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Galaxy Arts MV began as the MVCVA (Martha's Vineyard Center for the Visual Arts) in 1990. We have been a 501c3 Non-Profit organization from the beginning. Our mission is to support all island artists, promote the artists and show their work.

Early on, the MVCVA (now Galaxy Arts MV) published an annual 'Arts Directory', listing every artist on the Vineyard who wanted to be listed, every gallery, a list of events and shows and a big double page map showing the location of the galleries. The group moved from the Firehouse Gallery (which is now Alison Shaw's gallery) to a space down the street on Dukes County Ave. where Galaxy Gallery found its home.

Over a decade, Galaxy Gallery supported and encouraged artists to show their work at the gallery. Many artists became well known, their work purchased and loved by our community.

Holly Alaimo is our executive director. Her ideas, energy and guidance made the Galaxy Gallery a vibrant arts organization. Holly, along with a good team of artists that help with marketing and logistics, was responsible for organizing the shows, inviting the artists, displaying art and making the openings successful. Each season Holly (and the gallery) hung about eight exhibits showcasing our island artists. We organized monthly Art Strolls, giving artists another opportunity to show their work in a festive outdoor setting. The Art Strolls included local musicians and dancers also. In the past Galaxy Arts MV has also given grants to struggling artists who needed help to get launched. By these cooperative efforts, Galaxy Gallery enriched the artist presence in the Arts Community of Oak Bluffs.

In the winter of 2024, our lease was not renewed and we lost our gallery location on Dukes County Ave. Without the gallery space, the cooperative decided to revise our official non-profit name from the MVCVA to Galaxy Arts MV, thus simplifying the name while making it more relatable. We now extend our mission outside the walls of a gallery. Our mission remains the same, to support all island artists, and the energy continues, even without a brick and mortar location.

In 2025 Holly led Galaxy Arts MV with several interesting projects.

- In June, Galaxy presented an outdoor art installation called SHARKS IN THE PARKS, in celebration of the anniversary of JAWS. Over 25 island artists embellished 5 foot long sharks. These large sharks were then installed around town in the parks, with the cooperation of the Oak Bluffs Parks Department. This was the perfect opportunity to highlight the wonderful parks in Oak Bluffs. It got people interacting with our Arts District, using the map provided through the project to locate each Shark along the Art Trail. This was a fund raising auction that benefited the artists and Galaxy Arts.

- In late summer, an Artist Show at the Grange Hall was a success, benefiting island artists and Habitat for Humanity MV.
- Each month during the summer, Arts Strolls in the center of the Arts District in Oak Bluffs allowed artists to offer their work in a fun outdoor venue. Galaxy advertised, organized and served snacks and refreshments and music to the visitors.

Planning has begun for 2026. Again Holly and Galaxy Arts MV has a full season of projects.

- In June, Galaxy will mount an outdoor art installation called ART IN THE PARK, again working with the Oak Bluffs Parks Department. Forty artists' embellished gingerbread cottages (each about 2 feet square), will be installed around Sunset Lake. Visitors will be able to stroll around Sunset Lake and view all the installed gingerbread cottages, and participate in the online auction, sales to benefit and highlight the artists.
- For the full month of June, Galaxy Arts MV will be presenting a Retrospective Show of Renee Balter's Art at the Oak Bluffs Library, honoring an important artist, who was a founding member of Galaxy Gallery and also a contributor to the culture and arts in our town for many years, capturing many Oak Bluffs historic buildings and events in her art/ paintings.
- Later in the summer, we will be bringing back the WIND FESTIVAL in Waban/Alley Park, with festive kite making and flying. Artists will be invited to participate in the wind Festival.
- The final Artist Show, will be held at the Grange Hall and will again benefit the island artists and Habitat for Humanity MV.

With Holly Alaimo's guidance and team, with the support of the Town of Oak Bluffs, and the Oak Bluffs Parks Department, Galaxy Arts MV looks forward to the summer and fall, working with and for our island artists. We are fully committed to our mission, and the growth of our arts community. With this Grant funding, Galaxy will have more ability to promote island artists' work, and allow our non-profit to share our cultural wealth and enrich our island residents and visitors with art, music and the broad spectrum of arts.