



Spring Benefit is May 12 — Secure Your Sponsorship Now!

Please mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, May 12, 2022** for MPA's signature spring fête, Spring Benefit. Now in its 60th year, MPA relies on the funds raised at Spring Benefit to further its mission of connecting art & community. Co-chaired by Mary Cull and Anne Polk, the May 12th sunset party will take place at the Finelli Residence in McLean, and will feature festive fare from Windows Catering, music, and much more!

Please consider joining us as an MPA Spring Benefit Sponsor.

Sponsors confirmed by **Thursday, March 31** will be included in this year's invitation, and other communications supporting the event. To see the complete list of sponsor benefits, [visit our website](#).

Thank you for your generous support as we celebrate MPA's 60th year. We hope to see you on May 12th!

Sponsor MPA Spring Benefit



Now Showing: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show!

March is Youth Art Month! Visit MPA now through March 14 for our Langley Pyramid show, and again March 17-28 for the McLean Pyramid exhibit. Join us as we recognize the work of these talented young artists from Fairfax County Public School elementary, middle and high schools.

Visiting Our Galleries

The Emerson Gallery will be open for visitors Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am – 3pm. In addition, we will offer extended gallery hours March 8, 9, and 10, from 4-7:30pm, and March 22, 23, and 24, again, from 4-7:30pm.

Per current metrics, Fairfax County's COVID-19 Community Level is low, and masks are now optional in county facilities. While masks are no longer required, MCC highly recommends using masks to protect those too young or unable to be vaccinated in our communities. 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.

Exhibition Information



Coming Soon: Spring Solo Exhibitions

MPA will open its three newest exhibitions on April 14, 2022. *Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell* and *Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney* will be on display in MPA's Emerson Gallery, while the Atrium Gallery will showcase *Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss*. An [Opening Exhibition Reception](#) will take place Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7pm. [RSVP here](#). All three exhibitions run through June 11, 2022.

Collide of Scope: Paintings by James Stephen Terrell

Emerson Gallery

Springing from a wide array of influences, including quilt design, stained glass techniques and Joseph Albers' color blocking, Terrell's dynamic and colorful paintings project energy and life. Moving between abstraction and realism, electric color interactions and geometric patterning, Terrell's aim is to contemplate and document our humanity in these singularly turbulent times. [terrellartsdc.com](#)

Where Do We Go From Here: New Paintings by Matt Pinney

Emerson Gallery

This recent body of work depicts the artist's progression and growth throughout the Covid 19 pandemic. Beginning with large, evocative paintings about isolation and escape, Pinney moves to smaller, faster works as a way of "reaching deeper to find a more lasting connection to my place in the world and the experiences that transcend the pandemic." [mattpinney.com](#)

Labor and Leisure: Lightboxes by Melanie Kehoss

Emerson Gallery

Melanie Kehoss creates astoundingly detailed lightboxes that tap into historical narratives to explore the origins of cultural phenomena. Specifically, the works in this exhibit depict snapshots from activities that began as work and evolved into recreation. Illuminated and each encompassing their own discrete environment, these intricately composed worlds draw the viewer deep inside, offering a chance to experience the past in a new light. [kehoss.com](#)

(Pictured, from top: James Stephen Terrell, "The Last Supper"; Melanie Kehoss, "A Refined Display"; and Matt Pinney, "Decameron")

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MPA Sponsor Spotlight: The Mather

"The Mather is a forward-thinking Life Plan community being developed in Tysons for those 62 and better. We believe that Art brings meaning to life, and we are delighted to support the incredible work of MPA, and its ability to pair world-class excellence with deep community roots."

