



# McLean Project for the Arts

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## MPA Receives \$50,000 CARES Act Funding from National Endowment for the Arts

MPA is pleased to announce that we are among the 14 Virginia arts organizations, and 846 U.S. arts organizations that have been selected to receive \$50,000 grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The NEA received more than 31,000 eligible applications requesting \$157 million for the \$45 million available in direct assistance. Applications were limited to those who were previous NEA award recipients from the past four years. These non-matching grant funds are provided to support staff salaries, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs.

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## Join Us for MPA Summer Art Camps

In-studio summer art camps kicked off this week at MCC, and it's been exciting to see campers creating beautiful projects in MPA's DuVal Studio and Emerson Gallery! The safety of campers, staff and community remains at the forefront as MPA hosts campers in this new environment. There are still a few spaces available for both in-studio and online camps from July 13-17 through August 3. Upcoming themes include Exploring Color, Book Making, Pop Art, Collage Art, and Printmaking. Visit our website for more information or to register.

Additional information on all camp offerings can be found on the website. For more information, please review our MPA Camp Policies & Procedures. Contact Briana Clorey with any questions.

[Learn More](#)



## SHIFT Online Opening Exhibition Reception July 15

How has your world been affected by this "SHIFT" in our lives? The work of 48 mid-Atlantic artists will answer this question on Wednesday, July 15, when MPA opens SHIFT, our first juried online exhibition.

Juried by Henry L. Thaggert and Sarah Tanguy, the works featured in SHIFT focus on the concept of shift, change, or exchange—in position, direction, tendency, viewpoint, atmosphere, needs, dreams, schedules, interactions, environment, perspectives...

SHIFT runs through August 27, 2020. An Artist/Juror talk will take place on July 23 from 7-8:30pm.

We hope you'll join us for our July 15 online opening reception from 7-8pm.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



## Register NOW for MPA Summer Art Classes

Looking for a creative outlet this summer? Our online summer art classes began this week.

Check out a wide variety of summer online class offerings, including:

- Watercolor Studio with Lubna Zahid
- Advanced Watercolor Master Class with Barbara Januszkiewicz
- Color Theory with Naomi Chung
- Portrait and Figure Painting with Jordan Xu
- Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil with Joyce Lee
- Freedom of Watercolor with Barbara Januszkiewicz
- Working in Abstract with M. Jane Johnson

Students are loving the easy-to-use Zoom format. Descriptions of each course, instructor bios, and registration links are all available on our website.

[Learn More](#)

# ArtReach

MPA's longstanding, award-winning arts outreach program ArtReach couples work by professional exhibiting artists with a program curriculum allowing all of us to take part in creating art.

**Try this week's activity featuring work from:**

## Out For a Spin

Mixed Media Paintings by Jean Sausele-Knott

### Meet the Artist

**Project 1 of 2**

**Works by Jean Sausele-Knott**

Beginning with shapes that may remind you of flowers and tree limbs, grasses, and even bird-like shapes, Jean Sausele-Knott creates 3-D paintings that are both painted and sculptural. The simple "organic" shapes in her paintings overlap with each other, pushing out into space and creating a sense of movement and place. The color, textures and forms are both based on nature and also stand on their own as "abstract" compositions.

Exhibited at McLean Project for the Arts

Turn over for fun activities

## MPA ArtReach Establishes New Partnership in DC's Shawn Community

MPA ArtReach continues to expand our outreach during this time of social distancing, providing our weekly ArtReach activity flyers to the Unique Learning Center (ULC) in Washington, D.C.'s Shaw neighborhood. In its 38-year history, ULC has grown from a small effort with eight children into a daily after-school and summer program reaching 40 students each year. With the support of area churches and neighborhood spaces, the program has been changing the lives of children who might otherwise "slip through the cracks of the public school system."

Along with our Zoom classes for seniors through the Lewinsville Senior Center, and our new ServiceSource Zoom class, our weekly ArtReach art activity flyers are distributed to over 500 participants weekly through our partner organizations, and posted on our Facebook for everyone to share in the fun. Please see the attached flier for more information.

[Learn More](#)



## Don't Forget to Follow Us on Social Media

As we all continue to social distance, stay connected with MPA through our social media--Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Join us as we revisit past MPA exhibitions and explore weekly MPA ArtReach art activities--which we're sharing with our community partners and through our social media. On Twitter, we're sharing opportunities from other sources that can help us navigate this "pause" in our daily lives. We look forward to connecting with you online!

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and ArtsFairfax.

Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

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## MPA in the News

Tyson's Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts Receives \$50,000 Federal Grant (7/9/2020)

Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Receives \$50,000 Grant from NEA (7/9/2020)

Inside NOVA: MPA Art Instruction Explores New Opportunities Online (6/24/2020)

Tyson's Reporter: Tyson's 1st Stage Hosts Zoom Panel on Local Art Scene's Future (6/17/2020)

Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts to Host In-Person, Online Camps (6/17/2020)

McLean Patch: McLean Project for the Arts Offers In-Person, Online Camps (6/17/2020)

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