



McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | September 3, 2020



Virtual MPAartfest 2020 -- Sponsorships Now Available

MPAartfest 2020 is going VIRTUAL! This year has proven to be a different kind of year, and with that we will be holding a different kind of festival. Our concept is well-received by artists—we were excited to have nearly 120 artists apply for our innovative NEW festival format, of which 51 were selected. Now all we need is YOU!

Virtual MPAartfest 2020 will be promoted to an audience of 100,000+ online, in print and on air. Sponsorship opportunities include:

- Artist's Studio Sponsor (\$250)
- Gallery Patron (\$1,000)
- Meet-the-Artists Discussion Series Sponsor (\$2,500)

Special thanks to our Children's Art Walk Sponsor, **New Dominion Women's Club**, and to our 2020 Virtual MPAartfest Lead Community Sponsor, **McLean Community Center**.

Visit our website to learn more or to secure your sponsorship. If you or your business would like to explore ideas beyond those outlined, please reach out. We would be delighted to tailor the most appropriate sponsorship for your organization. For more information, please contact **Jennifer Wormser**.

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Last Chance to Experience *SHIFT*

Exhibition Closes September 15

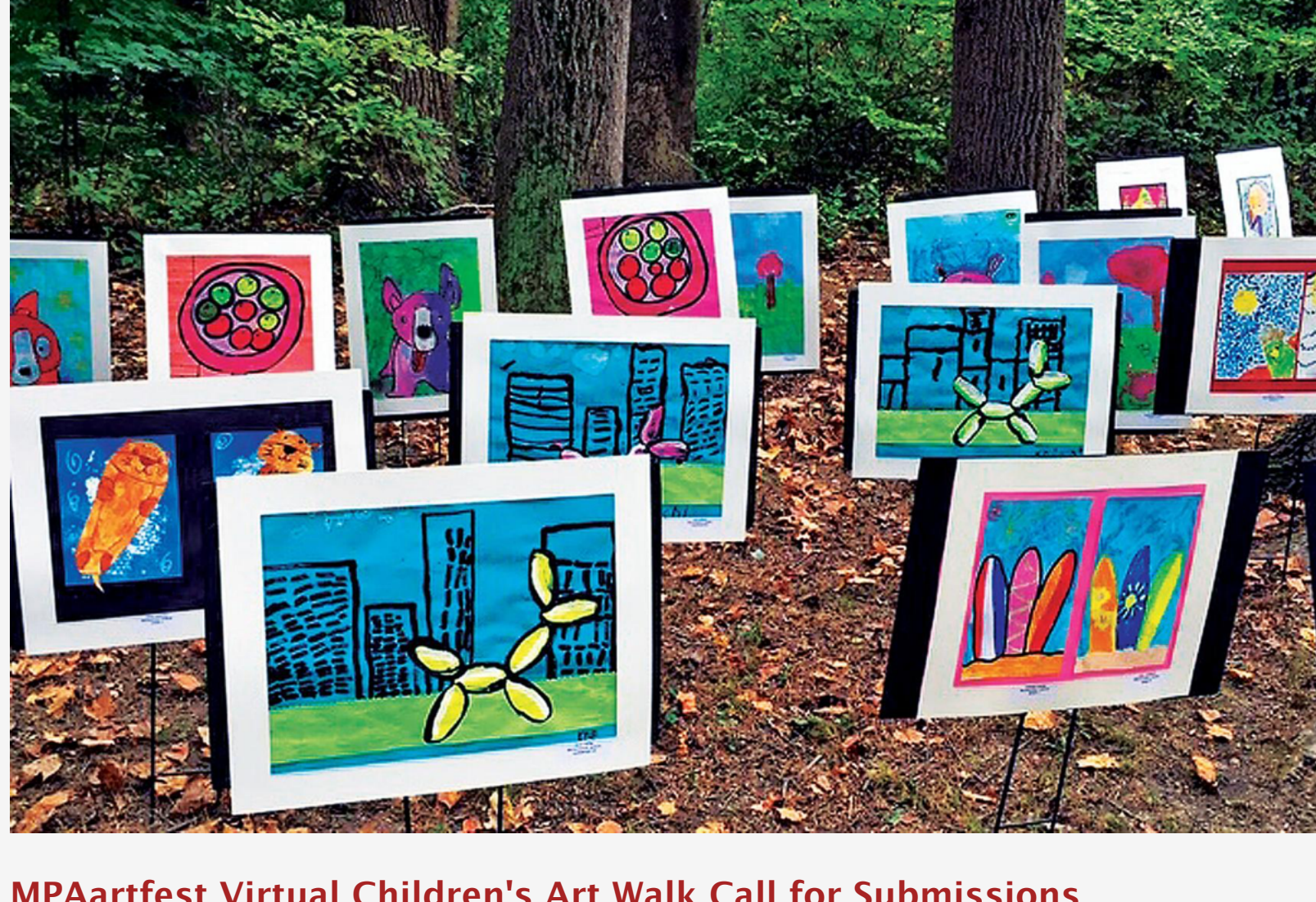
MPA's first online juried exhibition, *SHIFT*, closes September 15.

