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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 8 —7:00-8:30 PM**  
**Dr. Irina Stotland, Abstract Expressionism**

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

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

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, 2022.

I absolutely agree with philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche when he wrote that “The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude.”

And we have much to look forward to in 2022/2023:

- We have terrific speakers lined up for September, October, and November and more on them is below.
- The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is open to the public and we are confident that the pandemic situation allows it to stay that way.
- The exhibits on display for the remainder of the year are a mix of RAL artists’ work and for the first time in several years, another art organization, the Montgomery Art Association (and many RAL members are also a part of MAA).

- And I am also grateful that many of our members have already renewed for the year September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

Renewing your membership and encouraging your art-appreciating friends to join, allows RAL to support the arts in Rockville and each other. You have kept RAL strong during several difficult years (we much look forward to finally moving past the pandemic).

If you haven’t already done so, please renew your membership and help us to thrive in the future.

And please do yourself a favor and visit the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and the RAL “Sunflowers” exhibit...you will thank yourself for making the trip. “Sunflowers” is earning much positive response and it is beautiful, colorful, and fun.

As a bonus, we have seen plenty of sales...come see why.

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

The RAL Board of Directors is considering when it is appropriate to gather in person for meetings.

- Evening hours at the mansion are not yet available and meeting during the day is not viable for many.

- A number of members have shared that Zoom meetings and the recordings offer a level of flexibility that is much appreciated.
- And today's technology makes our virtual meetings fun and engaging. But others, often including me, miss the in-person connection that is an important aspect of our in-person meetings. Please let me know if you have thoughts on the virtual versus in-person meetings.

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 8, and her topic will be the Abstract Impressionists. I can't wait to hear more about this groundbreaking group of early 20<sup>th</sup> century artists and to learn about how they changed art, culture and many argue, the world.
- In October we will hear from North Carolina based artist Tony Alderman. His topic will be how his art helps highlight the disappearing coastal community in the eastern part of that state.
- In November we will host the art educator and Glen Echo Resident Artist, Jordan Bruns. Many members know Jordan, have taken his classes and he will talk about his three year long experience in Japan and how it has influenced his art practice.

We will continue to host in-person "meet the artists" events related to RAL exhibits this upcoming year. These events have been well attended this year and all attendees are careful, considerate, and glad for the opportunity to see their friends and beautiful artwork.

Amazingly, fall is upon us.

It is not too early to begin thinking about our winter juried show. 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 beautiful art with our community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sieg  
President

### 2022 Fall Speaker Series:

Our Meetings/Presentations are normally on the first Thursday of the month. This fall they will be on zoom with the invitation sent to members a few days prior.

**September 8:** Art Historian Dr. Irina Stotland, on *Abstract Expressionism*, 7pm on zoom



We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Irina Stotland to kick off our speaker series. Members will remember her in-depth and fascinating presentations on a variety of famous artists from Bosch to Velasquez, Toulouse-Lautrec to Gauguin, and Mary Cassatt. She also juried our *2022 Juried Members' Spring Show*. This time she will discuss the most important

American art movement of the 20th century, *Abstract Expressionism*. Emerging in the aftermath of WWII and the atomic bomb, the liberated explorations of color on a monumental scale, the Abstract Expressionists turned New York into the new capital of the western art world. Though diverse in style, these abstract artists shared a common rejection of traditional representation in favor of gesture and color as expressive of inner emotions.



Dr. 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, 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). She is currently teaching at Montgomery College LLI, Rockville MD, and lecturing at various museums and educational organizations.

We plan to record this presentation and will send it out to members to watch within 30 days.

**October 6:** Artist Tony Alderman, "Down East: A Cultural Heritage, Documenting the Disappearing Coastal Community in North Carolina," 7pm on zoom

**November 3:** Artist Jordan Bruns, "Japanese Influences: Three Years Abroad," 7pm on zoom

### **Membership Call: Time to Renew!**

Please support our art league by renewing your membership.

Our membership year runs from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2023, and it is now time to renew your membership. Our membership 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 meet 6 times a year with excellent speakers, discussions, and demos. Please see our website and click on *Membership* to see a list of membership benefits.

We will kick off our year on September 8 with a presentation on Zoom by **art historian Dr. Irina Stotland** who will discuss *Abstract Expressionism*.

Our meetings this fall will be on zoom. Zoom invitations are sent out a few days prior to the address you receive your RAL mailings. \*\*\*Please be sure your email is the one you actually 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 RAL mailings or let us know.)

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

An example of one of the show opportunities offered to our members is the beautiful RAL

*Sunflowers Show* currently on display at Glenview Mansion until Sept. 1. If you haven't seen it yet you are in for a real treat. If you already have, you will want to bring your friends back! This show has received rave reviews. Come on out and see for yourself. Open weekdays only 9am - 4:30pm. Plenty of parking.

