



McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Artistic Director



Artistic Notes

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

It's been a lively run for our current exhibition, *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation*. The exhibit, which features artists Adjoo Jackson Burrows, Jacqui Crocetta, Maggie Gourlay, June Linowitz and Elzbieta Sikorska, was [reviewed in January in the online publication East City Art](#) by well respected DMV area art historian Claudia Rousseau. A couple of weeks later, it was also [reviewed by Mark Jenkins in The Washington Post](#), both online and in print, and with two featured photographs.

It's an exciting upcoming week as well, with a curator led Tea and Talk on Thursday at 11:00, also attended by several of the artists. Following up on Friday is a concert by Atrium artist Janel Leppin (*To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*), who also happens to be an amazing jazz cellist. She and her band will sonically transform the gallery from 8 - 9 pm, preceded by a reception from 7 -8.

We're delighted to offer all these opportunities to experience the exhibitions, which embed serious environmental concerns within well-crafted and undeniably beautiful artworks, and to interact with the artists as well.

Hope to see you soon in our galleries.

Nancy Sausser



Join Us this Week for Two Exciting Exhibition Events!

Tea & Talk Feb. 8: Exhibition Reception and Musical Performance Feb. 9

Mark your calendars and join MPA this week for two exciting winter exhibition events.

On **Thursday, February 8 at 11 am**, join **MPA Curator and Artistic Director Nancy Sausser for Tea & Talk**. Guests are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and discuss the Winter Exhibitions—*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* and *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*—with the MPA team. Click here to read the recent [Washington Post review](#) and [East City Arts review](#) of our Winter Exhibitions.

The following evening, on **Friday, February 9, from 7-9pm, MPA will also host a Winter Exhibitions Reception and musical performance**. Following the reception, Atrium Gallery artist **Janel Leppin** will perform several solo pieces on her cello. The event will then conclude with a performance by **Ensemble Volcanic Ash**, comprised of Janel Leppin (cello), Sarah Hughes (alto saxophone), Brian Settles (tenor saxophone), Anthony Pirog (guitar), and Larry Ferguson (drums).

MPA's Winter Exhibitions sponsored in part by the Young Family.

Both events are **FREE** and open to the public. Advance registration required for Friday's event. [RSVP here](#).