Juried by **Henry L. Thagert** and **Sarah Tanguy**, *SHIFT* features the work of 48 mid-Atlantic artists exploring the concept of shift, change, or exchange—in position, direction, tendency, viewpoint, atmosphere, needs, dreams, schedules, interactions, environment, perspectives...

Visit our website to [explore the exhibition](#) before it closes.

(Pictured, from top left: Khanh H. Le, "Their New Bedroom"; Francisca Oviedo, "A Pause in Time"; Jenny Freestone, "Shape Shifter, Hellebore"; Kristin Hayes Campbell, "Omnipresence: Spirit Tree Series"; Rosemary F. Covey, "Wallpaper")

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MPAartfest Virtual Children's Art Walk Call for Submissions

Deadline Extended to September 20!

Calling all budding artists! McLean Project for the Arts invites all student artists to enter our **Virtual Children's Art Walk Call for Submissions**.

A perennial favorite at MPAartfest, the Children's Art Walk is an open-air gallery of student art proudly sponsored by New Dominion Women's Club of McLean (NDWC) for more than a decade. Each year, NDWC collects student artwork selected by teachers at local public, private and parochial schools. The 2019 Children's Art Walk featured the work of more than 150 students.

To carry on the spirit of this much-loved community gallery, NDWC is partnering with MPA to create a Virtual Children's Art Walk. The show will be juried and open to ALL students (grades K-12) in the Langley and McLean Fairfax County Public School pyramids, as well as students at private and parochial schools. The Virtual Children's Art Walk will also include art created by children who participated in this summer's MPA Summer Art Camps.

Student artwork submissions are welcome through September 20, 2020. The Virtual Children's Art Walk will go live on Sunday, October 4, 2020, and will remain on display at www.mpaartfest.org through October 18, 2020.

For submission instructions, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/childrensartwalk>.

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MPA Fall Art Classes Begin Soon -- Register Now!

Registration is now open for fall art classes. MPA's fall lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options. Class offerings include:

- **Printmaking Series with Jennifer Lillis (Online):** Experiment with various methods of relief printing that can be executed without the need of a printing press. Techniques introduced and explored include linoleum and woodcut printing, mono-printing, and printing with found objects. Classes run Wednesdays from 6-8pm beginning 9/16.
- **Book Making Series with Jennifer Lillis (Online):** Students will use elements of drawing, painting, and printmaking in constructing artist books. This course will also introduce the discussion of the function and aesthetics of the book form. Classes meet Wednesdays from 6-8pm beginning 10/21.
- **Youth Drawing and Watercolor Studio with Pamela Saunders (Online):** Students will learn and improve drawing skills using oil pastel to create animals, landscapes, and more! Classes meet Mondays from 10-10:40am beginning 9/21.
- **Thursday and Saturday Abakadoodle classes (DuVal Studio):** For our youngest artists, our Abakadoodle Tweeny Doodlers and Mini Doodlers classes offer a special art experience. Little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, printing, and creating while developing fine motor, language, and self-help skills. Classes run Thursdays and Saturdays beginning September 24.