Rachel McLean, MSW, Community Relations

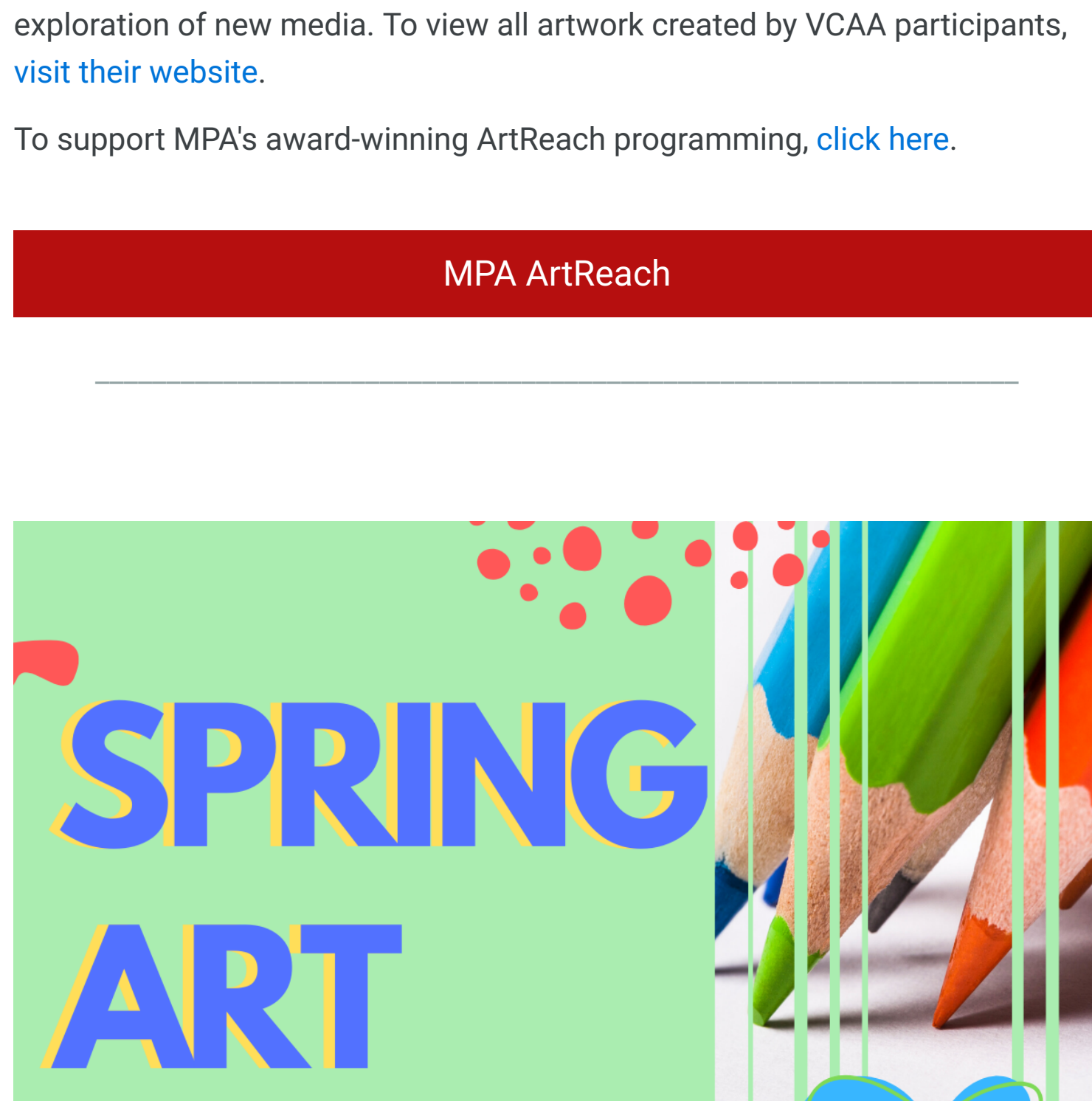
The Mather

Thank you to The Mather!

As we celebrate MPA's 60th anniversary this year and reflect on all that MPA has accomplished, we are reminded that none of our work would be possible without the generosity of our benefactors. We are grateful for the recent renewal of support from [The Mather](#) and thrilled to continue our partnership. The Mather, projected to open in 2024, will offer beautiful apartments, a long list of amenities, as well as Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing and Memory Care for potential future care needs.

MPA thanks The Mather for its continued support and sponsorship. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about how your organization can join MPA as a community partner.

