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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 2 —7:00 to 8:30 PM
Glen Kessler, Efficient Portrait Painting:
How to Paint a Portrait Quickly and Accurately

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

Our Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show has just ended.

It was a beautiful show and I'm sorry to see it go.

Frankly I feel that way whenever a show has run its course.

We had a strong turnout at our opening "Meet the Artists" event +-180 visitors. It was great to see so many happy and proud members.

During the event I overheard one person sharing that our Best-In-Show piece was "simply awesome."

What a compliment. And that could be said of many of the artworks in our exhibit.

I decided to do a bit of research on the word "awe."

Awe is defined as an overwhelming feeling of reverence, admiration, (sometimes fear), etc., produced by that which is grand, sublime, extremely powerful, or the like.

"Awe is the feeling of being in the presence of something vast that transcends your understanding of the world," said Dacher Keltner, a psychologist at the University of California, Berkeley. But awe is also simpler than we think — and accessible to everyone, he writes in his book "Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life."

Awe often comes from novelty. So, gravitating toward the unexpected can set us up to instill and experience awe. As artists, we have the power and creativity to instill awe if our viewers and collectors are open to being awed. If they pay attention and focus and are mindful of the effort that went into the artist's creation, then awe will follow.

And that feeling of awe will benefit the lives of both the viewer and the artist. I hope you will

take every opportunity to view art, create art and experience the awe that can be all around us.

Each time a show departs I am grateful for the gift of seeing/experiencing art and, at the same time, I am very much looking forward to the next exhibit and appreciate the new joy it will bring.

And we will be hosting our next show, Heart of Winter, in conjunction with the Rockville Student Juried Show from January 22 through February 17, 2023. Please plan to see it and bring your friends and family.

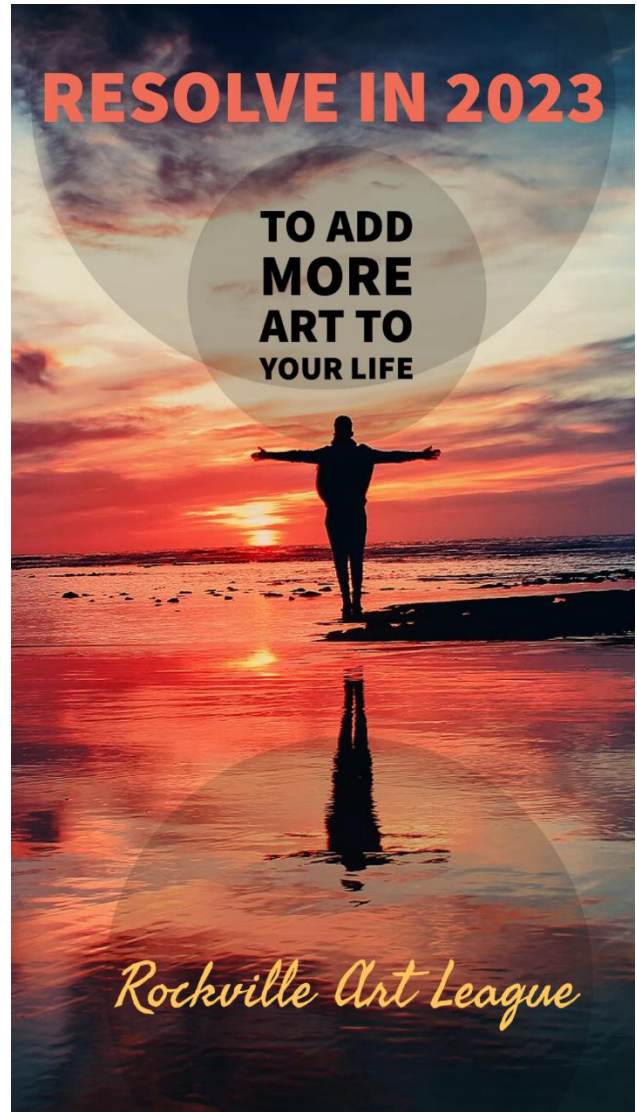
Our speaker in February will be Glen Kessler who will demonstrate the art of portraiture and craft a portrait in our Zoom session. I hope you will join us at 7 pm on Thursday, February 2. Glen is a terrific artist and the leader of the Compass Atelier and his support of RAL makes a real difference.

Thank you to all RAL members for sharing your talent and being a part of our art community.

2023 is going to be an awesome year.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sieg
President
The Rockville Art League



Upcoming Speaker Series:

Thursday, Feb. 2, 7pm on Zoom: Glen Kessler *Efficient Portrait Painting: How to Paint a Portrait Quickly and Accurately*

Please join us as Glen Kessler demonstrates a method for getting a quick yet accurate portrait painting. Using easy-to-learn methods that can be honed over time, Glen will take viewers through the entire painting process in just 90 minutes.



