



Winter Exhibitions: Opening Exhibition Reception This Friday, December 9, 7-9pm

Join MPA this Friday, December 9, 2022 from 7-9pm as we celebrate our [Winter Exhibitions Opening Exhibition Reception](#), presented by The Mather. *In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works* will be on display in our Emerson Gallery, while our Atrium Gallery will feature *Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper* by Ronni Jolles. [RSVP here](#).

A curated exhibit showcasing works made primarily from fiber-based materials, *In the Round* features work by YunKyoung Cho, Linda Colish, Michael Gessner, Sookkyung Park, and Kristina Penhoet. MPA's Atrium Gallery will feature *Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper* by Ronni Jolles. Jolles creates beautiful paper paintings through a unique process using many different kinds of paper from all over the world. She cuts, tears and layers hundreds of pieces to build each of her images, creating works with active texture, infinite color and distinct presence.

Visiting Our Galleries

The Emerson Gallery is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 - 4pm and Saturdays from 10am - 3pm. The Atrium Gallery is available during [McLean Community Center operating hours](#).

RSVP to the Dec. 9 Opening Exhibition Reception



Register NOW for Winter & Spring Art Classes

Seeking a creative outlet to get through the winter blues? MPA has a great lineup of winter and spring art classes for all levels, both in our DuVal Studio and online. Choose from new class offerings or returning favorites, including:

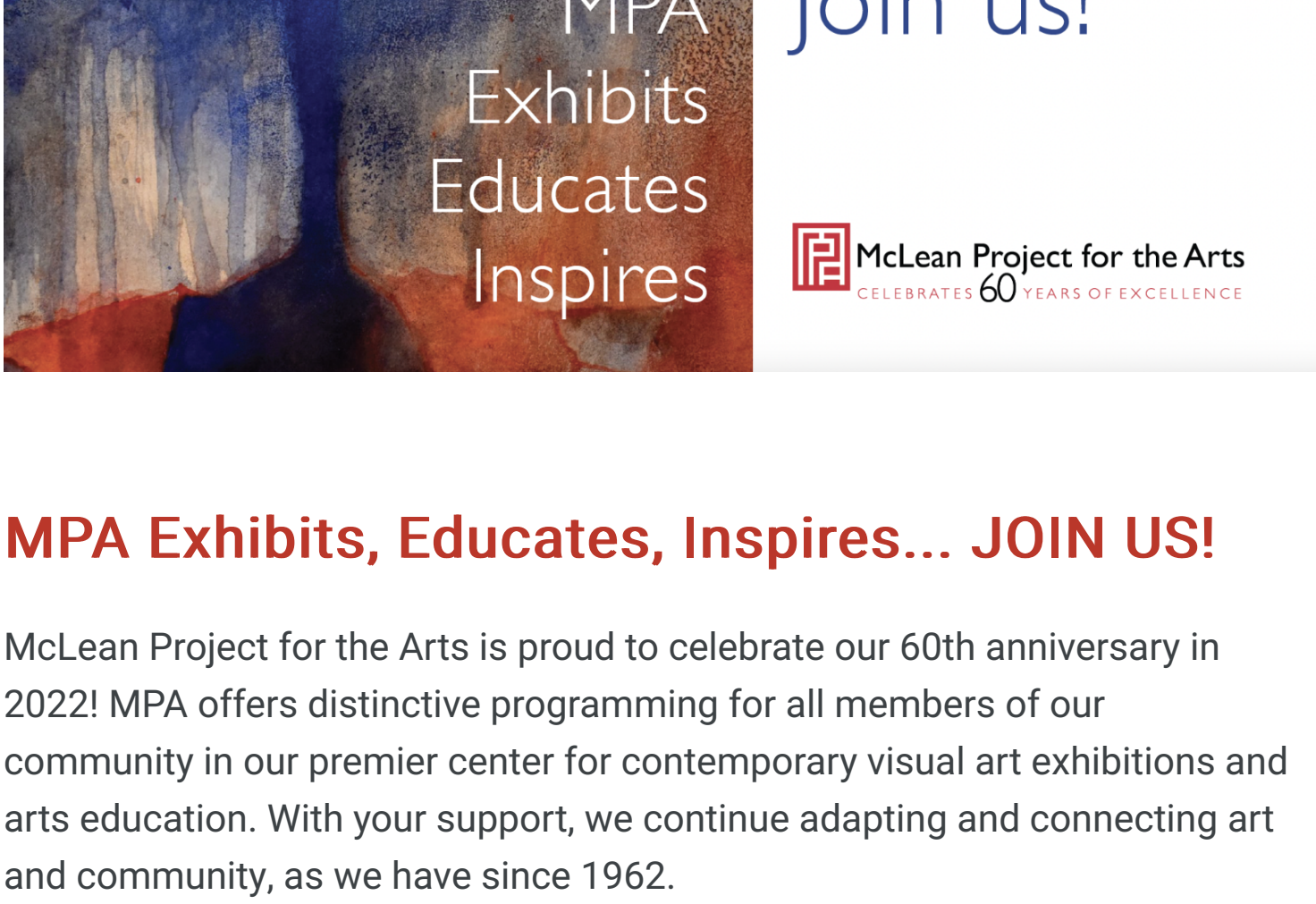
