



McLean Project for the Arts

MPA Updates | January 9, 2021



Now Showing: *Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina* and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar*

Join MPA now through February 20, 2021 to experience our winter exhibitions, *Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina* (Emerson Gallery) and *Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar* (Atrium Gallery). Both exhibitions were underwritten by JGC Smith, and are available online. If you missed our Virtual Opening Reception and Artist Talk, you can view the recording on our website.

Vertical Interval: New Works by Joseph Cortina

McLean-based artist Joseph Cortina exhibits paintings and digital works that explore the intersection and tension between physical and digital landscapes. Drawing on his background as a painter and his long career creating films and interactive experiences for museums, Cortina's new works are a response to the fleeting, elusive quality of time-based media. His paintings, which can be seen as singular frames in an on-going dialog, revel in their own materiality. Wholeheartedly embracing depth of color, texture, and line, Cortina is drawn back to painting for its immediate, direct, and therapeutic significance.

Beginningless Endless: Works by Shanthi Chandrasekar

Intensely curious by nature, Shanthi Chandrasekar creates work that explores the big questions of science and the natural world. Employing the mediums of drawing, painting, and sculpture, and tapping into her training in physics and psychology, Chandrasekar has created a vehicle for both her observational questioning and the wild journeys of her imagination. With astounding precision and skill, these works depict a perfect balance between our inner and outer worlds.

Please note: As of January 14, MPA is thrilled to be able to offer in-person gallery visits to view our current exhibitions. The safety of our visitors, staff, and community remains at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-gallery experience in this new environment. The Emerson Gallery exhibit, *Vertical Interval*, will be open for visitors with timed passes on Thursdays from 11am–2pm and Saturdays from 10am–3pm. The Atrium Gallery exhibition, *Beginningless Endless*, will be available for viewing during MCC operating hours.

Please consider postponing your visit to the galleries if you have traveled by public transportation over the holidays or gathered with others outside of your household within the past 14 days. The exhibitions will remain on view until February 20, 2021. Please review our MPA COVID-19 Policies before registering.

(Pictured: Top, Joseph Cortina exhibit, Emerson Gallery; Bottom, Shanthi Chandrasekar exhibit, Atrium Gallery)

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MPA in the News

Modern Luxury DC: Mission Critical (December 2020)

Inside NOVA: Master-planning Effort Kicks Off for Clemjontiri Arts Center (12/22/2020)

Tysons Reporter: Clemjontiri Master Plan Could be Revised for Proposed Arts Center (12/22/2020)

The Washington Post (Instagram): ABCs--DC Suburbs [No. 24--Xavier Court, McLean, VA] (12/13/2020)

