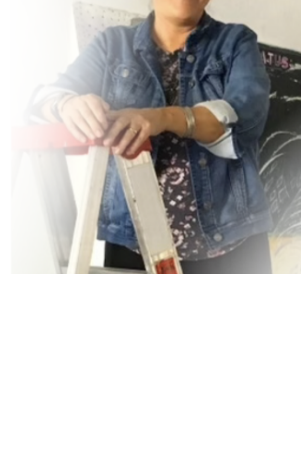


McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Artistic Director



Artistic Notes

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

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. As you may know, Jen received her MFA a few years back from George Mason University and she currently teaches printmaking classes there.

With a special interest and expertise in both drawing and printmaking, she has put together two exhibits that reflect these processes.

The exhibits run from November 7 through January 4, with an opening reception on November 14 from 7 – 9 PM.

In the Emerson Gallery, her exhibit *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* will include ten printmakers whose process involves working on or with wood.

Amelia Hankin will exhibit highly skilled drawings in the Atrium Gallery that focus directly on the natural world.

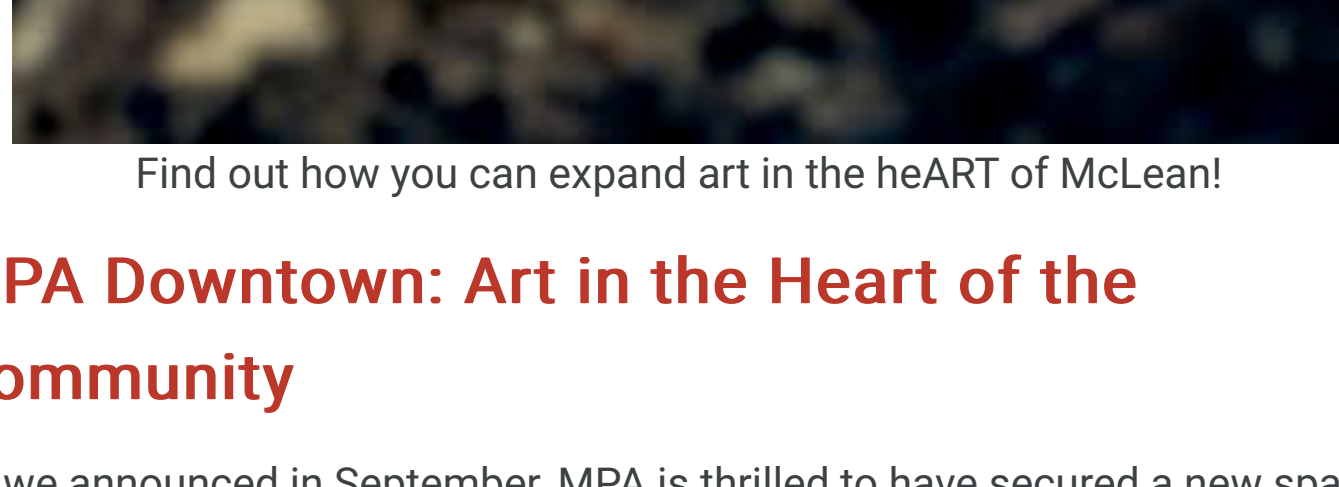
And as an extra special added component, Jen and board member Helen Frederick are working together to bring a special portfolio of small prints to the gallery during the exhibition that will be available for purchase during the month of December.

We're excited to focus on drawing and printmaking during November and December!

With warmest regards,

Nancy Sausser
MPA Artistic Director and Curator

[Learn More](#)



Find out how you can expand art in the heart of McLean!

MPA Downtown: Art in the Heart of the Community

As we announced in September, MPA is thrilled to have secured a new space in the Signet Building in downtown McLean, setting the stage for the development of a state-of-the-art arts and education center. This new facility will complement MPA's current programming at the McLean Community Center and is expected to open in September 2025.

Watch the video above to discover how you can join MPA in bringing the vision of this new Arts and Education Center to life in downtown McLean. Your support will make a material difference.

[Learn More](#)

McLean Project for the Arts Nov. 7, 2024 – Jan. 4, 2025

In The Galleries

Works: Steve Prince, Ben Niles, woodblock | Amelia Hankin, Growth Patterns, Carbon pencil and charcoal on stretched paper

Opening Reception | Thurs. Nov. 14, 2024 at 7pm

Emerson Gallery

Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood
Catherine Cole, Cheryl Edwards, Helen Frederick, John Latta, Jan Lee, Ursula W. Minner, Jonathan Polubuk, Steve Prince, Pat Sargent, Priscilla Young

Atrium Gallery

Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin

Tea & Talk | Wed. December 4, 2024 at 11am

Exhibition funded in part by the W. H. Rouse Johnson Foundation.

Save the Date: Fall Exhibitions Opening Reception Thursday, November 14

Mark your calendars and join MPA on November 7, 2024 through January 4, 2025 for our two fall exhibitions: *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood*, curated by MPA Assistant Curator and Gallery Manager Jennifer Lillis, and *Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin* (pictured above). An Opening Exhibition Reception will take place on Thursday, November 14 at 7pm.

