



# MPA update to MCC Board of Directors

December 8, 2021



# MPA FALL HIGHLIGHTS

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## □ MPA Exhibitions

NOW SHOWING through Feb 19, 2022

### Winter Exhibitions

***Give and Take: Building Form*** (Emerson Gallery) -- featuring abstract wood sculpture by Emilie Benes Brzezinski, Rachel Rotenberg, Foon Sham & Norma Schwartz.

***Intersectional Painting: Works by Sheila Crider*** (Atrium Gallery) -- exhibiting works combining painting, drawing, braiding, stitching and weaving to create three-dimensional abstract forms.

A zoom virtual Artist Talk is scheduled for Thursday, Jan 20, 7pm.

### Visiting Our Galleries

The Atrium Gallery Exhibition (*Intersectional Painting*) is available for viewing during MCC operating hours. The Emerson Gallery exhibit (*Give and Take: Building Form*) is open for visitors Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-4pm and Saturdays from 10am–3pm. Online exhibitions will be available for viewing in mid-December.



## □ MPA ArtReach & Community Partners

MPA's ArtReach and Director Sharon Fishel have had an amazing fall, connecting for exciting in-gallery, on-site, and virtual programming with ArtReach partners.

- Sharon visited **Oakton High School** for a mixed media project with Adapted Curriculum students.
- **Belvedere Elementary** 5th graders and **West Springfield Elementary** kindergartners were two of the six FCPS Title I schools participating in our new Virtual ArtReach programming.
- **St. John's Middle School** girls toured (Not) Strictly Painting and enjoyed an in-gallery collage workshop.
- Sharon spent an afternoon at **Second Story's Culmore Safe Youth Project** as a follow-up to their recent visit, and enjoyed painting large foam rounds, generously donated by MPA Board Member, June Linowitz.
- Both the **ServiceSource** adults with disabilities and **Lewinsville Seniors** continue to enjoy their virtual weekly classes with Sharon – focusing on Winter Art Wonderland for ServiceSource and Mixed Media Mondays with the seniors.
- We hope to continue to host small ArtReach tours to our gallery, as well as the new Virtual tours and programming while FCPS is not running the large field trips we've hosted in the past.



*Images at left: Oakton High School visit, and Fairfax County seniors enjoying their recent exhibition tour with Sharon Fishel.*



## □ Art Classes and Workshops

Registration is now open for MPA's Winter & Spring classes -- happening again both virtually through ZOOM and in the DuVal Studio. We continue to program in both formats, for the safety and comfort of our community of students and teachers.

We are always appreciative of the MCC's inclusion of our programming in your seasonal program guides.

A couple of new classes we're offering include:

- For homeschool students ages 5-9, Pamela Saunders will teach a **NEW Youth and Watercolor Studio** on Wednesdays from 10-11:30am, beginning Feb 2. Students will learn and improve drawing skills using oil pastel to create animals, landscapes and more. [Visit our website](#) for more information.
- **Layered Paper Art--A New Art Form! (NEW!)**: Learn a fun and exciting new art form with the artist who created it! Using hundreds of kinds of paper - gathered from all over the world - you will learn how to create beautifully textured scenes. Students will gain skills in cutting, ripping, and manipulating the papers as they glue them, in layers, to stretched canvas. Thursdays, 11am-1pm beginning March 3  
Instructor: Ronni Jolles