



McLean Project for the Arts



MPAartfest Success!

Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us on Sunday, October 6 for our 15th annual MPAartfest. We believe it was the most well-attended in event history, with well over 10,000 visitors throughout the day!

On behalf of the MPA staff and Board of Directors, thank you to everyone who helped make this amazing day possible—our many community sponsors, our hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers, and, of course, all of those art lovers in attendance.

In addition to the 40+ accomplished and varied artists curated into the event, special highlights included a full day of fabulous music in the gazebo, produced again by our music impresario, Ken Avis. We also thank the many local service organizations and non-profits who participated, and the students who contributed to the Children's ArtWalk—again beautifully organized by the New Dominion Women's Club.

Our generous sponsors made the day possible, including our Lead Community Sponsor McLean Community Center and our event co-sponsor Fairfax County Park Authority.

MPAartfest 2022 is set for Sunday, October 2. Mark your calendars—we can't wait to see you there!

Can't wait until next October? [Visit MPA's YouTube Channel](#) to experience all of the 2021 Meet the Artist Talks!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!



October 27: MPA Tea & Talk with Exhibitions Director Nancy Sausser

On View: *(Not) Strictly Painting*

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 11am, for Tea & Talk with Exhibitions Director, Nancy Sausser, and hear her thoughts about our current exhibition—*(Not) Strictly Painting*.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, attendance will be limited to 10 registrants. And because MCC visitors are asked to be masked in the building, tea will not be served.

A juried biennial exhibition, *(Not) Strictly Painting* celebrates the depth and breadth of paintings—or works related in some way to painting—from artists throughout the mid-Atlantic area. Now in its 13th iteration, *Strictly Painting* is one of the region's most important painting exhibitions.

Juried by Foon Sham, Virginia-based artist and Professor of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Virginia Treanor, Associate Curator at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, *(Not) Strictly Painting* runs through November 13, 2021.

Visiting Our Galleries

The MPA Emerson Gallery is open for viewing Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1-4pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm. Viewing will be limited to six visitors at a time to provide social distancing. The Atrium Gallery is available to visitors during [MCC hours of operation](#). Due to new guidance on COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Fairfax County Health Department, [McLean Community Center \(MCC\)](#) is [requiring all patrons to wear masks that cover their mouths and noses while they attend programs in its facilities](#). In addition, patrons are requested to do their best to observe six feet of social distance from other patrons as often as possible and to wash their hands often. Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout MCC facilities for its patrons' convenience.

The safety of our visitors, staff, and community is at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-gallery experience in this environment.

Register for Tea & Talk



MPA Faculty Member Spotlight:

Barbara Januszkiewicz

"Creative thinking inspires ideas. Ideas inspire change."

— Barbara Januszkiewicz

In Barbara Januszkiewicz's opinion, most people stay away from watercolor because they have been told it is the hardest art media to master.

So why does Barbara teach watercolors? To give back, and to share the joy she finds with creating!

"There is nothing like the freedom watercolor offers," explains Barbara. "There is excitement that's unmatched when painting in watercolors, from discovering the luminosity of light to the unexpected surprises that occur when experimenting. I am teaching watercolor painting but these classes are also about developing a personal voice, pushing ourselves to think creativity and take some risk outside our comfort zone."

On a professional level, Barbara is an abstract expressionist artist who paints very large color fields in acrylic. The academic background she received in fine art from Jacksonville University under Mun Quan gave her the foundation of a loose eastern style. Barbara's style in teaching is more of a hybrid method, mixing Eastern and Western techniques and taking risks.

Find out why Barbara calls teaching at MPA "the best part of her week" by joining her Advanced Watercolor class, beginning November 4. To learn more about Barbara's work, [visit her website](#). [Click here](#) to learn about all of our fall art class offerings.

Fall Art Classes



Youth Workshop: Inspired by Wings

with Pamela Saunders

Inspired by the large-scale wings made famous by Instagram, students will create original large wings of their own in this Saturday, Oct. 23, 2 hour workshop for ages 7-12. Artists will begin with a creative brainstorm session and then be guided through the steps to creating their own original wings. Materials provided.

Ages 7-11

October 23

1-3:30

\$70

[Register Here](#)

Youth Art Classes & Workshops



MPA ArtReach Update

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel enjoyed hosting students from her Lewinsville Seniors virtual class series again this week to see our *(Not) Strictly Painting* exhibition. It's always a pleasure to host an ArtReach visit, and we hope to welcome other program partners to our galleries soon!

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

MPA ArtReach

Pyramid Atlantic Names Gallery for Founder

and MPA Board Member Helen C. Frederick

On September 17 at a preview reception for Pyramid's 40th Anniversary Exhibition: Reflecting Back to the Future, Pyramid announced that the gallery would now bear the name of its founder: Helen C. Frederick.

"Pyramid would not exist without the force that is Helen C. Frederick," says Executive Director Kate Taylor Davis. "Helen's vision, passion, and tireless effort to create a collaborative art space is the reason we are here today."

The board of directors and staff felt that Helen's name should be permanently attached to our programs moving forward. The timing, on our 40th Anniversary and during a show that Helen is actually curating, seemed the natural time to make the announcement."

"The naming in the Pyramid Atlantic Gallery brings such joy to me, at a time when Pyramid is bubbling with creative energy, and exciting exhibitions in a space so intelligently guided by the directors Kate and Gretchen," says Frederick. "Every opening, even with Covid, is bursting with attendees – new folks along with devoted followers. I am humbled and honored that my name will be part of this space, and know that Pyramid will continue to flourish for the next 40 years and beyond!"

Congratulations to our long-time board member on this wonderful honor, recognizing the significant impact she's had on the organization she founded.

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[Tysons Reporter: Weekly Planner—\(Not\) Strictly Painting Opening](#) (9/20/2021)

[Viva Tysons Magazine: MPAartfest Set for October 3, 2021 in McLean Central Park](#) (9/19/2021)

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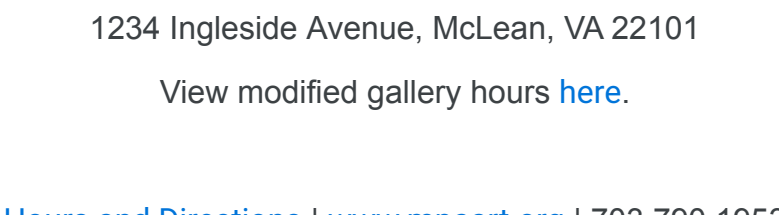
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