

MARA CLAWSON

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GRANTS and AWARDS

- 2021 Prizewinner: *National Juried Works on Paper 2021*, Long Beach Island Foundation, Long Beach Island NJ, for *Cleaning Ears* (juried by Lanka Tattersall, MoMA NYC)
- 2020 Prizewinner: *Mid-Atlantic Sea of Change*, Virginia Beach Art Center, Virginia Beach VA, for *Finding Ways to Keep the Water Clean* (juried by Gary Ryan, MOCA VA)
- 2020 Selected artist: National Juried Competition of Works on Paper 2020, Long Beach Island Foundation, Long Beach Island NJ, for *Feeling the Breeze* (juried by Sarah Suzuki, MoMA NYC)
- 2017-2021 Reach Independence through Self-Employment (RISE) Program grant for entrepreneurship from Maryland Division of Rehabilitation Services
- 2016 Prizewinner: *(Re)Invention*, Emerging Young Artists with Disabilities, Kennedy Center/VSA, Washington DC

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 **Solo Exhibition**, *When Colors Get Along*, Silo6776, New Hope PA
- 2021 *37th Juried Open Exhibition*, Visual Arts Alliance, virtual, Houston TX (juried by Harry Cooper, National Gallery of Art, Washington DC)
- 2021 *30 Under 30*, Viridian Artists, virtual & Viridian Artists Inc., New York NY
- 2021 *Art in the Time of Corona, Vol. 2*, Dab Art, virtual, Los Angeles CA
- 2021 **Solo Exhibition**, *Caring for Humanity and for Life*, Main Street Gallery, Rockville MD
- 2020 **Solo Exhibition**, *Loving Food and Nature*, Bodzin Art Gallery, Fairfax VA
- 2020 *ReelArt: Featuring visiting artist Mara Clawson*, The Center for Art and Photography at Celebration Company, Houston TX
- 2019 *Visiting Artist: Mara Clawson*, Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland OH
- 2019 *Tearless*, Allouche Gallery, New York NY
- 2017 **Solo Exhibition**, *Metal on Brick*, McClintock Distilling, Frederick MD
- 2017 *Et Tu, Art Brute?*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York NY
- 2017 *Alchemical Vessels*, Joan Hisoaka Healing Arts Gallery, Washington DC
- 2017 *Portraits of the Garden 2: Bloom!*, Sturt Haaga Gallery, La Canada CA
- 2017-2016 *(Re)Invention*, (traveling exhibition), sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center and The Volkswagen Group of America:
- Dyer Arts Center/Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
 - Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN
 - The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC
 - Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art Scottsdale, AZ
 - Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC
 - Volkswagen Group of America Headquarters, Herndon, VA
 - Dedalus Foundation, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 **Solo Exhibition**, *The World of Feelings*, Goldman Art Gallery, Rockville MD
- 2016 *Alimento*, Shatto Chapel at First Congregational Church, Los Angeles CA
- 2014 Four-Person Exhibition, *Art Enables at Art 17*, Washington DC
- 2007-2021 *Outsider Art Inside the Beltway*, The Gallery at Art Enables, Washington DC
- 2005 **Solo Exhibition**, *Adventures of Moses*, Adat Shalom Synagogue, Bethesda MD

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Main subject in the documentary film *LIVING ART* directed by David Rochkind

<https://vimeo.com/479811957>

2019-2021 Screenings: NYC, Toronto, Cleveland, Houston, Fairfax, Denver, Chicago, and Minneapolis

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Pat Johnson, "LBIF: Works on Paper A Litmus Test of Pain During COVID Times," *The Sandpaper*, June 16, 2021.

Stephania Smith, "Interview with Artist Mara Clawson," *Breck Smith Art*, April 2021.

Kayley Whalen, "When Colors Get Along: Self-Direction Spotlight with Mara Clawson," *Alliance for Citizen Directed Supports*, July 25, 2020.

Heather Kansteiner, "Artist Mara Clawson spreads message of hope and courage through 'ReelArt' exhibit," *KPRC-TV, Houston TX*, February 13, 2020.

Staci Jones, "Mara Clawson – 'Let the Colors do the talking'," *Maryland DDA Success Stories*. August 2017.

Mara Clawson, *Adventures of Moses* (1st ed.) Bethesda, MD: Author and Illustrator. 2016

Andrea Kronzek, "Former Camp JCC Camper Comes Full-Circle with Her Art," *Center Scene*. November 2016.

Beth Panitz, "Mara Clawson-Her Pictures are Worth a Thousand Words," *BabagaNewz*. February 2006.

SPEAKING / TEACHING

2021 "Self-Employment," *Maryland Community of Practice for Supporting Families Webinar Series* (co-presenter, virtual)

2021 "My Experience with Person-Centered Planning," *National Leadership Consortium on Developmental Disabilities Leadership Institutes* (co-presenter, virtual)

2020 "Rethinking Employment Services and Supports in the COVID-19 Era" *Administration for Community Living* (co-presenter, virtual)

2020 "Person Centered Planning," *Jubilee Association of Maryland, Silver Spring MD* (co-presenter)

2018 "Experiences as a Business Owner," *Maryland Employment First Summit, Columbia MD*

2018 iPad drawing workshop, *V-Linc Mary Salkever Camp, Baltimore MD*

2017 iPad drawing workshop, *Snyder Center for Aphasia Life Enhancement, Baltimore MD*

EDUCATION / TRAINING / WORK EXPERIENCE

2015-present Owner and Artist, *When Colors Get Along*®, Bethesda MD

2013-present Resident Artist, *Art Enables*, Washington DC

2010-2013 The Ivymount School, Post-High School Program, Potomac MD