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

## **Message from the President, Patrick Sieg**

Dear Artists,

We lost a friend in December, and I miss her. While I didn't spend a lot of time with Kris Loya, she was important to me and many others. Please see a remembrance to her later in our newsletter. I try not to start my President's message on sad terms but losing Kris and other friends like RAL members Mike Kuchinsky and Colleen Henderson, has given me pause.

When I think about success and what makes a life well lived, I find inspiration in the writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson. He believed that success in life was about much more than fame, fortune, and popularity. He believed in the importance of having good relationships, caring for family and friends, those that may rely on your kindness, and honing your craft in whatever you are passionate about. Emerson saw success and life itself as leaving the world better than when you found it.

## **What Is Success**

--- by Ralph Waldo Emerson

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people and  
the affection of children;  
To earn the approbation of honest critics and  
endure  
the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others;  
To give of one's self;  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a  
healthy child,  
a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;  
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm  
and  
sung with exultation;  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
because you  
have lived -  
This is to have succeeded.

The pandemic has exacted a toll on all of us,  
and I believe there is light at the end of the  
tunnel.

As artists, we have a unique gift that allows us to find and appreciate beauty and to share it with others.

In conjunction with the City of Rockville, RAL will be hosting a show in March and April at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery titled “Lost, Found and Looking Forward.” I believe many members have been practicing their craft during the last two years of lockdown and our art must reflect what we were all going through. The theme of this show is our experiences and life during the time of Covid and what we are looking forward to in its aftermath.

Speaking of things to look forward to...the gallery at Glenview is getting a facelift between the close of our winter show and the start of “Lost, Found and Looking Forward.” The gallery will be repainted, and the walls patched as needed. Many thanks to Betty Wisda from the City of Rockville for working to improve the gallery and for supporting our art league.

Supporting each other is hugely important. Paula Zeller has been leading our “Critique Seek” effort and I hope that more and more members will avail themselves of this opportunity connection and personal improvement. I am in several critique groups with other RAL members and these groups are fun and helpful in many ways. It takes courage to open yourself up to advice from other artists but please do yourself a favor and get involved. You will be glad you did.

Our spring show is just around the corner...that is hard to imagine but true. Lisa Sieg, our juried show lead, is deep into the spring show’s planning and more will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

It is cold outside right now but there are many warmer days right around the corner...I am looking forward to their arrival.

Sarah Sohraby and Richard Fisher have arranged our spring programs and what better theme for the new year than to embrace new ideas?

Sincerely,

Patrick Sieg  
President  
The Rockville Art League

### **2022 Speaker Series:**

**7pm on Zoom** (Zoom invitation will be sent out to members a few days before each speaker).

#### **Thursday, February 3, Zdeno Mayercak “My Journey – Five Decades of Wood Carving”**

Get ready to begin the new year by learning about an art form you may know little about! Please join us as we welcome Professor Zdeno Mayercak as he discusses creating sculpture by carving wood and stone. He will even do a short demo of his methods learned over 5 decades. We are certain to come away with an appreciation of what it takes to transform a natural object into a work of art.

Zdeno Mayercak studied Wood Carving at School of Fine Arts, Bratislava, Slovakia, and Figure Sculpture at Academy of Fine Arts, Bratislava, where he received his MFA in sculpture. He also studied at the Academy of Fine Arts, Rome, Italy, under Prof. Lorenzo Guerrini. Zdeno came to the United States as a political refugee in 1985. He is currently teaching at Montgomery College where he is Sculpture Coordinator. He also exhibits his work internationally.

For more information, please see his website: <https://zdeno-mayercak.squarespace.com>

For those on

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/zdenomayercak/>

And to have a look at a “Mayercak Demo,” check out this video made by one of his students.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_zuPozlqZw&ab\\_channel=AmyLauriano](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_zuPozlqZw&ab_channel=AmyLauriano)

**March 3: Ben Carter: “The Ceramic Passport”**

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

Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville will be hosting an art exhibit:

***Lost, Found, and Looking Forward***  
**March 2022**

**Deadline for entries: Friday, February 18**

The Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville are 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. This concert will be on Sunday, March 13.

RAL *members in good standing* will be allowed to submit original works, *up to 3 pieces of art for consideration* for an in person and online show to be exhibited beginning March 2022 at Glenview.

**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. Each member may submit up to 3 pieces.

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: (\*It also may have been exhibited in a prior show).

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

**All 2-D pieces** will need to be framed, gallery-wrapped or professionally finished, securely wired, ready for hanging with the *maximum* measurement of any framed side of 48 inches. If submitting unfamed work, the edges should be painted or finished. No wet paint. Entries not meeting the show conditions will not be accepted. RAL retains the right to determine the suitability of the work for entry in this show.

**To submit work**, please use your personal link that was sent to you to enter your work for the RAL Juried Members’ Winter Show. When you submit work, you will need to complete the following for each of your pieces (up to 3 entries): artwork title, medium, market price only (if NFS, please leave blank), clear image (jpg.) of your artwork, and dimensions.

**Show agreement** You will need to agree to the following before your work can be exhibited: “I agree to the exhibition dates as listed below, that my entries are my original works, and I will not hold the Rockville Art League, Glenview Mansion, or the City of Rockville responsible for any possible loss or damage to my entries while on the Rockville Civic Center Park property. I understand that all reasonable care will be taken in handling my entries. I give RAL, Glenview Mansion, and the City of Rockville permission to photograph my artwork and publish them as appropriate. I acknowledge a commitment to donate 20% of the sale price of my work, if sold during this show at Glenview to the City of Rockville.”

