

# arlington arts

A Division of Arlington Economic Development

Cultural Affairs Director's Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts  
April 25, 2018

## I. Informational:

### **Director attended the National Planning Conference 2018 in New Orleans.**

- Place-based Branding: Essential for Economic Development  
[www.BrandColumbus.com](http://www.BrandColumbus.com)
- Redevelopment of the Historic Lorton Prison  
<https://libertycrestapartments.com/history/>
- Planner-Artist Partnerships for Creative Placemaking  
<http://www.natickcenter.org/>

### Arts and Planning Interest Group

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The Arts and Planning Interest Group (APIG) is a collaborative space for planners and artists who believe that arts and culture is an essential element of what makes places and communities healthy, connected, and vibrant. The Interest Group provides a forum for identifying, developing, and refining policy and planning tools that promote the integration of arts and culture into community development and planning. This includes exploration of topics like creative placemaking, cultural planning, public art planning, cultural economic development, and zoning and permitting pertaining to arts uses and facilities.

### **Arlington Art Truck (to date)**

Public: 3 activations/730 visitors/160 participants

APS: 2 activations/549 student visitors/120 student activations

## II. Action:

### **First Annual Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour (AVAST)**

Visual artists with studios in Arlington County, VA, are invited to apply online for the First Annual **Arlington Visual Art Studio Tour** to be held on Saturday, Sept 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018. Artists may participate on one or both days from 11am-5pm. All media welcome, and participation is free. Deadline for registration is 6/1/2018, but space is limited, so reserve your spot early! For more information and to register, go to [www.arlingtonartstudiotour.org](http://www.arlingtonartstudiotour.org).

## III. Discussion

Facilities Readiness Training: What is needed as an organization to be “facilities ready?”