

Labyrinth

Montage International
A Ministry of Dr. Dianne B. Collard

April 2016



Springtime Schedule of Activities

- ✿ STIR Forum sponsored by Sacred Muse: 23 April
- ✿ ArtsCharlotte Visual Artists: 26 April
- ✿ ArtsCharlotte Core Team: 27 April
- ✿ Creative Mornings: 06 May
- ✿ Gallery Night at Warehouse242: 06 May (p.m)
- ✿ Campus Bible Church, Fresno, CA Brunch: 14 May (speaking on Finding Hope)
- ✿ Campus Bible Church, Fresno, CA evening service: 15 May (speaking on Forgiveness)
- ✿ Columbia International University, Columbia, SC: 19 May (speaking on Complicated Grief)
- ✿ Coffee & Conversation about the Nexus of Art & Faith, 20 May; 7:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
- ✿ Friday Arts Project Forum; 20-21 May

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Springtime is an especially busy time for ministr. I just wanted to give you some idea of my schedule. It doesn't, however, include the myriad of personal appointments with artists and pastors that I have each month. Mentoring, encouraging, discipling and educating takes much of my time. Plus, I continue to connect with staff of A.C.T. International, whether serving locally or in Europe. Believe me, this all adds up to a full-time job!

If you have any questions about the activities listed, please contact me. All take place around Charlotte, NC, unless noted.

Let me know if you want to be added to the mailing list for ArtsCharlotte to receive notices about upcoming activities. www.artscharlotte.org

There will soon be announcements regarding upcoming ArtsCharlotte events for specific artistic affinity groups (communities) soon. Stay tuned!



Books I Recommend

- * Culture Care by Makoto Fujimura
- * Culture Making by Andy Crouch
- * Arts Ministry by Michael J. Bauer
- * Strong and Weak by Andy Crouch
- * Silence and Beauty by Makoto Fujimura
- * You are What You Love by James K.A. Smith
- * Imagine That by Manuel Luz
- * The Heart of the Artist by Rory Noland
- * Beauty Will Save the World by Brian Zahnd
- * Chasing Francis by Ian Morgan Cron
- * Scribbling in the Sand by Michael Card

And so many more. . . .

Communication Possibilities

In today's world, the demand to communicate regularly via social media is everywhere. Websites, Twitter, Facebook, newsletters and so much more can be overwhelming. I don't want to add to the cacophony of words, but I am trying to communicate in a meaningful way through these venues. Please sign-up to receive my regular entries and updates.

Website/Blog: www.montageinternational.org

Facebook: Dianne Barnett Collard

Twitter: squarehalo5

Prayer Requests

- * Wisdom to lead ArtsCharlotte well.
- * Financial sustenance for our personal & ministry needs.
- * Safety and strength for A.C.T. Intl staff members in Europe.
- * Physical strength to accomplish all that is scheduled this spring.
- * Continued growth in my walk with God.

PLEASE Join My Ministry Partnership Team.

Currently, I have around 30% of my needed income that would allow me to do the ministry AND take a small salary. Please help by sending regular tax-deductible donations to:

A.C.T. International, P.O.Box 1649, Brentwood, TN 37024

Account No. 0625-Montage International

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Some Quotes about Art & Faith to Consider

“The only way to change culture is to create more of it.” Andy Crouch

“At its best, art is able to satisfy our deep longing for beauty and communicate profound spiritual, intellectual, and emotional truth about the world that God made for his glory.” Philip Ryken

“Beauty is a key to the mystery and a call to transcendence. It is an invitation to savor life and to dream of the future. That is why the beauty of created things can never fully satisfy. It stirs that hidden nostalgia for God.”
John Paul II

“This world in which we live needs beauty in order not to sink into despair. Beauty, like truth, brings joy to the human heart and is that precious fruit which resists the erosion of time, which unites generations and enables them to be one in admiration.” Vatican II Council Encyclical

“We want to affirm that art making is a gift which reflects in humanity something of the image of God, and, when done well, has a humanizing influence in the places in which it is practiced.” Dr. Colin Harbinson



“I am committed to reconciliation of the church and artists of faith. God is using the creativity of His people to reach the world with the Gospel message and calls us to participate in His transformation of the culture around us. Artists will lead the way in this transformation. It is not the time to continue the centuries-old debates and reactionary theology. It is a time to work together--artists and non-artists--to declare the Good News through all of God’s creative gifts.” Dr. Dianne B. Collard

Let me know your response to these quotes. dbcollard@me.com