



ART

In the galleries: Fiber-based materials yield remarkable art

Also: Two exhibits focus on flowers and a photography show with presence and weight



Review by Mark Jenkins

February 3, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. EST



A detail of the mixed-media work "Blooming IV," by Sookkyung Park, included in the fiber works show at McLean Project for the Arts. (Sookkyung Park)

Winter Exhibitions Close February 18 Stop by Before They're Gone!

"Most fabric art has a certain heft, but textile or paper creations seldom take up space as forcefully as the pieces in 'In the Round: Dimensional Fiber Works' at McLean Project for the Arts. Whether wall-mounted or suspended in air, the stitched, wired and clumped items in this five-artist show are exuberant and emphatic."

-Mark Jenkins, Washington Post Art Critic

Stop by 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. And [don't miss this wonderful review](#) by The Washington Post covering the exhibitions. Congratulations to our artists and curators!

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](#).

[Read the Washington Post Review](#)



Open Studio is BACK!

Register online or drop in on Fridays and Saturdays!

We're excited to announce the return of our always popular Open Studio, cancelled since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, is once again underway! Sessions are available on [Fridays from 5-7pm](#) and [Saturdays from 10:30am-1:30pm](#).

Open studio features drawing sessions with a live model. Pay for drop-in lessons or save when you register for the series! Friday sessions will be a series of quick gestural poses, while Saturday sessions models will hold for longer poses. **If you are choosing to paint (specifically oil), you must use odor-less materials.**

Participants can once again choose to register for a multiple week series or pay a drop-in fee per session. See <https://mpaart.org/mpa-classes-workshops-for-adults/> to learn more.

[MPA Winter and Spring Art Class Offerings](#)



Save Your Spot in MPA Summer Art Camp!

Registration is now **OPEN** for MPA's 2023 Summer Art Camps. Offerings include [MPA Art Camps](#) (ages 6-13) and [Abrakadoodle Camps](#) (ages 3-6), as well as our [CIT program](#). Sessions run June 26 through August 11. Sign up early to secure your spot--and don't forget to invite a friend!

MPA Summer Art Camps (ages 6-13):

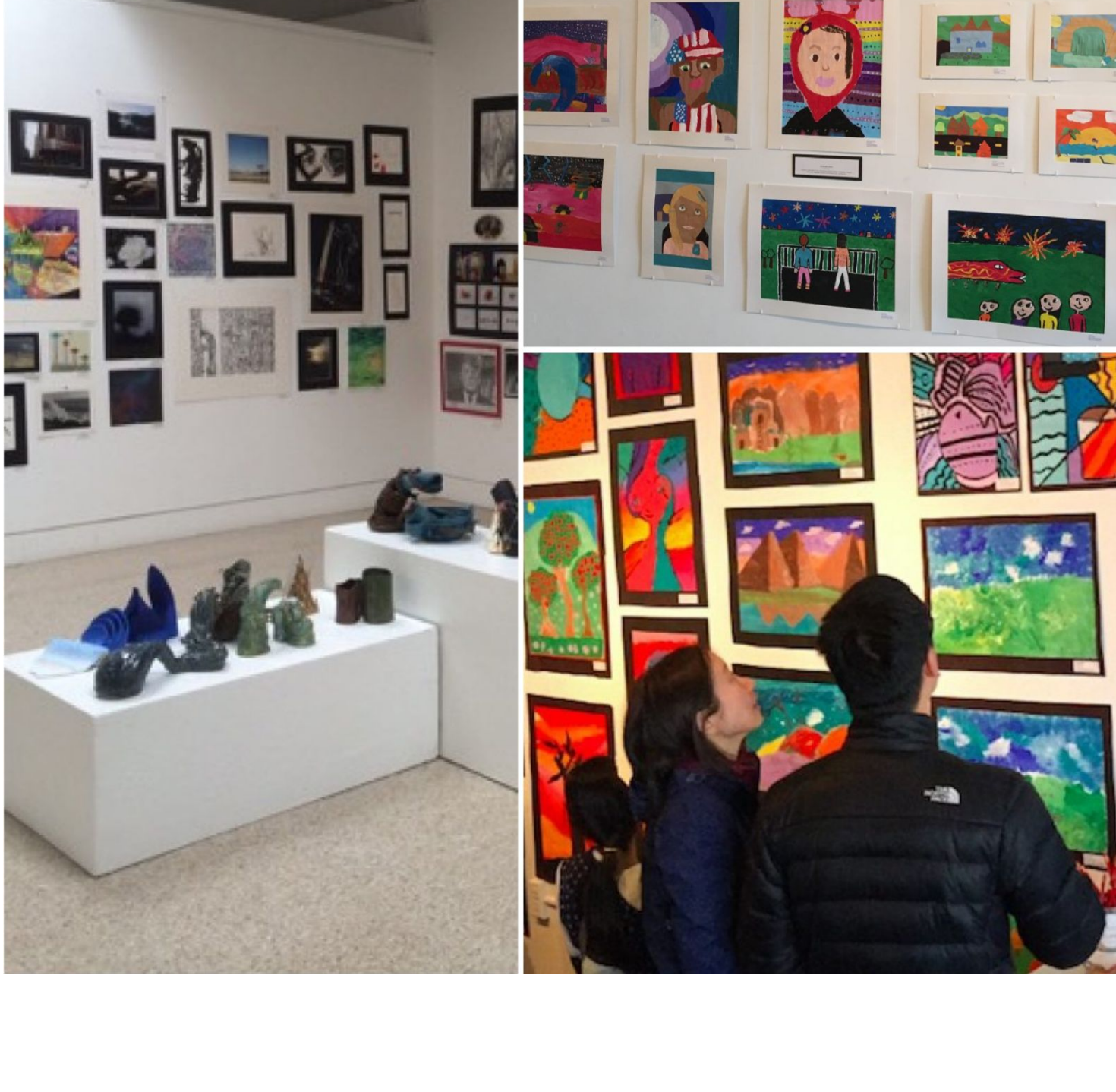
Sessions run from 9am-12pm (morning session) and 1-4pm (afternoon session). Campers have the option of attending both sessions for a full-day experience. All materials are provided. Camps will be held in our studios at the McLean Community Center. Tuition \$295 per session/\$280 MCC district residents

