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**NEXT MEETING: Virtual Meeting: Thursday, February 3—7:00 PM
Zdeno Mayercak: “My Journey - Five Decades of Wood Carving”**

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League Artists,

We are coming to the end of another crazy and bewildering year.

It is interesting to see the end-of-year summaries of the year’s significant happenings, the momentous events and milestones. These retrospectives often take the form of “a year in pictures” and the recent offerings detail nothing less than “topsy-turvy.”

When we kicked off 2021, vaccines promised an end to the pandemic that had haunted the world for a year and a change in our federal government that could return us to a long-awaited semblance of public order and civility. Yet here we are in December of 2021, still wearing masks, still unsettled by daily news articles and still waiting for that elusive meaningful change.

We are bludgeoned by drama of our times ... it can be a scary scenario.

But please take a closer look and if we dig a bit deeper, we can see resilience, dramatic achievements and in some cases unanticipated, unfathomable beauty. Personally, I feel

optimistic about our future, and I can feel positivity, percolating.

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” – Helen Keller

As artists we can use our creativity and unique vision to make a real difference in our world and our times. We can find beauty where others may not even think to look, and we can and will share that beauty through our work.

Personally, I try not to focus on things I cannot control. Like many in our league, I put energy into what I might create.

The Rockville Art League has been able to host exceptional exhibits this year both virtually and in person at the Glenview Art Gallery.

I am in awe of the quality of the work on display in this year’s winter juried show and it is breathtaking and lovely.

Special thanks to Lisa Sieg for curating the show and to judge Christine Lashley for making the difficult jury choices and selecting our award winners.

Of course, all the members that took a chance at entering a juried show deserve the most credit

for its success. See more about our show later in the newsletter and please do yourself a favor and come to the gallery to see our show in person.

There was real energy in our opening “meet-the-artists” event on Sunday, December 15, 2021, and a sincere thank you to all who attended.

Speaking of shows, we’re working with the City of Rockville on a special March - April 2022, exhibit. It will be titled “Lost, Found and Looking Forward” and will focus on our resilience to the pandemic and hope for the future. This themed exhibit be both virtual and in person at Glenview.

It will complement the premier of a new orchestral work at the Fitzgerald Theater created by an international composer for the Rockville Concert Band.

More on this later in the newsletter and in coming weeks.

Finally, my sincere thanks to our Rockville Art League board and members who work to make our group successful.

Special thanks to...

- Susan Dunnell for crafting our newsletter month after month.
- Rob Gale for looking after our finances.
- Michael Auger for maintaining our website and tackling things technical.
- Lisa Sieg for organizing, curating and caring deeply about our exhibits and for staying on top of (and growing) our social media presence.
- Sarah Sohraby and Richard Fisher who are helping with our upcoming speakers.
- Dave Allen and Cathy McDermott for being willing to pitch in.
- Those members willing to assist with our juried shows...accepting work, hanging and labeling and promoting our shows
- And most importantly, all our members who love art, and create and share their efforts.

I am looking forward to being a part of the Rockville Art League in 2022 and much value

the joy associating with such wonderful artists and people brings to me and others.

Sincerely,
Patrick Sieg
President

RAL Spring 2022 Speaker Series: on Zoom at 7pm

February 3: Sculptor Zdeno Mayercak: “My Journey - Five Decades of Wood Carving”

March 3: Ben Carter: “The Ceramic Passport”

April 7: Artist Sharon Carol Demery: “Impressionism into Fauvism”

Glenview Mansion is open **Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm.**

December 5 - January 14: Rockville Art League Juried Members’ Winter Show
Glenview Mansion

The reviews are in! *Rockville Art League’s Juried Members’ Winter Show* is one amazing show! We thank Christine Lashley for jurying such a beautiful show for us. And we thank our artists for creating such beautiful work.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the “Meet the Artists” Opening on Dec. 5. It was great to see so many of you after such a long hiatus and how we loved the excitement of an art opening.

If you couldn’t join us, please be sure to come see the show in person during the week. It’s quite a pleasant experience to view the work in all six rooms of the art gallery. There’s plenty of parking and it is uncrowded. Please continue to invite your friends, family, neighbors, etc., to come see it.

Glenview is open **Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm.** The show is up through **Friday, January 14. A reminder to those with work in**

the show, that you or your designee much pick up of artwork on **Tuesday, January 18, 10:00am-1:00pm.**

Congratulations to our awards winners and all our artists with work in the show. Please be sure to watch the recorded zoom of the awards walk-through with **Christine Lashley** sent out to members on Dec. 10.

