

McLean Project for the Arts



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It's an exciting and inspiring time here at MPA!

We are taking the next step towards our future, expanding Art in the HeART of McLean through the new **MPA Berlage Center for Arts & Education**. With purpose-built gallery, studio, and café spaces, we are creating an inspiring home for artists and a welcoming place for learning, making, and community celebrations—and *we need your help!*

Your support fuels MPA's next chapter and strengthens the exhibitions, education, and outreach programs that bring art to people of all ages and abilities in our community. Annual gifts provide the foundation that allows MPA to grow, innovate, and welcome visitors into inspiring spaces across our expanding campus.

Every dollar you give sustains our programs and operations, ensuring MPA continues to inspire, create, and connect our community. **Please help us continue providing extraordinary artistic experiences by making your tax-deductible gift today.**

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey!

(*Remember: All donations made by midnight on December 31 are tax-deductible towards your 2025 income taxes.)

Make Your 2025 Annual Giving Contribution



Call for Proposals — 2026/2027 Spring Solo Submissions Now Accepted

Attention Mid-Atlantic artists: **MPA is currently seeking exhibition proposals for Spring 2026/2027!**

Artists from DC, VA, MD, PA, NJ, DE, and WV are invited to submit exhibition or project proposals for display in one of MPA's five galleries. The exhibition dates for the 2026 Spring Solos are April 30 – June 13, 2026. (Spring 2027 dates TBD.) Exhibition proposals will be reviewed by the curatorial team of the McLean Project for the Arts. Selected artists will receive a \$500 honorarium.

Deadline for Submissions: January 20, 2026 at 11:59pm
Exhibition Dates: April 30 – June 13, 2026 (Spring 2027 dates TBA)

WHERE: McLean Project for the Arts' Emerson and Atrium Galleries, as well as the new galleries at **MPA's Berlage Arts & Education Center**

HOW: Additional rules and submission instructions are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpaspringsolos2026>

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Jennifer Lillis, Gallery Manager, at jlillis@mpaart.org with questions or for more information

Apply Now!



Register Now for a Winter Art Class

Sessions begin January 22!

This winter, unlock your inner artist—join McLean Project for the Arts for a **winter art class**. **Registration is underway, and classes begin January 22.** Register early to secure your spot—popular classes fill quickly! Whether you want to fine tune your skills or try your hand at something new, MPA has exciting offerings for every age and ability. (Already planning for spring? Our spring class registration lineup is also available.)

MPA's winter lineup includes many long-time favorites, as well as **exciting new options**, such as **Change-It-or-Save-It Studio**, with **M. Jane Johnson**.

Unless otherwise noted, classes will take place in our DuVal Studio.

Adult offerings for winter include:

- **Drawing and Painting Studio with David Carlson** -- Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, beginning January 22
- **Drawing Basics with Ahmed Zaidan** -- Saturdays, 2-4pm, beginning January 24
- **NEW! Change-It-or-Save-It Studio with M. Jane Johnson** -- Mondays, 10am-1pm, beginning January 26
- **Intro to Oil with Stephanie Chang** -- Tuesdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning January 27
- **Landscape in Oil with Joyce Lee** -- Thursdays, 10am-12:30pm, beginning January 29

For spring adult classes, [click here](#).

Workshop offerings include:

- **Beginning Video Editing with Gregory Staley** -- February 7, 2026
- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Lighthouse, with Ronni Jolles**, -- February 22, 2026
- **Perspective of Lavender Fields with Ronni Jolles** -- March 8, 2026
- **Pastel Landscapes for the Complete Beginner, with Bryan Jernigan** -- March 22, 2026
- **Creating Artwork with Layered Paper: Trees in Springtime, with Ronni Jolles** -- May 17, 2026
- **NEW! Impressionistic Florals in Pastel, with Nanette Catigbe** -- Sunday, April 12

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 24**. 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 23. Ages 20-36 months
- **Abrakadoodle Mini Doodlers** -- Fridays, 11am-12pm, beginning January 23. Ages 3-6 years
- **Drawing Basics with Ahmed Zaidan (Teen)** -- Saturdays, 2-4pm, beginning January 24
- **Abrakadoodle Doodlers** -- Mondays, 4:30-5:30pm, beginning January 26. Ages 7-12