- **Workshop! Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Winter Trees** with Ronni Jolles (DuVal Studio) – Sunday, January 22 from 1 - 4pm.
- **Basic Abstract with Mixed Media** with M. Jane Johnson (DuVal Studio) – Mondays from 10am - 1pm, beginning January 23
- **Portrait and Figure Painting** (DuVal Studio) – Mondays from 7 - 9pm, beginning January 23 (instructor TBA)
- **Painting in a Series with Marise Riddell** (DuVal Studio) – Tuesdays from 1 - 4pm, beginning January 24
- **Mixed Media** with Marise Riddell (DuVal Studio) – Wednesdays from 1 - 4pm, beginning January 25
- **NEW! Animation Drawing: Exploring Motion Graphics** with Ahmed Zaidan (DuVal Studio) – Wednesdays from 7 - 9pm, beginning January 25
- **Freedom of Watercolor** with Barbara Januszkiewicz (Virtual) – Thursdays from 10am - 12pm, beginning January 26
- **Vibrant Flowers in Oil** with Joyce Lee (DuVal) – Thursdays from 10am - 12:30pm, beginning January 26
- **Landscape in Oil** with Joyce Lee (Virtual) – Thursdays from 7 - 9:30pm, beginning January 26
- **Drawing and Painting Studio** with David Carlson (DuVal) – Thursdays from 7 - 9:30pm, beginning January 26
- **Contemporary Art Focus: Painting & Mixed Media** with Sharon Fishel (DuVal) – Fridays from 10am - 12pm, beginning January 27
- **Back by Popular Demand! Open Studio** (DuVal) – Fridays from 5 - 7pm, beginning January 27
- **Back by Popular Demand! Open Studio** (DuVal) – Saturdays from 10:30am - 1:30pm, beginning January 28
- **Workshop! Creating Art with Layered Paper: Sunflowers** with Ronni Jolles (DuVal) – Sunday, February 5 from 1 - 4pm
- **Workshop! Creating Art with Layered Paper: French Villa with a Garden** with Ronni Jolles (DuVal) – Sunday, March 26 from 1 - 4pm