Art is best viewed in person but please do share the virtual version of this show with your community. It is easily found on our website by clicking on **“Explore the Exhibit.”**

Christine Lashley’s judge’s remarks:

Thank you, Rockville Art League, for inviting me to jury your exhibition. I enjoyed seeing the diversity of work (and media) presented by the members, and the visual voice that carried through when an artist submitted multiple entries.

I judged this show in several ways. First, I glanced at all the work to see what struck me for visual impact. Secondly, I spent more time on each image looking at: design, value, color, the balance of unity/variety, and the presentation of the ‘big idea’ or cohesion of a concept. Thirdly, I judged the same entries of each artist against the other. Very few artists have two pieces in the show, most artists have only one. Several hours over several days were spent judging this show. Some work stood out from the beginning, others that attracted me at first glance did not hold as much power with subsequent viewings. As I write this many weeks later, I can still pull up in my mind the award winners’ dynamic images. This shows the potential power of a visual on the human brain that we all hope to achieve.

Successful art is born from a strong personal viewpoint. Congratulations to all who submitted art, as it takes courage to submit your art to a juried event. Awards and rejection are part of this process, and this is never an easy task for the judge or the participating artists.

Christine Lashley
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On Exhibit
Dec. 5 - Jan. 14

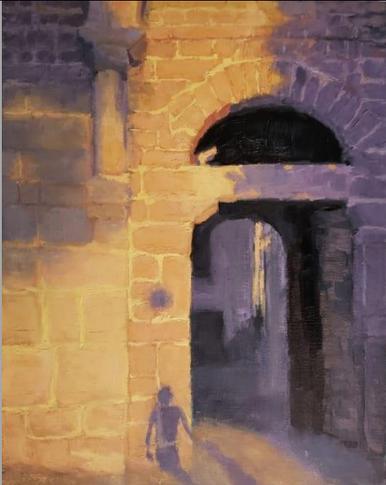
Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show

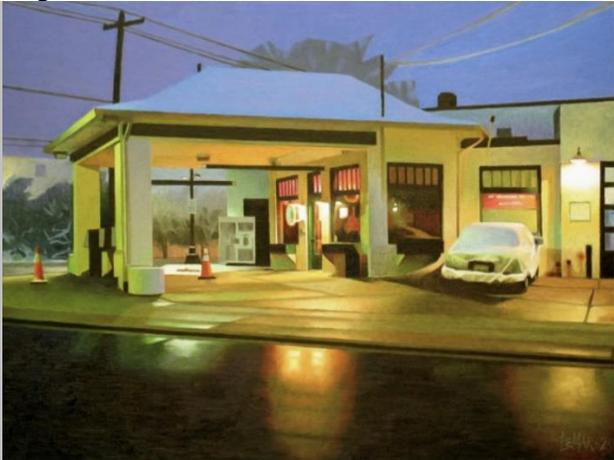
Meet the Artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, Dec. 5.** Event is free and open to the public.

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: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Gallery closed on official city holidays.*

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

Rockville Art League 2021 Juried Winter Show - Award Winners

Award	Art Title	Artist
Best in Show	Shadows of the Wind	Stacy Yochum
		

<u>Oils and Acrylics</u>			
First Prize	Silent Night	Robert Le Mar	
			
Second Prize	Connecting	Leslie Kraff	
Third Prize	Mythology	Michele Morgan	
Honorable Mention	Three Dots	Maria-Victoria Checa	
Honorable Mention	My Father's Flowers	Lazarus-Berlin	
Honorable Mention	Poppies	Robin Smith	
Honorable Mention	Farm Before the Storm	Patrick Sieg	

Watercolors

First Prize

Under the Bridge

Barbara

Bell



Second Prize

Beach Vendor on the Black Sea

Chris

Luckman

Third Prize

Lucerne, Switzerland

Antonia

Tiu

Honorable

Mention Good Day Sunshine

Angela

Lacy

Drawing, Pastels and Hand-Pulled Prints

First Prize

Shadows and Snow at Little Falls

Kathleen

Tynan



Second

Shrimp Boats at Shem Creek

Sharon

Reinckens

Third Prize

Under African Sky

Helen

Wood

<u>Photographs</u>			
First Prize	That Delicate Touch	Paula Eiblum	
			
Second Prize	Winter at Lake Needwood	Howard Clark	
Third Prize	Stand Alone	Jordan Henson	
Honorable Mention	A Vision	Lisa Sieg	

Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville will be hosting an art show: *Lost, Found, and Looking Forward* March 2022

The Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville will be hosting an art exhibit to complement a premiere performance by the Rockville Concert Band at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre of an original commissioned concert piece created by world-renowned composer Johan de Meij to honor those lost to COVID and offer a breath of hope as we head to the future.