Our popular **Master Workshop Series** will also be returning for the fall semester. Professional artists and art educators will be leading a variety of one- or two-day workshops on topics such as Healing through Art, Printmaking, Paper Arts, and much more. Workshops may be virtual or held in person. Please visit our website for our most up-to-date information on workshop topics and dates.

MPA will be holding fall classes both online and in-studio. For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, please read our **COVID-19 Policies & Procedures**. Contact Briana Clorey with questions.

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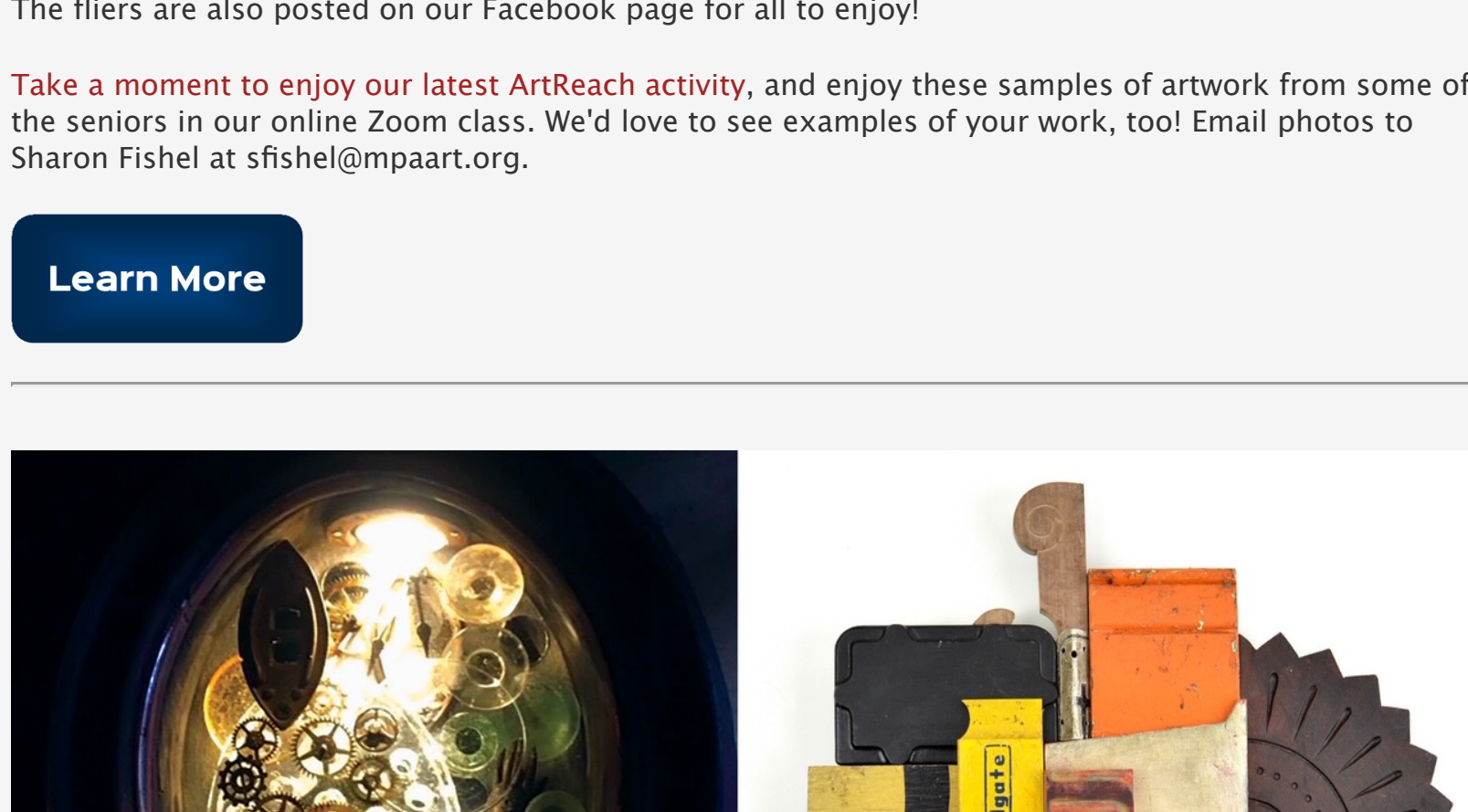
MPA's ArtReach Connects with Seniors Through Expanded Partnership

MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel's weekly Zoom class for seniors (through the Lewisville Senior Center, and ServiceSource) continues to enjoy this opportunity to connect with others during this time of social distancing. Thank you to these students for sharing some of their recent artwork.

Special thanks to our generous donors who help make this virtual class outreach—as well as our weekly fliers—possible for more than 500 participants each week through our partner organizations. The fliers are also posted on our Facebook page for all to enjoy!

Take a moment to enjoy our latest ArtReach activity, and enjoy these samples of artwork from some of the seniors in our online Zoom class. We'd love to see examples of your work, too! Email photos to Sharon Fishel at sfishel@mpaart.org.

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Coming Soon: *Sculpture NOW 2020*

Mark your calendars and Join MPA and the **Washington Sculptors Group** September 17 – November 14, 2020 for *Sculpture NOW 2020*. Juried by MPA Exhibitions Director Nancy Sausser, *Sculpture NOW* is a non-thematic exhibition of new works. The Rooney Prize—an honorarium of \$500—will be awarded to the artist/artist team selected by the juror whose work reflects the best qualities for the overall WSG *Sculpture NOW 2020* show.

(Pictured, from top left: Melissa Burley, "When Time Stood Still"; Keith Krueger, "Hit the North"; Louisa Neill, "Capsule & Counting Continuity"; Kanika Sircar, "Gateway 3")

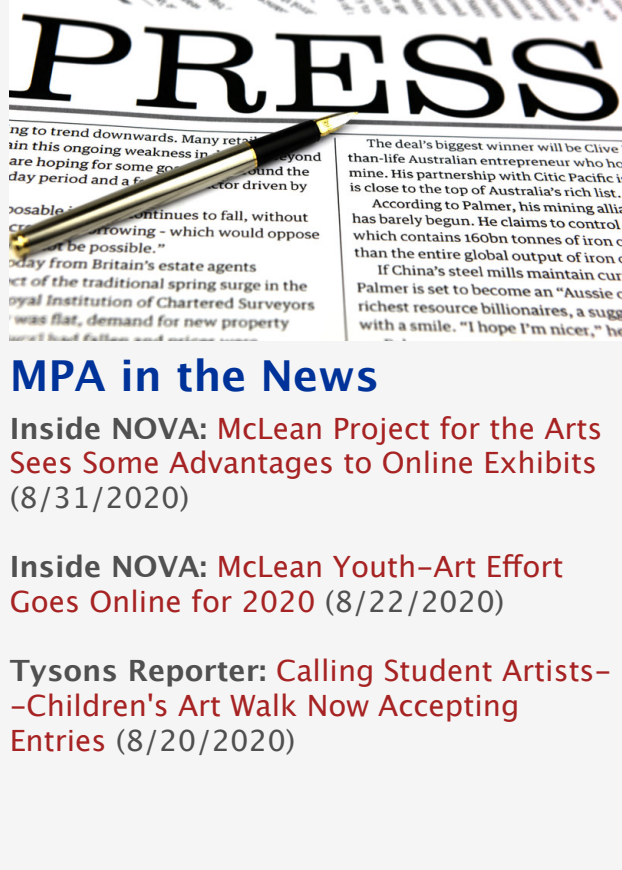
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Don't Forget to Follow Us on Social Media

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!

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MPA in the News

Inside NOVA: McLean Project for the Arts Sees Some Advantages to Online Exhibits (8/31/2020)

Inside NOVA: McLean Youth--Art Effort Goes Online for 2020 (8/22/2020)

Tyson's Reporter: Calling Student Artists--Children's Art Walk Now Accepting Entries (8/20/2020)

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