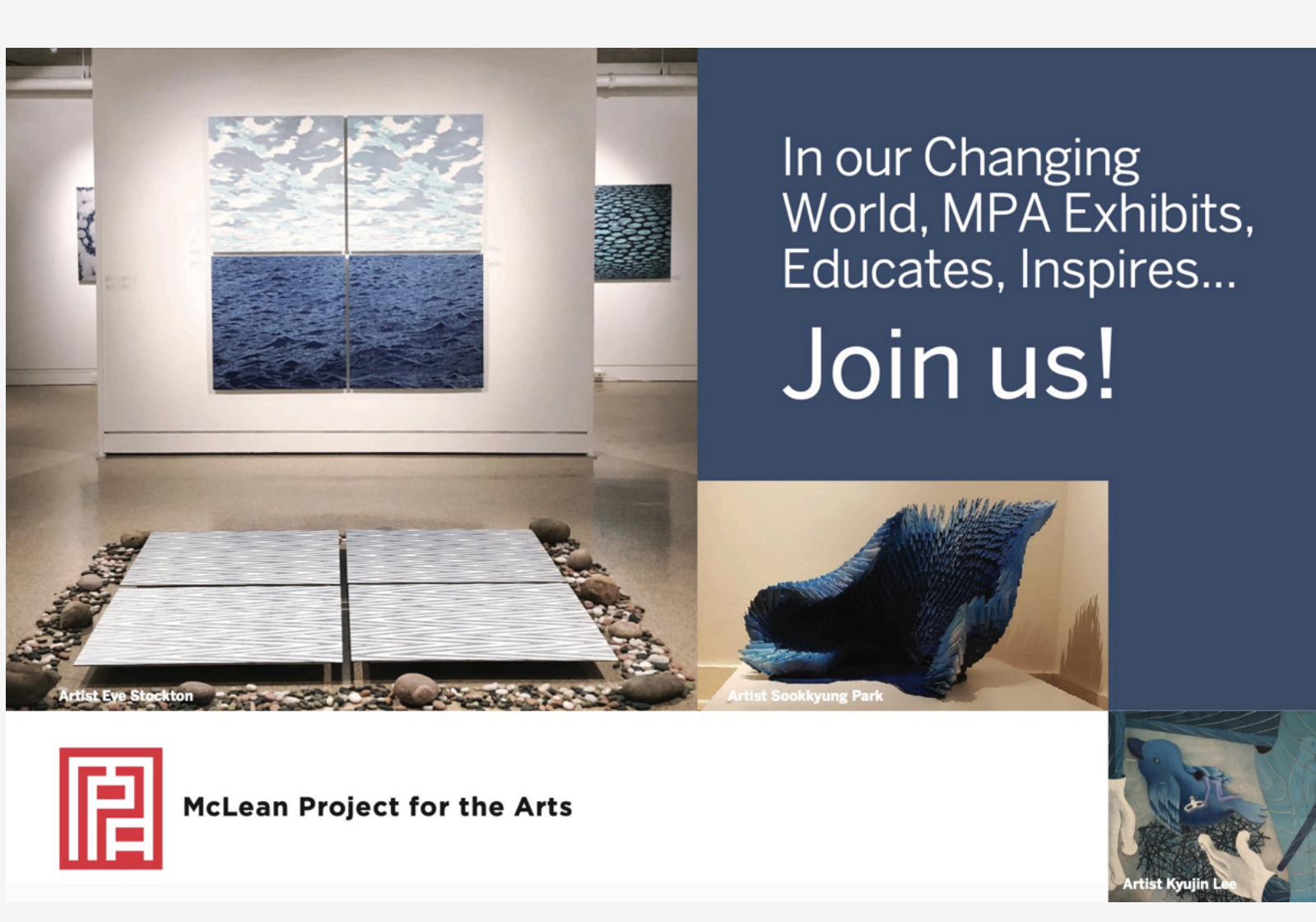
Tysons Reporter: McLean Project for the Arts Ponders Space with New Exhibitions (12/9/2020)

TysonsToday: McLean Project for the Arts to Open New Exhibitions Dec. 9 (12/4/2020)

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Thank You for Your Support!

THANK YOU to all who donated to our year-end Annual Giving campaign! While final results and donations are still being tabulated, we're optimistic that we met our goal. We're especially grateful for the continued support of our MPA Community during these uncertain times. If you would like to contribute to the MPA Annual Giving campaign, visit our website to make your gift.

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MPA Winter Art Classes -- Spaces Still Available

There's still time to register for winter art classes at MPA. Our lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options. Classes will take place both online and in our DuVal Studio. Come in from the cold and join MPA for an exciting lineup of classes for all ages and abilities!

Online offerings include:

- Exploring Abstraction with Mixed Media with M. Jane Johnson
- Intermediate Drawing with Arthur Kwon Lee
- Freedom of Watercolor with Barbara Janusiewicz
- Drawing and Painting Studio with David Carlson
- Portrait and Figure Painting with Jordan Xu
- Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil with Joyce Lee
- Biomorphic Explorations in Graphite and Watercolor with Rula Jones

In-Studio offerings include:

- Oil and Painting Studio with Tom Morris
- Drawing I with Marise Riddell
- Intermediate and Advanced Painting Studio with Naomi Chung

Youth Art Classes

For our younger artists, our Saturday Abbrakadoodle classes will take place in the DuVal Studio. This popular series of imaginative art classes for children is based on the learning principles of Jean Piaget. Children create wonderful "masterpieces" using innovative materials while exploring artistic styles and techniques. Winter classes include:

- Abbrakadoodle Tweeny Doodlers
- Abbrakadoodle Mini Doodlers

To see a complete list of our winter offerings, visit our website. Registration is now open. Please visit our website for our most up-to-date information. For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, please read our COVID-19 Policies & Procedures. Contact Briana Clorey with questions.