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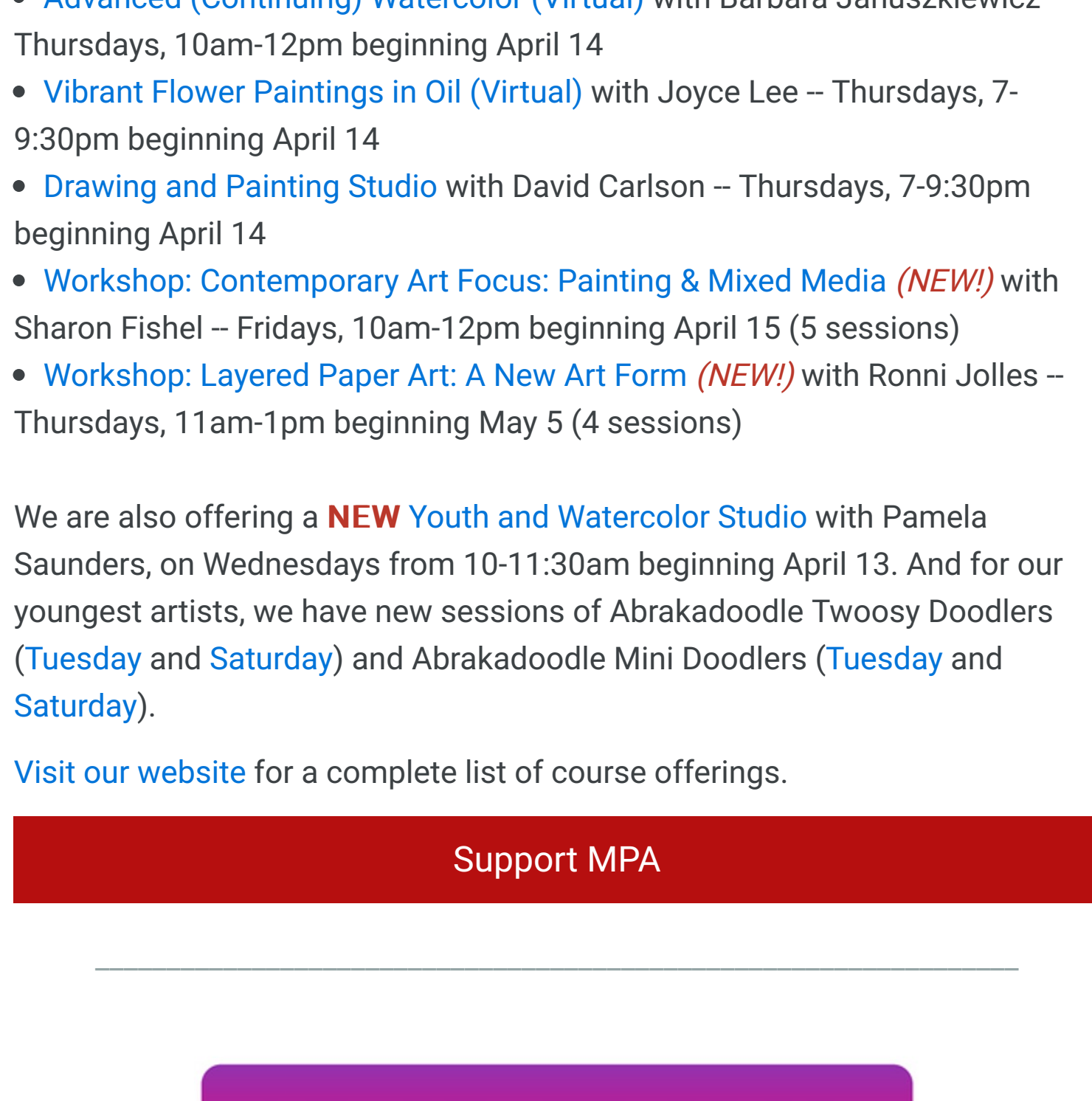


Register Now for MPA Summer Art Camps

Registration for MPA's 2022 Summer Art Camps is now open, and spots are filling fast! Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and [Abakadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3-6), as well as our [CIT program](#). Sessions run June 27-August 12, with both half- and full-day options available. Sign up early to secure your spot!