Winter Exhibitions

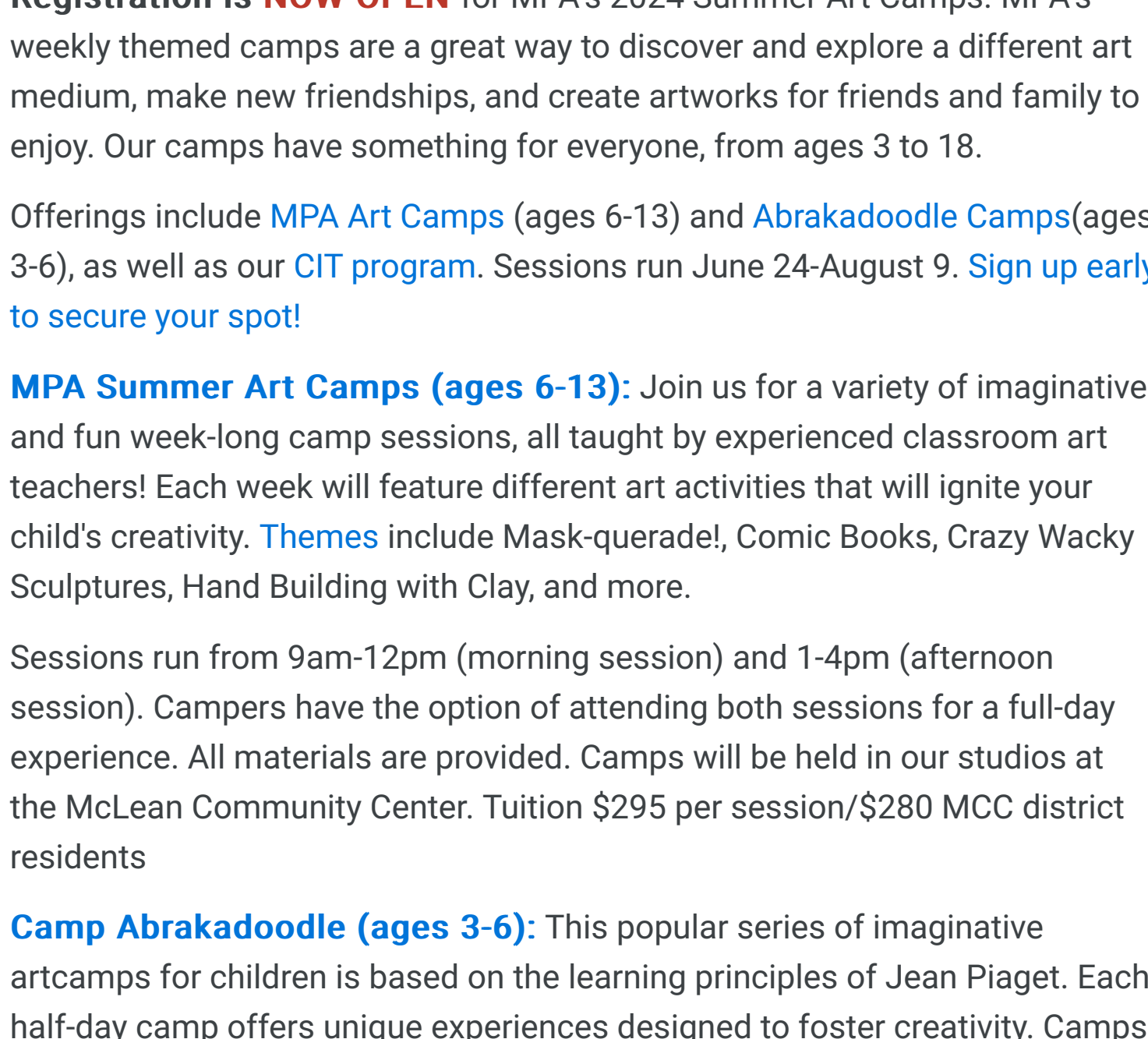
Emerson Gallery: *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation*, featuring Adjoo Jackson Burrows, Jacqui Crocetta, Maggie Gourlay, June Linowitz, and Elzbieta Sikorska

Atrium Gallery: *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*

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.

Event Information



Registration Now Open for MPA Summer Art Camps

Registration is **NOW OPEN** for MPA's 2024 Summer Art Camps. MPA's weekly themed camps are a great way to discover and explore a different art medium, make new friendships, and create artworks for friends and family to enjoy. Our camps have something for everyone, from ages 3 to 18.

Offerings include **MPA Art Camps** (ages 6-13) and **Abrakadoodle Camps** (ages 3-6), as well as our **CIT program**. Sessions run June 24-August 9. [Sign up early to secure your spot!](#)

MPA Summer Art Camps (ages 6-13): Join us for a variety of imaginative and fun week-long camp sessions, all taught by experienced classroom art teachers! Each week will feature different art activities that will ignite your child's creativity. Themes include Mask-quarade!, Comic Books, Crazy Wacky Sculptures, Hand Building with Clay, and more.

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): This popular series of imaginative artcamps for children is based on the learning principles of Jean Piaget. 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). MPA's CIT Program was developed to enrich the experience of older campers at our summer artcamps, through encouraging 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.

Please [review our MPA Summer Camp Policies & Procedures](#). Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org for more information.

Register for MPA Summer Art Camps



Winter Art Classes are Underway

It's Not Too Late to Register!