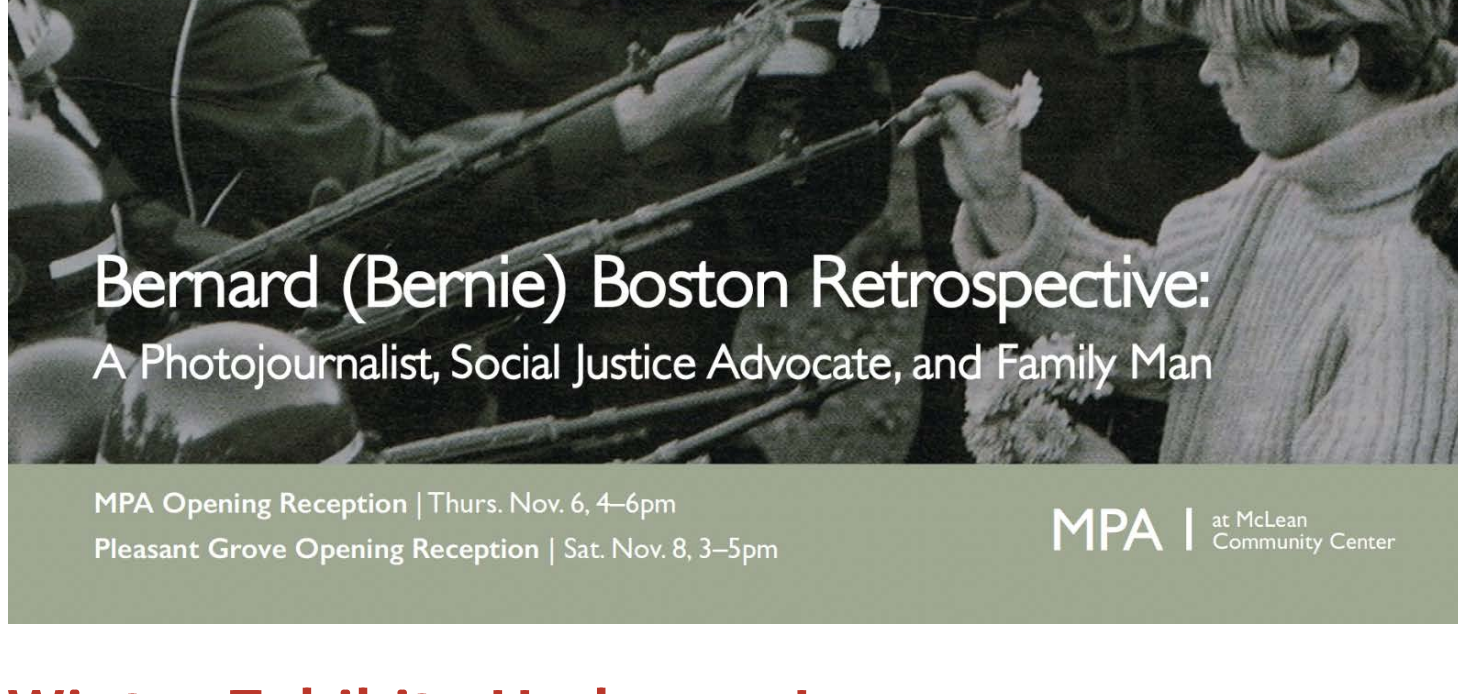
Teen artists (age 14+) are welcome to join Ronni Jolles for her Layered Paper Series of workshops.

For spring youth art class offerings, [visit our website](#).

Visit our website to read all the details and to register: <https://mpaart.org/education/art-classes/>.

Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions.

Register for a Winter Art Class



Winter Exhibits Underway!

Join MPA in February for Two Exciting Exhibition Events

Visit MPA now through February 24, 2026 to explore our current exhibitions, *PhotoGenesis 2* and *Bernard (Bernie) Boston Retrospective: A Photojournalist, Social Justice Advocate, and Family Man*.

