

A message from our Executive Director



Artistic Notes

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

This is an inspiring time for McLean Project for the Arts and our community. We are excited to share updates about our programming and growth plans as we advance MPA's mission to connect our community through the arts.

We thank you for your ongoing support and recognize how vital you are to everything we do. While the DC area offers many museums, MPA stands out as an arts nonprofit by showcasing artists actively creating in our region today. In 2024, we proudly provided 75 professional artists and hundreds of student artists with opportunities to exhibit their work, fostering creativity and connection across our community.

We are also thrilled to share that **MPA is expanding!** This fall, we acquired a 6,000-square-foot space in downtown McLean to enhance our operations and establish the **Arts & Education Center**. This new facility will feature two stunning galleries, a teaching studio, and a vibrant café, enriching McLean's cultural and economic vitality. It also offers MPA an important source of operating revenue, ensuring our sustainability as we continue to serve the community.

At the same time, we remain focused on the programs you know and love. Our current exhibitions, *Vibrant Matter* and *Growth Patterns*, showcase thought-provoking work by talented regional artists. Additionally, on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 11am, we'll host a *Vibrant Matter* curator's talk with Jen Lillis and artist, Pyramid Atlantic founder, and MPA board member Helen Frederick in the Emerson Gallery. This winter and spring, our art classes will welcome students of all ages and skill levels. Additionally, our **MPA ArtReach** program continues to grow, bringing art to underserved populations across the region.

As we close out this exciting year, we aim to raise **\$100,000 by December 31** to sustain our work and embark on this new chapter. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact. Please make your **tax-deductible donation** today—online or by mail—and help us inspire creativity and connection throughout the community.

Thank you for being a vital part of MPA's journey. Together, we create, inspire, and build a legacy of connecting art and community.

Wishing you a joyful and healthy holiday season!

With warmest regards,

Lori Carbonneau MPA Executive Director

Support MPA's 2024 Annual Giving Campaign

McLean Project for the Arts





Works: Steve Prince, Blue Notes, woodblock | Amelia Hankin, Growth Patterns, Carbon pencil and charcoal on archival paper Opening Reception | Thurs. Nov, 14, 2024 at 7pm

Exhibitions funded in part by the O'Shaughnessy Foundation.

Nov. 7, 2024 – Jan. 4, 2025

Emerson Gallery Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood Catherine Cole, Cheryl Edwards, Helen Frederick, Jake Lahah, Jun Lee, Ursula W Minervini, Jonathon Poliszuk, Steve Prince, Pat Sargent, Priscilla Young

Atrium Gallery Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin

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

Now Showing: Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood and Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin

Join MPA now through January 4, 2025 for our two fall/winter exhibitions: *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* and *Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin*.

Working your way through your holiday shopping list? **Stop by MPA during gallery open hours to shop our print portfolio fundraiser.** Featuring work from over 16 printmakers from DC, Maryland, and Virginia, these affordable prints make a great holiday gift!

Additionally, on Saturday, January 4, at 11am, prior to the MCC anniversary kickoff celebration, we'll host a *Vibrant Matter* curator's talk with Jen Lillis and artist, Pyramid Atlantic founder, and MPA board member Helen Frederick in the Emerson Gallery. That will be the final day to see the art in the *Vibrant Matter* and *Growth Patterns* exhibitions as well as the final day of our Print Portfolio fundraiser.

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, December 15 from 1-4pm.



Winter Art Class Registration Now Open!

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 many of our long-time favorites, as well as **exciting new options**, such as **Plein Air with Stephanie Chang**. We're also pleased to offer another season of **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper Workshops with instructor Ronni Jolles**. Unless otherwise noted, classes will take place in our DuVal Studio.

Adult offerings include:

- Intro to Oil with Stephanie Chang -- Tuesdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning January 21
- Drawing and Painting Studio with David Carlson -- Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, beginning January 23
- Freedom of Watercolor with Barbara J. -- Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning January 23
- Drawing Basics with Ahmed Zaidan (Adult) -- Saturdays, 2-4pm, beginning January 25
- Cross Currents in Contemporary Art with Sharon Fishel (Off-site
- Class)-- Fridays, 1-3:30pm, beginning March 7
 Exploring Landscapes with Pastels with Bryan Jernigan, Sundays, 2-
- 4:30pm, beginning March 9
- **Portrait and Figure Painting with Stephanie Chang**, Tuesdays, 10am-1pm, beginning April 22
- NEW! Plein Air with Stephanie Chang, Wednesdays, 9:30am-12:00pm, beginning April 23
- Landscape in Oil with Joyce Lee -- Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning April 24

Workshop offerings include:

- Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Italian Townhouses with
- Ronni Jolles, January 19, 2025 from 1-4pm
 Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Village on a Hill with Ronni
- Jolles, March 2, 2025 from 1-4pm
 Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Trees in the Springtime with Ronni Jolles, April 6, 2025 from 1-4pm
- Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: French Villa with Garden with Ronni Jolles, May 18, 2025 from 1-4pm

Open Studio

We're also pleased to announce the return of our always-popular Open Studio, with sessions on **Saturdays from 10:30am-1:30pm, beginning January 25.** Full-session registration is available, as well as drop-in pricing (\$20/session).