Camp Abrakadoodle (ages 3-6): Each half-day camp offers unique experiences designed to foster creativity. Camps run from 9:30am-12pm (morning session) and 1:30-4pm (afternoon session). Tuition is \$205 per session/ \$185 MCC district residents.

Teen Summer Opportunities (ages 14-18): Older students are invited to join MPA for our Counselor in Training Program (CIT). This program is designed to encourage teaching and leadership skills. CITs will assist in planning and leading activities for our young campers. Please contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org to fill out the CIT application.

The safety of our campers, staff, and community is at the forefront of our minds as we redesign our in-studio camps in this new environment. [Please review our MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures.](#)

[Register Now for Summer Art Camp](#)



Coming Soon: McLean Youth Art Shows

March is Youth Art Month! McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) invites you to celebrate by attending its annual Youth Art Shows, featuring work by FCPS Langley and McLean Pyramid students from elementary through high school.

McLean Pyramid Show: March 1-11, 2023

Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 4:30-6pm

Opening Exhibition Reception presented by HBC Group | Keller Williams

Also open until 7pm on Friday, March 10

Langley Pyramid Show: March 16-25, 2023

Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, March 16 from 4:30-6pm

Also open until 7pm on Friday, March 24

[Exhibition Information](#)



MPA ArtReach Welcomes Hybla Valley 4th Graders

"Thank you so much again for providing this wonderful opportunity for my students -- many of whom do not often get to go to museums or art galleries."

-Carrie Robertson, Hybla Valley 4th Grade Teacher

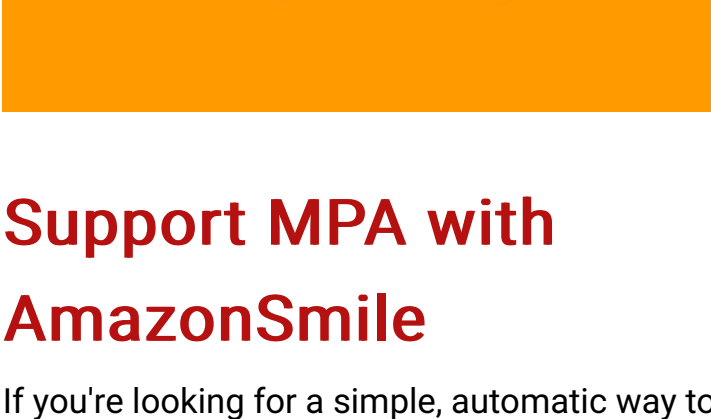
With many FCPS schools not yet scheduling class field trips, we want to highlight how much we've enjoyed hosting 4th grade classes from Hybla Valley Elementary School in Alexandria. Special thanks to their art teacher, Suzanne Parish, who helped organize these visits, and has worked with MPA's Summer Art Camps.

Hybla Valley Fourth Grade teacher Carrie Robertson shared that her students 'really enjoyed seeing and interacting with the exhibits at your gallery. I love the way you really got them thinking about what they were seeing. When one of my students said that one of the art installations looked like DNA, I was just so impressed! I didn't even know my little 4th grader knew what DNA was! As we were leaving I overheard many of the kids saying they wanted to return with their parents.'

In addition to providing these Title I school 4th grade classes with a gallery tour and in-gallery drawing activities, ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel will schedule follow-up visits to their school in the Spring, with a collage project related to the drawings they completed during their tours.

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](#). Contributions by generous MPA donors help reimburse Title I schools for their bus transportation for ArtReach field trips.

[MPA ArtReach](#)



MPA in the News

The Washington Post: [In the Galleries--Fiber-Based Materials Yield Remarkable Art](#) (02/03/2023)

Tysons Reporter: [Artwork by Fairfax County Students Now on Display at Dulles Airport](#) (02/03/2023)

FFXNow: [Artwork by Fairfax County Students Now on Display at Dulles Airport](#) (02/03/2023)

Washingtonian: [Things to Do in DC \(Virtual Artist Talk\)](#) (01/26/2023)

TysonsToday: [McLean Project for the Arts Youth Art Exhibition Now on Display at Dulles International Airport](#) (01/24/2023)

Sun Gazette News: [Zoom Talk to Feature Artists in New MPA Exhibition](#) (01/22/2023)

TysonsToday: [McLean Project for the Arts to Host Virtual Artist Talk](#) (01/20/2023)

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MPA Calendar of Events

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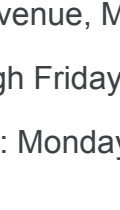
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Thursday, May 18, 2023: MPA Spring Benefit 2023

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