Glen Kessler is an internationally collected and awarded artist as well as the founder of The Compass Atelier in Rockville, MD. Kessler has an MFA from New York Academy of Art and a BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art. His works have graced the cover of 'Professional Artists' Magazine', and been included in 'The Artists' Magazine', among other publications. He has work in the public collections of King Charles III, Amazon Web Services, Ford's Theater, Capital One Bank, Dominion Bank, as well as hundreds of private collections around the world. He is a 2-time recipient of the Elizabeth Greenshields Grant for Outstanding Figurative Art, a Prince of Wales Fellow, and a Maryland State Arts Council Grant awardee. He is also a life-long teacher, having taught at Maryland Institute College of Art, George Washington University, George Mason University, and others. In 2013 he founded The Compass Atelier in Rockville MD, to teach a cohesive curriculum of artistic study of his own design.



The school and its unique curriculum are proving to be a game changer, taking students, many of whom had little to no prior experience, to a professional practice in just three years of part-time study. Recent graduates have gone on to earn top prizes, regularly sell their work, and gain gallery representation.

For more information about Glen and his program visit:

www.GlenKessler.com

www.TheCompassAtelier.com

Thursday, March 2 on Zoom: professional photographer and educator **Howard Clark: *Getting from Good to Great***

RAL Juried Members' Winter Show

For those who had work in *the RAL Juried Members' Winter Show*, thank you for your participation in this stunning show! Juried by Zdeno Mayercak, it has received rave reviews from the community. It ended on January 13 but is still available to view virtually on our website by clicking on the button under "Exhibits". Once there click on the word **Exhibitions** on the left. (On a mobile device it is found on the upper left and on a computer on the lower left.) Find the show card of the exhibit you would like to view. The most recent ones are still fully accessible.

The Rockville Art League *Heart of Winter Show*

On exhibit: January 22- February 17

The Heart of Winter, a time when we can find beauty in bleakness, the branches, the underbrush, wildlife, a wintry scene, the unique atmosphere with its light and shadows appreciated outdoors or indoors, looking out and perhaps dreaming of summer. Some even head to a warmer locale, "the winter of discontent, made into a glorious summer...."

The artists in this show offer their unique interpretations of the many nuances of the winter season in a variety of mediums.

This show is on display along with the **Rockville Student Juried Art Show** which is presented by the City of Rockville and the Rockville Art League at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery **opening Sunday, January 22, 1:30-3:30pm**. The event and exhibit are free and open to the public until February 17.

The gallery is open weekdays, Monday – Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm with plenty of parking. The art gallery is wheelchair accessible. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is located at 603 Edmonston Drive at the Rockville Civic Center Park. For information, call 240-314-8681. We encourage you to check the Glenview Mansion website or call before coming out for any unexpected closures. Please note that Glenview will be closed on: Thursday, Jan. 19
Tuesday, January 24.

Schedule for participating artists:

Exhibition dates: Jan. 22 through Feb. 17 at Glenview Mansion (603 Edmonston Dr.)

Delivery of artwork: TUESDAY, Jan. 17, 10:00am-1pm. All work must be delivered by this date and time by you (or your designee) to be displayed in this show at Glenview.

Meet the Artists: Sunday, Jan. 22, 1:30-3:30pm, Glenview Mansion.

Pick up artwork: TUESDAY, Feb. 21, 10:00am – 1:00pm. You or your designee must pick up your work on this date.



On Exhibit
Jan. 22-Feb. 17

The City of Rockville's Arts Division and the Rockville Art League proudly present
Rockville Student Juried Art Exhibit and Rockville Art League's "Heart of Winter" Show.

Join us for a gallery opening and meet the artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22. Event is free and open to the public.
For information, call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660.
For recorded directions, call 240-314-5004.
Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible. **Gallery Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Gallery closed on official city holidays.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery
at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, MD 20851



MEMBER NEWS

Maria-Victoria Checa is included in an art exhibit that includes pottery, jewelry, and paintings by Checa Art and other local artists. The exhibit will be held at TTR Southeby's International Realty Chevy Chase Office, 5101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 101, Washington, DC 20016, on Thursday, January 19th, from 5-8 PM. Appetizers and wine will be served.

[Upcoming Events – Checa Art \(mvchecaart.com\)](http://mvchecaart.com)



Sally Davies' artwork was awarded the 2023 Maryland State Arts Council's Creativity Award! Sally plans to spend the money on a new i-pad, electronic storage space for her films, and financing the cost of entering film festivals.

"Our Fractured Life: Portraits of Strong Resilient Women," and "We Are Stardust on This Mortal Coil," were shown at Utopia Film Festival this year. Her films can be viewed on Sally's YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQ7FCNKJJzmDrBvwevg3RQ



Melanie Gross Greenfield is one of the artists featured at Glen Echo's Popcorn Gallery's exhibition entitled Surroundings. The show runs from January 15-February 19, Saturdays, and

Sundays, 12-6pm. The photo is entitled "Brewster Flats - Waiting for High Tide."



