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“TRASH GARDEN” BY RACHEL SCHMIDT LAUNCHES 2019 ARLINGTON ART TRUCK SEASON
IMPACT OF CONSUMPTION AND WASTE ON OUR ENVIRONMENT INSPIRES 2019 SEASON
INCLUDING A CURATOR/ARTIST TALK AT THE SMITHSONIAN’S HIRSHHORN MUSEUM

Arlington, Va - When you throw away or recycle plastic — where does it really go? With constant change in the supply and demand of materials in the commodities market, some plastics are not recycled. Instead, they are sent to the landfill, burned at energy facilities or illegally dumped ending up in streams, rivers and oceans.



The impacts of consumption and the human response to it are the theme for the entire season of installations by the award-winning Arlington Art Truck, starting with artist Rachel Schmidt’s installation, [Trash Garden](#) at the Pike Park Farmers Market, Sunday, April 7, and continuing through May 11, 2019 at various locations throughout Arlington County.

The **Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum** has invited the Artist and Arlington Cultural Affairs’ Special Projects Curator (and Arlington Art Truck creator) Cynthia Connolly for an [Artist Talk](#) about making art accessible and impactful through the Arlington Art Truck program. (Fri., May 10, 9am – Free. Dolcezza Coffee & Gelato will open at 8:45 am).

Area artist **Rachel Schmidt** has created a landscape inside the Arlington Art Truck from discarded plastics that were used by the artist in her everyday life. Participants will wrap the plastic in paper printed with Arlington fauna imagery photographed by Drew Model and Discovery School students. When placing their final wrapped object into the installation, participants will hear recorded memories of our natural environment from previous Arlington Art Truck contributors. The final installation will contain 53 pounds of plastic- the amount that a County resident throws away in one year. Through our participation, this project helps us to visualize the landscape of plastic waste to which we all contribute and which never completely disappears.

Community partners Arlington’s Solid Waste Bureau and EcoAction Arlington will be on site to answer questions about recycling and reducing waste.

“[A] prized achievement...,” said *Washington City Paper* of the visionary project curated by Arlington Arts Special Projects Curator, artist Cynthia Connolly, “The white van, painted by graffiti artist and muralist [Stephen Powers](#), tools around the county from April to October with various art projects and ‘actions’.”

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Launching to acclaim in 2018 with a major grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Arlington Art Truck is currently a finalist for [Americans for the Arts' 2019 Gard Award](#) for Arts and Community Life, the winner to be announced in June, 2019. The [Arlington Art Truck](#) embodies the [Arlington Arts](#) mission to revolutionize the traditional model of an arts venue. Packed with digital and traditional creative tools, the “Truck” is a curated mobile toolbox for artists. From April through October, five artists-in-residence will hit the streets engaging the public in art projects which are designed to blur the line between participant and presenter.

Issues surrounding conservation and reducing waste inspired the entire 2019 Arlington Art Truck Season, which continues as follows:

- ***What's Your Sign?* by Paul Shortt**
May 15 – 19, various locations
- ***Arlington Abstracted* by Marc Pekala**
Thursday, May 30 – New mural at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 11-2pm
with Art on the Plaza & Made in Arlington
- ***Futura Percussion 1860* by Neil Feather**
June and July, 2019

[Cynthia Connolly](#), as Arlington Arts' Special Projects Curator, conceptualized and programs the Arlington Art Truck. A prolific photographer, curator, letterpress printer and artist, the Arlington-resident graduated from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, and Auburn University's Rural Studio. Integral to D.C.'s 1980's punk music scene, Connolly worked for iconic Dischord Records and booked d.c. space, the noted avant-garde performance venue. In 1988 she published *Banned in DC: Photos and Anecdotes From the DC Punk Underground (79–86)* through her independent press Sun Dog Propaganda. Reviewed internationally, her photography is in the collections of The J. Paul Getty Museum, the Smithsonian Museum of American History and the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

[The Solid Waste Bureau](#) (SWB) in Arlington's Department of Environmental Services manages and regulates solid waste services throughout the County. The mission of the Bureau is to make Arlington a more attractive and sustainable place to live, work and play for current and future generations by preserving natural resources, recovering resources and providing community cleanliness services. The vision of the SWB is to provide convenient, comprehensive, cost effective and conservation focused services that allow it to be one of the premiere solid waste management organizations in Northern Virginia.

[EcoAction Arlington](#) protects and improves water, air, and open spaces in the Arlington community and nearby areas by promoting stewardship of our natural resources and connecting all citizens to practical solutions that achieve a sustainable lifestyle.

[Arlington Cultural Affairs](#), a division of Arlington Economic Development, which delivers public activities and programs as Arlington Arts. Our mission is to create, support, and promote the arts, connecting artists and community to reflect the diversity of Arlington. We do this by: providing material support to artists and arts organizations in the form of grants, facilities and theater technology; integrating award-winning public art into our built environment; and presenting high quality performing, literary, visual and new media programs across the County.