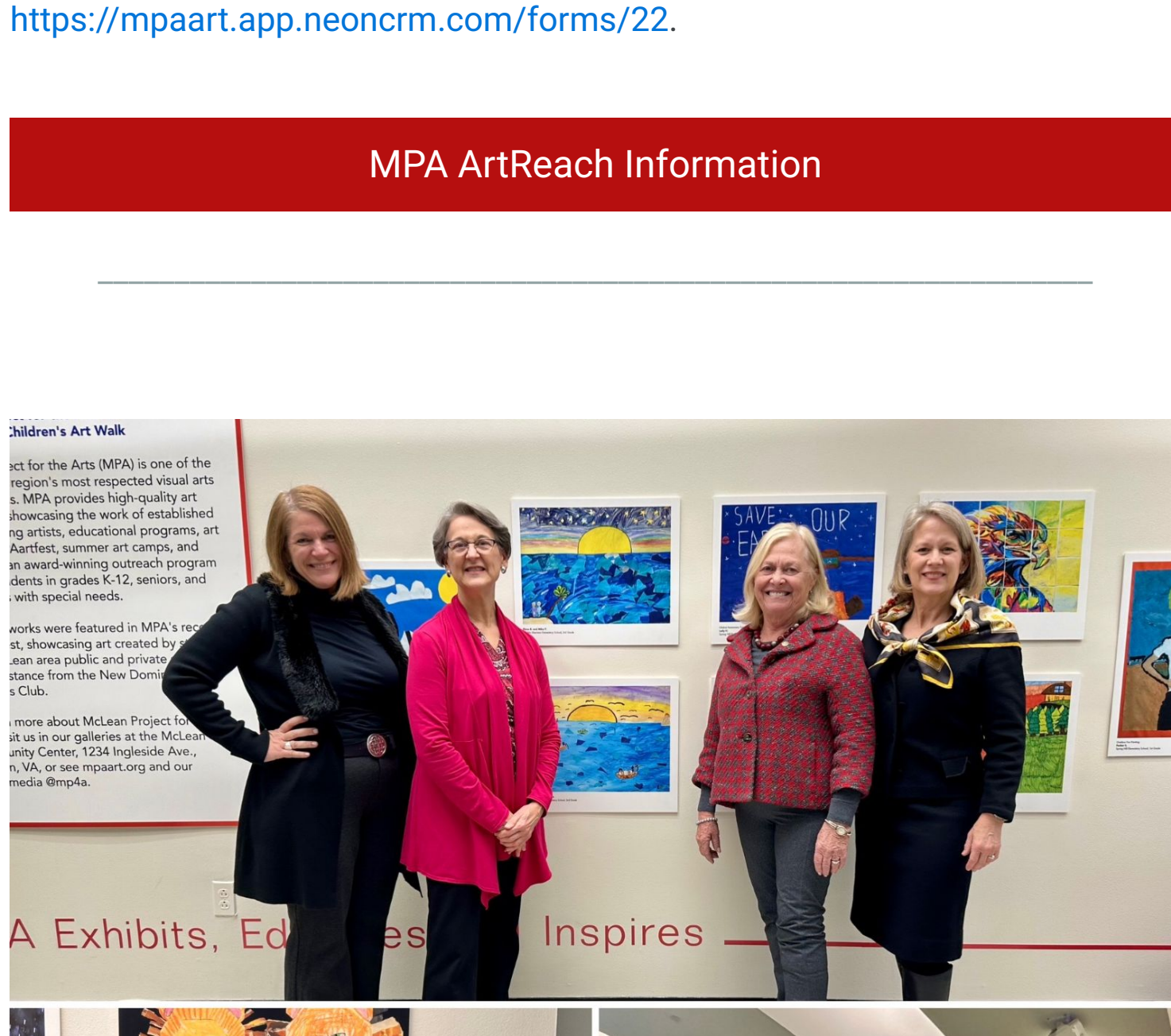
MPA's winter art classes are underway—but there's still time to get in on the fun! Registration is still open for Ronni Jolles' popular Creating Artwork with Layered Paper workshop. Join Ronni on Sunday, February 25 from 1-4pm for Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Village on a Hill (open to both **adults** and **teens**).

Additionally, our Open Studio is also returning for the winter, with sessions on **Tuesdays** and **Saturdays**. Attendees are welcome to register for the full session, or pay a drop-in fee of \$20/class.

For detailed descriptions on all of our fall classes, [visit our website](#). Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions.

