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**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 7PM
Dr. Irina Stotland, on “The Secrets of Johannes Vermeer”**

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

“Nature is not only all that is visible to the eye,
it also includes the inner pictures of the soul.”
Edvard Munch.

Hopefully our artist members have had a fun
and fruitful summer and in addition to creating
artwork, you have had time to enjoy the summer
season.

I am honored and grateful to be serving as the
President of the Rockville Art League and am
happy to have all the RAL members helping
with that responsibility.
And I am excited about the upcoming Rockville
Art League year that starts on September 1,
2023.

We have been fortunate to add award-winning
artist and longtime member Helen Wood to the
RAL Board of Directors. Helen has had
leadership responsibilities with several local art
organizations, and she will bring that skill and
perspective to our league. Recently Helen has
helped convert several of our past talks and
presentations (monthly meeting Zooms) into

YouTube videos allowing them to be on file and
viewed in the future via our website. Welcome,
Helen.

And we have much to look forward to in
2023/2024:

- We have terrific speakers lined up for
September, October, and November and more
on them is below.
- The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is hosting
beautiful exhibits to the public.
- The exhibits on display for the remainder of the
2023 are a mix of RAL artists’ work “Times5”
and “Fairweather Artists.”
- And I much looking forward to our winter
juried show...hard to believe it is just around
the corner.
- And I am also grateful that many of our
members have already renewed for the year
September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

Renewing your membership and encouraging
your art-appreciating friends to join, allows
RAL to support the arts in Rockville and each
other. We have a strong organization...of which
we can all be proud.

If you haven’t already done so, please renew
your membership and help us to thrive in the
future. More information on renewing is later in
this newsletter.

And please do yourself a favor and visit the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and the RAL “Essence of Summer” exhibit...you will thank yourself for making the trip.

Beginning in September please mark your calendar to see the “Times5” exhibition. Five Montgomery County art teachers have come together for this show, and they started the process pre-pandemic. And they are new members of RAL.

Presentations and monthly meetings this fall will continue to be virtual.

Regarding meetings...

- Our September speaker will be art historian Dr. Irina Stotland. We are so lucky to have her back again this year continuing our tradition of having her kick-off our art league’s year. Her Zoom will be on Thursday, September 14, and her topic will be the Renaissance artist, Vermeer. I can’t wait to hear more about this legendary, groundbreaking Flemish master.
- In October we will hear from a representative of our software vendor, Artwork Archive. Most of us have become adept at using the software for submitting work to our juried shows. And it will be interesting to hear more about its wide range of capabilities.
- In November we will host the art educator and Glen Echo Resident Artist, Mariana Kastrinakis. I have known Mariana for many years and have always been intrigued by her journey as a medical doctor (scientist) to her current passion for painting (creative). And you may never hear from a more genuine person.

Amazingly, fall is upon us.

It is not too early to begin thinking about our winter juried show and more details will be in the October newsletter.

Clearly, we have much going on this fall and your support makes it all possible.

Thank you for being a member of the Rockville Art League, renewing your membership and sharing your art, vision, and creativity with our community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sieg
President

Rockville Art League Fall 2023 Speaker Series

These programs will be on Zoom. Zoom invitations will be sent out to members a few days prior to the presentations and we plan to record them.

Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:00 PM on Zoom
Art Historian Dr. Irina Stotland on *The Secrets of Johannes Vermeer*



We are honored and pleased to welcome back Dr. Irina Stotland to kick off our speaker series once again! Members will remember her in depth and fascinating presentations on a variety of famous artists from Bosch to Velasquez, Toulouse-Lautrec to Gauguin to Mary Cassatt

and a year ago, the important American art movement Abstract Expressionism. She also juried our *2022 Juried Members' Spring Show*.

This time she will discuss Johannes Vermeer, the 17th-century Dutch Baroque artist celebrated for the luminous images of daily life. In his time, Vermeer's fame was limited to his city of Delft and his output to a mere 36 works. In the 19th century the world fell in love with the quiet poetry of his vision. The mystery of the perfect serenity of Vermeer's paintings achieved by the sensitive harmonizing of light and spatial geometry is the focus of this lecture.