MPA will host two exhibition events to kick off the New Year:

- Artist Talk -- Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 11am-1pm
- Tea & Talk -- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 11am.

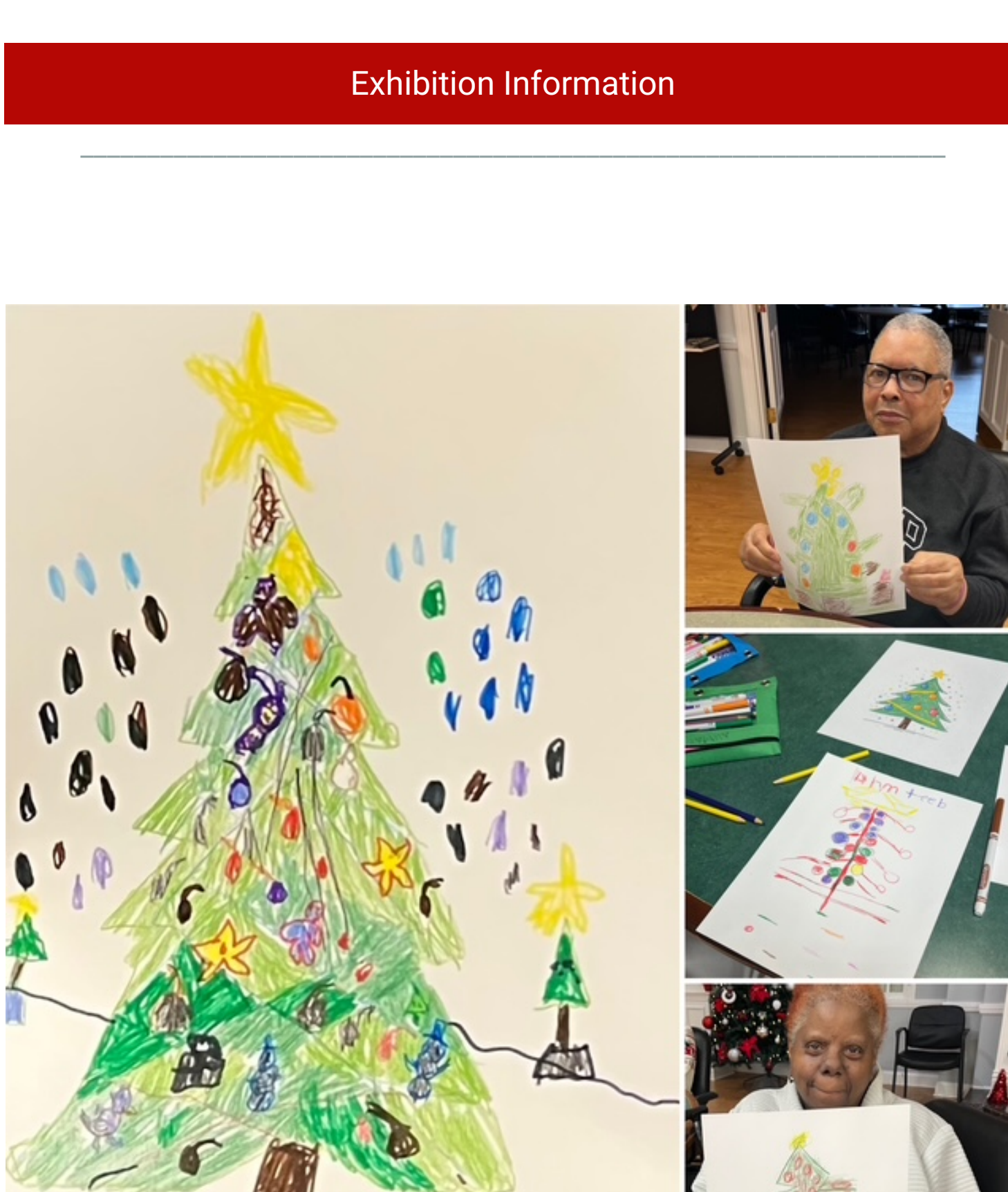
Viewing the Exhibitions

Bernard (Bernie) Boston Retrospective: A Photojournalist, Social Justice Advocate, and Family Man runs through February 24, 2026, and is on display in MPA's Atrium Gallery. A collaboration between MPA and the Friends of Historic Pleasant Grove Church in McLean, the exhibit is being held concurrently in MPA's Atrium Gallery and at the Historic Pleasant Grove Church.

