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In the galleries: Dynamic abstract sculptural works in wood show disparate styles

Four artists explore their personal visions along with their methodology of making



Installation view of the "Give & Take: Building Form" exhibition with "Sprites" by Emilie Benes Brzezinski, wood, in the foreground. (McLean Project for the Arts)

Last Chance to Experience *Give and Take: Building Form* and *Intersectional Painting: Works by Sheila Crider*

Exhibitions Close February 19

MPA was honored to have our current exhibitions, *Give and Take: Building Form* (Emerson Gallery), which showcases abstract wood sculpture by Emilie Benes Brzezinski, Rachel Rotenberg, Foon Sham and Norma Schwartz, and *Intersectional Painting: Works by Sheila Crider* reviewed by Mark Jenkins in The Washington Post. [Click here to read the review](#).

Give and Take and *Intersectional Painting* are also available online. [Visit our website to view the Virtual Exhibitions](#). Underwritten by Pamela and David Danner, both shows run through February 19, 2022.

Visiting Our Galleries

The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (Intersectional Painting) is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery exhibit (*Give and Take: Building Form*) is open for visitors Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am-3pm. Masks are required to be worn at all times inside the galleries and building.

Exhibition Information



MPA Faculty Spotlight: Ronni Jolles

*"I am excited to begin teaching classes at MPA!
My way of teaching is encouraging and fun. I love teaching beginners, so please don't let a lack of experience stop you from trying this truly fun art form."*

-Ronni Jolles

A professional paper artist, Ronni Jolles received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University, followed by many graduate school classes in a variety of media. Jolles taught art for 20 years at The Sidwell Friends School and The Flint Hill School, both in the DC metro area, before becoming a full-time professional artist 20 years ago.

Ronni has created a new art form using hundreds of kinds of paper as her primary medium. It could be called collage or mixed media, but in fact, it is something quite different. Paper is gathered from all over the world, and then Ronni cuts, crinkles, folds, and rips the papers to create impressionistic scenes. Ronni loves teaching her unique and innovative art form to beginners or more advanced students alike; her art form is accessible to everyone. See examples of her work and learn more about Ronni's process on her website, www.RonniJolles.com.

Join Ronni this winter on **Thursdays from 11am-1pm** for her MPA Master Workshop Series, **Layered Paper-A New Art Form!** The workshop runs March 3-24, and will take place in our DuVal Studio. To explore a complete list of MPA winter course offerings, [visit our website](#). **Many of the Winter classes begin next week, so register today!**

For more information regarding our in-studio offerings, [please read our COVID-19 Policies & Procedures](#). [Contact Briana Clorey](#) with questions.

Explore Our Winter/Spring Class Offerings



Coming Soon: Langley and McLean Pyramid Youth Art Shows!

March is Youth Art Month! Mark your calendars for March 2-14 (Langley Pyramid) and March 17-28 (McLean Pyramid) as MPA celebrates youth art in McLean with our annual Youth Art Shows! Join us as we recognize the work of Fairfax County Public School elementary, middle and high school students. Additional information to follow—stay tuned!

Upcoming Exhibitions



MPA ArtReach Update

MPA's weekly online ArtReach class with ServiceSource clients is enjoying Director Sharon Fishel's theme of "Winter Art Wonderland" and created these delightful snowmen in a recent class.

We continue to adapt our ArtReach programming to the community health situation, hosting small groups in our gallery and studio space, as well as continuing to offer our weekly online classes for both ServiceSource and the Fairfax County senior community, activity fliers to our many community partners and the option of virtual zoom presentations to FCPS Title I schools as well as community partners.

To support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, [click here](#).

MPA ArtReach



MPA in the News



The Washington Post: [In the Galleries—Dynamic Abstract Sculptural Works in Wood Show Disparate Styles](#) (01/21/2022)

Connection Newspapers: [Give and Take—Contemporary Wood Sculptures](#) (01/20/2022)

Inside NOVA: [Proposed Art Center at Clemmyntri Park Takes a Step Forward](#) (01/20/2022)

Tyson's Reporter: [Park Authority Board Approves Arts Center Option at Clemmyntri Park](#) (01/19/2022)

Tyson's Reporter: [McLean Project for the Arts to Start New Year with Virtual Artists Talk](#) (01/11/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

March 2-14: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show

March 17-28: McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show

Sunday, September 18: MPA 60th Anniversary Gala at Capital One Hall

Sunday, October 2: 16th Annual MPAArtfest in McLean Central Park, 10am-4pm

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