About Dr. Stotland:
Irina Stotland received her doctorate in the History of Art from Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr PA. A specialist in nineteenth-century French art, her research interests include post-Impressionist self-portraiture and gender and sexuality studies, with special emphasis on the construction of identity in representations. Her article on Paul Gauguin's self-portraits appears in "Gauguin's Challenge. New Perspectives after Postmodernism." (ed. Norma Broude, 2018). Her most recent publication is, "The

Holy Faces of Paul Gauguin," in "Paul Gauguin. The Other and I," Museu de Arte de São Paulo/KMEC Books, 2023. She is currently teaching at Montgomery College LLI, Rockville MD, and lecturing at various museums and educational organizations.

Thursday, October 5, 7:00 PM on Zoom
Navigating Artwork Archive with Katie Carey

Thursday, November 2, 7:00 PM on Zoom
**Art Educator and Mixed Media
Artist Mariana Kastrinakis**

Membership Call: Time to Renew!

Please support the Rockville Art League by renewing your membership.

Our membership year runs from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, and it is now time to renew your membership. RAL dues are \$40 for the entire year.

Please renew and take advantage of our *members only* exhibition opportunities, the presentations and networking, and other benefits that can help you grow as an artist. We have 6 meetings a year, currently on zoom with excellent speakers, discussions, and demos. Please visit the website <http://rockvilleartleague.org> and click on the word *Membership* to see a list of membership benefits.

We will kick off the year on **Thursday, September 14, at 7:00pm** with a presentation on Zoom by art historian **Dr. Irina Stotland** who will discuss *The Secrets of Johannes Vermeer*.

Our meetings this fall will be on Zoom. Zoom invitations are sent out a few days prior to the address you received your RAL mailings. (***)Please be sure the email is the one you check often and read. If your email has changed and you'd like to update it, you may easily do so

by updating your preferences at the very bottom of the RAL mailings – or let us know.)

We have two large, juried member shows, in winter and spring, and both feature virtual exhibits on the website and are in person at the Glenview Manion Art Gallery. Prizes will be awarded for each show based on the judge's review of your entry images of your work in person or both.

We also offer members unique opportunities. An example of one of the recent show opportunities is the beautiful ***RAL Essence of Summer Show*** currently on display at Glenview Mansion through Sept. 1. (Pick up of artwork is on TUESDAY, Sept. 5.) If you haven't seen the show yet, you are in for a real treat. If you already have, you'll want to come see it again with your friends! This show has received rave reviews. The quality is amazing! Come out and see for yourself. Open weekdays only 9:00am – 4:30pm. Plenty of parking and there is an elevator to all levels of the gallery.

Membership is \$40. You can easily renew on the RAL website through paypal or if you prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to ***Rockville Art League*** and mail to:
Rockville Art League
c/o Rob Gale
108 W. Argyle St.
Rockville, MD 20850

Thank you to those who have already renewed, and a warm welcome to new members!



Glenview Mansion Art Gallery *Rockville Art League Essence of Summer*

This exhibit portrays the *Essence of Summer* with the world in full bloom. *It's a state of mind, a feeling. The days are long and the light strong. The atmosphere can be sizzling, sultry, stormy, or cool and calm with a delightful breeze. Fireworks, flowers, gardens, fields and streams, a vacation getaway by the shore, in a park or your own backyard.*

