



# McLean Project for the Arts

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## ArtSprings! Sponsorships Available -- Secure Yours Today!

Please mark your calendars and join us (online) on **Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 8pm** as we celebrate the community, inspiration, and resilience of the arts at our inaugural ArtSprings! Virtual Benefit.

Creating community and supporting the creative arts is more important now than ever. As resilient organizations do, MPA adapted to meet the needs and challenges of this past year. At ArtSprings! we will come together to celebrate our myriad accomplishments, revel in our community, and look forward to the year ahead. **Show your support for MPA and the arts community by becoming an ArtSprings! sponsor.** Sponsorship opportunities exist at a range of levels to fit every budget. Visit our website to learn more and to see our sponsors who have already signed on—we'd love to include your name on this list!

ArtSprings! will feature an hour of special guests, fabulous entertainment, and the opportunity to support arts and artists throughout the region.

Individual tickets will be made available closer to the event. Visit our website for more information, or to become a sponsor.

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## Coming Soon!

- **Intium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning** by artist **Yuriko Yamaguchi** and writer **Mineke Schipper**
- **Navigating Climate Change, Extended** by **Alonzo Davis**

Mark your calendars and join MPA April 1 – June 10 for our Spring 2021 Exhibitions, *Intium Novum: Humanity's End As A New Beginning* featuring artist Yuriko Yamaguchi and writer Mineke Schipper (Emerson Gallery) and *Navigating Climate Change, Extended*, by Alonzo Davis (Atrium Gallery). Both exhibitions were underwritten by Donna and Bruce Berlage.

A Virtual Opening Exhibition Reception will be held April 8, 2021 at 7pm. [RSVP here](#). Additional information to follow.

(Pictured--Top: Yuriko Yamaguchi, *No End*. Bottom: Works by Alonzo Davis)

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## MPA Summer Camp Faculty Spotlight:

### Arthur Kwon Lee

*"I love inspiring and supporting kids in their creative journeys! For students interested in becoming a professional in an aesthetic field, I can help instill important disciplines I wish I had learned at a younger age."*

*Arthur Kwon Lee, MPA Summer Art Camp Instructor*

A Korean American painter whose gestural mark making harmonizes expressive color palettes with world mythologies, Arthur is excited to return to MPA Summer Art Camps for his 4th year. His work has won awards from George Washington University, the Korean Artists Association, and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. He also recently received the inaugural 'Artist of the Year' award by the Eileen Kaminsky Family Foundation. Arthur taught art at the Bullis School in Potomac, Maryland, and is also an MPA faculty member, teaching virtually from NYC. Prior to his career as an artist, Arthur was a Division One athlete who played in the US Tae Kwon Do Nationals for three consecutive years. Arthur will be teaching both virtual and in-studio camps this summer at MPA.

If you have a young artist ages 6–12, join Arthur and the rest of our outstanding staff for MPA Summer Art Camps, June 28–August 13, 2021.

In addition to our Summer Art Camps, MPA's summer offerings include our Abakadoodle Camps (ages 3–6); our Vosler Young Artist Studio; and our CIT program.

**Please note:** The safety of our campers, staff, and community is at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-studio camps in this new environment. Please review our MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures.

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## Spring Art Classes Begin March 24 -- Last Chance to Register!

Spring is right around the corner—and so is the start of MPA's Spring Art Class lineup. MPA's spring class offerings include some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options, including a **NEW Teen Painting class with Pamela Saunders**. Classes will take place online and in our DuVal Studio.

