

MPAartfest 2022 Call for Submissions

Early Bird Deadline Ends Today at Midnight!

Calling all artists! MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 16th annual **MPAartfest!** Entries submitted by midnight tonight, Friday, June 24, 2022 will receive an early bird discounted rate.

MPAartfest 2022 will consist of a one-day in-person juried fine arts and craft show held in McLean Central Park on October 2, 2022. Accepted Artists will be provided one tent on October 2, and will receive recognition on the MPAartfest website.

MPAartfest was recently recognized by [Sunshine Artist as one of the Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows](#).

Artists retain 100 percent of in-park sales from MPAartfest.

Early Application Deadline: June 24, 2022 (\$275)

Deadline for Submissions: July 25, 2022 (\$350)

Additional rules and submission instructions are available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpaartfest2022>

MPAartfest Call for Volunteer Chairs!

We are also looking to fill two key volunteer positions for our upcoming MPAartfest 2022:

Café Beret: Suitable for an individual or group. Duties include recruiting volunteers to help pour beverages throughout the day (10am-4pm) at the Café Beret, and greeting visitors/answering questions about MPA and/or MPAartfest. Must be 21 years of age and able to stand for long periods of time.

Volunteer Coordinator: Works with the MPAartfest Director to recruit and manage teen and adult volunteers in the weeks leading up to MPAartfest, the day prior, and throughout the day on October 2. Suitable for an individual or group, but must be coordinated to ensure that all "shifts" are covered. Includes time spent in-gallery to create new decorations/art for the park (roughly one week prior to MPAartfest), decoration of the park on October 1, and multiple shifts/volunteer slots to manage throughout the day on October 2. Responsible for greeting and checking in MPA Board members and teen volunteers as they arrive. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact MPAartfest Director Jackie Shepard at jshepard@mpaart.org.

[Apply Now](#)



MPA 60th Anniversary Gala... Join Us to Celebrate Our 60th Year!

Please save the date for Sunday, September 18, 2022 for our 60th Anniversary Gala at the fabulous new Capital One Hall. An evening unlike any other in Northern Virginia, the black-tie optional event will include a dazzling night of cocktails, food, live music, and art. Join us to celebrate MPA's history and artistic excellence as *Art Moves Us* toward our future. Mark your calendars now to attend this can't-miss event! Additional details and sponsorship opportunities forthcoming—stay tuned!

[MPA Celebrates 60!](#)

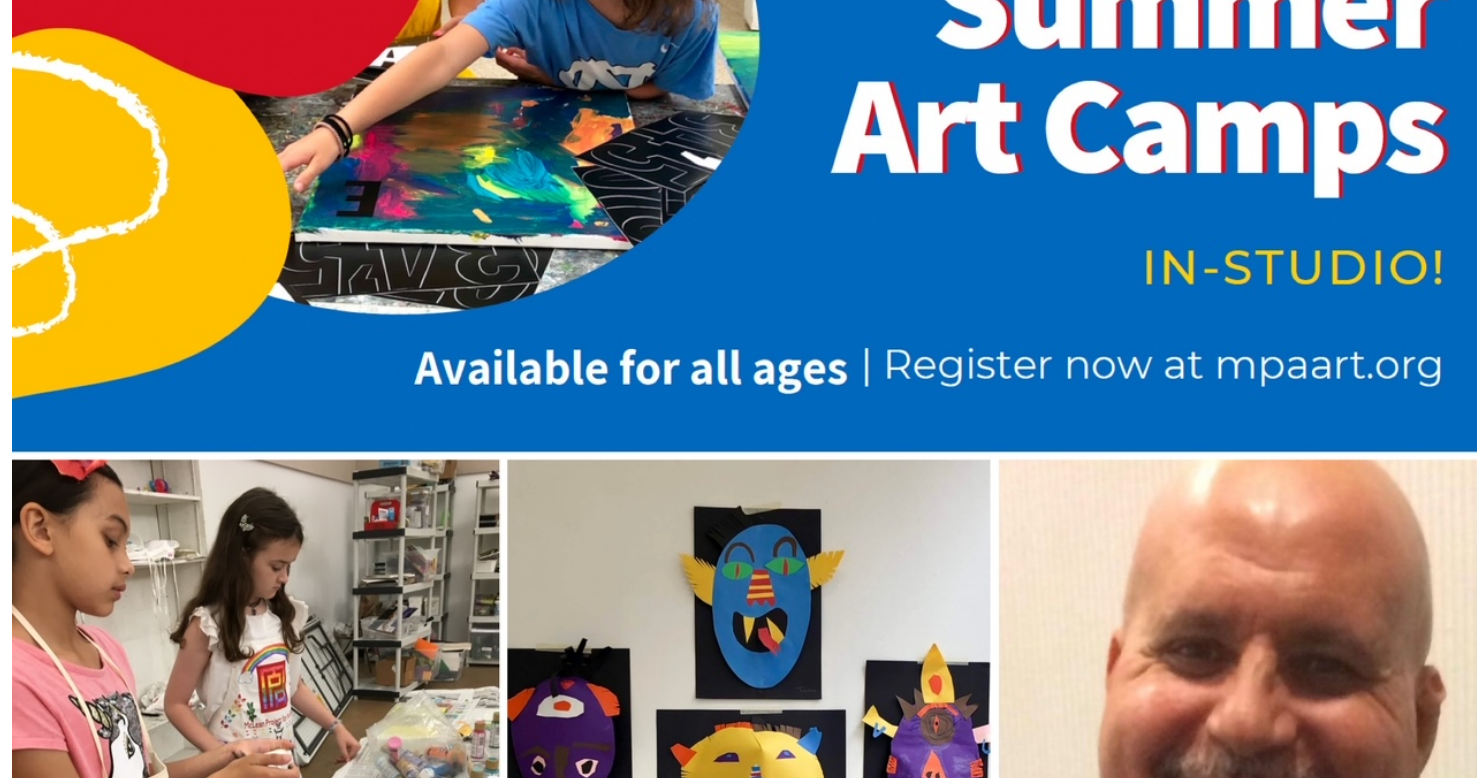
Now Showing! MPA ClassWorks Exhibition: Art Produced by Participants in the MPA Studio Education Program

Stop by our Atrium Gallery now through August 20, 2022 to view our *ClassWorks Exhibition*, featuring art produced by participants in the MPA Studio Education Program.

