



McLean Project for the Arts

A message from our Executive Director



Artistic Notes

Thank you, MPA Community, for a Fantastic 2025 MPAartfest!

We were thrilled to welcome the community to our 18th MPAartfest last Sunday, October 5. It was a fabulous and joyful fall day in the newly renovated McLean Central Park, and wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate the arts!

We are grateful to the [McLean Community Center](#) for once again supporting MPAartfest as our Lead Community Sponsor, and to the [Fairfax County Park Authority](#) for their ongoing partnership in presenting this event. We offer further special thanks to:

- Our amazing community of artists who joined us in presenting their work
- The fabulously talented musicians, once again curated by board member and musician Ken Avis
- Our two Summer Art Camp and FCPS art teachers who led our Children's Art activities
- The many McLean community organizations and their leaders who joined the celebration through their presence in the Community Leaders' tent
- Our longtime board member and supporter Jill Young, who brought the park to life this year with her spectacular Yarn Bombing installation!

Bringing joy through the visual arts to our community is one of the most rewarding parts of my role at McLean Project for the Arts, and celebrations like MPAartfest are definitely a highlight!

Many of you asked during MPAartfest about the progress of our expansion into our new [MPA Berlage Center for Arts & Education](#) in the heart of McLean. The construction phase of our project is underway and we will be keeping the community updated as plans for opening the center and the new programming offerings and amenities this expansion will provide. We'll have more to share soon, and meanwhile, hope you'll join us for an upcoming exhibition or art class!

Warmly,
Lori Carboneau
MPA Executive Director

MPA Berlage Arts & Education Center



As seen on NBC4 News Washington

Now Showing! *Women Artists of the DMV*

Join us Saturday, October 25 at 11am for an Artist Talk!

September 11 - November 1, 2025
Artist Talk: Saturday, October 25, 11am

The first-ever survey of the many talented female visual artists from the DMV (District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, Washington D.C. area), *Women Artists of the DMV* is curated by Lenny Campello. McLean Project for the Arts is one of 18 major art spaces staging the event in Fall 2025.

Artists whose work is on display at MPA include:

[Shiri Achu](#), [Patricia Autenrieth](#), [Michele Banks](#), [Ann Barbieri](#), [Denée Barr](#), [Carol Barsha](#), [Holly Bass](#), [Karin Birch](#), [Liliane Blom](#), [Kristin Bohlander](#), [Laurie Breen](#), [Maria Brito](#), [Dianne Bugash](#), [Melissa Burley](#), [Anne Calamuci](#), [Sue Canuteson](#), [Rachel Carren](#), [Mei Mei Chang](#), [Hsin-Hsi Chen](#), [Irene Clouthier](#), [Shella Crider](#), [Jacqui Crocetta](#), [Joan Danziger](#), [Catherine Day](#), [Jen Droblyen](#), [Cheryl Edwards](#), [Rita Elsner](#), [Felisa Federman](#), [Jill Finsen](#), [Helena Gallegos O'Neill](#), [Janis Goodman](#), [Freya Grand](#), [Beatrice Hamblett](#), [Elyse Harrison](#), [Mira Hecht](#), [Dorothy Hickson](#), [Jackie Hoysted](#), [Anna Katakina](#), [Lori Katz](#), [Linda Lawler](#), [Kyujin Lee](#), [Liz Lescault](#), [Taina Litwak](#), [Julia Malakoff](#), [Carolina Mayorga](#), [Donna McCullough](#), [Camille Mosley-Pasley](#), [Susana Raab](#), [Lesley Riley](#), [April Shelford](#), [Judy Southerland](#), [Hillary Steel](#), and [Ellyn Weiss](#).

Visit our website for more information, and please join us on October 25 for the artist talk.

Exhibition Information



MPAartfest 2025: Thank You!

Sincere thanks to everyone who joined us on Sunday, October 5 for our 18th annual MPAartfest!

On behalf of the MPA staff and organizing committee, thank you to everyone who helped make this amazing day possible—our many community sponsors, our hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers, and, of course, all of those art lovers in attendance.

In addition to the 35+ accomplished and varied artists curated into the event, special highlights included a full day of fabulous music on the MPAartfest Music Stage, produced again by our music impresario, Ken Avis. We also thank the New Dominion Women's Club for again beautifully organizing our Children's Art Walk. (Work from the Children's Art Walk is currently on display in the MPA Ramp Gallery—stop by during the Children's Art Walk to view these wonderful pieces.)

MPAartfest 2025 was made possible with the generous support of our lead community sponsors, McLean Community Center and Fairfax County Park Authority, along with committed members of our community including but not limited to TTR Sotheby's International Realty, Transurban, The Mather, BOWA, Anne Marie and Jerry Marenburg, Deirdre Maull Orthodontics, Interstate, and more.