Youth Art Class offerings include:

- **AbraKadoodle Twoosy Doodlers** (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday), beginning January 24
- **AbraKadoodle Mini Doodlers** (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday), beginning January 24
- **NEW! AbraKadoodle: Kids on Canvas**, for ages 7-12 – Wednesdays from 5 - 6:15pm, beginning January 25

[Visit our website](#) for a detailed description of our course offerings, or to register.

MPA Winter and Spring Art Class Offerings



MPA Exhibits, Educates, Inspires... JOIN US!

McLean Project for the Arts is proud to celebrate our 60th anniversary in 2022! MPA offers distinctive programming for all members of our community in our premier center for contemporary visual art exhibitions and arts education. With your support, we continue adapting and connecting art and community, as we have since 1962.

We are stronger than ever and looking ahead to the next chapter of our story. Join us!

Make an Annual Giving Contribution



ArtReach Celebrates "Eco-Christmas" with Wellness Center for Older Adults

MPA's ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel teaches a weekly class at the new Fairfax County Wellness Center For Older Adults in Fairfax, in coordination with the county and our community partner, ServiceSource.

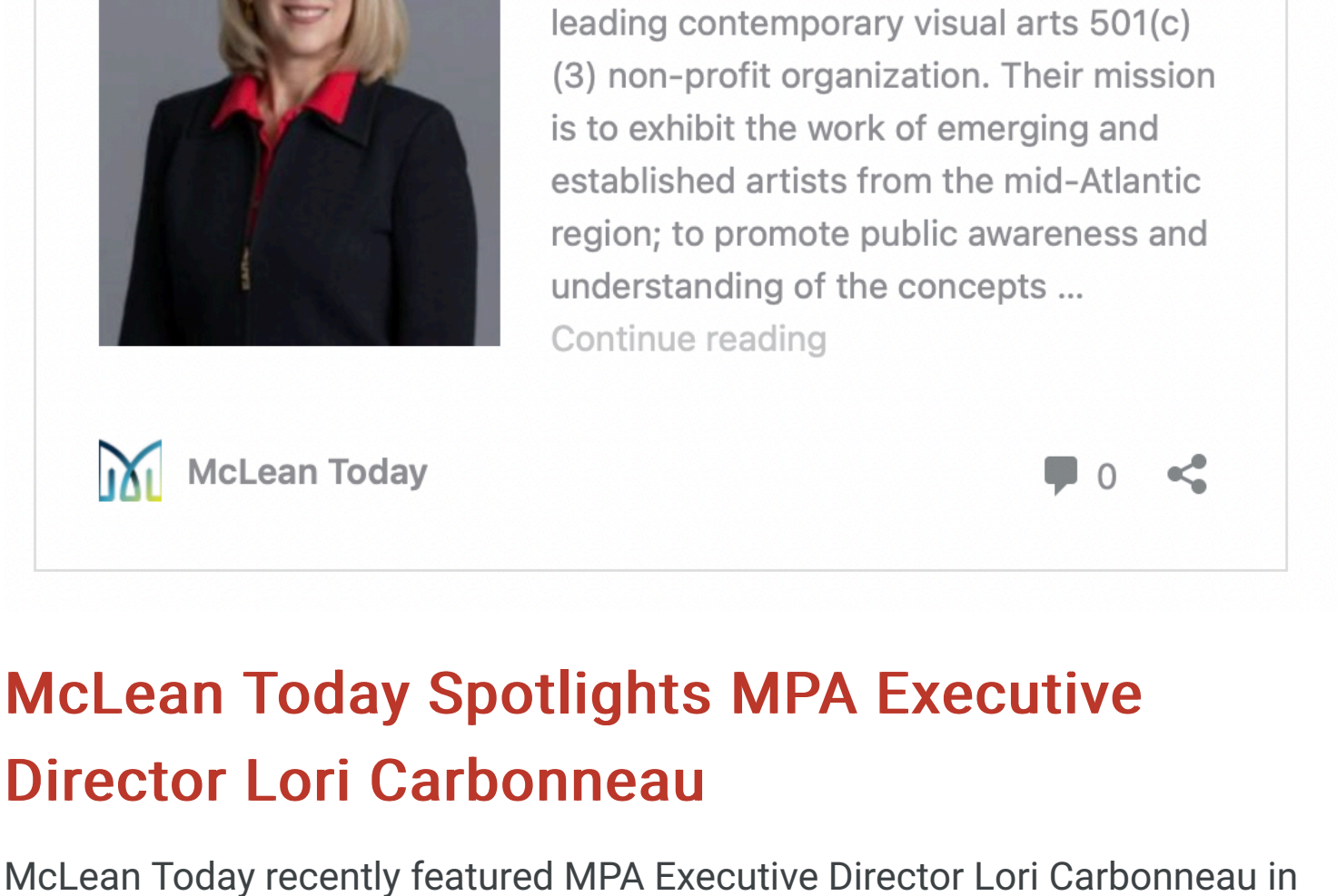
For the most recent class they talked about tortoises as endangered species and made collaged paper plate tortoise sculptural ornaments to decorate an "Eco-Christmas" Tree.

MPA's ArtReach is a key part of our mission to provide access to visual arts education to all members of our community, and we're excited to be providing this programming in an area of our county not previously served by ArtReach.

In addition to the weekly in-person and online classes continuing with community partners, ArtReach is excited to again be scheduling Fairfax County Title I schools for in-gallery tours and activities in conjunction with our three Spring Solos exhibitions this Spring – focusing on the STEAM subjects of Science, Engineering and Math.

Thank you to our many donors that help make ArtReach programming possible. If you'd like to make a contribution towards this outreach, see <https://mpaart.org/annual-giving-2022/>.

