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Next meeting Thursday, March 3rd at 7:30pm

Michael Janis - Glass Artist- 'Outstanding Emerging Artist 2009'

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow artists and art lovers,

Spring is right around the corner and so is the RAL sponsored student art show. I want to thank those of you who are helping out with the show and encourage everyone to come out and see it. We have some wonderful young talent in the city.

We are pleased to announce that we are awarding Eileen Mader, one of the founders of the Rockville Art League and Patria Baranski the RAL historian with lifetime honorary memberships. I want to thank both of them on behalf of the board and the membership for their long service and dedication to RAL. This honor is very much overdue.

I attended Maryland Arts day in Annapolis last week on behalf of RAL and was able to find a grant that we will apply for and hopefully will receive to continue producing virtual tours of our upcoming shows. Fred Ruckdeshel and I will work on the grant proposal. The tour was a big hit and will continue to serve as a promo tool for the art league and its members. And if we as hoped for are able to continue producing them, we will have a historical record available on the internet of all our future shows. I find that very exciting.

I have received an interesting inquiry from Brett Johnson at VisArts. As you may know they are going through a period of restructuring and the gift store at street level is being transformed into a gallery. Brett mentioned RAL might be interested in exhibiting there, but this would require us to spend time as gallery "guards". Please let me know if this is of interest to you and if you would be willing to spend some hours gallery sitting.

Also note that Visarts has studio space available for rent. The applications are due by March 1st and there is no fee for the application process. More info available at:

http://visartscenter.org/studio_app.html.

Hope to see many of you at our March meeting.

Liliane Blom – President RAL

Rockville Student Art Show

As in years past, the Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville co-sponsor the annual Rockville Student Art Show. Many volunteers are needed to make this a success. Thank you to the members who have signed up already. We still have many positions to fill. As you can see from the list below there are many different jobs, very similar to our own member show. Volunteering for this show will waive the \$5.00 entry fee for the May member show. Please contact me at 301-590-9437, or mackerer@comcast.net.

Volunteer jobs still available:

Sun., Feb 27, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	2 volunteers to help register artworks
Wed., Mar 2, 12 noon – 2:30	1 volunteers to hang artworks and proof program
Wed., Mar 2, 2:30 - 5 p.m.	4 volunteers to hang artworks and proof program
Thur., Mar 3, 10 a.m. to 12 noon	2 volunteers to finish tagging, & write certificates
Thur., Mar 3, 2 to 4 p.m.	4 volunteers to finish tagging, & write certificates
Sun., March 6, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	2 volunteers to assist in presenting certificates
Tues., March 29, 5:30 - 7 p.m.	2 volunteers to oversee pick-up of artworks

PROGRAMS

Don't miss our next meeting and invite your friends to come listen to glass artist Michael Janis in March. He has been named 'Outstanding Emerging Artist 2009' by the Florida Glass Art Alliance; is an awardee of the Dorothy Saxe Fellowship by California's Bay Area Glass Institute in 2010, and has had multiple solo shows throughout the country including an upcoming solo show at the Fuller Museum of Craft outside of Boston in November.

Michael hails from Chicago and currently lives and works in Washington, DC. He is a Co-Director of the Washington Glass School and has taught at Penland School of Craft in North Carolina, California's Bay Area Glass Institute and at Istanbul's Glass Furnace in Turkey. He

first began working with glass as an architect in Australia, where his projects received international awards.

His architectural discipline is evident his precise and detailed ‘sgraffito’ technique, where he manipulates glass dust to create incredibly detailed, almost photographic imagery within layers of fused glass. (See below)



APRIL: Artists to Watch Series. we will have a talk & a slide show of works by sculptor Laurel Lukaszewski. More information to follow next month but you won't want to miss this talk and feel free to invite your friends.

Best, Jackie Hoysted

MEMBER NEWS

Jackie Hoysted currently has a solo show of her body of work “Send Me Your Last Cigarette” at the Red Mountain Gallery, Truckee Meadows, Reno, Nevada. The show runs through the end of March.

Elizabeth Steel will have her works in Metal Magic: An exhibition highlighting the beauty and strength of works that incorporate metals into wall hangings and suspendible sculptures. March 2-March 28, at the Ratner Museum. Opening reception Sunday, March 6, 1:30-3:30 PM. Free. Phone 301-897-1518.

Diane Jeang is currently in an art show with 5 other artists at the Ratner Museum this month (Feb. 2- Feb. 27). The Ratner Musuem is at 10001 Old Georgetown Road, in Bethesda (near the NIH). The show is all hung very well in the main gallery. Hours are M-Th 12 noon to 4 pm, and Sunday 10 am to 4:30 pm. All of Diane’s works for this show depicts horses, one of her favorite subjects. All pieces are for sale.