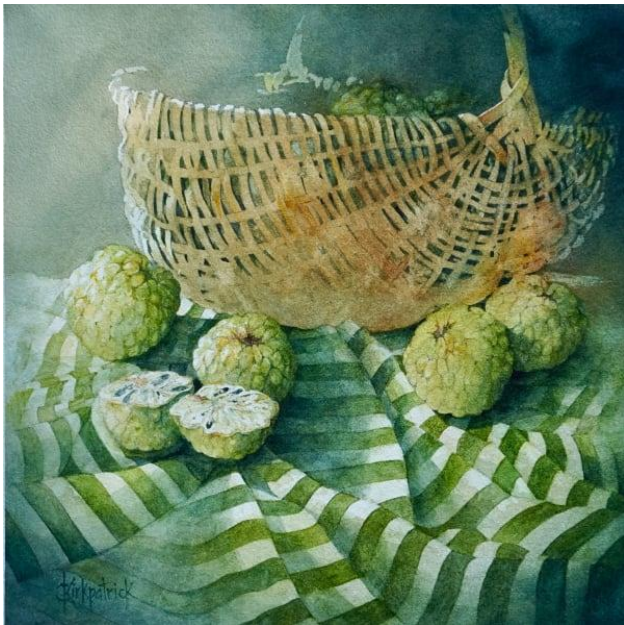
The artists in this show have offered their unique interpretations of this vibrant season in a variety of mediums.

This show is presented by the Rockville Art League and sponsored by the City of Rockville. We were honored to have **Therese Capal** award prizes of recognition and we thank her for all her work on this show. Her remarks about the show and the prize-winning pieces can be found on the virtual show on the Rockville Art League website on the virtual show. Click on the RAL Essence of Summer Show button.

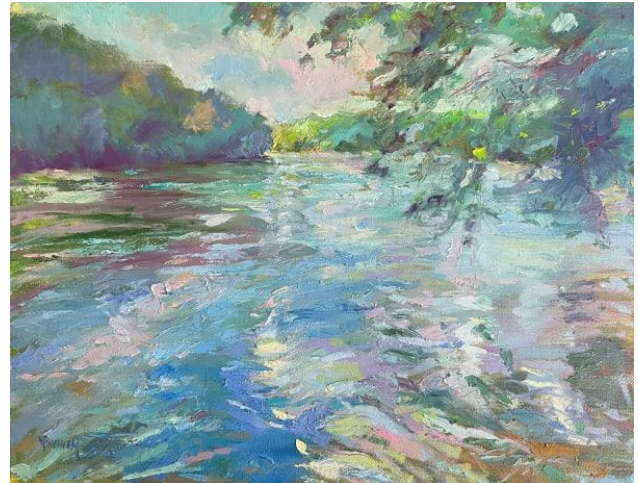
Congratulations!



1st Place: *Playful Summer*
by Maria Elena Sayan



2nd Place: *Sugar Apple Harvest*
by Cecile Kirkpatrick



3rd Place: *Potomac Haven*
by Holly Buehler

Honorable Mention:



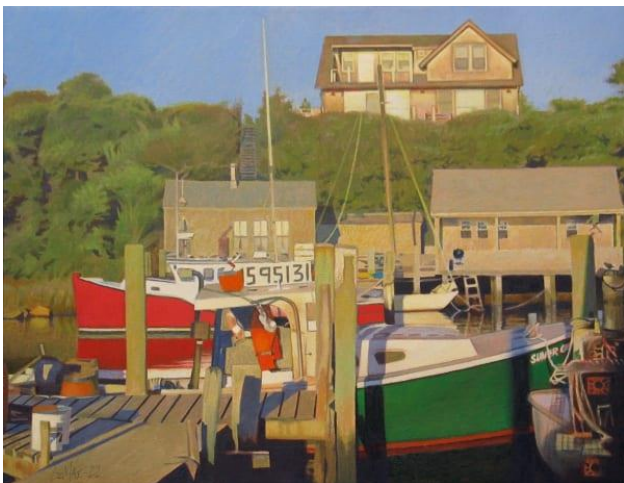
Summer Bouquet by Stacy Yochum



Farmer's Helpers by Patrick Sieg



Solo on the Bay by John Marcus



Morning Dock by Robert Le Mar

This show is on display through Friday, Sept. 1. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Pick up of artwork is on **TUESDAY, Sept. 5, 10:00am-1:00pm.**

Art is best viewed in person so please come out to Glenview Mansion Art Gallery,

weekdays Monday – Friday, 9am – 4:30pm to see this summery show. It is one cool way to spend a hot summer day.