The theme of this art exhibit *Lost, Found, and Looking Forward* is the pandemic and the hope for the aftermath. We are looking for artwork that would capture an element of the unique times of **March 2020** until now, and as we look ahead: what we *Lost*, what we *Found* and our hope as we are *Looking Forward*.

From the lockdown to loss, from isolation to resilience, discovery, solace, appreciation for one another and nature, and moving forward towards brighter days ahead. We look forward to your creations and your interpretations of this concept.

The work may be newly created but you may also submit a piece you have created during the pandemic (*or earlier*) * in the following mediums:

- oils/acrylics
- watercolors
- drawings, pastels, hand-pulled prints
- mixed media, collage, experimental
- photography
- sculpture

*It also may have been exhibited in a prior show.

Details will be sent out *early January* with exact dates, etc.

Briefly, *members in good standing* will be allowed to submit *up to 3 pieces of art for consideration* for an in person and online show to be exhibited in **March 2022** at Glenview. All 2-D pieces will need

to be wired securely for hanging with the *maximum* measurement of any framed side of 48 inches. Questions? Please contact Lisa Sieg.

Prizes of recognition will be awarded by the *City of Rockville*. There will be an opportunity for the *prize-winning work* to be displayed the *afternoon of the premiere* at the Theatre and the entire art show will be exhibited shortly thereafter **at Glenview Mansion**. Additionally, the virtual show will be shown on the RAL website as well as the City of Rockville's.

Start the New Year with New Connections

I recently met for the first time with a new critique group I found through Critique Seek. Although each member of my group focuses on different subject matter and media, we are able to exchange constructive, helpful feedback and support one another. This group has expanded my artist community and my horizons, and I wish the same for you in the New Year.

To learn more about Critique Seek, check out the article in the June newsletter at http://rockvilleartleague.org/newsletters/newsletter_30_10.pdf or email me at Critiques@RockvilleArtLeague.org.

To sign up, email me at Critiques@RockvilleArtLeague.org and I'll send you a short form to complete. Once you submit your answers, they will be compiled into our list, which you will receive within several days. Check out the list to find one or more members, contact them, and you're on your way.

I hope you will consider exploring this opportunity to connect with fellow RAL artists. I look forward to hearing from you!

Paula K. Zeller
Critique Coordinator

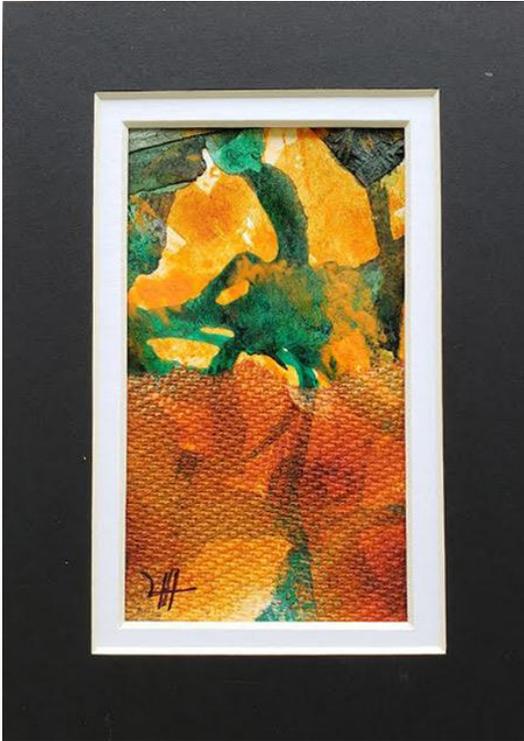
MEMBER NEWS

Paula Zeller is one of two artists accepted into the 2022 mentoring program sponsored by the Cecilia Beaux Forum of the Portrait Society of America. The 9-month program, which begins in January, pairs established figurative artists with advanced emerging artists who wish to work on personal artistic and professional goals.