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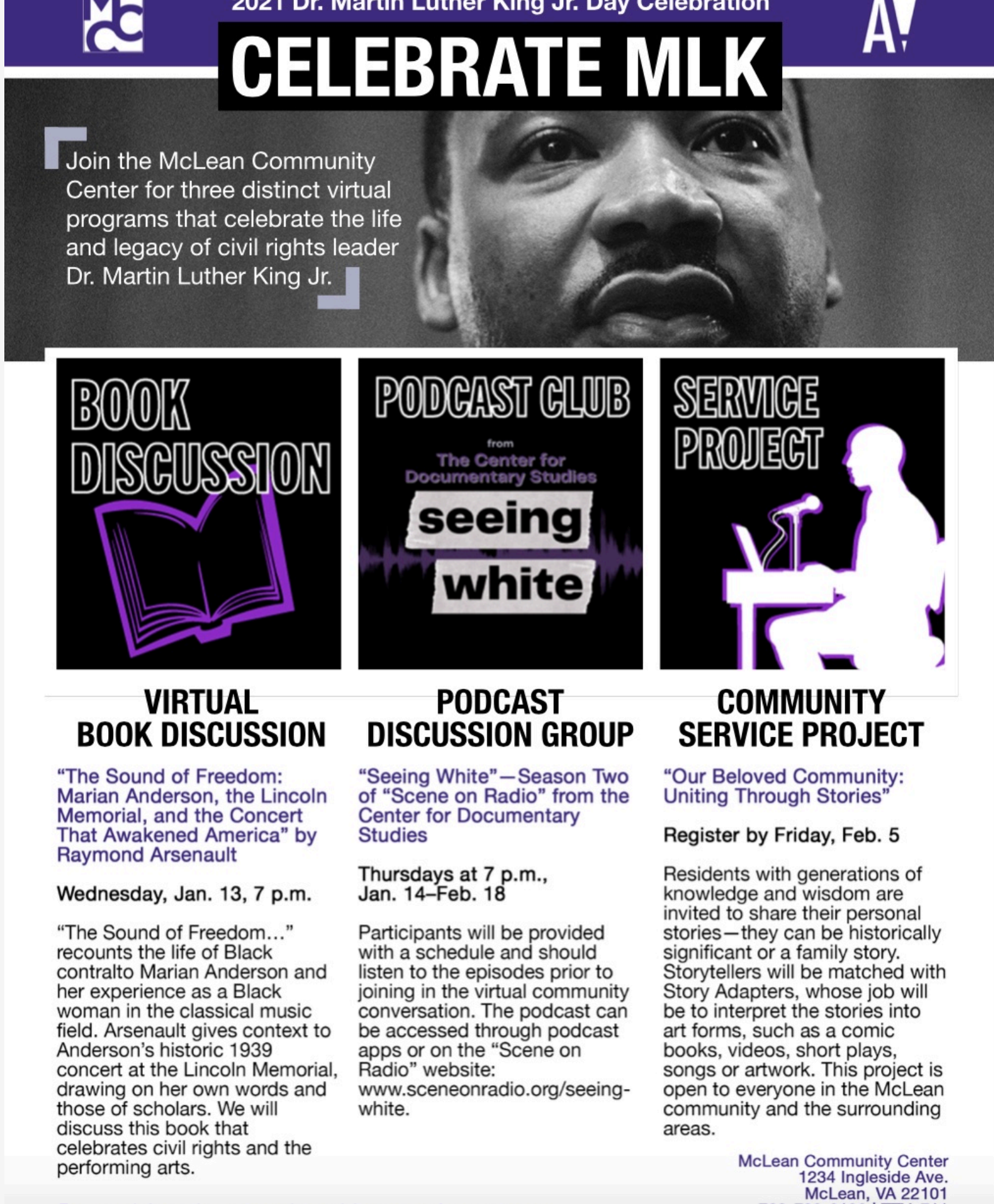
Fairfax County Seniors Share Artwork

The artwork above was created by a student in the Monday afternoon senior art classes taught by MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel and offered through Fairfax County's Virtual Center for Active Adults.

These weekly Zoom classes have helped seniors get through this difficult time of social distancing and provided a new way to reach area residents through MPA's ArtReach.