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Upcoming Exhibits

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery
AT ROCKVILLE CIVIC CENTER PARK

On Exhibit: Sept. 10-Oct. 6

TIMES5

From top to bottom and left to right:
Circle Game by Thomas Ruttkay;
Jersey Rain by Jane Walsh;
Bloom by Michael Metzner;
Purple Haze by Dustine Hayes;
Healing by Mygenet Harris.

On Exhibit: Sept. 10-Oct. 6

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

Meet the Artists
Join us from
1:30-3:30 p.m. on
Sunday, Sept. 10.
Event is free and open
to the public.

Mygenet Harris, Dustine Hayes, Michael Metzner, Tom Ruttkay, and Jane Walsh, a group of five current and former Albert Einstein High School artists-teachers collaborated together for over 5 years inspiring others to make art. *Times5* represents their unique and creative energy.

For information, call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660. For recorded directions, call 240-314-9004. *Glenview Mansion Art Gallery* is wheelchair accessible. *Gallery Hours* Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; gallery is closed on official city holidays.

Times5

On Exhibit: Sept. 10 – October 6

Meet the Artists on Sunday, Sept. 10, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Times5 represents the creative energy generated when five artists unite daily to solve problems and inspire others to make art. The artists featured in the *Times5* show are a group of Artist-Teachers that are current and former teachers at the Art Department of Albert Einstein High School in Kensington who have collaborated at AEHS for more than 5 years.

Mygenet Harris, Dustine Hayes, Michael Metzner, Tom Ruttkay, and Jane Walsh are all

practicing artists using different mediums of expression. The *Times5* show is a glimpse of their unique “Visual Artist’s Voices” that are working in harmony.

Fairweather Artists

On Exhibit: October 15 - Nov. 22

Fairweather Artists, 11 seasoned *comrades in art* work in oils, acrylics, gouache, collage and photography to create an extraordinary show of beautiful vistas, vignettes and subjects. The work of Nancy Arons, Ellen Broadman, Sarah Clayton Davis, Karen Kuell Epstein, Susan Sinclair Galego, Jennifer Howard, Lee Ann Howdershell, Ingrid Matuszewski, Lisa Sieg, Patrick Sieg, and Stacy Yochum.

Rockville Art League Juried Members’ Winter Show

On Exhibit: Dec. 3 – Jan. 12

Details forthcoming

MEMBER NEWS




Sarah Sohraby’s painting, “Congo Dance,” will be on display at Foundry Gallery as part of

the Artists’ Choice 2023 Regional Juried Group Show on August 4-August 27, 2023.



“Les Calanques,” acrylic on wood panel by Sarah Sohraby, will be part of the 2023 Labor Day Art Show (LADAS) at Glen Echo.

Jasmin I Smith
In The Forests of the Night
May 18th - September 5th, 2023





Artist Reception/Talk
May 18th, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Woman's National Democratic Club
1526 New Hampshire Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036
(Dupont Circle Metro)


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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

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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GLENVIEW MANSION SHOWS

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2023	ARTISTS	Delivery of Artwork 10am-1pm	<i>Meet the Artists</i> Opening Event	Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm
JULY/AUG	RAL Exhibit <i>Essence of Summer Show</i>	Monday June 26	Sunday, July 2 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, Sept. 5 10am-1:00pm
SEPT/OCT	Glenview Exhibit <i>Times Five</i>	TUESDAY, Sept. 5 *3:00-5:00pm	Sunday, Sept. 10 1:30-3:30pm	MONDAY, October 9 *3:00-5:00pm
OCT/NOV	Glenview Exhibit <i>Fairweather Artists</i>	Monday, October 9 10:00am-1:00pm	Sunday, October 15 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, Nov. 28 10:00am-1:00pm
DEC/JAN	RAL Juried Members' Winter Show	TUESDAY, Nov. 28 10:00 – 1:00pm	Sunday, Dec. 3 1:30-3:30pm	TUESDAY, Jan. 16 10:00am-1:00pm

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

Meet the Artists events are free and open to the public. Plenty of parking and there is an elevator to all levels of the gallery. The gallery is open weekdays Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. Closed on official city holidays. Please check Glenview Mansion website before visiting.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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