



McLean Project for the Arts

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Fall/Winter Exhibitions Debut at McLean Project for the Arts “Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood” and “Growth Patterns: Work by Annelie Hankin” Opening Exhibition Reception Nov. 14

McLean, VA McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open its two new fall exhibitions—*Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* and *Growth Patterns: Work by Annelie Hankin*—with an Opening Exhibition Reception on Thursday, November 14, 2024.

“We are delighted to feature two exhibitions in our MPA Galleries during the late fall/early winter time period that are curated by our Assistant Curator and Gallery Manager, Jennifer Lillis,” said Nancy Sawyer, MPA Curator and Artistic Director. “Jennifer recently received her MFA from George Mason University, where she currently teaches printmaking classes. With a special interest and expertise in both drawing and printmaking, she has put together two exhibits that reflect these processes.”

Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood features a variety of printmaking techniques that explore the effect of material within creative practice. Pulling inspiration from wood, the two artists discovered in the exhibit combine political theories (see Rosalind’s theory of “vital materialism”) that matter itself, even inanimate objects, hold life and are active participants in the printing process. Featured artists include Catherine Cole, Cheryl Edwards, Helen Frederick, Jake Lufkin, Jon Lee, Nicola W. Morrison, Jonathan Pollock, Steve Peters, Pat Sargent, Penelope Young.

In Growth Patterns: Works by Annelie Hankin, Hankin uses the simple tools of the drawing process—graphite, paper, eraser—to create compositions that bring together natural objects and structures to create spaces full of meaning and content. These images refer to the cycles of birth, regeneration and death, in all their nuanced complexity and beauty.

In addition to the November 14 Opening Exhibition Reception, MPA will host a Tea & Talk on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 11am. All events are free and open to the public.

The MPA Artisan Gallery is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Showcase Gallery is open for visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. MPA will also be open on Sunday, November 17 and Sunday, December 15 from 1–4pm. *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* and *Growth Patterns: Work by Annelie Hankin* run November 7, 2024 – January 4, 2025.

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