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MPA 60th Anniversary Gala Planning Underway

It was exciting to gather our Host Committee to kick off planning for the upcoming 60th Anniversary Gala, Sunday, September 18, at Capital One Hall.

Thanks to Tom Jacobi for hosting a cocktail gathering in his lovely home -- we are thrilled to have so many generous and enthusiastic supporters helping to lend their support on behalf of MPA. To learn more about our upcoming celebration, including sponsorship opportunities as well as ticket sales, visit our website: mpaart.org/60thgala.

Pictured, left: Kitty Dove, Nancy Weyl Bradley, and Lori Carbonneau; right: MPA Board Chair Barbara Hawthorn welcomes guests

MPA Celebrates 60!

MPAartfest 2022 Call for Submissions

Ten Days Left to Apply!

Calling all artists! MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 16th annual **MPAartfest! The deadline to apply is midnight on Monday, July 25.**

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.

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

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. ClassWorks was recently reviewed by Mercia Hobson of The Connection Newspapers--click here to read her article.

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.

(Pictured from top: MPA Atrium Gallery; Ricardo Pizarro, "Fusion"; Dwight Rhoades, Untitled)
Photos courtesy of The Connection Newspaper

Exhibition Information

ArtsFairfax Tysons Partnership Installation Opens at Tysons Corner Center

The next time you're at Tysons Corner Center, stop by the old Lord & Taylor space (1st floor) and see the new ArtsFairfax Tysons Partnership Installation -- including a panel featuring MPA.

Help spread support for the arts in Fairfax County by sharing a photo on your social media with tags for @mp4a and @ArtsFairfax, and including the tags #MPACelebrates60, #ArtMovesUs, #ArtsFairfax, #FairfaxCountyArts, and #ArtsSpotlight.

Learn More About ArtsFairfax

MPA Summer Art Camp -- It's Not Too Late to Join!

Come in from the heat and join MPA for a week of art and adventure! Our MPA Summer Art Camps are underway, and our campers are having a blast. 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 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 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.

MPA would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to Blick Art Materials for their generous in-kind donation of art supplies. Thank you for supporting our summer art camps!

Register for Summer Camp

MPA Celebrates Lola Reinsch

In recognition of Lola Reinsch's longstanding generosity and leadership support of MPA's proposed future Arts and Education Center, MPA hosted a picnic at Clemyjontri Park, June 30, attended by Lola, her family and friends, many of whom are also friends of MPA.

Lola's grandchildren and the children and grandchildren of her guests enjoying playing in the park while MPA's Board Chair Barbara Hawthorn and Executive Director Lori Carbonneau led a toast in thanking Lola for her commitment to the arts in our area and for her over 30 years of support to MPA.

We are grateful to all of our supporters who have already joined us in anticipation of the development of a new MPA Arts and Education Center. To learn more about how you can be a part of an exciting opportunity, please contact MPA's Director of Advancement, Laura Gleason.

Sincere thanks to Rebecca Burton, Burton Video Productions, LLC for these amazing images! Contact Rebecca to learn more about her business.

Support MPA's Art and Education Center

MPA ArtReach Partnership with ServiceSource Continues to Thrive

"I enjoyed myself in art class today. I did my research on [dolphins]. They are really cool and pink is my favorite color."
-Kai, ServiceSource student

MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel's ServiceSource class theme for this week was dolphins.

Sharon had shared the theme with the students in advance and one of the students, Kai, took the initiative to do a little research on the Amazon Rainforest Pink Dolphin in advance of today's class.

"I enjoyed myself in art class today," said ServiceSource student Kai. "I did my research on [dolphins]. They are really cool and pink is my favorite color." (See Kai's dolphin piece above.)

These weekly virtual Art Classes for adults with special needs take place in our partnership with ServiceSource. The group has been working together for more than two years, meeting each Thursday online.

Their current unit, Art About Our Earth (Part III) explores art plus ecological subjects, various landscape themes, animals, lifecycles, and more. Participants get to choose which topic they'd like to explore, and together the group works on both 2D and 3D projects. It's been wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the students, including those that take the themes as an opportunity to enhance their learning!

If you would like to help support MPA's award-winning ArtReach programming, click here.

MPA ArtReach

MPA in the News

Connection Newspapers: MPA's Group Art Exhibition Opens at the Atrium Gallery (7/14/2022)

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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

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

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