Please review our [MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures](#) for information on how we have redesigned our in-studio camps to ensure the safety of our campers, staff, and community.

Register for Summer Camp



MPA ArtReach Update

"I enjoy these sessions a lot, and like learning about the inspirational artists and seeing examples of their work. Thank you for making the time to bring some joy into our lives, especially during these trying times."

-Donna, Virtual Center for Active Adults Participant

The artwork displayed above was created by participants of the arts and crafts classes offered on the Virtual Center for Active Adults Social Space Zoom Account. Led by MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel, the *Close at Hand* class taught participants to enjoy things that are close at hand in their daily lives through observation, drawing and painting. *Painting and Mixed Media Mondays*, also taught by Fishel, encouraged creativity and the exploration of new media. To view all artwork created by VCAA participants, [visit their website](#).

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

MPA ArtReach



New Spring Art Classes Begin Next Month — Register Now!

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. Classes will take place online and in our DuVal Studio.

Offerings include:

- **Basic Abstract with Mixed Media** with M. Jane Johnson – Mondays, 10am-12:30pm beginning April 11
- **Portrait and Figure Painting** with Jordan Xu – Mondays, 7-9pm beginning April 11
- **Oil and Painting Studio** with Tom Morris – Tuesdays, 9:30am-12pm beginning April 12
- **Color Theory (Virtual)** with Naomi Chung – Tuesdays, 6:30-9:30pm beginning April 12
- **Painting Flowers in Watercolor (Virtual)** with Lubna Zahid – Wednesdays, 5-7:30pm beginning April 13
- **Advanced (Continuing) Watercolor (Virtual)** with Barbara Januszkiewicz – Thursdays, 10am-12pm beginning April 14
- **Vibrant Flower Paintings in Oil (Virtual)** with Joyce Lee – Thursdays, 7-9:30pm beginning April 14
- **Drawing and Painting Studio** with David Carlson – Thursdays, 7-9:30pm beginning April 14
- **Workshop: Contemporary Art Focus: Painting & Mixed Media (NEW!)** with Sharon Fishel – Fridays, 10am-12pm beginning April 15 (5 sessions)
- **Workshop: Layered Paper Art: A New Art Form (NEW!)** with Ronni Jolles – Thursdays, 11am-1pm beginning May 5 (4 sessions)

We are also offering a **NEW Youth and Watercolor Studio** with Pamela Saunders, on Wednesdays from 10-11:30am beginning April 13. And for our youngest artists, we have new sessions of Abakadoodle Twosy Doodlers ([Tuesday](#) and [Saturday](#)) and Abakadoodle Mini Doodlers ([Tuesday](#) and [Saturday](#)).

[Visit our website](#) for a complete list of course offerings.

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Follow MPA Events on Instagram!

We are excited to announce the launch of the MPA Events ([@mp4sevents](#)) Instagram account. Follow us for up-to-the-minute updates and details on MPA's events, as well as fun throwbacks, takeovers, volunteer spotlights, behind-the-scenes sneak peaks, and more.

Follow MPA Events!



MPA in the News

Connection Newspapers: [McLean Project for the Arts Celebrates Student Works](#) (02/19/2022)

Inside NOVA: [New McLean Project for the Arts Exhibition Puts Focus on Creativity](#) (2/4/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

March 2-14: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show

March 17-28: McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show

April 14, 7pm: Opening Exhibition Reception for Spring Solos

April 14-June 11: Spring Solo Exhibitions, featuring work by Melanie Kehoss, Matt Pinney, and James Stephen Terrell

Thursday, May 12: MPA Spring Benefit

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

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

→ DONATE NOW!

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Gallery Hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 1-4pm; Saturdays 10am-3pm

Administrative Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm

Hours and Directions | [www.mpsart.org](#) | 703.790.1953