Renewing/joining the Rockville Art League is easy:

You may pay \$40 via PayPal. Go to "Membership"

at <http://www.rockvilleartleague.org/> and click "Pay Now." PayPal is encouraged and the most efficient way to renew.

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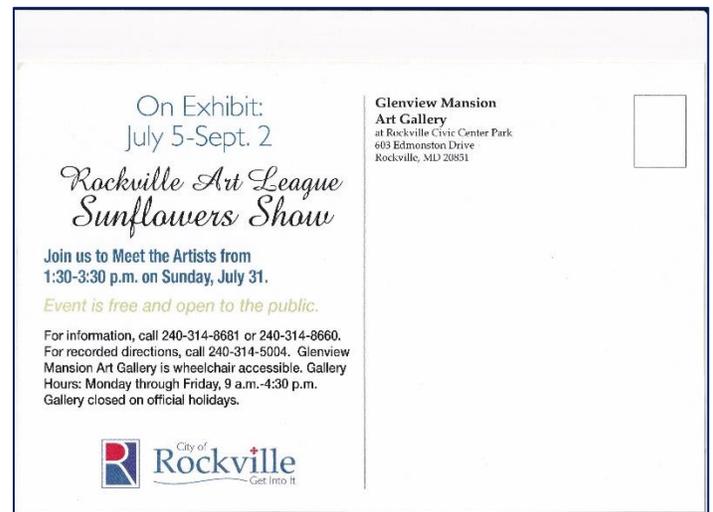
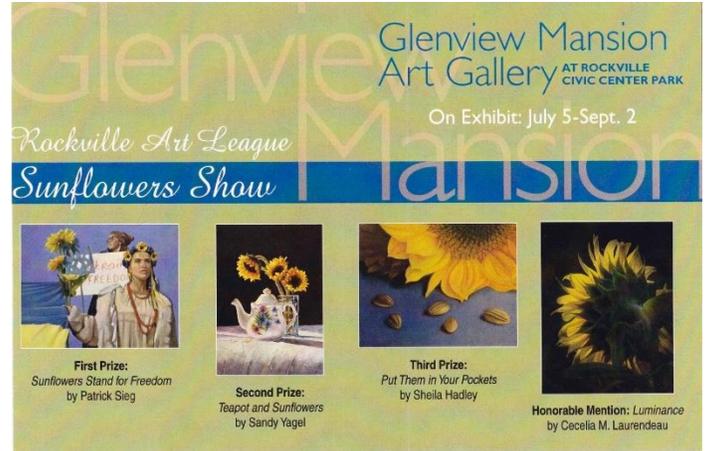
if you prefer, you may mail your \$40 check, payable to *Rockville Art League*, to the treasurer Rob Gale:

Rockville Art League  
c/o Rob Gale  
108 W. Argyle Street,  
Rockville, MD 20850

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

## ***Rockville Art League*** ***Sunflowers Show*** **July 5 – September 1** **Glenview Mansion**

These bold, brilliant flowers literally look on the bright side as they follow the sun throughout the day and have been portrayed throughout the centuries so beautifully by many artists. They also represent community and our interdependence with one another and nature. As the national flower of Ukraine, it has become a symbol of solidarity and hope for peace. The artists in this show offer their unique interpretation of this optimistic flower in its varied stages.



There are 120 works in a variety of mediums in this dazzling show by local artists on display at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery (603 Edmonston Drive at the Rockville Civic Center Park). We thank Steve Loya who awarded prizes of recognition and congratulate the award winners: first prize to Patrick Sieg for "Sunflowers Stand for Freedom," second prize to Sandy Yagel for "Teapot and Sunflowers," third prize to Sheila Hadley for "Put Them in Your Pockets." Honorable Mention to: Cecelia M. Laurendeau for "Luminance," Lisa Sieg for "Mirror, Mirror," and Holly Buehler for "At Rest."

Several artists in the show will donate the net proceeds of the sale of their specified artwork to a vetted humanitarian charity for Ukraine as noted on their labels at Glenview and on the virtual show.

The RAL Sunflowers Show is on display through Sept. 1 as **the gallery is closed on Friday, Sept. 2** for a private event. Also, closed on Labor Day **Monday, Sept. 5**.

