



MPA Winter Exhibitions Open this Thursday, December 7

Opening Exhibition Reception 7-9pm

Mark your calendars and join us this Thursday, December 7 from 7-9pm as we open our winter exhibitions, sponsored in part by the Young Family.

Emerson Gallery: *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation*
Atrium Gallery: *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*

December 7, 2023 – February 17, 2024

Opening Reception: December 7, 2023 7-9pm

Artist Talk: January 20, 2024, 1-3pm

Tea & Talk: February 8, 2024, 11am

Moving Beyond Beauty

This exhibit brings together five artists—[Adjoa Jackson Burrowes](#), [Jacqui Crocetta](#), [Maggie Gourlay](#), [June Linowitz](#), and [Elzbieta Sikorska](#)—who make 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.

To March is to Love

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.

Exhibition Information

MPA Exhibits, Educates, Inspires... Join Us!



OUR VISION: Nurturing the Expression of Human Imagination

In 2023—MPA's 61st year—we showcased brilliant expressions of this vision! We proudly exhibited work by scores of artists, served hundreds of MPA ArtReach participants through our award-winning and beloved outreach program, and welcomed thousands at our 17th MPAartfest. And, MPA Inspires, our recent inaugural Collectors' Weekend exceeded all expectations!

Looking to 2024, we are thrilled that a new space for an Arts & Education Center in Downtown McLean is now in the realm of the possible... if not the immediate future! This expansion creates a canvas of possibilities for MPA, for McLean, for artists across the region... and beyond. More details on this exciting project will follow early in the New Year!

Meanwhile, we remain keenly focused on our operations and ongoing programs. This 2023 Annual Giving campaign ensures the seamless functioning of MPA's essential infrastructure. **Your continued partnership is not just a donation; it's a direct investment in this treasured community arts organization.**

Our Annual Giving goal is to raise \$90,000 by December 31st. With your help, we can meet this target, ensuring that the arts will continue to thrive in our community. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution today, online or through the mail. Your gift, big or small, makes a world of difference.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey!

Contribute to the MPA Annual Giving Campaign



NOW OPEN: Winter Art Class Registration

This winter, come in from the cold and join MPA for an exciting lineup of Winter art classes for all ages, interests, and abilities. MPA's winter lineup includes some of our long-time favorites, as well as exciting new options, including:

- **NEW!** *Folding Forms & Hand Building for the Garden*, with Jimmy Potters – Thursdays from 11am-12:30pm, beginning January 25
- **NEW!** *Pottery Around the World for ages 6-12*, Thursdays from 4-5:30pm, beginning January 25

Teens are also encouraged to register and join us for some of our previously adult-only classes, such as *Drawing Basics (Colors, Lines and Motion)* with Ahmed Zaidan (Saturdays, 2-4pm beginning January 27), or our Creating Artwork with Layered Paper Workshops (*Village on a Hill / Picket Fence with Flowers / Trees in Springtime / The Beach*)

We are also excited to again offer our ever-popular Open Studio on **Tuesdays from 6-8:30pm** (beginning January 23) and **Saturdays from 10:30am-1:30pm**, beginning January 27.

(Looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? Give the gift of creativity! MPA art classes make a perfect holiday gift—for a child, a friend, or even yourself!)

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

Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions—and register early to secure your spot!

Winter Art Class Offerings



Call for Entries: MPA Spring Solos 2024

Attention all artists: **MPA is currently seeking submissions for our 2024 Spring Solos**. Contemporary living artists working in the Mid-Atlantic Region are invited to submit exhibition or project proposals to be on display in the Emerson and Atrium Galleries. The dates for the exhibitions will be from April 11 – June 15, 2024.

Exhibition Dates: April 11 – June 15, 2024

Opening Reception: April 11, 2024

Artist Talk: May 19, 2024 1-3pm

Application: Proposals will be submitted [via the online submission system](#) [Submittable](#). There is no fee for submission. Exhibition proposals will be reviewed by the curatorial team of the McLean Project for the Arts. All works must fit through an 81" x 64" doorway. A 30% sales commission will be retained by MPA on all sales resulting directly from the exhibit.

Visit our website, www.mpaart.org, for more information. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Lillis, Assistant Curator jllis@mpaart.org. The deadline for submissions is **January 13, 2024 at midnight**.

Apply Now