Visiting Our Galleries

The Atrium Gallery is open during [McLean Community Center operating hours](#). Please see our [website](#) for more information on visiting our galleries.

[Exhibition Information](#)



MPA Summer Art Camp Spotlight: Ahmed Zaidan, Instructor

Our MPA Summer Art Camps begin NEXT WEEK—have you secured your spot?

Joining us this year for Summer Art Camp is Ahmed Zaidan. An experienced artist whose work has been displayed across the Middle East, South Africa, England and the US, Ahmed previously worked as a projects and art director for many years for a major international airline. He currently works as a full-time substitute art teacher at Fairfax County Public Schools.

Join Ahmed and our team of seasoned art instructors for a summer of creativity and fun! Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and [Abrakadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3-6), as well as our [CIT program](#). Sessions run June 27-August 12, with both half- and full-day options available.

[Space is still available for the following sessions:](#)

- Week 3, July 11-15, Dynamic Art (morning; ages 9-13) and Under the Sea (afternoon; ages 9-13)
- Week 5, July 25-29: Hand-Building with Clay (morning; ages 9-13)
- Week 5, July 25-29: Mosaic Art (afternoon; ages 9-13)
- Week 6, August 1-5: Pop Art (morning; all ages)
- Week 6, August 1-5: Unconventional Creations (afternoon; ages 9-13)
- Week 7, August 8-12: Land Before Art (afternoon; all ages)

For our younger artists, [spots are still available in the following Abrakadoodle sessions:](#)

- Week 1, June 27-July (morning): Treasure Hunt!
- Week 7, August 8-12 (afternoon): Beach Party

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 Begins New Partnership

"Thank you both so much for bringing art to the kids yesterday! I have never seen the kids so engaged!"

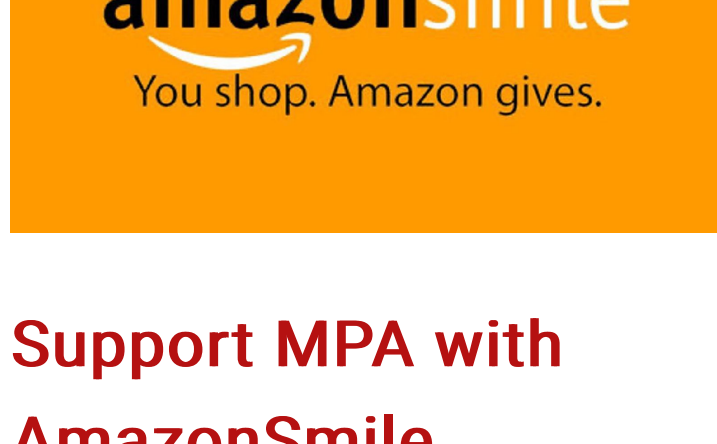
-Carrie Conley, Volunteer Organizer

We are excited to share the news of another new MPA ArtReach partner -- the NCS (Neighborhood and Community Services) Center located in the Kingsley Commons neighborhood in Falls Church. ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel and Communications Director Deb Bissen enjoyed a recent afternoon in the Center's new community garden as Sharon led the kids through a lesson on the growth cycle of seeds and plants and then the creation of their own beautiful Garden Mandalas, incorporating their new knowledge into their art.

MPA's ArtReach program was honored to be a part of the grand opening party for the new community garden -- the second community garden in the neighborhood, managed by Hands On Harvests. We look forward to continuing this new partnership with the NCS Center and are grateful to the MCC's Carrie Conley for helping us to make this new connection.

If you would like to help support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, [click here](#).

[MPA ArtReach](#)



MPA in the News

Washington Post: [In the Galleries—Artists Deliver Unique Perspectives on Found Objects](#) (6/3/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

June 23 - August 20, 2022: MPA *ClassWorks* Exhibition

September 16 - November 10: *Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists* Exhibition

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

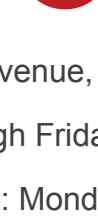
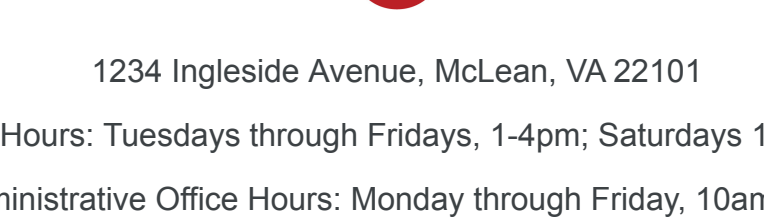
Thursday, September 22: *Continuum: Artists Teaching Artists* Opening Exhibition Reception

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

December 8, 2022: *In the Round: Three-Dimensional Fiber Works* Opening Exhibition Reception

December 8, 2022 - February 18, 2023: *In the Round: Three-Dimensional Fiber Works* Exhibition

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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.mpaart.org | 703.790.1953