for information about our indoor fall markets taking place in October and November!



Jade Hotz at Highland Medical Center



Madge Vosten and McKenzie Lambert with Highland County Chamber of Commerce



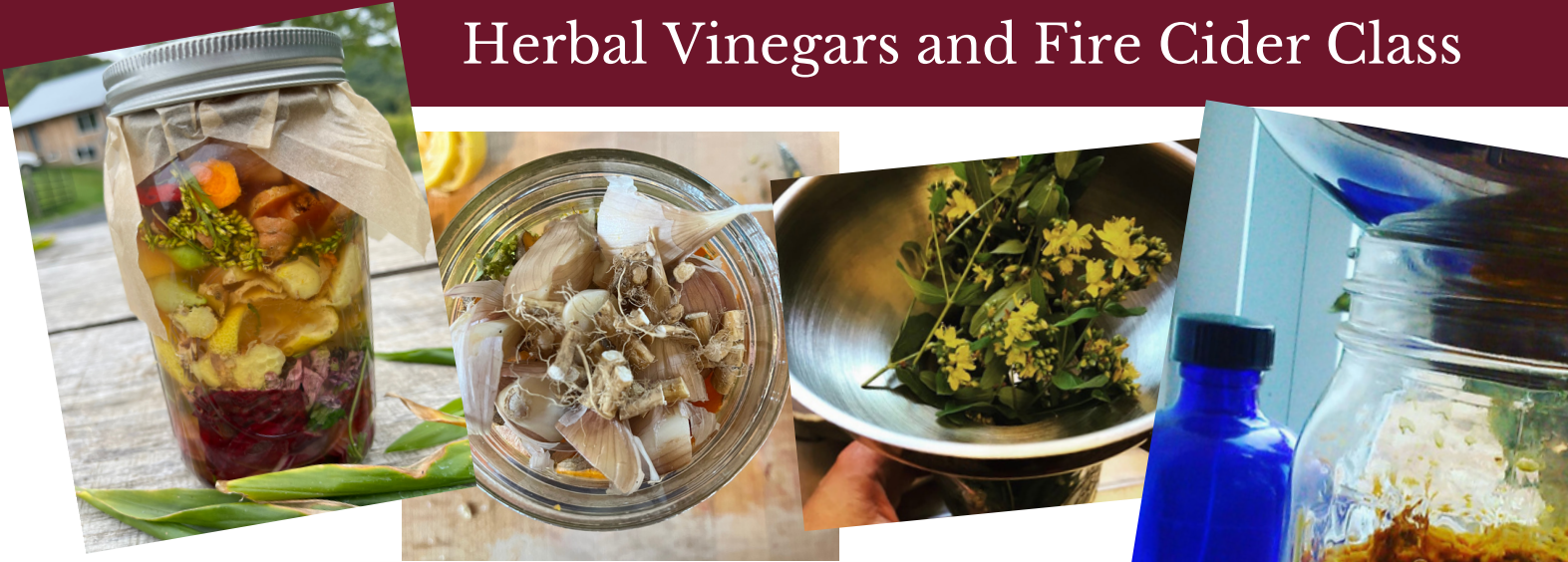
Ava Summers and Kylie Arbogast selling Church Hill Produce at the Market



Fin Irene at Highland Farmers' Market



Herbal Vinegars and Fire Cider Class



Jen Rattigan, will offer a Fire Cider Making Workshop at The Highland Center Pavilion from 2-3pm on Sunday, October 22. The cost of the workshop is just \$5 and will teach participants how to make the time-honored, folk remedy 'Fire Cider.' Fire Cider is a vinegar-based tonic made from plants that can be found right outside your door, in your pantry, or from your produce drawer.

The workshop will cover the history of Fire Cider and its health benefits. The group will have an opportunity to safely forage for some wild medicinal plants and prepare their own herbal vinegar remedies.

Participants are encouraged to bring a knife and a cutting board and any garden herbs they would like to contribute. Be prepared to get garlicky.

RSVPs are not necessary but encouraged to programs@thehighlandcenter.org

Upcoming Tuesday Talks

UPCOMING TUESDAY TALKS

OCT 10 - Collective Highland Poem with writer and teacher Ned Dougherty

NOV 14 - Feeding the community through the local food pantry & others

DEC 12 - Seasonal and traditional Hungarian cuisine with Zsuzsanna Baxter

Tuesday Talks take place at The Highland Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We hope you will stop by and enjoy a free talk from one of our fascinating, local speakers.

Anyone who would like to present at a future talk or has a topic to suggest should contact Jen at programs@thehighlandcenter.org

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Given the success of last year's Chili Cook-off, we are planning an even bigger and better one this year! This year's Chili Cook-off will take place at The Highland Center from 5-7pm on Saturday, November 4th.

The ticket price is \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids 12 and under and includes unlimited chili tasting and the chance to vote for your favorite chili.

Online registration for chili cooks will open on October 9th and the fee to enter is only \$5. \$300 in cash prizes will be awarded in *each* of the following categories: Spicy Chili, Mild Chili, White Chili. Furthermore, 3 special prizes will be awarded for the following: the people's favorite, best presentation/tablescape, and best toppings.

The event will be made even more festive by the presence of DJ Scott Smith and a cash bar with beer, wine, and cider available for purchase.

Save The Date!

FIRE CIDER CLASS
Sunday, October 22
2-3pm

CHILI COOK-OFF
Saturday, November 4
5-7pm

WINTERTIDE
Saturday, December 2
9am-5pm

**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY
CONCERT**
Sunday, December 10
2pm

TUESDAY TALKS
2pm every
second Tuesday of the month

SCORE COUNSELING
10am - 2pm every
third Wednesday of the month



Community Concert

The Highland Center is very excited to be part of planning a holiday concert for the entire community which will take place at The Highland Center at 2pm on Sunday, December 10th.

The concert will feature several community music groups including the Glory Bells (hand-bell choir), the Highland County Community Chorus, and the Highlands Community Orchestra. The groups are working on several pieces to perform together and there will also be opportunities for the audience to sing along.

Free-will donations will be accepted and will be shared between The Highland Center and the groups performing.

The concert will be followed by a reception and will be a fun, festive opportunity to visit with neighbors and friends.



Community Christmas Concert

PERFORMANCES BY:
THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS
THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
THE GLORY BELLS

2PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
THE HIGHLAND CENTER

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

CONCERT FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION



Glory Bells



Highlands Community Orchestra



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