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On the following pages, please find the entire 2019 Arlington Art Truck Schedule, starting with Trash Garden by Rachel Schmidt. Note: The Arlington Art Truck Schedule is subject to modification and/or cancellation due to weather; visit us on social media for updates. View the full [Arlington Art Truck schedule](#).

Trash Garden by Rachel Schmidt

Apr 7 - May 11

Sunday, April 28 – Westover Farmer’s Market, Westover Library Plaza, [1644 N McKinley Rd](#), 9-1pm

Saturday, May 4 – Lubber Run Farmer’s Market, [4401 N Henderson Rd](#), 8-Noon

*Friday, May 10, - Smithsonian’s Hirshhorn Museum (Lobby) Artist Talk, Independence Ave & 7th St., SW, Washington DC, 9am - Free

Saturday, May 11 – Arlington Mill Farmer’s Market, [909 S Dinwiddie St](#), 9-1pm

~~Saturday, April 13 – Arlington Palooza, Alcova Heights Park, 901 S George Mason Drive, 1-4pm~~

~~Wednesday, April 17 – Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St, EarthFest: 10am-noon, In Community Center on PL level: noon-2pm~~

~~Tuesday, April 2 – Discovery Elementary School 9-2:05pm – not open to public~~

~~Thursday, April 4 – Drew Model School – 9:20-1:30pm – not open to public~~

~~Sunday, April 7 – Pike Park Farmer’s Market, Walter Reed and Columbia Pike, 9-1pm~~

What’s Your Sign? by Paul Shortt

May 15 – 19, various locations

In *What’s Your Sign?*, you can select free, humorous signs about daily life, consumption and the environment by artist Paul Shortt, or make their own signs that re-think the spaces we encounter every day. The Arlington Art Truck will set up at various locations temporarily placing signs around the area with a sign making station along with a selection of pre-made signs for you to take home, providing useful, funny and odd reminders about how we engage with our environment.

Wednesday, May 15 – Central Place Plaza, [1800 N Lynn Street](#), 11am – 1:30pm

Thursday, May 16 – Food Truck Thursday, [220 20th Street](#), 11-2pm

Friday, May 17 – Bike to Work Day – Morning: Rosslyn in [Gateway Park](#), 6:30-9am; Evening- in front of New District Brewery Company, [2709 S Oakland St](#), 4:30-6:30pm

Saturday, May 18 – Make Your Mark, Arlington Cultural Affairs, 11-3pm- **RAIN OR SHINE:**

SHINE location: in front of New District Brewing Company, [2709 S Oakland St](#)

RAIN location: Make Your Mark, [3700 South Four Mile Run](#)

Sunday, May 19 – Quarter Fest, 12 noon - 6pm- **RAIN OR SHINE:**

SHINE location: Plaza at Ballston Quarter Mall, [4238 Wilson Blvd](#),

RAIN location: Look for us inside Ballston Quarter Mall: *follow the signs!*

Arlington Abstracted Mural by Marc Pekala

Thursday, May 30 –The Grove pop-up park in the surface parking lot beside [2100 Clarendon Blvd](#), 11-2pm (during *Art on the Plaza and Made in Arlington*).

In the previous Arlington Art Truck season, you had the opportunity to make your own Arlington Abstracted artwork by re arranging multiple 2” x 2” squares extracted from Arlington’s iconic business signs of the past. One of the artworks posted to social media was selected to become the new mural at the Pop-Up park on the surface parking lot adjacent to 2100 Clarendon Blvd in Court House. Come and see the new mural and meet the artist Marc Pekala, in partnership with Art on the Plaza, sponsored by JBG/Smith. If you missed creating your own Arlington Abstracted work, you can make one on-site!

Futura Percussion 1860 by Neil Feather

June 8 – Aug 1 (various locations)

Learn about basic and early principles of electricity by operating a sound machine designed by Guggenheim Fellow and Baltimore artist Neil Feather. This interactive sound sculpture re-uses scientific and mechanical tools like switches, batteries, electromagnetic coils – all mid-19th century technology developed by the 1860’s. Activate the sculpture by cranking a bicycle wheel, pushing buttons, switches and turn knobs to make your own sound composition. If you have questions – ask The Artist! Neil will be standing by your side in this journey through science, sound and history!

Saturday, June 8- [Rock 'n Recycle- Solid Waste Bureau Open House](#), 2700 S Taylor Street, (go to the top of the hill- free parking on levels 2 and 3 of garage on left), 9-3pm

Saturday, June 15, [Columbia Pike Blues Festival](#), Walter Reed Drive at Columbia Pike, 1-8:30pm

Saturday June 22, in partnership with [Shirlington public library](#), plaza in front of 4200 Campbell Avenue, 10-2pm

Tuesday, July 9, [Crystal City Farmer’s Market](#), 20th and Crystal Drive, 3-7pm

Thursday, June 27, Ballston Farmer’s Market, near Fairfax Dr, betw. Stuart and Taylor Sts, 3-7pm

Sunday, July 14, [Fairlington Farmer’s Market](#) at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford St, 9-1pm

Thursday, July 25, [Pentagon Rock and Row](#), 1101 S Joyce St, 6-9pm