



McLean Project for the Arts

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McLean Project for the Arts' Winter Exhibitions Debut December 7 Exhibits include *"Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation"* and *"To March is to Love: Weavings by Janet Leppin"*

McLean, VA: McLean Project for the Arts will open its winter exhibitions—*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* (Emerson Gallery) and *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janet Leppin* (Artrium Gallery)—on December 7, 2023. Both shows will run through February 17, 2024, with an Opening Exhibition Reception on Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 7-9pm.

Bringing together five artists—[Julia Jackson](#), [Doreen](#), [Isaac Crocetta](#), [Maggie Gouley](#), [Jane Lorenzite](#), and [Kathleen Sikorska](#)—*Moving Beyond Beauty* features work that is at once aesthetically pleasing and philosophically compelling.

Visual attractiveness and the expression of deep and sometimes unsettling ideas live together, as each artist feels an urgency to address love, concern, and reverence for the natural world.

"Beauty, created through skillful and inventive use of materials, becomes the doorway through which the viewer enters into a sincere dialogue about our fundamental need to experience and learn from nature and our ever more pressing responsibility to honor and care for it," said MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser.

MPA's Artrium Gallery will feature *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janet Leppin*. Leppin's whimsical and moving fiber art represents the dichotomy of a wondrous and fragile world, weaving textiles and used clothing to create unexpected textures and patterns. Her work mirrors the struggle between action and complacency, inviting us to engage with and contemplate our humanity.



Jane Lorenzite, "Forest in Park 101703"
Lorenzite is one of five artists featured in "Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation," opening December 7

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