Youth offerings include:

- Abrakadoodle Twoosy Doodlers -- Fridays 10-10:45am, beginning January 24. Ages 20-36 months
- Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers -- Fridays, 11am-12pm, beginning January 24. Ages 3-6 years
- Drawing Basics with Ahmed Zaidan (Teen) -- Saturdays, 2-4pm, beginning January 25
- Abrakadoodle Doodlers -- Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm, beginning January 27. Ages 7-12

Holiday Shopping? MPA Art Classes Make a Great Gift! Still searching for holiday gifts? 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!

Explore MPA Art Classes



MPA ArtReach Continues Second Story Partnership

ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel enjoyed hosting a group of participants from Second Story's Safe Youth Project in Springfield for a visit to our galleries last week, including a tour of our two current exhibitions.

We are grateful for this long-time partnership with Second Story, and their impactful community programs, and always enjoy the opportunity to share our exhibitions and art projects with these enthusiastic and creative young people! Thanks to their program coordinator, Anthony Tran, for scheduling this visit!

As you make your year-end gifts, please remember MPA and help us continue this outreach to underserved people in our community.

You can make a gift here or on our website at www.mpaart.org.

Pictured: Safe Youth Group Project tour and activity

MPA ArtReach

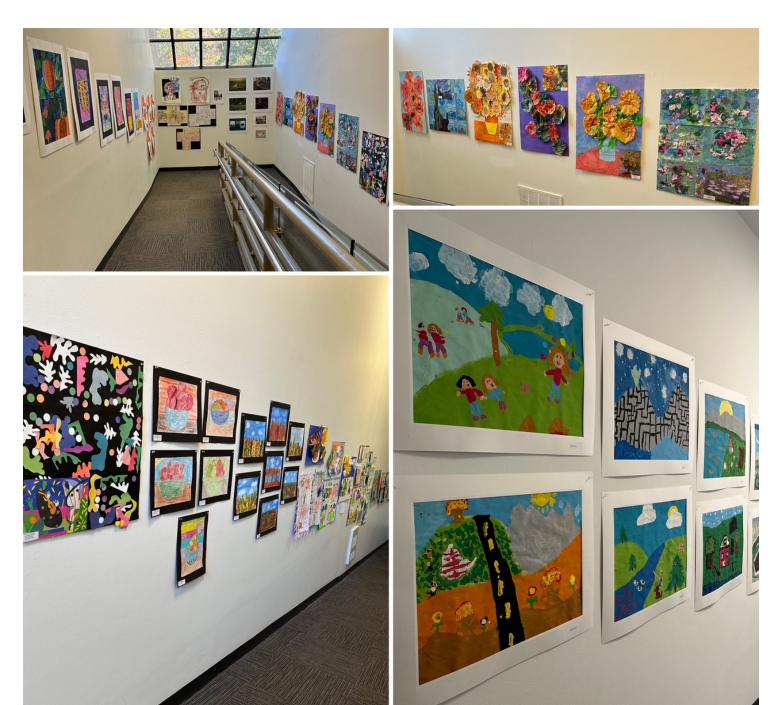


McLean Winterfest Parade!

MPA was thrilled to be part of the 2024 McLean Winterfest Parade this past Sunday--a magical celebration of community and creativity! After a four-year hiatus, this beloved tradition made its long-awaited comeback, thanks to the amazing work of local volunteers and the McLean Revitalization Corporation (MRC).

We loved seeing so many smiling faces at our Kids' Art Activity on the stage at Langley Shopping Center, where budding artists got creative before the parade began.

A huge thank you to our incredible board member, Kitty Gonzalez, for her dedication in making this event such a success, and to MPA Summer Camp instructor Nathan Johnson for his support. From floats to marching bands, Winterfest brought the spirit of the season to Old Chain Bridge Road!



Last Week 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:

- Brooksfield School
- The Country Day School
- Dolley Madison PreschoolFranklin 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 through 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.

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

MPA Holiday Hours

Please note that MPA's Emerson Gallery and administrative offices will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23 through Wednesday January 1, 2025.



MPA in the News

The Patch: 5 McLean Nonprofits to Support this Holiday Season (11/26/2024)

Washingtonian: Things to Do in the DC Area This Weekend [Winter Exhibitions Opening Reception] (11/22/2024)

East City Art: Sculpture NOW 2024 at

McLean Project for the Arts (11/11/2024) **TysonsToday:** Fall/Winter Exhibitions

Debut at McLean Project for the Arts (11/09/2024)

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



MPA Calendar of Events

Through January 4, 2025: *Vibrant Matter: Works from Wood* and *Growth Patterns: Work by Amelia Hankin* -- Stop by during gallery open hours to shop our Print Portfolio Fundraiser

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

December 23, 2024 - **January 1, 2025**: MPA's galleries and administrative offices closed

January 4, 2025, 11am: *Vibrant Matter* curator's talk with Jen Lillis and artist, Pyramid Atlantic founder, and MPA board member Helen Frederick

January 4, 2025, 6-7pm: MPA galleries open for MCC 50th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration

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

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

March 4-16, 2025: Youth Art Show (McLean Pyramid)

March 19-26, 2025: Youth Art Show (Langley Pyramid)

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1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101 Gallery Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm Administrative Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm

Hours and Directions | www.mpaart.org | 703.790.1953