MPAartfest 2025



MPA Fall Art Classes -- It's Not Too Late to Register!

If you've been meaning to register for an autumn art class or workshop but haven't gotten around to it yet, [there is still time to join the fall fun!](#)

Classes and workshops starting over the next few weeks include:

- **Colorful Mixed Media Paintings**, with M. Jane Johnson, Mondays, 10am-1pm, beginning Oct. 20
- **Freedom of Watercolor**, with Barbara J., Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning Oct. 23

Workshops taking place later in the fall include:

- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Waterlilies**, with Ronni Jolles, October 26
- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Window with Flowers**, with Ronni Jolles, November 9
- **NEW! Painted Leather Bag Workshop**, with Nanette Catigbe, November 23
- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Southwestern View**, with Ronni Jolles, December 14

And don't forget our [Saturday Open Studio](#) sessions. Offered as a series or \$20/session (drop in), Open Studio will offer a variety of model poses.

Visit our website to read all the details on these classes and to register: <https://mpaart.org/education/art-classes/>.
Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions.

Register Now for MPA Fall Art Classes



Busy Fall for MPA ArtReach!

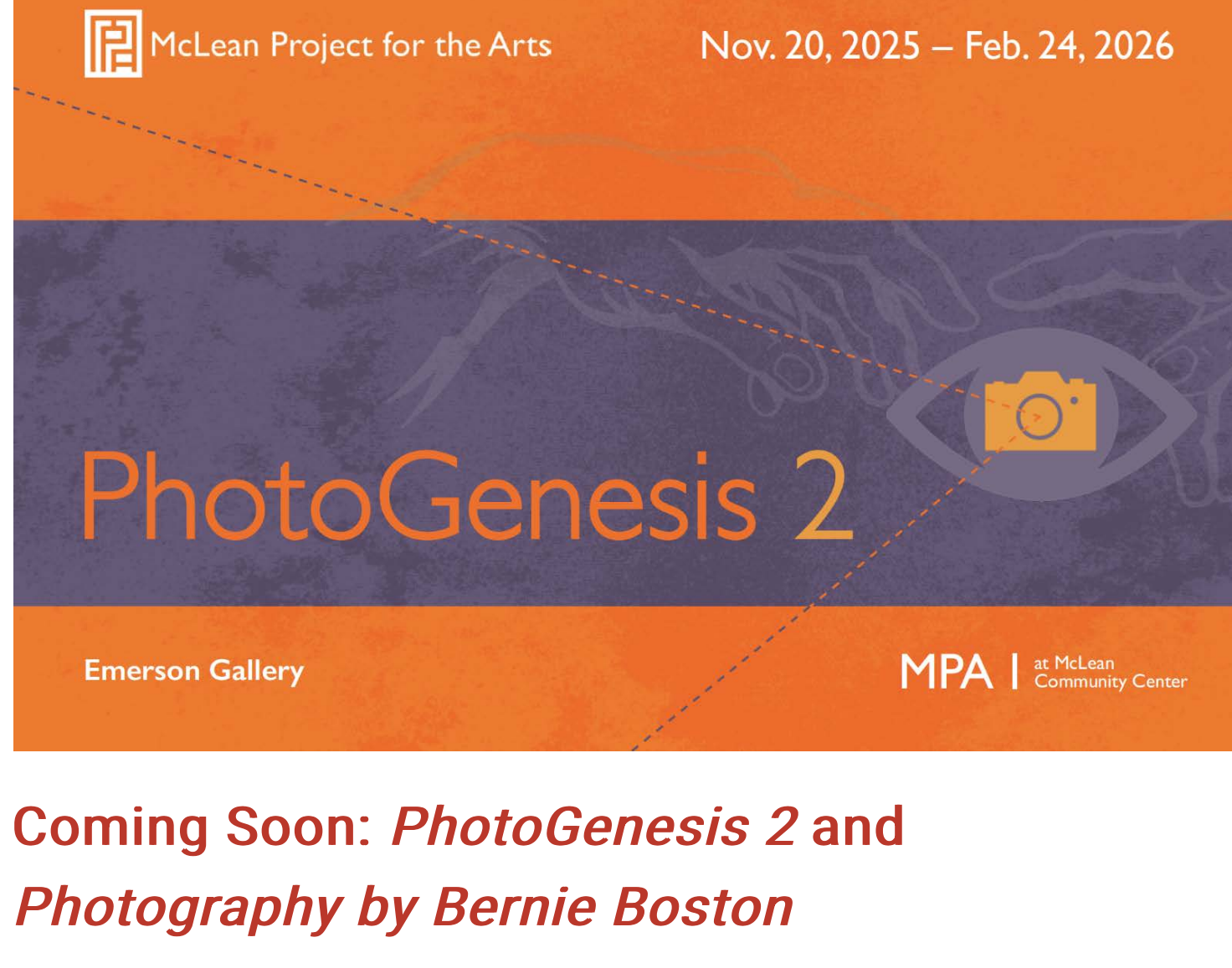
ArtReach and Director Sharon Fishel have had a very busy fall with tours for 10 groups to our current Women Artists of the DMV exhibition! We love welcoming school and community groups to see our exhibitions, and participate in related art projects when time allows. Visitors recently include two groups from The Wellness Center for Older Adults, the Women's Club of Greater Reston, Seniors in Action from the McLean Community Center, and Flint Hill High School senior Portfolio Art students. And we have scheduled groups visiting soon from the Vinson Hall senior community and a first-time visit from the Encore Program for Arlington seniors.