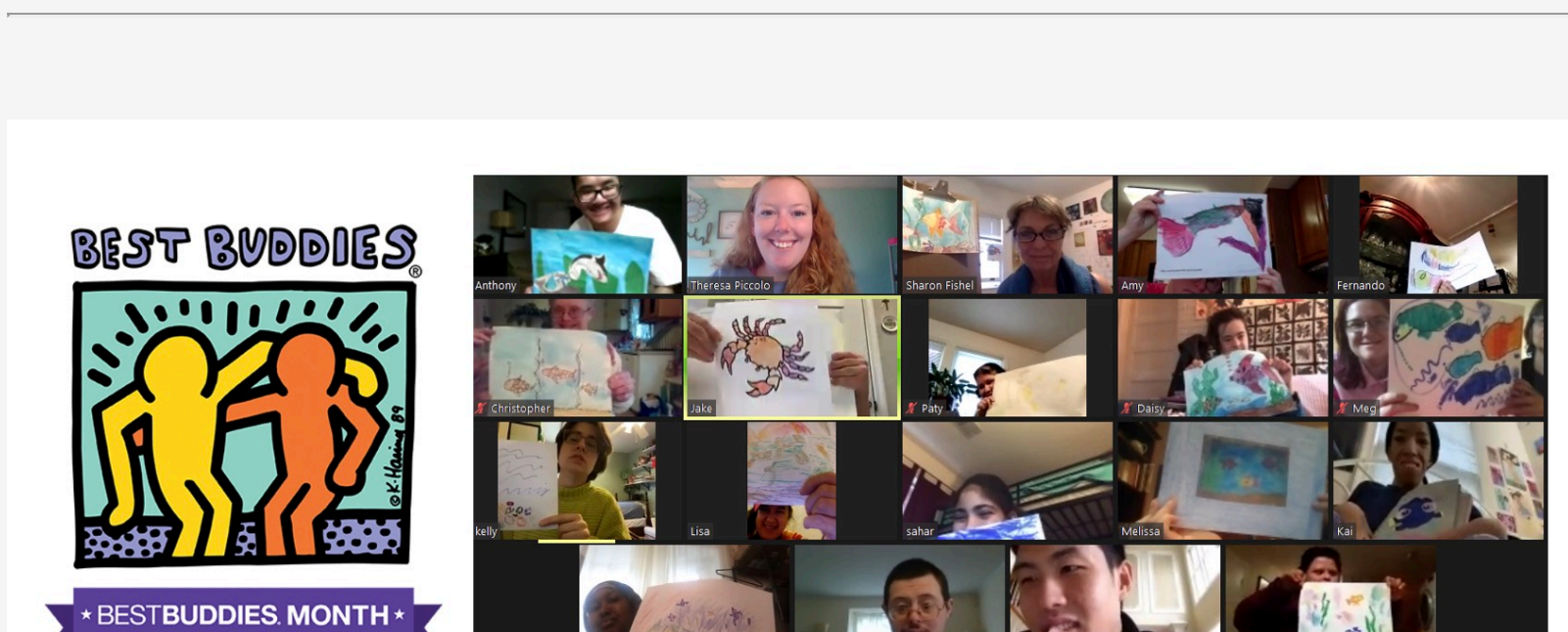
Offerings include:

- **Teen Painting -- NEW!! (Online) with Pamela Saunders:** Join other teens for a calm and relaxing painting class. Students will paint with acrylic on canvas boards. Each class will focus on techniques in various brush strokes, color-mixing and blending to create original art, paint party style art, and more! No previous drawing or painting experience necessary. Classes meet Fridays from 5–6:30pm beginning April 23.
- **Paper Making Series (DuVal Studio) with Jennifer Lillis:** This class takes students from pulp to paper in creating their own paper. Students will learn how to form, press, and dry sheets of handmade paper, working to create a variety of paper to be used for the upcoming series or for their own personal projects. Classes meet Wednesdays from 6–8pm beginning 3/24.
- **Portrait and Figure Painting (Online) with Jordan Xu:** Come and learn figure painting in oils, acrylics or pastels from a live model. Students will learn about basic painting concepts and techniques such as value, color temperature, composition, and transition. Step-by-step instructions will walk students through the entire process of a painting. Classes meet Mondays from 7–9pm beginning 4/19.
- **Color Theory (DuVal) with Naomi Chung:** Change the way you observe the world around you and the manner in which you approach your painting! Students will learn the properties of color and how to mix and apply color effectively. Classes meet Wednesdays from 10am–12:30pm beginning 4/21.
- **Vibrant Flowers in Oil (Online) with Joyce Lee:** Capture the beauty of flowers with new techniques! Students will learn how to capture the quality, the feeling, and the spirit of flowers while gaining exposure to new techniques. Classes meet on Thursdays from 7–9:30pm beginning 4/22.
- **Freedom of Watercolor (Online) with Barbara Januszkiewicz:** Working with changeable subject matter, students will work to develop their ideal style as artists. Elements of design, composition, and balance will be discussed. Classes meet on Thursdays from 10am–12pm beginning 4/22.
- **Digital Photography (Online) with Rula Jones:** This course covers basic concepts and practices of digital photography, including understanding and using the camera, lenses, and other basic photographic equipment. Students will explore aesthetic principles as they relate to composition, space, exposure, light and color. Classes meet on Fridays from 10am–12pm beginning 4/23.

For our younger artists, our spring lineup includes two Abakadoodle options:

- **Abakadoodle Twosy Doodlers (DuVal):** In this special art experience for toddlers and their guardians, little fingers will experiment with painting, gluing, sticking, printing, and creating while developing fine motor, language, and self-help skills. Classes meet on Saturdays from 10–10:45am beginning 4/17.
- **Abakadoodle Mini Doodlers (DuVal):** Children will develop their creativity through lessons carefully designed to ignite their imaginations and development skills. Using real artists' materials, students will create truly unique masterpieces. Classes meet on Saturdays from 11:30am–12:30pm beginning 4/17.

