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VIRGINIA CENTER FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

SEPTEMBER 2018



A mimosa tree in bloom outside of the VCCA Studio Barn Complex.

VIEW FROM THE HILL

Dear Friends of VCCA,

Summer continues here at Mt. San Angelo, at least until the autumnal equinox. While leaves are turning in the woods, perennials are finishing their bloom, and flocks of migrating songbirds are beginning to gather, there will still be a few more weeks of hot afternoons perfect for end-of-day swims in the Sweet Briar lake.

There is also still time to [sign up](#) to join VCCA Fellows, friends, and staff for events in NYC September 13–15. The events include our Fellows and Friends Gathering to be held at Foley Gallery, a special dinner for VCCA's generous patrons, and a gallery walk led by the Director of UVA's Fralin Museum of Art, Matthew McLendon, one of our newest board members. Spread the word among your friends and patrons! All are welcome.

It is always wonderful to see the many publications, exhibitions, and performances in New York and beyond that are facilitated by time in this “creative space”. To that end I am planning a trip at the end of this month to visit our international exchange partners in the City of Salzburg, Austria and the Oberpfälzer Künstlerhaus in Schwandorf, Germany, ending up in Auvillar for the annual meeting of VCCA France. What a pleasure to experience firsthand how VCCA's impact can be felt far and wide.

Our 50th anniversary in 2021 will be a chance to celebrate a long and productive history and to look forward to expanding that creative heritage. Thinking strategically about that future is a priority this year for our Board and staff—as part of that process, we will gather thoughts from Fellows, patrons, and funders. Watch for calls to share your story. I eagerly anticipate hearing your memories and your aspirations for VCCA!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M McLendon'.

NEWS



AN UPDATE ON RECENT MILITARY VETERAN FELLOWS

Collateral Reparations: Military Veterans and the Healing Power of Artists Residencies, supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, funded six VCCA residencies for military veteran artists since June 2017. We caught up with them recently and asked about work produced during their time here.

Read more on the [VCCA blog](#).



A NEW VAN

We've got a new ride! Thanks to the [Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band](#) in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation and our friends at Best Bet Motor Sales in Madison Heights, we have a new "gently-used" van for Fellows' Runs and other transportation in the community.

ARTIST SERVICES

APPLICATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15

The next residency application deadline is only ten days away! In addition to the standard application, VCCA is also accepting applications for the following sponsored fellowships: [Anne Spencer Fellowship](#) for an African-American writer, the NEA-funded [Collateral Reparations Fellowship](#) for military veteran artists, writers or composers, and the [Wachtmeister Award](#), which will be awarded this year to a composer and/or sound artist.

Details on each of these fellowships are available [on the website](#).

APPLY TODAY

IN MEMORIAM

VCCA recently lost two long-time Fellows, writers **Nicholas DiGiovanni** and **Elisabeth Stevens**.

Read more on the [VCCA Blog](#).



GIVING NEWS

GIVING TO VCCA WITH YOUR IRA

There are two easy ways to use your IRA to support VCCA

- Make a current gift by direct tax-free transfer from the required minimum distribution (RMD) of your IRA to VCCA. This keeps that amount out of your annual adjusted gross income. Ask your IRA administrator what steps to take, as procedures can vary from firm to firm.
- Name VCCA as a beneficiary of your IRA in any amount or proportion. This can minimize taxes to your heirs or estate. You can make this change directly through your IRA administrator.

Please contact [Emily Joseph](#), Director of Individual Giving, with any questions. We appreciate the opportunity to thank and recognize you for your gift!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE / VCCA SALON SERIES

This past spring, Sweet Briar College and VCCA began sponsoring regular presentations by Fellows on the Sweet Briar campus. Two Fellows will present their work in the Cochran Library on the first Thursday evening of each month throughout the academic year. [The series begins](#) on September 6 with filmmaker Laurie Kahn and fiction writer Sarah Goodyear.



VCCA Fellows and Friends Gathering

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Foley Gallery

59 Orchard St, New York, NY

[Register online](#) by September 10.



VCCA Open Studios
Sunday, October 14
4-6 p.m.



**Fellows and Friends
Gathering**
Thursday, October 25
5 p.m.



VCCA Spring Fundraiser
Virginia Museum
of Fine Arts
Thursday, May 2, 2019

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The VCCA e-newsletter is sent every other month to friends and Fellows as a way to keep you up-to-date on happenings at Mt. San Angelo and Moulin à Nef. [We welcome your feedback.](#)



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