



(Not) Strictly Painting 14 Exhibit Featuring 50 Artists Opens September 14

McLean Project for the Arts will open *(Not) Strictly Painting 14* on September 14, 2023. Now in its 14th iteration, *Strictly Painting* celebrates the depth and breadth of paintings, or works related in some way to paintings. This biennial exhibition features pieces from 50 artists throughout the Mid-Atlantic area. An Opening Exhibition Reception will be held on Thursday, September 14 from 7-9pm at MPA. [RSVP here](#).

Juried by Tim Brown, Director of IA&A at Hillier, *(Not) Strictly Painting* is regarded as one of the region's most important painting exhibitions.

(Not) Strictly Painting featured artists include: Maremi Andreozzi, Sondra Arkin, MK Bailey, Julia Bloom, Maria Brito, Nikki Brugnoli, Tory Cowles, Pamela Crockett, Delna Dastur, Anna U Davis, Thomas Drymon, Gayle Friedman, Genie Ghim, Jane Godfrey, Pat Goslee, Reni Gower, Freya Grand, Lou Haney, Amelia Hankin, Tom Hill, Andrew Hladky, Leslie Holt, Sabiha Iqbal, Barbara Januszkiewicz, Wayson Jones, Joanne Kent, Pamela Keravuori, Chee Kung, Ruth Lozner, Matthew Malone, Nicole Maloof, Nipun Manda, Sasha-Lorlene McClain, Begona Morton, Olivia Niuman, Cory Oberndorfer, Sookkyung Park, Judith Pratt, Sharon Robinson, Violet Simulation, Kanika Sircar, Marsha Staiger, Ann Stoddard, Monica Stroik, Terry Thompson, Roderick Turner, Jessica van Brakle, Ashley Joi Whitley, Sharon Wolpoff, and Debra Wright.

In addition to the September 14 Opening Exhibition Reception, an in-person Artist Talk will take place on Thursday, October 19 from 7-9pm.

Visit Our Galleries

The MPA Emerson Gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10am–4pm. The Atrium Gallery is available during McLean Community Center operating hours.

(Not) Strictly Painting 14 runs September 14 – November 11, 2023. To register for the September 14 Opening Exhibition Reception, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/notstrictlypainting14>.

RSVP to the September 14 Opening



Art, Music, Food, FUN!

17th Annual MPAartfest Returns to McLean Central Park on October 11!

McLean Central Park will come to life once again on **Sunday, October 1, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** when [MPAartfest](#) returns with a full day of art, music, food, and fun.

Now in its 17th year, MPAartfest 2023 offers enjoyment for guests of all ages. Recognized by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of the Top 100 Fine Art and Design Shows in the country, this year's festival features the work of more than 35 visual artists, some of DC's most talented music performers, local food vendors, and a variety of children's activities to engage creative minds and captivate art-lovers of all ages.

A one-day juried fine art show and sale, MPAartfest transforms McLean Central Park into a lively landscape of mini art galleries showcasing and offering for sale the work of acclaimed artists from the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. For a complete list of this year's featured artists, [visit the MPA website](#).

"Each fall MPAartfest celebrates our community and the arts in the beautiful setting of McLean Central Park," said MPA Executive Director Lori Carboneau. "We are so appreciative of our lead community sponsor, the McLean Community Center, and of all the generous community sponsors who help to make this event possible. We invite all the community to join us for a relaxing and inspiring day of art in the park!"

MPAartfest will again offer a full day of lively and varied musical performances. Sponsored by Mars and curated by Music Director Ken Avis, radio host of Antidote WERA 96.7 FM and a performing musician with the award-winning band Veronneau, this year's performers include: Blues Alley Youth Jazz Orchestra (10am), Alison Crockett (11am), Bobby Thompson (12pm), Little Red and the Renegades (1pm), The Honey Larks (2pm), and Taisha Estrada (3pm).

Sponsored by BOWA, Deirdre Mauli Orthodontics, McLean Community Foundation, and TTR Sotheby's International Realty, the MPAartfest Children's Activity Tents will feature a variety of art-based activities and learning stations. Other art highlights include the New Dominion Women's Club Children's Art Walk, a juried open-air gallery displaying artwork from local public and private elementary school students.