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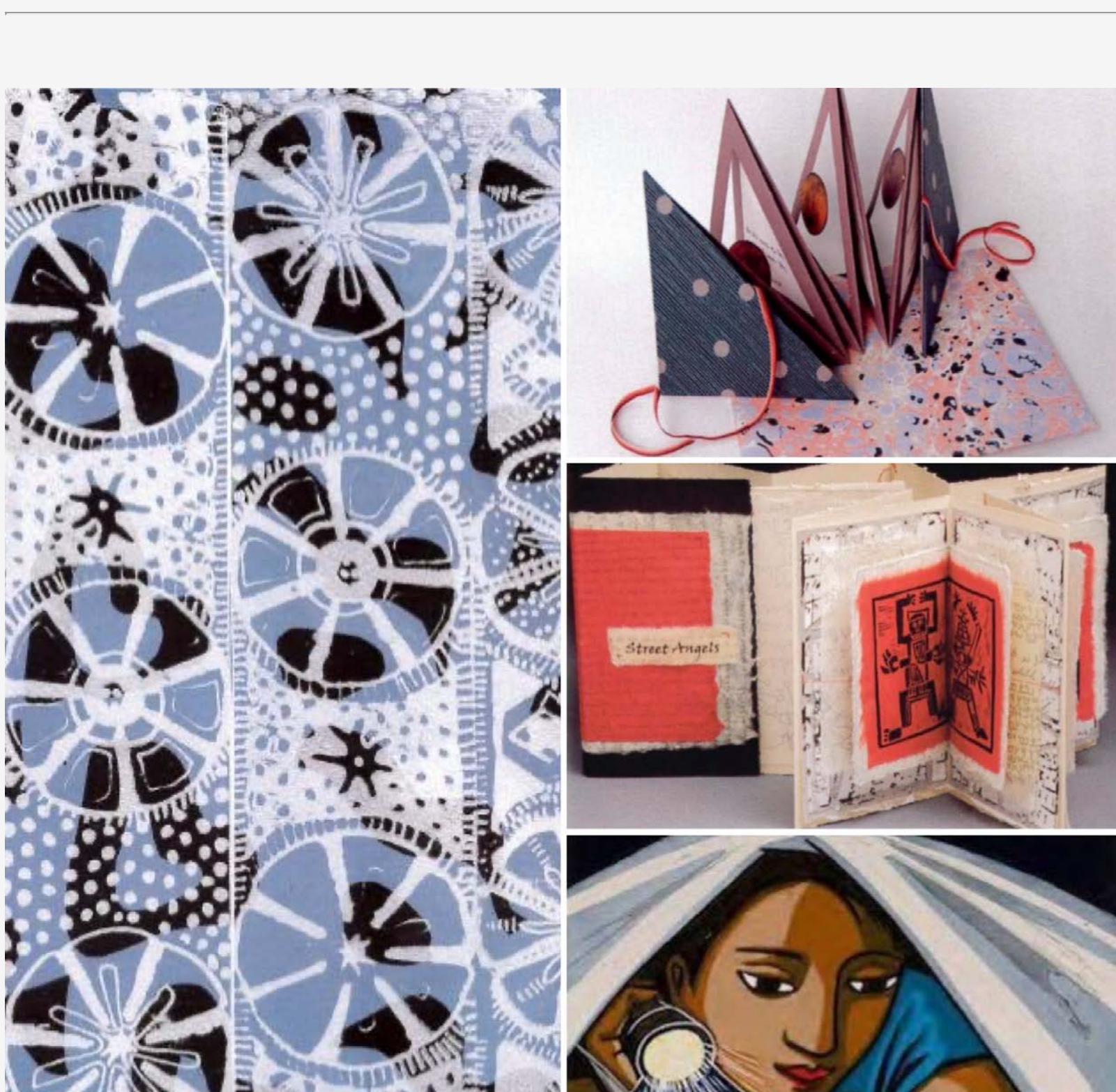
## MPA ArtReach Spotlight

With March being both #BestBuddiesMonth and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, it's a great time to shine a light on the community partnerships MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel has developed as our ArtReach program has transitioned during this time of social distancing.

ServiceSource clients continue to enjoy their weekly Zoom art classes—proudly sharing some of their latest projects in the photo above. And a new partnership begins next week with the Langley High School Best Buddies program, expanding a program which began earlier this year with the McLean High School Best Buddies group.

Your generous support makes MPA's ArtReach program possible. To make a gift, [click here](#).

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

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!

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Help MPA continue to connect Art and Community!

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## MPA in the News

**Tyson's Reporter:** [McLean Art Society Brings Exhibition of Local Artists to Community Center \(2/24/2021\)](#)

**Tyson's Today:** [McLean Art Society to present The Show Must Go On at McLean Project for the Arts \(2/24/2021\)](#)

**The Georgetown:** [Weekly Arts Roundup \(2/16/2021\)](#)

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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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