

## Now Through February 18: Visit *In the Round:* Dimensional Fiber Works and Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper

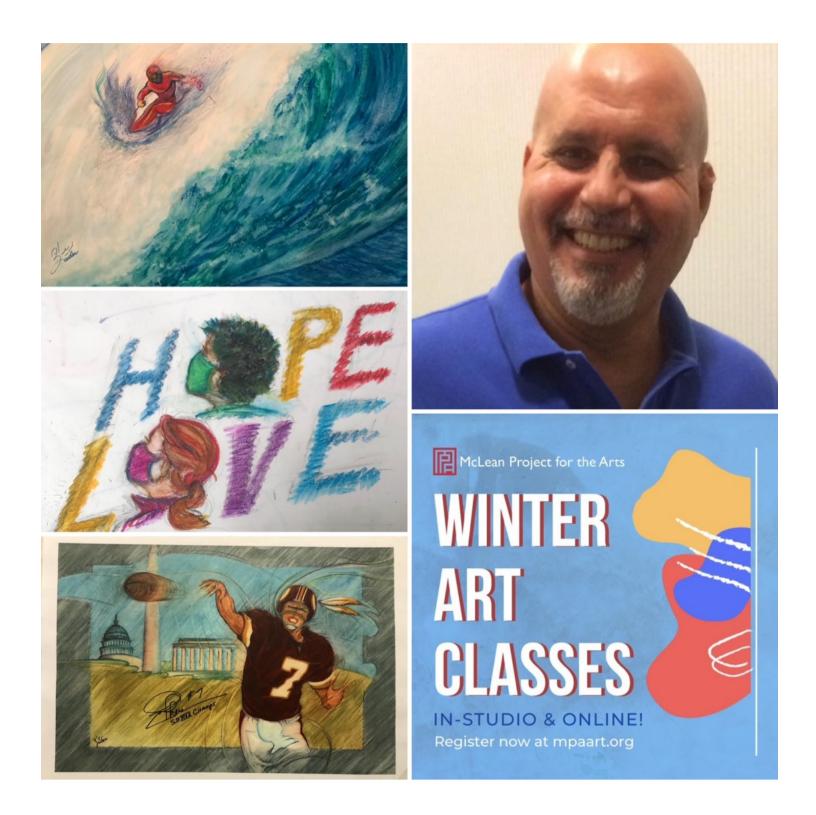
Join MPA now through February 18 to experience our Winter Exhibitions. In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works is on display in our Emerson Gallery, while our Atrium Gallery features Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper by Ronni Jolles. (If you haven't yet, check out Brian Trompeter's review of our Winter Exhibitions in the Sun Gazette News!) MPA will be holding a Virtual Artist Talk on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 7pm. RSVP here.

A curated exhibit showcasing works made primarily from fiber-based materials, In the Round features work by YunKyoung Cho, Linda Colsh, Michael Gessner, Sookkyung Park, and Kristina Penhoet. MPA's Atrium Gallery features 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 Jan. 26 Virtual Artist Talk



## Winter Art Classes Begin January 22 – Secure Your Spot Now!

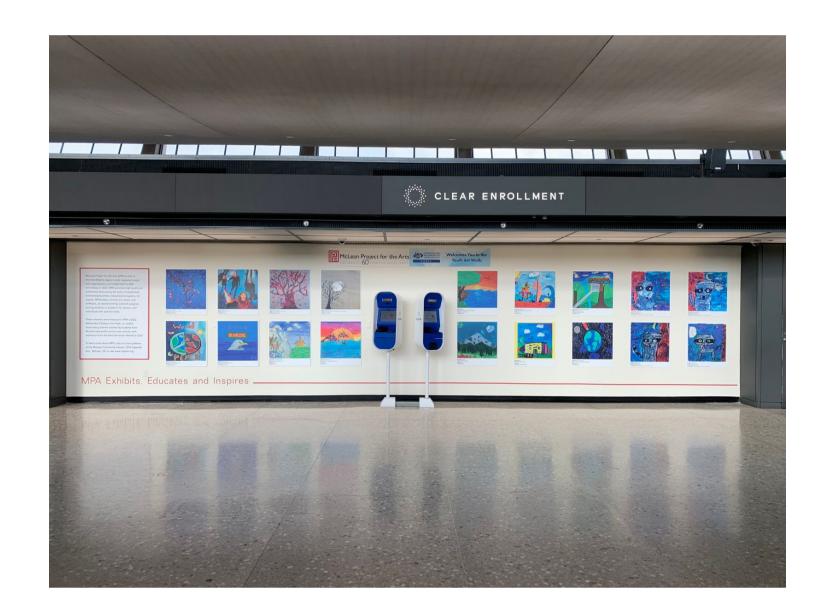
Seeking a creative outlet to get through the winter blues? MPA has a great lineup of winter and spring art classes for all levels, both in our DuVal Studio and online.