MPA ArtReach



McLean Today Spotlights MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau

McLean Today recently featured MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau in their new TALK Series. The interview discusses the most challenging aspects of Lori's job, her long-term visions for MPA, and more. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

McLean Today TALK Series with Lori Carbonneau



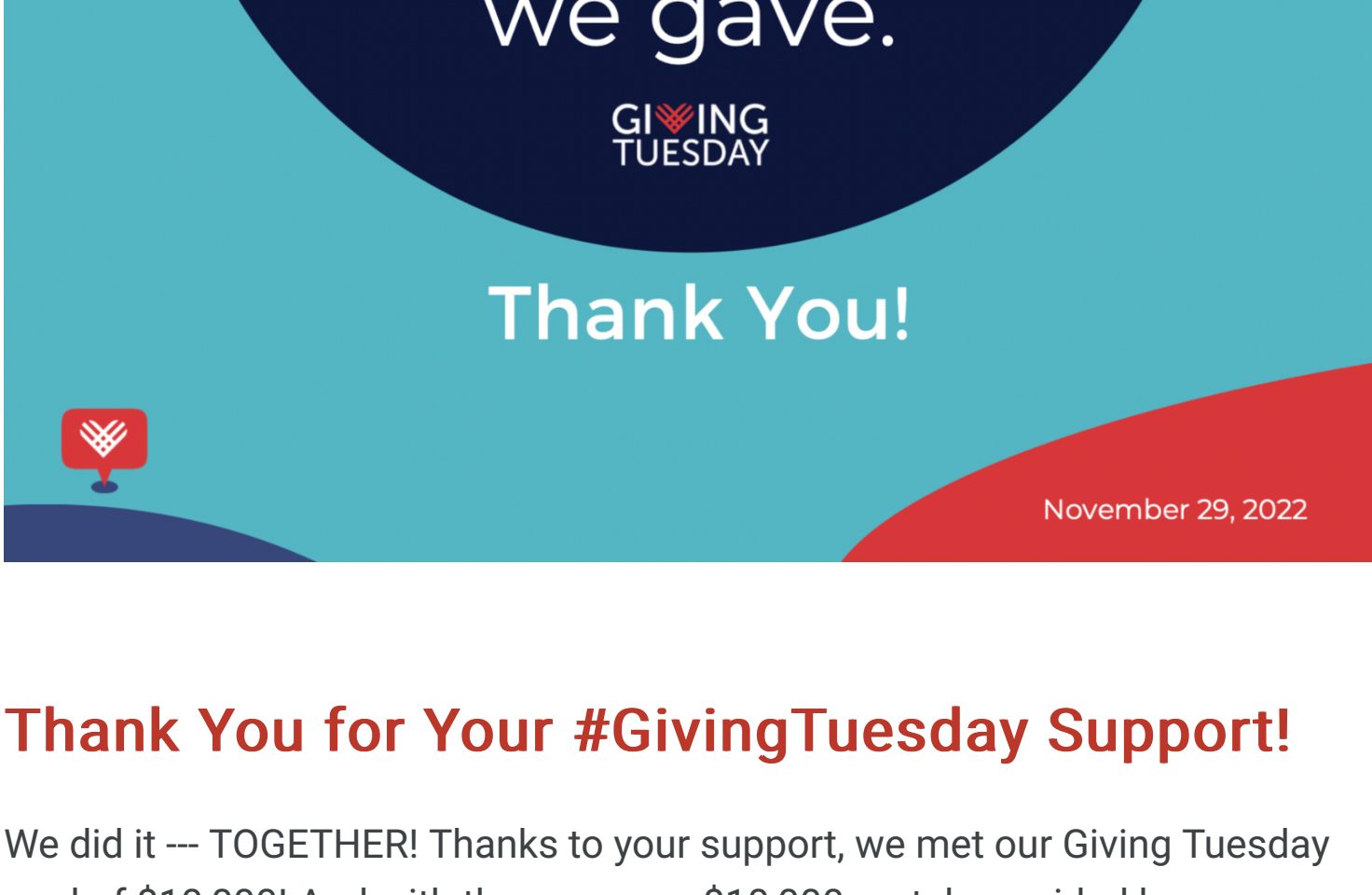
Holiday Shopping Reminders

Looking for a unique gift for that hard-to-shop-for person? Give the gift of creativity! MPA art classes make a perfect holiday gift—for a child, a friend, or even yourself! Classes will take place both online and in our DuVal studio. [Browse our winter and spring course offerings](#) to find the perfect class for that special someone. (Remember—teens age 16 and older are welcome to enroll in adult classes!) New course offerings include [Animation and Drawing: Exploring Motion Graphics](#) with Ahmed Zaidan, and the return of our popular Open Studio ([Fridays at 7pm](#) and [Saturdays at 1:30pm](#)).

MPA is also excited to announce the continuation of our Creating Artwork with Layered Paper Workshop Series with Ronni Jolles.