*Please Note: The McLean Community Center recently implemented a new refund policy, effective January 1, 2024. This refund policy will apply to MPA classes. Effective immediately, all withdrawals, refund and cancellation requests must be submitted in writing to info@mpaart.org. Patrons who submit refund requests 14 days or more before the start of a class or activity will be granted a refund less a 10% administrative fee. Refunds requested 13 days or less before the start date of a class or activity will not be granted.

Winter Art Class Offerings



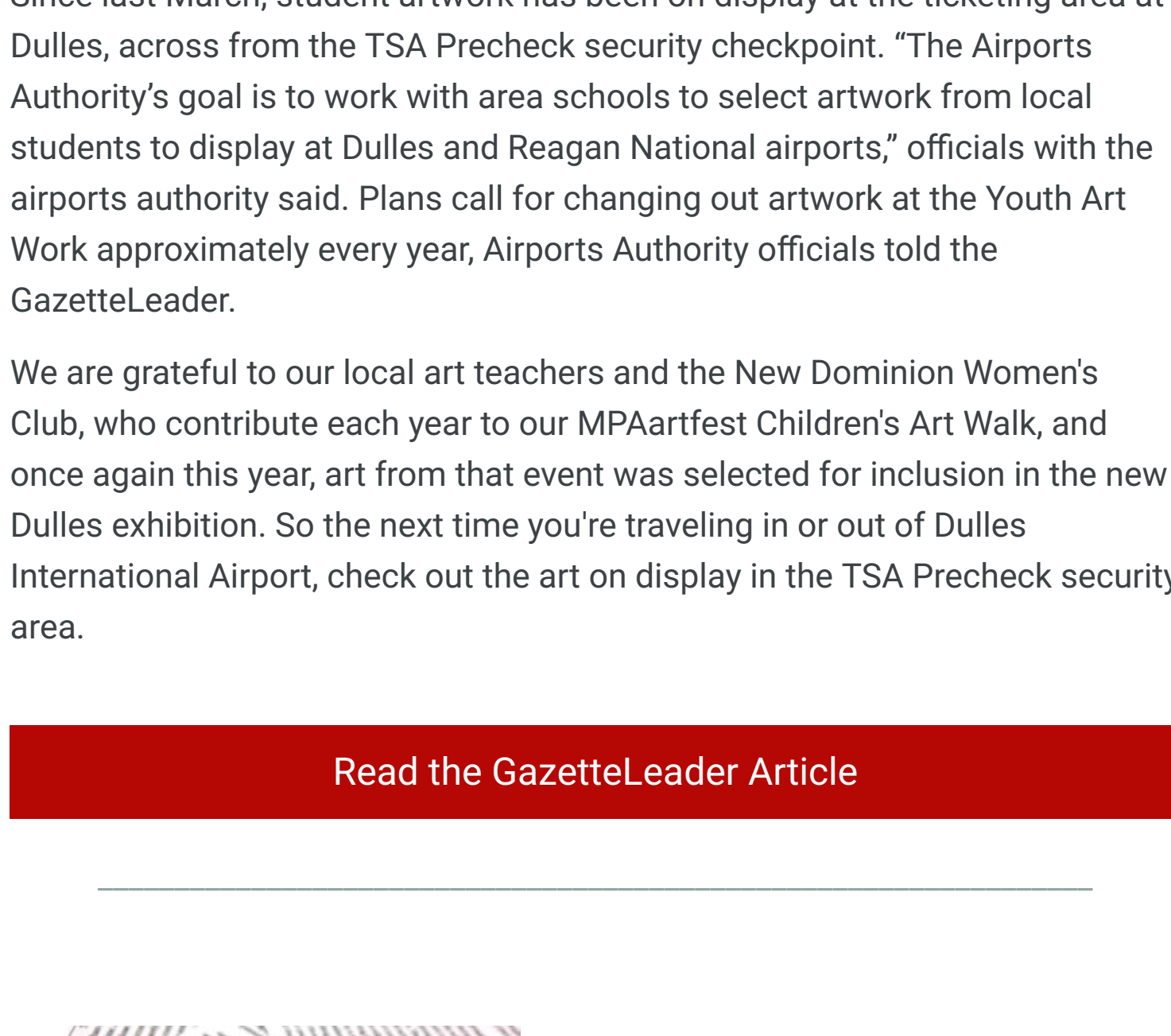
Save the Date: Youth Art Shows!