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MCC Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

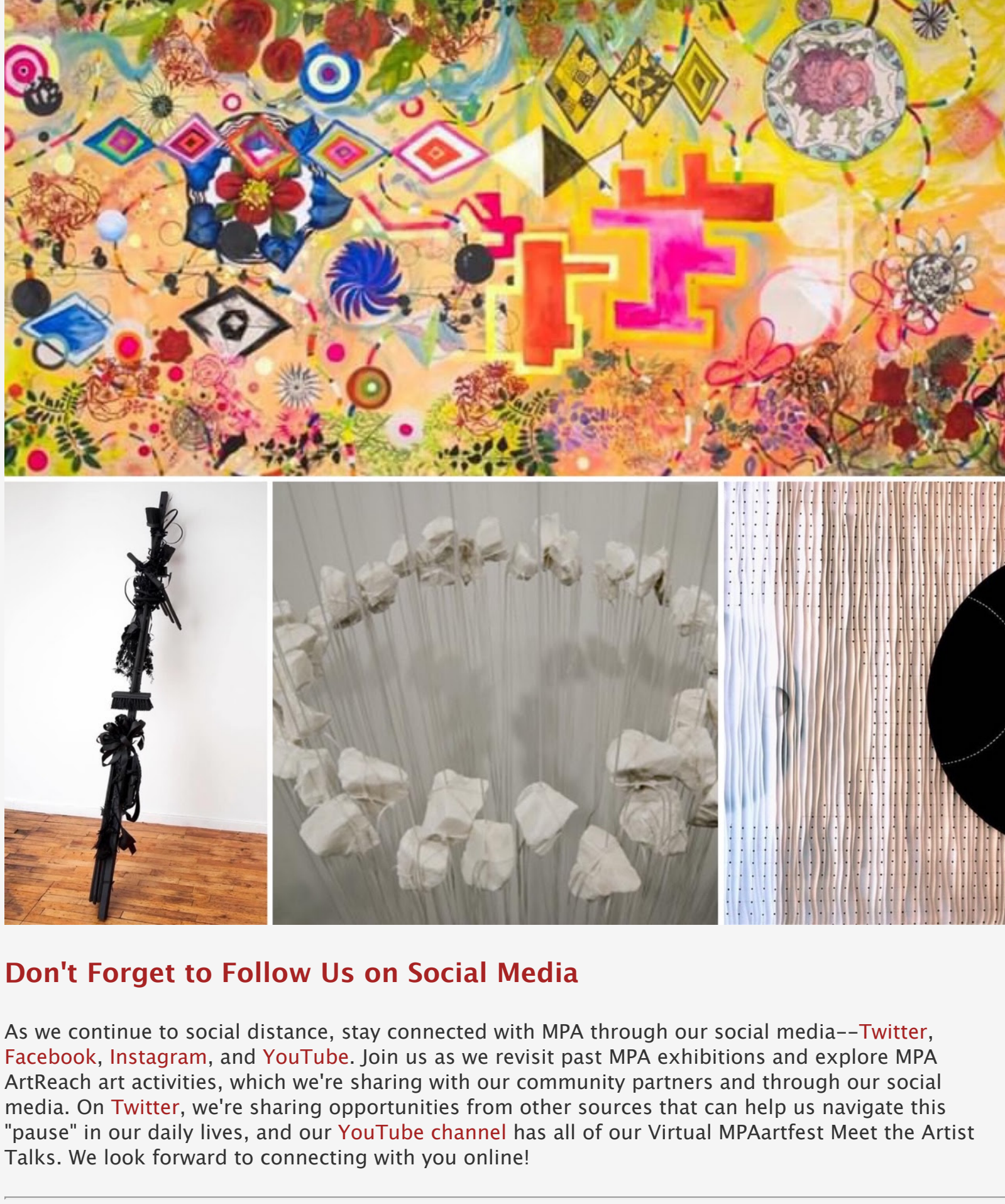
Join the McLean Community Center for three distinctive virtual programs celebrating the life and legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. MCC will host a virtual book discussion, a podcast discussion group, and a community service project. For more information or to register, visit www.mcleancenter.org.



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As we continue to social distance, stay connected with MPA through our social media--Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Join us as we revisit past MPA exhibitions and explore 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, and our YouTube channel has all of our Virtual MPAartfest Meet the Artist Talks. 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.

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Please [visit our website](#) to reserve a timed pass to view our Emerson Gallery exhibit, "Vertical Interval." Our Atrium Gallery exhibition will be open during MCC open hours.

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