**Schedule:**

**Friday, February 18: deadline for all submissions.**

Friday, March 4: notifications sent out

Sunday, March 13: prize-winning art will be displayed at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre during the concert.

**Monday, March 14:** drop off artwork, Glenview Mansion, 10:00am-1:00pm.

**Sunday, March 20:** “Meet the Artists” opening at Glenview. 1:30-3:30pm (optional)

**Monday, May 9:** pick up of artwork 10:00am-1:00pm.

*Prizes of recognition* will be awarded by the *City of Rockville*. The *prize-winning work* will be displayed the *afternoon of the premiere* at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and the entire art show will be exhibited in person at Glenview Mansion the following week. Additionally, the virtual show will be shown on the RAL website as well as the City of Rockville’s.

**Deadline for submissions: Friday, February 18.**

Questions or need help, contact:

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### **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery News:**

The *RAL Juried Members’ Winter Show* ended on Jan. 14th, and we think it was one of our most beautiful, juried shows to date. As one member commented, “it is an excellent show with many varied expressions of what constitutes art.” It truly showcased the incredible talent of our artists with their unique vision and expression. To view it all together in person was a joy! Many thanks to Christine Lashley for jurying such a beautiful show for the Rockville Art League. Congratulations to all the artists who had work in the show and thank you to all members for taking a risk and entering work.

The gallery will be **closed beginning Jan. 19** as it will be painted.

### **March 2022: *Lost, Found and Looking Forward***

Please see detailed information in the newsletter and be sure to check your inbox for mailings about it. Members in good standing may submit

up to 3 pieces for consideration for this show. Deadline for entries: ***February 18.***

**May 2022: *RAL Juried Members Spring Show*** – details forthcoming.

### ***In Memoriam: Kris Loya***

The art community lost a champion last month as we sadly report the loss of Kris Loya, talented artist, art educator, brand marketing coach, social media expert, gallery director, and generous spirited human who was so much to so many. A huge supporter of the Rockville Art League, we were fortunate to have had Kris as the judge for our *Juried Members Winter Show December 2019*, our last in-person show before the pandemic of 2020 descended. She also presented to the RAL on marketing and media in June 2020 and several of our members worked with her afterwards on their art business. Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to her family and friends. We are ever grateful for her creative and inspiring gifts.

### **Expand Your Art Community**

One of the great things about taking art classes is having peers and teachers right there to offer feedback and support. If you’re not in a class right now, or even if you are, RAL has a members-only benefit that can help you expand your art community. Our Critique Seek participants work in a variety of media and styles, and most are happy to meet virtually. We welcome you to join in!

To learn more about Critique Seek, check out the article in the June 2021 newsletter at [http://rockvilleartleague.org/newsletters/newsletter\\_30\\_10.pdf](http://rockvilleartleague.org/newsletters/newsletter_30_10.pdf).

To sign up, email me at [Critiques@RockvilleArtLeague.org](mailto: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 giving Critique Seek a try. If you have any questions, please get in touch. I look forward to hearing from you!

Paula K. Zeller  
Critique Coordinator

## MEMBER NEWS

**Lily Kak's** artwork, "Sunrise on the River Ganges," is now showing in the Hill Center Galleries 2022 Regional Juried Exhibit during January 11-March 27. The virtual exhibit can be accessed at [galleries@hillcenterdc.org](mailto:galleries@hillcenterdc.org).



**Paula Zeller** has two oil paintings in Glave Kocen's virtual exhibition, "Size Doesn't Matter." In these pieces, Paula reimagines marbles as the stars in the Little Dipper and the constellation Cygnus (The Swan), heightening their colors and relative sizes. Glave Kocen, formerly a brick-and-mortar Richmond, VA, gallery, now hosts virtual and pop-up exhibitions. The show will be [online](#) through January 29.



**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 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.



**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.



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. [www.FramersWorkroomDC.com](http://www.FramersWorkroomDC.com) Email: [Jaeshin@FramersWorkroomDC.com](mailto:Jaeshin@FramersWorkroomDC.com)



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May 1: Exhibit Closes  
May 2: Pick Up of Artworks at Montpelier Arts Center, 12 to 4 pm  
Apply online at:  
[www.laurelartguild.org](http://www.laurelartguild.org)



**LAUREL ART GUILD**  
Montpelier Arts Center  
**53rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition**  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Six Prizes to be Awarded  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$250.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$200.00  
Three Merit Awards of \$50.00 each  
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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

**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 **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter, to: [newsletter@rockvilleartleague.org](mailto:newsletter@rockvilleartleague.org)

**GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS**

<b>Glenview Mansion Schedule</b>				
2022				
	ARTISTS	<b>Monday Delivery 10am-1pm</b>	<i>Meet the Artists</i> Opening Event	<b>Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm</b>
DEC 2021/ JAN 2022	RAL Juried Members' Winter Show	Nov. 29, 2021	Sunday, Dec. 5 1:30-3:30pm	Tuesday, Jan. 18 2022
JAN/FEB	Gallery Closed for painting Jan. 19+	NA	NA	NA
MAR/MAY	"Lost, Found, Looking Forward" RAL Exhibit	Mon., March 14	Planned for Sunday March 20, 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, May 9
MAY/JUNE	RAL Juried Members' Spring Show	Monday, May 9	Planned for Sunday, May 15, 1:30-3:30pm	Mon., June 27

As we 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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