

A message from our Executive Director



### **Artistic Notes**

Dear MPA Friends and Supporters,

MPA is thrilled to announce that our new Arts & Education Center is on track to open late this year! This exciting expansion will complement our existing gallery and classroom spaces at the McLean Community Center, where we'll continue to host exhibitions, classes, and programs in collaboration with our valued partner, McLean Community Center.

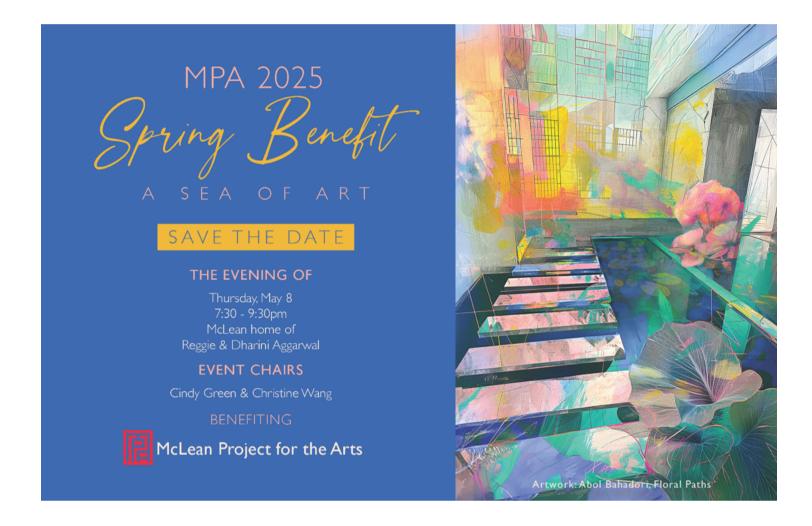
The new center will further enhance our ability to serve the community by adding three vibrant galleries, professional exhibition spaces, and a fully equipped ceramics studio. With this growth, MPA will be able to offer even more outstanding exhibitions, deliver top-notch educational programming for students of all ages, and provide an additional hub for artistic innovation and community engagement.

Located in a beautifully designed space in the heart of McLean, the new Arts & Education Center will also feature Café Monett, a cozy spot where visitors can relax and connect while enjoying locally sourced beverages and bites. This expansion reflects MPA's mission to promote and sustain the visual arts and represents a significant milestone in our 60+ year history.

We invite you to learn more about the project—including ways you can get involved—by visiting our website. Together, we can continue to make art accessible, inspiring, and enriching for all.

With warmest regards, Lori Carbonneau MPA Executive Director

#### Learn More About MPA Downtown



### Save the Date! Spring Benefit 2025 is May 8!

McLean Project for the Arts' signature spring fête, Spring Benefit, will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025 in McLean, VA, at the home of Reggie and Dharini Aggarwal. MPA relies on the funds raised at Spring Benefit to further its mission to educate and inspire the community through contemporary visual arts exhibitions and arts education programs—including MPA ArtReach, which extends these exhibitions into the community through gallery tours and workshops for FCPS Title I elementary schools and other underserved groups who encounter obstacles in accessing the visual arts. Cindy Green and Christine Wang will co-chair this year's event.





#### Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk Tues. Feb. 11

Join MPA this Tuesday, February 11 at 11 am for a Tea & Talk. Join the MPA staff and some of our exhibiting artists for a cup of tea and discuss our winter exhibitions, *Pieced Together, We are Whole* and *Playing with Shadows: Works by Liz Lescault.* 

MPA's Winter Exhibitions sponsored in part by the O'Shaughnessy-Hurst Foundation. Both shows run through February 22, 2025.

#### 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.

**Exhibition Information** 



### **Register NOW for MPA Summer Art Camp!**

Registration for MPA's 2025 Summer Art Camps is now open. 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 6 to 18.

Offerings include MPA Art Camps (ages 6-13) and our CIT program, for students age 14-18. Sessions run June 23-August 8, 2025. 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 Art Across the World (*NEW!*), Mask-querade!, Comic Books, 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

**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 Now for MPA Summer Art Camp



## 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** and **Assemblage Alchemy**: **Turning Found Objects into Art with Zofie King.** 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.

