

## Cultural Affairs Committee Update

*Mark your calendars:* Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting: **May 21 @ 7p** Agenda will include topics: Jun 4 Presentation, updates on Arlington Arts Policy Community Engagement, Arts & Industry District Study. Open to all! **Location: Conference Room @ 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive**

### **June 4th Presentation: *Arlington's Narrative: It's a Cultural Affair!***

Arlington has a broad cultural landscape. Arts and culture are integrated into all aspects of civic and community life. In 2017, The [Arlington Commission for the Arts](#) adopted [Enriching Lives: An Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy](#). The strategy has five goals to achieve a vision where Arlington thrives because arts and culture creates a sense of place, catalyzes economic vitality and enriches the lives of all who live, visit or work here.

As a civic organization, we are part of Arlington's cultural landscape. ACCF represents many neighborhoods and organizations. We have stories that matter and together contribute to a narrative that connects and defines our community.

Arlington has been selected to participate in [Virginia's Humanities' \(VFH\), Changing the Narrative](#). As this initiative takes shape, it begs the question: **So, What is Narrative? And Why Does it Matter?**

We have assembled an incredible panel to discuss a subject that is relevant locally and nationally. **NARRATIVE** is a BIG buzzword in the field of social change. Our panelists were selected because of the role they have in our narrative. We are looking forward to bringing this subject to our June General Assembly, stay tuned!

### **FY 2020 Budget Update**

The Arts Advocacy paid off! Many spoke up! We are so grateful to our County Board Members and the County Manager for listening to our community and recognizing the important role arts and culture have in our quality of life.

On April 23rd, the County Board restored arts and literary programming and staffing that the Manager originally recommended reducing. The restoration of cultural affairs programming is the first step in a broader initiative outlined in the guidance to the Manager that will examine how Arlington delivers arts programming.

We look forward to the work ahead. Stay tuned!

### **Arlington Arts is making the News!**

[Americans for the Arts](#), the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America, announced that the ARLINGTON ART TRUCK is one of 10 finalists selected from across the nation for the annual Robert E. Gard Award. The award recognizes and celebrates exemplary projects from 2018 that crossed the arts into other aspects of community life in meaningful, measurable ways.

Voting will be open for one month for members of Americans for the Arts, from April 3 to May 3, 2019, and the winning project will be announced from the main stage at the 2019 Annual Convention in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Read about the 10 finalist projects by visiting <http://www.americansforthearts.org/gardaward>

Learn more about upcoming Arts events in Arlington: <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/>

### **From Friends of the Arlington Library:**

We'd love to thank everyone who shopped our sale! The Friends of the Arlington Public Library grossed over \$101k during our 4-day sale. This money goes back to support important library programming,

including Arlington's Summer Reading...which kicks off soon! We're also pleased to report that we now have over 1300 dues paying members: the most in our history! If anyone is interested in joining, please visit our brand new website at [www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org](http://www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org)

**Please include these events in the Announcements:**

**Make Your Mark 2019!** Arlington Arts' Hands-On Festival of Creativity Saturday, May 18, 11-3p; FREE; Fun for the Whole Family (including those with 4-legs). Details: 703-228-1850; <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/makeyourmark2019/>

**Arts Commission:** The Arts Commission's May meetings will be on May 1 and May 22 held on Wednesday's, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Arlington Economic Development (AED) at 1100 N. Glebe Road, 15th Floor. **For any questions related to the Arts Commission, its members, or upcoming meetings, please contact Cynthia Richmond at 703-228-0840 or [crichmond@arlingtonva.us](mailto:crichmond@arlingtonva.us).**