On the food front, MPAartfest will once again feature the much-loved Café Beret (sponsored by The Mather) where guests can enjoy wine and beer provided by Chain Bridge Cellars. The event will also offer food from a variety of food trucks and eateries, including Rocklands BBQ, Pikoteo, Timber Pizza, Kona Ice, and MooThru.

MPAartfest 2023 is presented by the McLean Project for the Arts, with the help of lead community sponsor, McLean Community Center, and through partnership with Fairfax County Park Authority.

MPAartfest admission is FREE, and all are welcome and encouraged to join. Parking will be available at the McLean Community Center, at 1234 Ingleside Avenue. For more information visit www.mpaart.org or email info@mpaart.org.

MPAartfest Information



MPA ArtReach Fall Update

It's Back to School time and the start of another year of partnerships for ArtReach and Director Sharon Fishel.

We excited to resume our Mixed Media Monday's virtual classes with the Lewinsville Senior Center (and other Fairfax County senior center participants from throughout the county), continue our virtual weekly ServiceSource classes for adults with disabilities, as well as our in-person weekly programming at the Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax, a joint ServiceSource and Fairfax County program.

Each week close to 60 individuals benefit from this visual arts education programming, a key component of our overall ArtReach program, which extends arts education to benefit all members of our community and expanded during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic with virtual programming when many in-person activities were cancelled.

This week's virtual classes looked at the art of artist Frida Kahlo, the popular Mexican artist whose still life paintings inspired our students as they experimented with color, line and shape in their own individual works of art.

We've also scheduled monthly ArtReach classes with a special ed class at McLean High School, expanding on a relationship began during the last school year, when Sharon visited the classroom and also hosted ArtReach tours of gallery exhibitions with the class.

As always, we're grateful for the support of our generous community in making this ArtReach possible and welcome your support. If you'd like to make a contribution to support our MPA ArtReach program, [visit our website](#).

MPA ArtReach Information

Register NOW for Fall Art Classes

Registration is currently underway for MPA's fall art classes. Autumn offerings include returning favorites as well as exciting new options, [particularly for kids!](#)

We have several workshops debuting—including our **NEW Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Trees in Autumn Workshop with Ronni Jolles**, taking place this Sunday, September 10 from 1-4pm. [Register here!](#)

We also look forward to continuing our Open Studio options.

MPA will be holding fall classes both in our DuVal studio and online—join us from anywhere!

Adult Art Classes

- **Abstract Painting Techniques and Structures** with Marise Riddell (DuVal), Tuesdays 10:30am-1:30pm beginning October 3
- **Drawing Basics (Colors, Lines, and Motion)** with Ahmed Zaidan (DuVal), Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm beginning October 4
- **Figure Drawing** with Marise Riddell (DuVal), Wednesdays 6:30-9pm beginning October 4
- **Vibrant Oil Painting** with Joyce Lee (Virtual), Thursdays 10am-12:30pm beginning October 5
- **Drawing and Painting Studio** with David Carlson (DuVal), Thursdays 10am-12:30pm beginning October 5
- **Landscape in Oil** with Joyce Lee (Virtual), Thursdays 7-9:30pm beginning October 5
- **Contemporary Art Focus: Painting & Mixed Media** with Sharon Fishel (DuVal), Fridays 10am-12:30pm beginning October 6
- **Portrait and Figure Painting** with Marcia Klioze (DuVal), Saturdays 4:30-7pm beginning October 7
- **Freedom of Watercolor** with Barbara Januszkiewicz (Virtual), Thursdays 10am-12pm beginning October 12
- **Colorful Mixed Media** with M Jane Johnson (DuVal), Mondays 10am-1pm beginning October 16

Fall workshop opportunities include:

- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Trees in Autumn** with Ronni Jolles, Sunday, September 10 from 1-4pm
- **NEW! Watercolor and Beyond: Navigating Artist Block and Brain Fog** with Barbara Januszkiewicz, Sunday, October 8 from 1-4pm

MPA is also excited to once again offer our popular Open Studio (**Tues., Fri., Sat.**). Pay for drop-in sessions or save when you register for the series! Sessions run **Tues. 10/03-12/12, 6-8:30pm; Fri. 10/06-12/08, 6-8:30pm; Sat. 10/07-12/09, 10:30am-1:30pm**

Youth Art Classes

For our younger artists, we are pleased to offer the following courses:

- **NEW! Fundamentals of Animation: Storyboarding with Ahmed Zaidan, Ages 13+** (DuVal; Saturdays, 10/07-11/18, 2-4pm) – Students will develop their skills to create sequential and dynamic images as well as creating a narrative. Some knowledge of design is recommended.
- **NEW! Abakadoodle: Sculpt It!, Ages 7-12** (Wednesdays, 10/04-12/06, 4:30-5:30pm) – Abakadoodle in 3D! Have a blast creating 3-D art using a variety of modeling compounds and other materials.
- **NEW! Art in Motion with Pamela Saunders, Ages 7-12** (Mondays, 10/16-12/04, 4:30-5:30pm) – Children will learn about kinetic art and create their own sculptures and 3D art, exploring different ways to design art that moves! Instructor: Pamela Saunders
- **Abakadoodle Twoosy Doodlers** (Thurs. 10-10:45am; Thurs. 10-10:45am; Sat. 10-10:45am) beginning October 3
- **Abakadoodle Mini Doodlers** (Tues. 11:30am-12:30pm; Thurs. 11:30am-12:30pm; Sat. 11:30am-12:30pm) beginning October 3

For detailed descriptions on all of our fall classes, [visit our website](#).

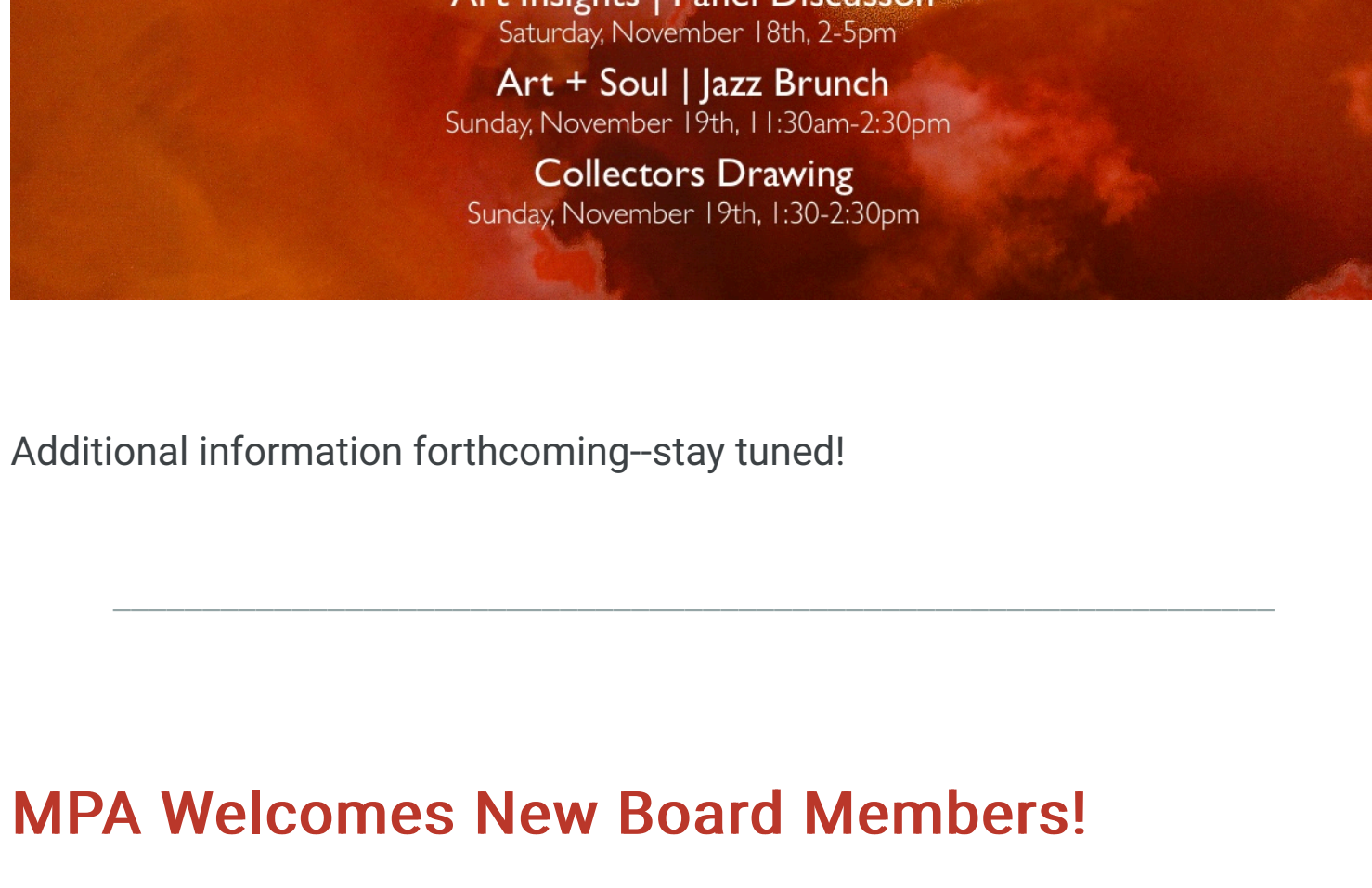
Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions.