The MPA Atrium Gallery is available for viewing during McLean Community Center operating hours. The Historic Pleasant Grove exhibition is available for viewing December 21 from 2-4pm; January 11 and 25 from 2-4pm; and February 8 and 22 from 2-4pm.

The MPA Emerson Gallery, which features the *PhotoGenesis 2* Exhibition, is available for viewing Monday - Saturday from 10am-4pm. Please note, the MPA Emerson Gallery and administrative office will be closed December 24, 2025 to January 1, 2026.

Exhibition Information

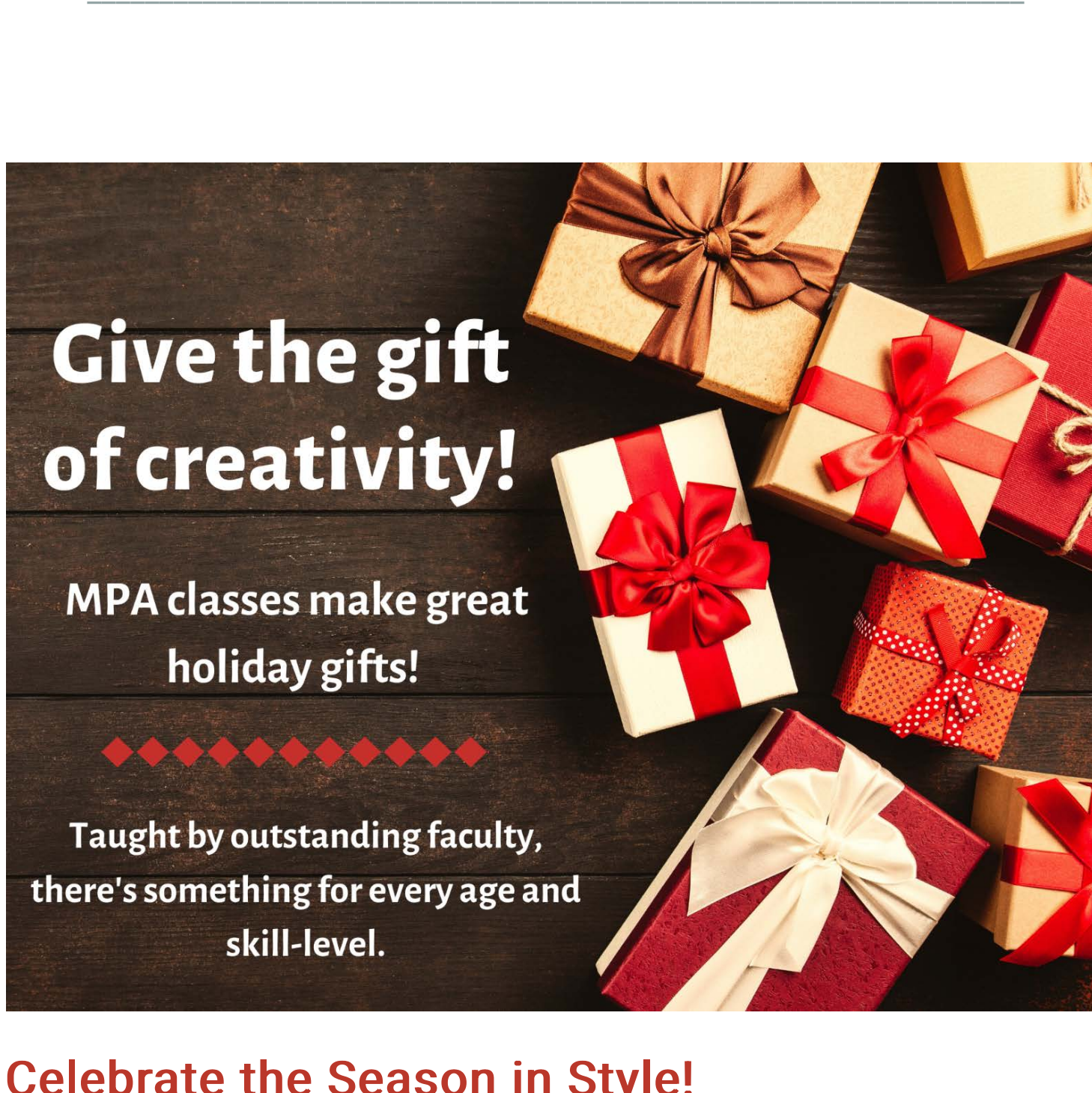


Happy Holidays from MPA ArtReach!

Happy Holidays from ArtReach Director Sharon Fishel and her students at the Wellness Center for Older Adults in Fairfax! These weekly classes inspire the participant's creativity and are a joy to witness every week.

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



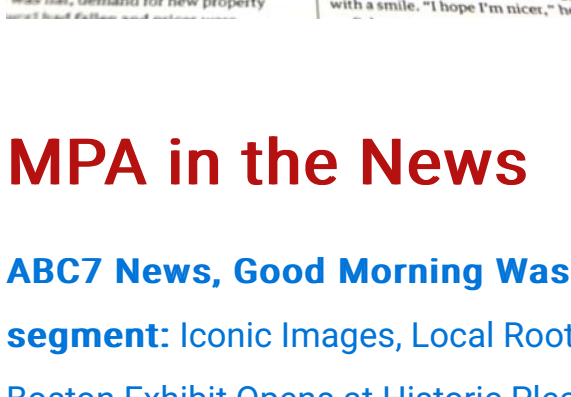
Celebrate the Season in Style!

Looking to get a head start on your holiday shopping? 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 winter and spring classes, [visit our website](#).

Contact Briana Clorey at bclorey@mpaart.org with questions—and register early to secure your spot!

Explore Class Offerings



MPA in the News

