Cultural Affairs Director’s Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts
March 28, 2018

Staff News:
No baby yet for Elizabeth
Completed organization development training with ZELOS.
- New position statement for Cultural Affairs. We “Create, support, and promote the arts, connecting artists and community to reflect the diversity of Arlington.”
- Process improvement work will involve regional partners and stakeholders to share resources.

Anne Rowland photograph in County Board Room – disparaging public comments need to be addressed.

Programming

4/4 - Art Truck Press Event, 18th & Crystal Drive, 11am
4/4 - Art Truck Opening Activation, Crosshairs Garage Races, 6pm
4/6 - Groovin on the Pike, Cubano Groove, 7pm
4/7 - The Poet Is In, Central Library, 1pm
4/8 - Moving Words Winners Ceremony, New District, 2pm
4/20-22 – Full Dome Projection, Jonathon Monaghan, Various Times
6/15 - Lubber Run Season Opening
6/16 - Columbia Pike Blues Festival, featuring Don Bryant (“I Can’t Stand The Rain”)

Facilities updates
- Supported the OperaNova children’s opera Cenerentola at TJ. One performance was lost to a snow-day but the closing performance had close to a full house.
- Architectural lighting at TJ Theater is being replaced with energy (and labor) saving LED fixtures. This is being funded by the Department of Environmental Services in cooperation with Arlington Public Schools and Cultural Affairs. Work should be c
• Scheduling for the 2018-2019 season is in progress and should be substantially complete by mid-April.
• Scenic Studio manager Jared Davis will be doing an artist talk at Theater on the Run on April 7--"Skulls, Spaceships and Elvis: An Artist's Approach to Scenic Design."

Public Art
• Public Art will present to the Fire Station 8 Working Group on April 5th.
• Maintenance solutions for Wave Arbor is ongoing.
• The Corridor of Light: Esplanade contract is close to execution (after 2 years).
• The Courthouse 2.0 staff working group will be convening on April 9th.
• Public Art and Tourism is meeting with the Rosslyn BID to talk about Meade Street Bridge and the Observation Deck on April 10th.

Arts Enterprise

Grants:
• FY 2018 Challenge Grants launched on Monday, March 26, 2018.
  o Deadline May 1, 2018 by 5:00PM.

CostumeLab:
• Cancelled: March 21, 2018, “Fashion in the 20th Century” lecture presented by Jennifer Biehl at Westover Library in recognition of National Women's Month
  o Rescheduled for June 12, 2018 7-9PM. Registration is required.

Arts Enterprise Institute
• FY 2018 training season to launch on April 7, 2018. Please see full listing at https://arts.arlingtonva.us/arts-enterprise-institute/

Arts Lab:
• Make you Mark 2018! At 3700, 12:00PM-4:00PM

Gallery 3700:
• Next exhibit: April 6, 2018 H-B Woodlawn Student Show
  o Reception Date: April 17, 2018-6:30PM-7:30PM room 127 at 3700

Lee Arts Center
• Nature's Grasp print exchange program exhibition - Lee Arts Center is being exhibited at:
  Frogman's Print Workshops
  Bancroft Street Market, Omaha, NE
  http://frogmans.net/exhibitions/
  July 1, 2018 - July 14, 2018
  o Steven Munoz, Director of Lee Arts Center, is researching the possibility of N Grasp becoming part of the Library of Congress's printmaking collection
• Speedball Roadshow with Carlos Hernandez and Bill Fick
  May, 12, 2018 10am-4pm. Demonstrations approx. 1 hour and will occur several times throughout the day.
  So please drop in at any time.
The Arts Meet!

- Next Arts Meet: April 24, 2018 - 6-9PM. at WeWork in Crystal City.
  - Partnering with Tech in Motion. Tech is Arts-Arts is Tech.

Marketing

Art Truck Press Event (Wed., 4/4) – Press invites went out on Mon/Tues 3/26 cording to plan, and to-date, Jim Byers has confirmed the following media to attend. RSVP's continue to come-in steadily as pitching continues:

- WAMU 88.5 FM arts reporter - Mikaela Lefrak
- WAMU 88.5 FM arts critic – Bob Mondello
- WASHINGTONIAN Magazine reporter – McKenzie Jean-Philippe
- ARLINGTON Magazine reporter – Matt Blitz
- NoVa News TV – Kiona Dyches
- ATV (Arlington Television) – Rob Farr