Learn More

Save the Date!

MPA Inspires: A Weekend of Collecting and Connecting

November 18 & 19, 2023



Additional information forthcoming—stay tuned!

MPA Welcomes New Board Members!

McLean Project for the Arts welcomed four new members to our Board of Directors. Pamela Danner will assume position as chair of the 40-person board, stepping into the role held by Barbara Hawthorn since 2018. Alicia Bond will serve as treasurer. Jane Imperatore and Helen Frederick will continue in their executive leadership positions as vice-chair and secretary, respectfully.

Our new members are:

- Caroline Coakley
- Eddy Peters
- Delia Swigart
- Paul Young

New board members were formally installed at the June McLean Project for the Arts Board of Directors meeting.

Thank you to all of our MPA Board of Directors for their support of our community and of the arts.

View a Complete Board Listing

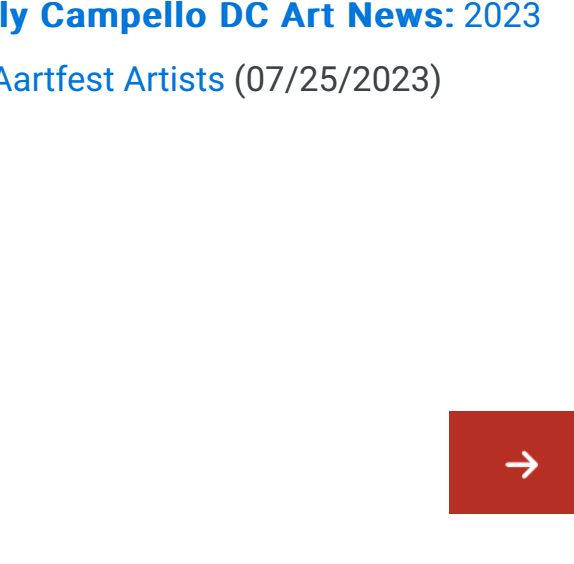
Help Us Spread the Word!

Our supporters are our best ambassadors, so please hit "Share" when you make a charitable donation

New research from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University found that when donors post on social media about a cause they donate to, it leads to a higher likelihood of at least one more donation to the organization, raising more money.

So the next time you sponsor an MPA event or make a donation, be sure to hit "Share" to tell your networks about one of your favorite organizations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MPA in the News

Arlington Magazine: 17 Fall Festivals and Fun Things to Do (08/30/2023)

GazetteLeader: Musical Lineup Announced for MPAartfest (08/29/2023)

McLean Patch: Musical Program for MPAartfest 2023 Features Top Blues, Jazz Artists (08/23/2023)

TysonsToday: McLean Project for the Arts Announces Selection of 2023 MPAartfest Artists (08/03/2023)

GazetteLeader: 38 Artists Tapped for Autumn Celebration in McLean (07/26/2023)

Daily Campello DC Art News: 2023 MPAartfest Artists (07/25/2023)

MPA Calendar of Events

September 14 - November 11, 2023:

(Not) Strictly Painting 14 Juried Show

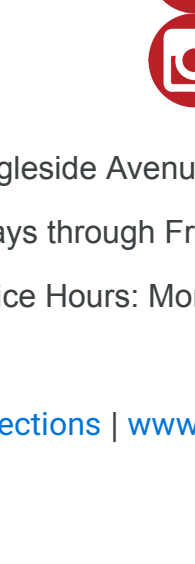
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December 8, 2023 - February 17, 2024: Winter Exhibitions—*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* (Emerson Gallery; Atrium Gallery exhibition TBA)

December 8, 2023: Winter Exhibitions Opening Reception, 7-9pm



1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

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