Limited availability remains in the following classes:

- Colorful Mixed Media with M. Jane Johnson -- Mondays, 10am-
- 1pm, beginning April 7 -- Mondays, 10am-1pm, beginning April 7
  Cross Currents in Contemporary Art with Sharon Fishel (Off-site
- Class)-- Fridays, 1-3:30pm, beginning March 7
  Portrait and Figure Painting with Stephanie Chang -- Tuesdays, 10am-1pm, beginning April 22
- Creating Artwork with Layered Paper Workshop: Village on a Hill, March 2, 2025 from 1-4pm
- Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers (Ages 3-6 years) -- Fridays, 11am-12pm, beginning April 11
- Abrakadoodle Doodlers (Ages 7-12 years) -- Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm, beginning April 17
- Twoosy Doodlers (Ages 20-36 months) -- Fridays, 10-10:45am, beginning April 11

#### **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.** Full-session registration is available, as well as drop-in pricing (\$20/session).

#### Explore MPA Art Classes



## MPA ArtReach Deepens Community Partnerships

MPA ArtReach is enjoying visits from community partners to our two current gallery exhibitions—*Pieced Together, We are Whole* and *Playing With Shadows: Works by Liz Lescault.* 

With the McLean SPARC Solutions group currently meeting in the McLean Community Center while the Old Firehouse is undergoing renovation, it's provided the opportunity to set up a schedule of bi-weekly time with their group — both for in-gallery visits to see our exhibitions, and for related workshops to create their own works of art.

During this week's workshop, ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel worked with the group and their helpers to create collage projects in the style of the quilt works they saw last week on a gallery tour of "Pieced Together: We are Whole."

The project allowed group members with limited functional movement capability to select and place pieces of their collage, as illustrated in the photos. MPA's Curator and Director of Exhibitions Nancy Sausser commented that "piecing is an important part of the process," and was pleased to see how the group's work connected to the artwork they had visited earlier.

Special thanks to SPARC Solutions staff member Elissa Juskalian for helping to make these regular visits possible! And thanks as well to some of our other ongoing community partners —including weekly visits with the Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax, (both for weekly classes with themes relating to natural sources and art history, as well as occasional gallery visits); and ongoing in-classroom art activity visits with the McLean High School Special Ed program and Longfellow Middle School art department; and continuing virtual classes with ServiceSource groups, averaging an exciting 40-60 participants each week!

To make a donation in support of our MPA ArtReach program, visit our website.

MPA ArtReach



## Coming Soon: 2025 Youth Art Shows

McLean Pyramid Art Show: March 4-16, 2025 Langley Pyramid Art Show: March 19-26, 2025 Mark your calendars and join MPA for our annual Youth Art Shows.

Stop by MPA March 4-16 for our McLean Pyramid show (Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, March 6 4:30-6 pm) and again March 19-26 for our Langley Pyramid exhibition (Opening Exhibition Reception Thursday, March 20 from 4:30-6pm). Our galleries will also be open for extended hours on Sunday, March 9 from 1-4pm, Sunday, March 16 from 1-4pm, and Sunday, March 23 from 1-4pm.





### **Back for 2025: MPAartfest!**

MPA is thrilled to announce that, after last year's hiatus, MPAartfest will return to McLean Central Park on Sunday, October 5, 2025! Stay tuned for more information and further details! We can't wait to continue this treasured tradition of connecting art and community.





## MPA in the News

**Arlington Magazine:** The Best Summer Day Camps In and Around Arlington (01/25/2025)

**McLean Connection:** MPA to Open Winter Exhibitions January 16 (01/15/2025)

**Arlington Connection:** MPA to Open Winter Exhibitions January 16 (01/15/2025)

Arlington Magazine: Fun Things to Do This January [Winter Exhibitions] (12/30/2024)

# MPA Calendar of Events

**February 2025:** MPA Summer Art Camp registration is now open!

**February 11, 2025**: Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk, 11am

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

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

**April 10-June 24, 2025**: Spring Solos, featuring work by Jackie Hoysted, Elon Surakikoson and Heidi Fowler

**April 10, 2025:** Spring Solos Opening Exhibition Reception, 7-9pm

**May 8, 2025:** Spring Benefit 2025, at the home of Dharini & Reggie Aggarwal (More information to follow!)

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