- **About the Exhibitions**
- *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* (Emerson Gallery) will be an exhibition featuring a variety of printmaking techniques that explore the effect of material within creative practices. Pulling impressions from wood, the artists in the exhibit examine political theorist Jane Bennet's theory of "vital materialism"; that matter itself, even inanimate objects, hold life and are active participants in the printing process.

Visiting Our Galleries

The MPA Atrium Gallery is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Emerson Gallery is open for visitors Mondays through Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. We will also be open on Sunday, November 17 and Sunday, December 15 from 1-4pm.

[Learn More](#)

McLean Project for the Arts

FALL ART CLASSES

IN-STUDIO & ONLINE!

Fall Art Class Registration – *NEW* Classes Begin November 3!

If you haven't yet had a chance to register for a fall art class, it's not too late! MPA has several autumn offerings beginning in November. Don't miss out on the fun—register **NOW!**

- Adult Art Class Offerings:**
- *Landscape in Oil (In-Person)*, with **Joyce Lee** – Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning November 7
 - *Freedom of Watercolor (Virtual)* with **Barbara Januszkiewicz** – Thursdays, 10am-12pm, beginning November 7
 - **NEW!** *Portrait and Figure Painting*, with **Stephanie Chang** – Tuesdays, 10am-1pm, beginning November 12

Additionally, we are excited to once again offer our popular *Open Studio* – Saturdays, 10:30am-1:30pm, running through Saturday, November 23.

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

[Explore MPA Art Classes](#)



MPA ArtReach Fall Tours

Director Sharon Fishel has had a packed schedule of tours and outreach visits during our Fall Sculpture NOW exhibition. It's been wonderful to have so many diverse groups of varied ages visit the gallery and engage with the work.

Visitors have included FCPS elementary schools Hybla Valley and Westlawn as well as community groups from Vinson Hall, two visits from the Wellness Center for Older Adults, two SecondStory Safe Youth Programs, and outreach in the McLean community to both Lewinsville Middle School and McLean High School, and the SPARC solutions group that meets weekly at the Old Firehouse Teen Center.

MPA's ArtReach programming to our community partners extends the reach of our arts education and gallery exhibitions to individuals who might not otherwise have the opportunity for visual arts education. It's a key part of our mission and something that we're grateful to our donors for supporting!

To join us in supporting this outreach, watch for our upcoming #GivingTuesday and Annual Giving opportunities, coming soon to mpaart.org.

To make a contribution towards this outreach, visit our website at <https://mpaart.app.neoncrm.com/forms/22>.

Pictured: Recent ArtReach tours and activities.

[MPA ArtReach](#)



Stop into Our Ramp Gallery to See the Children's Art Walk!

While we didn't have MPAartfest this fall due to the renovation of McLean Central Park, we do once again have a Children's Art Walk, this year featuring art from the following 10 McLean area schools:

- Brookfield School
- The Country Day School
- Dolley Madison Preschool
- Franklin Sherman Elementary School
- Haycock Elementary School
- McLean High School
- The Montessori School of McLean
- Saint John the Beloved Academy
- Spring Hill Elementary School
- Falls Church-McLean Children's Center

The artwork will be on display in the ramp leading upstairs from the front MCC entrance from October 23 – December 14, and selected pieces will also be included in the new 2025 version of the Youth Art Walk at Dulles International Airport – our third year contributing art for this Dulles exhibition.

An opening reception will be held November 12, 4:30 - 6:30pm in MPA's Atrium Gallery, upstairs at the MCC.

Special thanks to the New Dominion Women's Club for their assistance installing this year's Children's Art Walk!



MPA in the News

The Wall Street Journal: *Event of the Year (Spring Benefit)* (10/21/2024)

East City Art: *McLean Project for the Arts Secures New Space and \$500,000 in County Support for New Arts and Education Center* (09/30/2024)

Greater Greater Washington: *Fairfax County Approves \$500k for New Arts Facility* (09/30/2024)

Tyson's Today: *McLean Project for the Arts Secures New Space and \$500,000 in County Support for New Arts and Education Center* (09/27/2024)

FFXNow: *County Funds Approved for Future Arts Center in Downtown McLean* (09/25/2024)

GazetteLeader: *County Officials Toss in \$500,000 to Help 'Catalyst' for McLean* (09/25/2024)

FFXNow: *Sculpture Exhibition Coming to McLean* (09/10/2024)

GazetteLeader: *Art Organizations Team Up for Sculpture Exhibition in McLean* (09/04/2024) (09/09/2024)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPA Calendar of Events

November 7, 2024 - January 4, 2025: *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* (Emerson Gallery) and *Growth Patterns: Works by Amelia Rankin* (Atrium Gallery)

November 7, 2024: MaxMara Fall/Winter 2024 collection preview, with special holiday styling presentation!

November 14, 2024: Fall Exhibitions Opening Reception, 7pm

November 17, 2024: MPA Galleries open 1-4pm

December 3, 2024: #GivingTuesday! Look for our Annual Giving Campaign mailer—coming soon!

December 15, 2024: MPA Galleries open 1-4pm

January 16 - February 22, 2025: Picked Together, We are Whole

January 16, 2025: Picked Together, We are Whole Opening Exhibition Reception, 7pm

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