Lois Levitan's latest piece is on display in front of the Fine Arts Building at Montgomery College in Rockville. It is a 2 piece outdoor sculpture, 5 1/2 ' tall and weighing approx. 350 lbs. each, including the base. It is titled "Unbridled Optimism". It is made out of Dryvit (a building material) and took 2 years to complete! While Lois searches for a permanent home for it, "Unbridled Optimism" will remain on display at MC at least until Spring.



Patricia Zannie: There is still time to register for the fine art classes she is teaching this Spring: (1) ADS205: Exploring Creativity- Utilizing collage, you will take a 10-week journey into your creative spirit, opening your eyes and mind to see, touch, sense, and enjoy the creative process. Recommended for all levels of artists. Tuition waiver applies; seniors pay fee only. Classes are on Wednesdays, 9:30 -- 12. starting February 16th thru April 27th, 2011. (2) ADS125: Zen of Design --Using the Zen principle of complimentary opposites (yin and yang) as applied to the elements of design, you will explore and develop personal artwork relating to both presentation and abstract settings. This is an excellent class for both new and practicing artists. Tuition waiver applies; seniors pay fee only. Classes are on Mondays, 9:30 -- 12. starting February 14th thru April 25th, 2011. (no class 3/14). Classes are at the School of Art + Design (SA+D) at

Montgomery College located in the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center on the West Campus of the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. For more information, please contact Belva Hill at 240-567-5821.

Tom LaFleur, our newsletter editor will be in Arizona until March 2011, however, he will continue to prepare the newsletter.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery, located in the heart of DC's historic U Street corridor, is in the midst of developing an Art Advisory, a full-service entity of the gallery. The Advisory will serve corporate and individual collectors, with a special focus on clients in the healthcare setting. We currently seek submissions by painters, photographers, sculptors, printmakers, muralists, installation and new media artists to support our developing advisory services and future projects. Individual art works will not be selected from the call; rather, we will invite selected artists to be non-exclusively represented by the Advisory. Chosen Advisory artists will work with the gallery to sell existing works or to create commissioned pieces specific to future clients' needs. For the Call for Artwork Submissions form please visit: smithfarm.com/gallery. We hope you will consider this opportunity and help us in spreading the word to friends and colleagues!

Treat yourself to an art workshop! Penny Kritt will be teaching two of them in May through the Montgomery County Recreation Department. **Creating Color with Kritt** (No. 301502) will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 10 am until 3 pm. First, learn how to create almost any color. Now you'll buy fewer paints and have more accurate colors to work with. Then see how to use color strategically within your picture space. Find out how to use color to create a center of interest and then how to do those pesky backgrounds. **Composition with Kritt** (No. 304664) will be held on Saturday, May 21st from 10 am until 3 pm. Learn to define a focal point and make the rest of the composition complement it. Find out how to use shapes effectively – even if you hate abstracts! See how (or if) to do a background. Stop doing boring landscapes or still life compositions that will never win a prize in an art show! Take your artwork to the next level. You can register for these workshops through the Recreation Department, at your local library or community center. Each workshop is \$65 and will be held in Penny's studio in Burtonsville. For more information, call Penny at 301/989-1799.

Giclee' Printing by Debra Grayer Halprin: For answers to your questions about giclee' printing, or if you would like to have giclee' prints made from your original artwork, contact Debra Halprin at halprinart@aol.com or call her at 301-260-9701. Prices are .09 cents per square inch with a \$25 set up fee if photography is required

Frames for Sale! If anyone needs 16x20 or 18x24 frames, Nancy Heindl has accumulated too many and has a space problem. They are wood with antique gold finish. Most but not all have liners. She would be glad to sell some of them, at prices much lower than I originally paid for

them. If interested, come and look over what I have. Nancy Heindl 301-299-6176
nlheindl@gmail.com.

Printer services: If you are ever looking for a great printer for your postcards, Nancy Bullough highly recommends www.USpress.com. (Her sales rep is fantastic -- Paul Briggs -- paul@uspress.com -- 1-800-631-8503 -- 1628 James P. Rodgers Dr., Valdosta, GA 31601). Check out their website. You can get an instant quote on any printing job right on their home page.

Do you have a show upcoming? Do you know of an event that RAL members might enjoy? Please send an email to Tom! tomsharonlafleur@gmail.com. **Newsletter Deadline:** 15th of each month, August through May.

GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

The receptions at Glenview mansion are now 1:30-3:30 pm, **not** 1-4 pm on the Sunday after hanging! Preferred drop-off and pick-up times for Glenview Shows are from 9 am to 12 noon. Note: please contact the mansion management ahead of time if you wish to modify the drop-off or pick-up times.

RAL 30-day Glenview Mansion Member Shows in Conference Rooms 5 & 6 (Rm 6 has the fireplace) are open to members who have received awards in previous juried member-only shows. If you have received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award and would like to sign up for a 30-day show in the conference rooms, please contact: **Diane Jeang** at 301-871-1589 or swinedoc@yahoo.com

2011	Member(s)	Wednesday Deliver and hang 9 am-12 pm	Sunday Gallery Opening 1:30– 3:30 pm	Wednesday Pick up 9 am–12 pm
FEB	Alice Lee Timmins + Anne Carroll			
MAR	Rockville Student Show			
APR	Ranita Lahiri+Anna Shuman			
MAY	RAL Spring Show			
JUN	Board Members’ Show			
JUL	Diane Jeang (2)			

AUG	Leita Gerson (2)			
SEP	Joanie Grosfeld + Donna Baron			
OCT	Regina Price (2)			
NOV	Pat Kagan (2)			
DEC	RAL Winter Show			
2012	Member(s)	Wednesday Deliver and hang 9 am – 12 pm	Sunday Gallery Opening 1:30- 3:30 pm	Wednesday Pick Up 9 am – 12 pm
JAN				
FEB				
MAR	Rockville Student Show			
APR				
MAY	RAL Spring Show			
JUN	Board Member's Show			
JUL				
AUG				
SEP				
OCT	Carol Saussey (2)			
NOV	Philip Bennett (2)			
DEC	RAL Winter Show			

RAL ONGOING SHOW LIST

Feb. 14, 2011

Bank of America - 3200 Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Maryland

10-12 paintings, Contact: (301) 232-1370

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
Chris Luckman (301) 589-2564	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
Valthea McGee Fry (301) 926-7084	Apr. 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011
Open	Jun. 15, 2011	Aug. 15, 2011
Jorge Bernal (301) 523-4141	Aug. 15, 2011	Oct. 15, 2011

Twinbrook Library - 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Shows are now 1 month in length. 5 medium to large paintings, Contact person:
Chris Lindy (240)-777-0240, christinelundy@montgomerycountymd.gov

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Open	Jan. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2011	Mar. 15, 2011
Open	Mar. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
Jorge Bernal (301) 523-4141	Apr. 15, 2011	May 15, 2011
Open	May 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011
Open	Jun. 15, 2011	Jul. 15, 2011
Open	Jul. 15, 2011	Aug. 15, 2011
Open	Aug. 15, 2011	Sept. 15, 2011
Open	Sept. 15, 2011	Oct. 15, 2011

Rockville Community Services Office - 30 Courthouse Square Rockville, Maryland

10-12 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Mary Lou Jacobs (240) 314-830

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
Alice Lee Timmins (303) 547-4785	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
Elizabeth Vismans (410) 905-5569	Apr. 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011
Jorge Bernal (301) 523-4141	Jun. 15, 2011	Aug. 15, 2011
Open	Aug. 15, 2011	Oct. 15, 2011

Thomas Farm Community Center – 700 Falls Grove Drive, Rockville, Maryland

12-16 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Martha Coester (240) 314-8842

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Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
Valthea McGee Fry (301) 926-7084	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
Muriel Ebitz (301) 519-6998	Apr. 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011
Marian Mackerer (301) 590-9437	Jun. 15, 2011	Aug. 15, 2011
Open	Aug. 15, 2011	Oct. 15, 2011

The Rockville Innovation Center, Floors 4 and 5 of 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville MD 20850, directly above VisArts

Fourth Floor: 25 medium to large painting space available, some hooks already in wall

Contact Person: Nancy Finkle at 301-279-2222; FAX: 301-279-2112

On 4th floor, there is space for over 25 large to medium paintings, and there are many empty hooks for hanging. Hooks and hanging devices can be moved, and you can bring more in hooks. Several artists can show together. You do not fill space, you can show only a few paintings if you would like.

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Fifth Floor: 20 medium to large painting space available but must provide hanging devices for initial exhibit

Contact Person: Nancy Finkle at 301-279-2222; FAX: 301-279-2112

The 5th floor has 3 permanent paintings, but has space for at least 20 more paintings. Same as with fourth floor, several artists can show together, you do not need to fill space, if you want to just hang a few, that is fine too.

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Open	Aug. 15, 2011	Oct. 15, 2011

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