Mark your calendars and join MPA for our annual Youth Art Shows.

Stop by MPA, February 28 - March 11 for our Langley Pyramid show (Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, February 29 from 4:30-6pm) and again (March 13-30 for our McLean Pyramid exhibition (Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, March 14 from 4:30-6pm). Our galleries will also be open until 7pm on Friday, March 8 and on Wednesday, March 20.

Our 2024 Youth Art Exhibitions are presented by BOWA.

Upcoming Exhibitions



MPA ArtReach Offers Winter Exhibition Tours to Community Partners

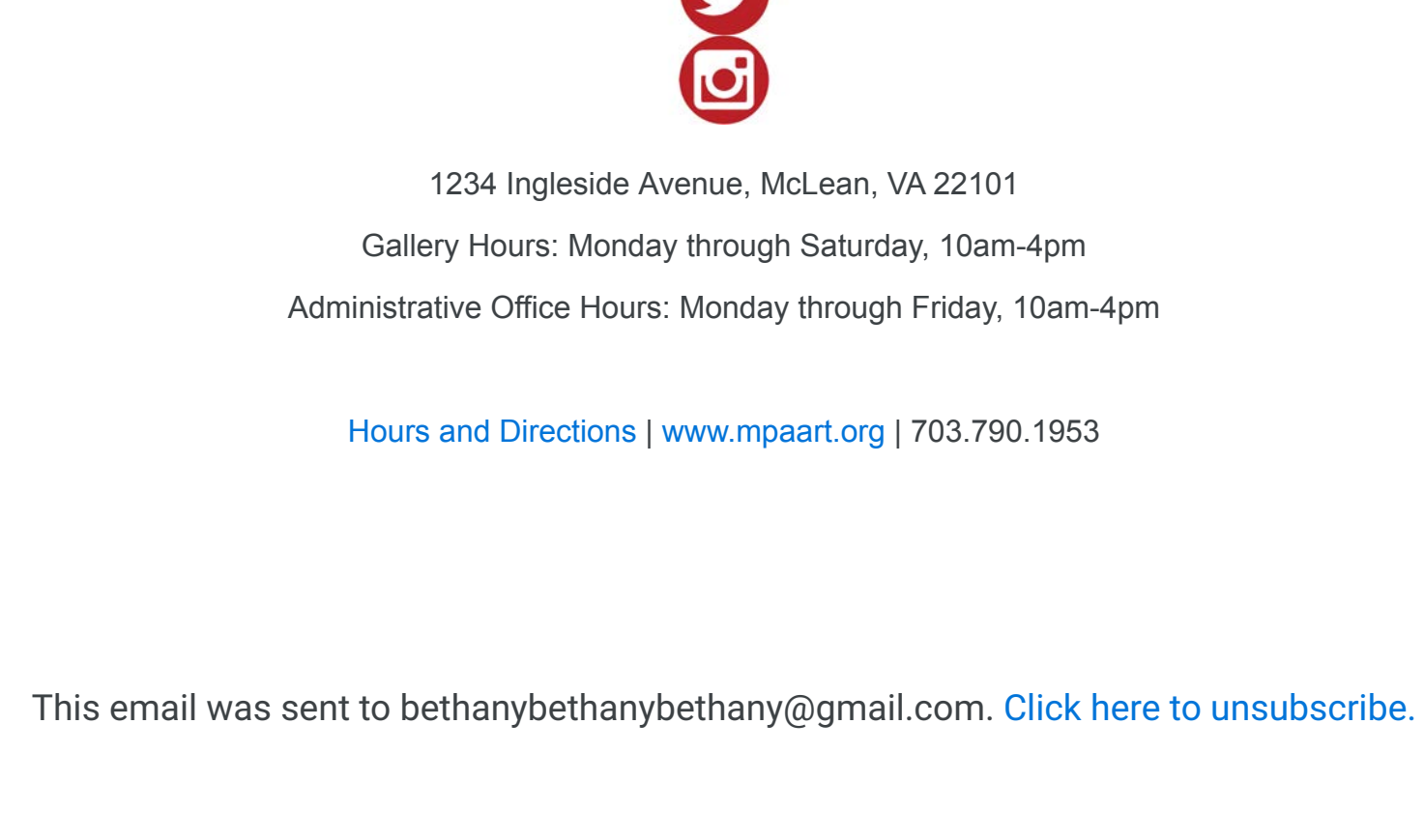
A group of residents from the new Sunrise of McLean Village recently enjoyed an ArtReach visit to see our Winter exhibitions—*Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation* and *To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin* (photos from the visit above). We love hosting new visitors to our galleries, and the residents seemed to really enjoy their time with us and hope to return again soon!