Patricia Zannie, a member of Gallery 209, voted the Best Gallery in Rockville, the past three consecutive years, has five collages on display at Artists & Makers Studios; 11810 Parklawn Drive; Rockville, MD 20852.



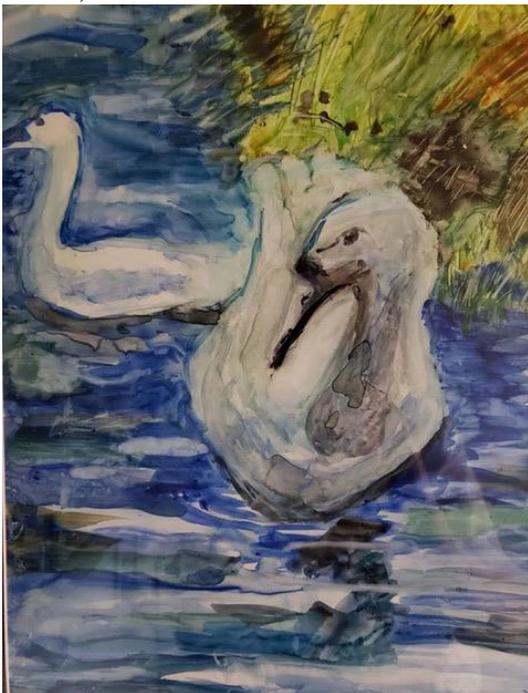
Elizabeth Steel has an artwork exhibit at the Davis Library in Bethesda through the month of December. The show features small pieces from her Bright Spots series such as "Microgreens at the Market" which, at 2.5x4.5, matted to 5x7, is suitable for hanging or displaying on a shelf, table, or altar.



Freddi Weiner, Photos by Freddi, is part of an exhibit sponsored by The City of Gaithersburg called, “Celebrating Wildlife,” taking place at the Activity Center Bohrer Park, 506 S Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg, MD, through January 30, 2022.



Elizabeth also has two artworks showing in The City of Gaithersburg’s “Celebrating Wildlife” exhibit at Bohrer Park, through January 30, 2022. “Swans,” and “Red Panda Under the Moon,” are included in the show.



She will have three pieces in the show- “Wild Dolphin Strand Fishing,” “Bear- Yellowstone National Park,” and “Osprey Nest in the Tall Pines.”



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

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OPPORTUNITY

The **Laurel Art Guild** is proud to announce the **53rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition** to be held at the Montpelier Arts from April 2, 2022, to May 1, 2022. Please mark these dates:

- February 25: Deadline for Entries
 - March 1 to 14: Review of Entries by Juror
 - March 20: Notification of Accepted Entries Available on the Website
 - March 29: Drop Off of Artworks at Montpelier Arts Center, 12 to 4 pm
 - April 2: Exhibit Opens at Montpelier Arts Center
 - April 10: Reception at Montpelier Arts Center, 2 to 4 pm
 - May 1: Exhibit Closes
 - May 2: Pick Up of Artworks at Montpelier Arts Center, 12 to 4 pm
- Apply online at:
www.laurelartguild.org



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53rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition
April 2nd to May 1st, 2022
 Six Prizes to be Awarded
 1st Place: \$300.00
 2nd Place: \$250.00
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 Juror:
 Melissa Gryder

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

As we are emerging from 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, including confirmation of dates. 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. Information about the “Meet the Artists” events will be confirmed.

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2021				
	ARTISTS	Monday Delivery 10am-1pm	<i>Meet the Artists</i> Event	Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm
DEC	RAL Juried Winter Show	Monday, Nov 29	Planned for Sunday Dec 5, 1:30-3:30	Planned for Tuesday, Jan 18 10am-1pm

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Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!

RAL Ongoing Show List

Currently all these venues are closed due to COVID-19 social distancing policies.

Twinbrook Library – 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Shows for the library run from 1st of the month to the end of the month for 1 month shows. 5 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Christine Lundy, 240-777-0252.

Christine.lundy@montgomerycountymd.gov

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Open		

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

12-16 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Melinda Norton (240) 314-8842.

email: mnorton@rockvillemd.gov

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Open		

Marilyn J. Praisner Library – 14910 Old Columbia Road, Burtonsville, Maryland

10 small to medium or 5-6 large paintings (10 hanging chains), Contact person: (240) 773-9455, Vera Ramaty

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Open		



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