Back by Popular Demand! We're excited to announce the return of our always popular Open Studio, with sessions available on Fridays from 5 - 7pm and Saturdays from 10:30am - 1:30pm.

We're also pleased to announce that Ahmed Zaidan (pictured above), who taught during our summer 2022 art camps, will be joining us again for camps in 2023, and is also teaching a *NEW* adult class, Animation Drawing: Exploring Motion Graphics." Ahmed is an experienced artist and spent many years directing and instructing other artists on a professional scale. He has exhibited artwork in the Middle East, South Africa, England, and the United States.

Visit our website for a detailed description of all of our course offerings, or to register.

#### MPA Winter and Spring Art Class Offerings



## MPA Youth Art Exhibition Now on Display at **Dulles Airport!**

If your upcoming travels have you flying in and out of Dulles Airport, don't miss the MPA Youth Art Exhibition, which features art included in our recent MPAartfest Children's Art Walk, and was put together by the staff of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. The display is located by the West Side TSA Precheck Security Checkpoint on the ticketing/departure level. From Baggage Claim go up the escalators facing the East Security TSA Checkpoint and turn right. Then as you are now facing west, the walls are on the right side, directly facing the TSA Precheck entrance.

Special thanks to Kathleen Murphy and her husband Bill Sudow for helping to connect us for this opportunity, and to the New Dominion Women's Club and the many McLean area art teachers who helped make this exhibition possible.



## Thank You for Supporting Our Annual Giving Campaign!

Thank you for supporting our 2022 Annual Giving Campaign. The ongoing support of our community empowers MPA to continue adapting and connecting art and community, as we have since 1962.

If you would like to make your gift for this fiscal year early, visit our website.

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## Meet the Artists

#### Michael Gessner, Ronni Jolles

These two artists are selected from our two current exhibitions, "In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works" and "Trees on the Edge" because of their shared interest in nature.

Both artists use natural forms and organic materials such as wood, fiber and organic papers as the source of their inspiration. The two artists also refer to plants in the landscape in their works through their use of color, line, shape and materials.

Michael Gessner, one of five artists in our "In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works" exhibition, created a large-scale sculpture that hangs on the wall. The source of his subject is plants. This sculpture has a plantlike form using repeated natural shapes, reminding us of the beauty of the natural world.



"Trees on the Edge: Artwork in Layered Paper" artist Ronni 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, "Leaf Walker" by Michael Gessner creating works with active texture, infinite color and distinct presence. Exhibited at

McLean Project for the Arts



Created by MPA ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel, our latest ArtReach activity features a new flier that is based on our Winter Exhibitions. You can download a copy here, or stop by our galleries-printed copies are available for families or teachers to pick up and share! The fliers are also being distributed to MPA's many community partners. Partner visits to our galleries will have an opportunity to use them, as well.

Thank you to our many donors that help make ArtReach programming possible. If you'd like to make a contribution towards this outreach, visit our website.

#### MPA ArtReach



#### **MPA in the News**

Sun Gazette News: Exhibition Takes Updated Look at Fiber Materials (12/21/2022)

Washingtonian: Things To Do In DC This Weekend (12/08/2022)

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)

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## **MPA Calendar of Events**

Through 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)

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