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel regularly provides ArtReach tours and sometimes accompanying art workshops to community partners serving seniors, adults with disabilities, and school and afterschool groups serving children and teens. Recent visitors in addition to the new Sunrise group include groups from ServiceSource (pictures above), McLean High School Special Ed, and the Wellness Center for Older Adults.

We're excited to have a new Gallery Guide created specifically for these two Winter exhibitions, connecting drawing and discussion activities to the artwork guests view in our galleries. Stop by and pick one up the next time you're at the McLean Community Center. And if your school or group is interested in scheduling a visit, please email BClorey@mpaart.org. Reimbursement is available to cover bus transportation for FCPS Title I Schools.

Thank you to our many donors that help make our ArtReach programming possible. It's a key part of our MPA mission, and if you'd like to make a contribution towards this outreach, visit our website at <https://mpaart.app.neoncrm.com/forms/22>.

MPA ArtReach Information



New Collection of Student Artwork Now on Display at Dulles Airport

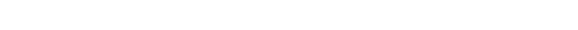
A new collection of artwork from students in Fairfax County's public and private schools is now on display at Washington Dulles International Airport.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, McLean Project for the Arts and Fairfax County Public Schools celebrated the continuation of the "Youth Art Walk" initiative during festivities on Jan. 23. (Photos are from that opening event. The top photo features, from left, MPA Board Members Kitty González and Carolyn Gore, MPA Board Chair Pamela Danner, and MPA Executive Director Lori Carboneau.)

Since last March, student artwork has been on display at the ticketing area at Dulles, across from the TSA Precheck security checkpoint. "The Airports Authority's goal is to work with area schools to select artwork from local students to display at Dulles and Reagan National airports," officials with the airports authority said. Plans call for changing out artwork at the Youth Art Work approximately every year, Airports Authority officials told the GazetteLeader.

We are grateful to our local art teachers and the New Dominion Women's Club, who contribute each year to our MPAartfest Children's Art Walk, and once again this year, art from that event was selected for inclusion in the new Dulles exhibition. So the next time you're traveling in or out of Dulles International Airport, check out the art on display in the TSA Precheck security area.

Read the GazetteLeader Article



UPCOMING EVENTS

MPA in the News

FFXNow: *New Student Art Displayed at Dulles Airport* (01/29/2024)

GazetteLeader: *More Works by Fairfax Students to Grace Dulles Airport* (01/27/2024)

The Washington Post: *In the Galleries—Exhibits Stress Our Duty to Care for the Natural World* (01/26/2024)

Fairfax County Times: *Get Your Art Fix in Fairfax County* (01/16/2024)

East City Art Review: *Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation at McLean Project for the Arts* (01/12/2024)

MPA Calendar of Events

Through February 17, 2024: *Winter Exhibitions—Moving Beyond Beauty: Reverence and Reclamation and To March is to Love: Weavings by Janel Leppin*

February 8, 2024: Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk, 11 am

February 8, 2024: Exhibition Reception and Musical Performance, 7-9pm

February 28 - March 11, 2024: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show

February 29, 2024: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show Opening Exhibition Reception, 4:30-6pm

March 13-20, 2024: McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show

March 14, 2024: McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show Opening Exhibition Reception, 4:30-6pm

April 11 - June 15, 2024: Spring Solos 2024

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