ABC7 News, Good Morning Washington Segment: Iconic Images, Local Roots: **Bernie Boston Exhibit Opens at Historic Pleasant Grove Church** (11/12/2025)

Center for Nonprofit Advancement Member Spotlight (November 2025)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MPA Calendar of Events

Through February 24, 2026: *PhotoGenesis 2* (Emerson Gallery) and *Bernard (Bernie) Boston Retrospective: A Photojournalist, Social Justice Advocate, and Family Man* (Atrium Gallery)

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Thursday, January 1, 2026: MPA administrative offices closed

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026: Tea & Talk, 11am

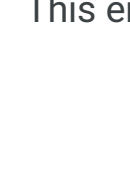
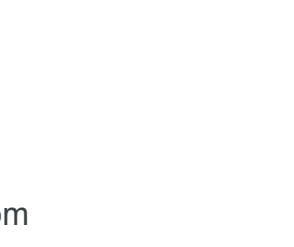
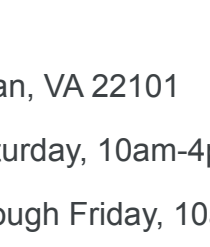
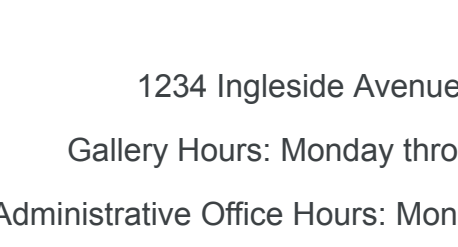
March 5-15, 2026: Langley Pyramid Youth Art Show

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March 19-April 6, 2026: McLean Pyramid Youth Art Show

March 19, 2026: McLean Pyramid, Youth Art Show Opening Exhibition Reception, 4:30-6pm

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Administrative Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 10am-4pm

[Hours and Directions](#) | www.mpaart.org | 703.790.1953

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