Paula Zeller's "Reverie" and two other portraits are on display in Glave Kocen's invitational Annual Small Works Exhibition. This in-person exhibition runs through January 28 at Glave Kocen petite, Richmond, VA, and is online at <https://glavekocenconsulting.com/show/glave-kocen-consulting-annual-small-works-exhibition>

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ARTISTS RECEPTION: THURS JAN 19TH 7-9PM
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cultural diversity at "Busboys and Poets" during December 5-April 10. Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bar, bookstore, and community gathering place where racial and cultural connections are consciously uplifted. The restaurant is located at 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20012.

Howard Clark's photo of "Glade Creek Grist Mill" earned an Honorable Mention in Olney Art Association's Juried Winter Show.

OPPORTUNITY

Laurel Art Guild is pleased to announce it will begin accepting entries for the **54th Annual Open Juried Exhibition** on December 1, 2022. **Deadline for entries is March 20, 2023.** The exhibit will be held at the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel, Maryland from May 6-June 4, 2023.

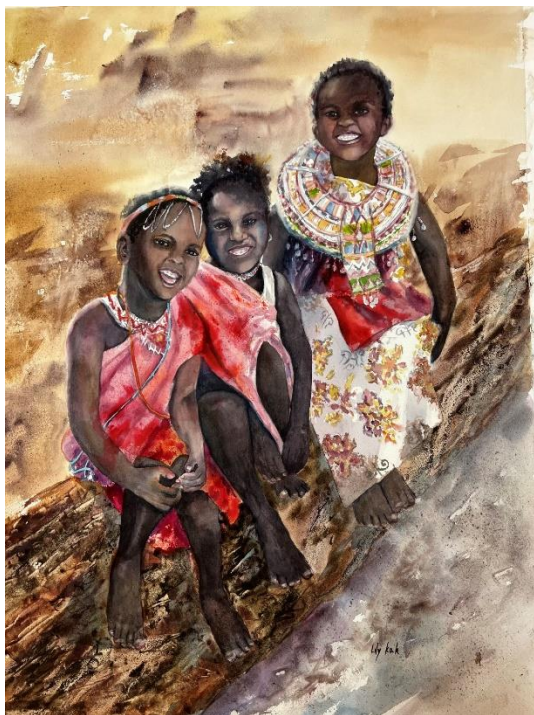
Entries may be submitted online at <https://laurelartguild.org/lag-open>

Six prizes will be awarded: 1st prize: \$300; 2nd prize: \$250; 3rd prize: \$200; and three merit awards: \$50/each

Juror for the exhibit is Lindsay McCulloch (www.lindsaymcculloch.com), a well-known artist and art instructor at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland. Ms. McCulloch holds an MFA in Painting from Boston University and received her MA and BA from the University of Virginia. Her work has been featured in museums and galleries throughout the United States and abroad.

Important dates for the exhibit are as follows:

December 1, 2022 - Applications accepted on the laurelartguild.org website
March 20, 2023-Deadline for entries



Lily Kak is displaying 13 watercolor art pieces to portray women's empowerment and


May 1, 2023-Drop off of accepted art at Montpelier Arts Center, laurel, Maryland, from noon-4:00pm
May 6, 2023-Exhibit opens
May 7, 2023-Reception at Montpelier Arts Center, 2-4 pm
June 4, 2023-Exhibit closes

Entries are open to adult residents of Maryland, Virginia, DC, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Questions about the exhibit should be sent to lagopen@laurelartguild.org.

Discount on Custom Framing


Jae Shin has been working as a professional picture framer for 2 decades at the Framers' Workroom located in Tenleytown, DC. Jae offers 15% off on custom framing jobs for RAL members. Please feel free to contact Jae for any framing jobs. Framers' Workroom, 4431 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington DC 20016 202-363-1970. Store hours: Mon-Sat 10:00-5:30. www.FramersWorkroomDC.com
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Is your art included in a show? Have other news you wish to share with RAL members? Please send your submissions by the **15th** of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter, to: newsletter@rockvilleartleague.org



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GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2022-2023	ARTISTS	Delivery of Artwork 10am-1pm	Meet the Artists Opening Event	Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm
DECEMBER/ JANUARY 2023	RAL Juried Members' Winter Show	TUESDAY Nov. 29	Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, Jan. 17
JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2023	Rockville Student Juried Art Show RAL <i>Heart of Winter</i> Show	TUESDAY Jan. 17	Sunday, Jan. 22 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, Feb. 21
FEBRUARY/ MARCH	Washington Water Color Association	TUESDAY, Feb. 21	Sunday, Feb. 26 1:30-3:30pm	MONDAY, March 27
MARCH/APRIL - MAY	Maryland Pastel Society	MONDAY, March 27	Sunday, April 30 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, May 16
MAY/JUNE	RAL Juried Members' Spring Show	TUESDAY May 16	Sunday, May 21 1:30-3:30pm	MONDAY, June 26

As we continue to adapt to the pandemic, we will follow the safety rules as mandated by the City of Rockville for gatherings which include masking and regulations for receptions. We will pass on to our artists all pertinent information as we know it. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and support.

Artists displaying work at Glenview will be contacted individually with detailed information about their shows, including the required show agreement. Labels and support to hang the show will be provided. These shows will be virtual on our website as well as in person at Glenview.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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