



McLean Project for the Arts

Monthly Newsletter | March 2020

COVID-19



COVID-19 Update from MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau

Dear MPA Friends,

There is no higher priority to our McLean Project for the Arts family and community than your safety. We share with you the concerns and questions raised by COVID-19. We commit to exercising an abundance of caution when it comes to the health and safety of our community, students, and staff.

Current Virginia and Fairfax County health official guidance is that all programs should continue as usual, therefore, MPA will continue to operate all classes, exhibitions and events as scheduled. As we're housed in the McLean Community Center, closing the building will be a Fairfax County government decision. We will continue to monitor developments and will respond accordingly. Should the evolving situation lead to a change in plans, we will communicate immediately through email, on our website, and on social media.

Meanwhile, we carry on with currently scheduled gallery openings, classes and planning for our upcoming May 7th Spring Benefit. Additionally, our Board, staff, and Spring Benefit co-chairs and hosts are actively engaged in contingency discussions with an option to postpone if necessary. Please know we are not cavalier as we continue to invite support for MPA's work through sponsoring MPA Spring Benefit, even in light of a potential disruption this year. The health and safety of you and our entire community will always be primary.

As a precaution, we ask that all visitors including staff, faculty and students monitor their own health and wellness for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 as well as seasonal colds and flus, and self-quarantine as necessary. If you need to cancel or postpone a class, please contact us through email (info@mpaart.org) so that we can best support you. And please watch our social media and website for the latest developments.

Let's all stay safe, and get through this together.

Lori J. Carbonneau
Executive Director



MPA in the News

Fairfax County Times: Arts Center Proposed for McLean's Clemyjontri Park (3/5/2020)

Tysons Reporter: Plans for Unveiled for Arts Campus at Clemyjontri Park in McLean (3/2/2020)

Tysons Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts to Display Local Kids' Art This Month (3/2/2020)

Inside Nova: Student Artwork to be Spotlighted in McLean (2/29/2020)

Inside Nova: MPA Outlines Vision for Use of Clemyjontri Park Property (2/26/2020)

The Washington Post: In the Galleries--An Artist Conjures Images from Oceans to a Micro View of Nature (2/21/2020)

McLean Connection: Open House on Possible Arts Center at Clemyjontri Park (2/19/2020)

McLean Patch: Arts Center Considered at McLean's Clemyjontri Park (2/10/2020)

Fairfax County Times: Hot Links--MPA and Two Women Artists (2/6/2020)

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Spring Benefit Updates
Auction item donated by Lisa Tureson; Live painting by artist Gavin Glakas

MPA is excited to announce that this year's Spring Benefit will feature live painting by Gavin Glakas, a freelance painter represented by Principle Gallery in Alexandria, VA and Charleston, SC; Palm Avenue Fine Art in Sarasota, FL; and Hubert Gallery in New York. His paintings hang in the permanent collections of the United States Capitol, the Virginia State Capitol, universities, museums, and numerous other collections both public and private.

Our Spring Benefit Auction will also include art donated by Lisa Tureson. Best known by the Washington, DC metro community of design for her diversity as an artist, creator and problem solver, Ms. Tureson has touched a worldwide audience through public exhibitions; a large, published body of commercial work; charitable projects and private commissions. In 2017, Home & Design Magazine called Ms. Tureson's studio "a whirlwind of media in motion... it is evidence of a passion for discovery."

Spring Benefit will take place on May 7, 2020 at the beautiful home of Melissa and Michael Stock. Co-chaired this year by Heidi Narang and Priscilla Stanzel, Spring Benefit raises critical funds supporting MPA's contemporary art exhibitions and art classes, as well as ArtReach, MPA's award-winning art education and outreach program. Spring Benefit sponsorship opportunities are still available. Visit our website for more information, or to secure your sponsorship.

[Learn More](#)



Youth Art Month Continues at MPA

McLean Pyramid Show Open through March 14

Langley Pyramid Show Opening Exhibition Reception Set for Thursday, March 19

Youth Art Month is underway at MPA. Stop by now through March 14 to view our McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show. Our Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show will open Thursday, March 19, 2020 with an [Opening Exhibition Reception on March 19 from 4:30–6pm](#).

[Learn More](#)



NEW! Saturday Morning Youth Art Workshops!

Join MPA for our NEW Youth Art Workshops with Pamela Saunders. The workshops feature a series of 90-minute, Saturday-morning sessions for children ages 8–12. Topics include Matisse Apples Still Life, 3D Turtle Sculptures, and Desserts Inspired by Wayne Thiebaud.

Space is limited--[register now to secure your spot!](#)

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MPA Summer Art Camp Registration Now Open!

Spaces filling quickly--act soon to secure your spot

MPA Summer Art Camp registration is underway, and spots are filling quickly. MPA will once again be offering a variety of imaginative and fun week-long camp sessions, with something for campers of all ages.

This year's offerings include:

- **MPA Summer Art Camp for Ages 6-8 (Rising Grades 1-3) and Ages 9-12 (Rising Grades 3-7):** Morning, afternoon, and full-day sessions available. Runs June 22 - August 7
- **Camp Abrakadoodle for Ages 3-6:** Morning (9:30 am - 12:00 noon) and afternoon (1:30 - 4:00 pm) sessions available. Runs June 22 - August 7.
- **Vosler Young Artists' Studio @ MPA (Teens):** Join MPA as we welcome back Kerry Vosler and her highly regarded atelier studio for a fifth year in a row! Runs August 10-14 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm.
- **MPA's Counselor in Training Program (CIT) for Ages 13+ (Rising 8th grader):** Back by popular demand, MPA's Counselor in Training program was created to enrich the experience of older campers at our summer art camps. Please note a minimum commitment of two weeks is required. CITs may extend up to six weeks. To apply, [please contact Briana Clorey](#).

All 2020 MPA Summer Art Camps will take place at the McLean Community Center. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

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Plan Unveiled for Potential New Arts Center

MPA and the Fairfax County Park Authority hosted a public open house on Monday, February 24, to unveil preliminary plans for a new arts center at Clemmyjontri Park.

[Click here to read The Fairfax County Times' coverage of the open house and of the proposed project.](#)

[Learn More](#)



Spring Class Registration Underway

Now is the time to register for spring art classes. Choose from new class offerings or returning favorites, including:

- Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil with Joyce Lee (Spring session begins April 20)
- Fundamentals of Art: Drawing into Painting with Rula Jones (Begins April 20)
- Off-Site Plein Air Series with Tom Morris (Begins April 23)

All classes are taught by MPA's professional art faculty. Visit our website for more information or to register for these and many other class offerings.

[Learn More](#)



Call for Submissions: MPAartfest 2020

Calling all mid-Atlantic artists! MPA currently seeks work for our 14th annual **MPAartfest, a one-day juried fine art and craft show and sale to be held October 4, 2020 in McLean Central Park.**

Recognized by Sunshine Artist as one of the Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows, this annual celebration of the visual arts attracts upwards of 9,000+ attendees.

100% of sales to be retained by artist. [Additional rules and submission instructions are available here.](#)

The deadline for submissions is June 15, 2020.

[Learn More](#)



Coming Soon: Works by Joseph Cortina and Shanthi Chandrasekar

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 17 as we open two new exhibitions featuring work by Joseph Cortina (Emerson Gallery) and Shanthi Chandrasekar (Atrium Gallery). The Opening Exhibition Reception will take place on April 17, 2020 from 6–8pm. [RVSP now](#).

(Pictured: "Zion Used to Moan" by Joseph Cortina)

[Learn More](#)

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Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

→ DONATE NOW!

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Closed Sunday & Monday

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