



McLean Project for the Arts

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MEDIA ADVISORY

McLean Project for the Arts to Host Winter Exhibition Events February 7 “PhotoGenesis 2” Artist Talk; February 18 Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will host two upcoming exhibitions events related to the [Winter Exhibitions](#), *PhotoGenesis 2* and *Bernard (Bernie) Boston Retrospective: A Photojournalist, Social Justice Advocate, and Family Man*. On **Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 11am-1pm**, MPA Artistic Director and Curator Nancy Sausser will host a *PhotoGenesis 2* Artist Talk featuring several of the artists whose work is included in the exhibition.

On **Wednesday, February 18 at 11am**, Sausser will host a Tea & Talk. Guests are invited to enjoy a cup of tea and discuss both Winter Exhibitions—*PhotoGenesis 2* and the *Bernie Boston Retrospective*—with the MPA team. *Bernie Boston* curator Phoebe Mills Farris, Ph.D. (Powhatan-Pamunkey) will join Sausser and the MPA team for the Tea & Talk.

- WHAT: MPA Winter Exhibition Events
- WHO: Both exhibition events will be led by MPA Artistic Director Nancy Sausser. The *PhotoGenesis 2* Artist Talk will feature artists whose work appears in *PhotoGenesis 2*. The Tea & Talk will also include exhibition curator Phoebe Mills Farris, Ph.D. (Powhatan-Pamunkey)
- WHEN: *PhotoGenesis 2* Artist Talk –Saturday, February 7 at 11am
Winter Exhibitions Tea & Talk – Wednesday, February 18 at 11am
- WHERE: McLean Project for the Arts Emerson and Atrium Galleries
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA
- HOW: Questions, contact Deb Bissen at (703) 216-1181 / dbissen@mpaart.org

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About *PhotoGenesis 2*

Curated by MPA’s Artistic Director and Curator Nancy Sausser and MPA Assistant Curator Jen Lillis, *PhotoGenesis 2* features work springing from photographic images, ideas, or techniques. This open-call

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exhibition showcases pieces by about 20 Mid-Atlantic artists, including David Carlson, Bonnie Collier, Chris Combs, Joseph Cortina, Catherine Day, David Douglas, Pat Doyen, Marie B Gauthiez, Beatrice Hamblett, Don Kimes, Zofie King, Timothy Makepeace, Sam Miller, Terence Nicholson, Linda Plaisted, Judith Pratt, Maryam Rassapour, Sarah Salomon, Alexandra Silverthorne, and Dawn Whitmore.

About Bernard (Bernie) Boston Retrospective: A Photojournalist, Social Justice Advocate, and Family Man

An award-winning photo journalist, Bernie Boston made history by becoming the first African American member of the White House press corps, covering every president from Truman through Clinton. Boston was a long-time McLean resident, and former Chairman of the McLean Community Center Governing Board (1977-1979). Curated by Phoebe Mills Farris, Ph.D. (Powhatan-Pamunkey)—a retired Purdue University professor emerita, photographer, and freelance art critic—the *Bernie Boston Retrospective* features framed photographs from Boston’s fascinating, decades-long career.

The *Bernie Boston* exhibit is a collaboration between MPA and the Friends of Historic Pleasant Grove Church in McLean and will be held concurrently in MPA’s Atrium Gallery and at the Historic Pleasant Grove Church.

About MPA

MPA Exhibits, Educates and Inspires

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) is one of the mid-Atlantic region’s most respected contemporary visual arts organizations. MPA provides high-quality art exhibitions showcasing the work of established and emerging artists, educational programs, art classes, MPAartfest, summer art camps, and ArtReach, an award-winning program serving students in grades K – 12, seniors, and individuals with special needs. For more information, visit www.mpaart.org.

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