Sharon has also visited the McLean High School Special Ed department again for ArtReach art projects related to women artists and particularly Georgia O'Keeffe, the SPARC program meeting at the Old Firehouse, and started working with the new "Go Green!" program at Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean.

If you have a group or work at a school that would be interested in benefiting from our ArtReach, please contact bclorey@mpaart.org.

To support our ArtReach program, which aims to make visual arts education accessible to all in our community, please visit: <https://mpaart.app.neoncrm.com/forms/annual-giving-2024-2025>.

MPA ArtReach



Coming Soon: *PhotoGenesis 2* and

Photography by Bernie Boston

November 6, 2025 – February 24, 2026: *Photography by Bernie Boston*

November 20, 2025 – February 24, 2026: *PhotoGenesis 2*

Bernie Boston Opening Exhibition Reception: November 6, 2025 from 4-6pm
***PhotoGenesis 2* Opening Exhibition Reception:** November 20, 2025 from 7-9pm

Join MPA this November for our two winter exhibitions, *PhotoGenesis 2* and *Photography by Bernie Boston*.

PhotoGenesis 2 (Emerson Gallery)

This open call show, curated by MPA's Artistic Director and Curator, Nancy Sausser, will include work that springs from photographic images, ideas or techniques.

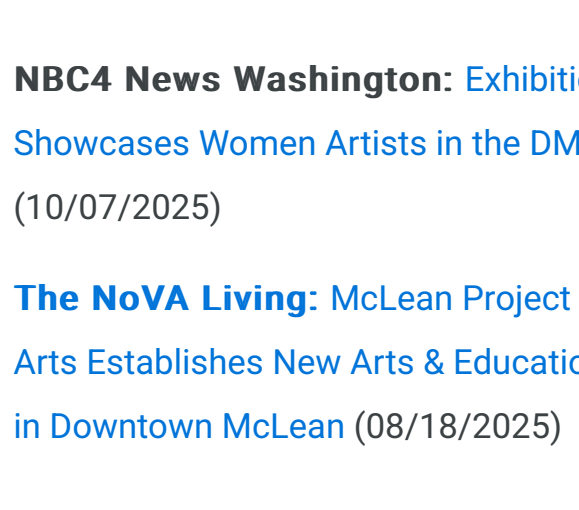
Photography by Bernie Boston (Atrium Gallery)

Bernie Boston was a long time McLean resident and award-winning photo journalist who was the first African American member of the White House press corps, serving every president from Truman through Clinton. The Atrium Gallery exhibit will feature framed photographs from his fascinating career.



The exhibit is a collaboration between MPA and the Friends of Historic Pleasant Grove Church in McLean and will be held concurrently in the Atrium Gallery and at Pleasant Grove Church. For more info on Bernie Boston, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bernie_Boston

Upcoming Exhibitions



NBC4 News Washington: Exhibition
Showcases Women Artists in the DMV
(10/07/2025)

The NoVA Living: McLean Project for the Arts Establishes New Arts & Education Center in Downtown McLean (08/18/2025)

MPA Calendar of Events

October 25, 2025: 11am *Women Artists of the DMV* Artist Talk, 11am

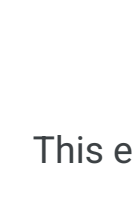
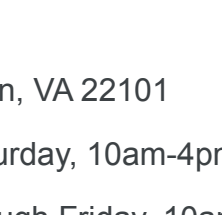
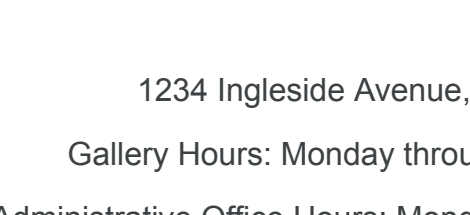
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