If you have young children, we're again offering our popular AbraKadoodle Twoosy Doodlers (20-36 months) and AbraKadoodle Mini Doodlers (3-6 years), on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For our older youth artists, we're offering a **NEW AbraKadoodle: Kids on Canvas** class on Wednesdays from 5-6:15pm. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

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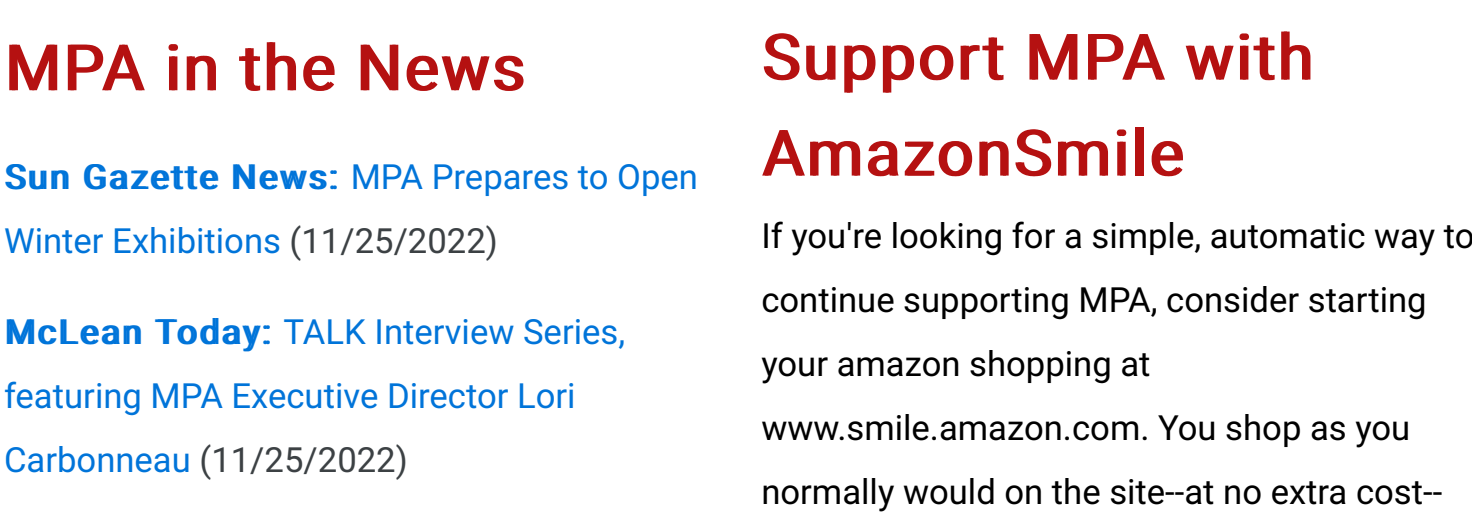
Thank You for Your #GivingTuesday Support!

We did it — TOGETHER! Thanks to your support, we met our Giving Tuesday goal of \$10,000! And with the generous \$10,000 match provided by anonymous MPA donors, your gift went twice as far!

Thank you for your generosity. During this anniversary year for MPA, we are proud of the pivots and adaptations throughout our 60 years that have allowed us to continue to thrive in connecting art and community in Northern Virginia and the greater Washington area. As a premier center for contemporary art exhibitions and arts education programming, your gift has inspired us to strive to do even more in 2023!

Again, thank you for your generous support. If you didn't have a chance to participate in Giving Tuesday, please consider [contributing to our Annual Giving campaign](#).

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MPA in the News

Sun Gazette News: MPA Prepares to Open Winter Exhibitions (11/25/2022)

McLean Today: TALK Interview Series, featuring MPA Executive Director Lori Carbonneau (11/25/2022)

Falls Church News Press: McLean Project for the Arts to Open Winter Exhibitions (11/12/2022)

Tyson's Today: McLean Project for the Arts to Open Winter Exhibitions December 9 (11/12/2022)

The Washington Post: In the Galleries-A Showcase for Artists Who Educate (11/04/2022)

McLean Today: Winter Exhibits Debut in December at McLean Project for the Arts (11/06/2022)

McLean Patch: Winter Exhibits Ready for Unveiling by McLean Project for the Arts (11/03/2022)

Alexandria Gazette Packet: Two Art Exhibits Open at McLean Project for the Arts—Student & Teacher Works (11/03/2022)

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MPA Calendar of Events

December 9, 2022: *In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works* (Emerson Gallery) and *Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper* by Ronni Jolles Opening Exhibition Reception

December 9, 2022 - February 18, 2023: *In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works* (Emerson Gallery) and *Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper* by Ronni Jolles (Atrium Gallery) Exhibitions

March 1-11, 2023: Youth Art Show (McLean Pyramid)

March 16-25, 2023: Youth Art Show (Langley Pyramid)