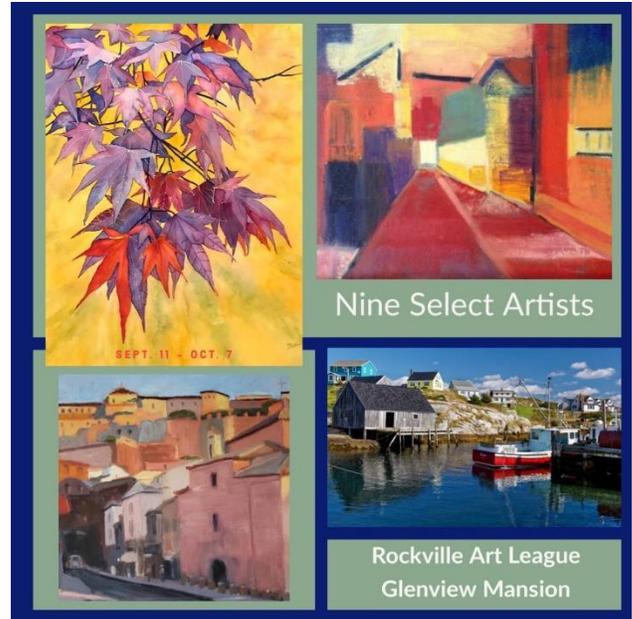
**Participating artists:** you or your *designee* must **pick up your artwork on TUESDAY, Sept. 6, 10:00am-1:00pm.**

The gallery is open to the public weekdays, Monday – Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm with plenty of parking. The art gallery is wheelchair accessible. For information call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660. For recorded directions call 240-314-5004. Or visit the Glenview Mansion website: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/389/Glenview-Mansion>

Rockville Art League is proud to present: **Nine Select Artists**  
September 11 – October 7  
Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

This art exhibit showcases the work of 9 select award winning Rockville Art League artists:

Barbara Bell  
Howard Clark  
Richard Fisher  
Cathy McDermott  
Gloria Miotto  
Linda Sherman  
Sarah Sohraby  
Stacy Yochum  
Patricia Zannie



Left to Right clockwise, “Autumn” by Barbara Bell, “Memory Lane” by Sarah Sohraby, “Peggy’s Cove” by Howard Clark, and “Toledo Sundown” by Stacy Yochum.

Each artist is accomplished in their medium and have created beautiful works of art in their signature style offering their unique vision and perspective. This exhibit will be on display at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery **September 11 – October 7** and will also be available to view virtually on the Rockville Art League website. Please mark your calendars to **Meet the Artists on Sunday, September 11, 1:30-3:30pm.**

It’s still summer but the **RAL Juried Members’ Winter Show** is on the radar.

## MEMBER NEWS



**Janet DeWoskin** has her first solo show on display at The Den Coffeehouse & Wine Bar, 5016 Connecticut Odds Alley, NW, Washington, DC 20008, from August 28 through September 25. Janet's paintings are inspired by nature, and some include bark, rocks, shells, and other treasures she finds while hiking.

**Paula Zeller's** oil painting, "Sukyong," was accepted into the Oil Painters of America 2022 Eastern Regional Exhibition. The show will be hosted by the gallery James R. Ross Fine Art, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 6-28, 2022. The painting was inspired by one of Paula's former literacy students.

### **MAA Paint the Town Art Show**

This year famed DC contemporary artist Lenny Campello will serve as the judge of the show and will evaluate more than 500 works in seven categories at the Montgomery Art Association's

annual Paint the Town Labor Day Show at the Historic Armory in Kensington, Maryland. He also will judge the one-day Kensington plein air painting competition and will present prizes at the September 3 reception.

The annual art show runs for three days—September 3-5—and features hundreds of pieces of artwork by member artists. Original paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photography—plus prints and notecards—will all be for sale. A portion of proceeds goes in support of MAA's educational mission.



*Passage of Time* by Alden Schofield,  
Winner of the 2021 Bertha Clum Grand Prize Award

**2022 Paint The Town Art Show**  
Sponsored by Montgomery Art Association and the Town of Kensington

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND**  
September 3 - 5  
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Judged for Awards by Lenny Campello*  
*Award Reception: Saturday at 6 p.m.*  
at the Kensington Town Hall/Armory  
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

[MontgomeryArt.org](http://MontgomeryArt.org) Free to the public

### **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)  
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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 **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>				
<b>2022</b>				
	<b>ARTISTS</b>	<b>Delivery of Artwork 10am-1pm</b>	<b>Meet the Artists Opening Event</b>	<b>Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm</b>
JULY/SEPT	<i>Sunflowers</i> RAL Exhibit	Monday, June 27	Sunday, July 31 1:30-3:30pm	Tuesday, Sept. 6
SEPT/OCT	RAL Award Winning Artists Exhibit: “Nine Select Artists”  Barbara Bell Howard Clark Richard Fisher Cathy McDermott Gloria Miotto Linda Sherman Sarah Sohraby Stacy Yochum Patricia Zannie	TUESDAY, Sept. 6	Sunday, Sept. 11 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Oct. 10 *9:30- 11:00am
OCT/NOV	Montgomery Art Association Exhibit	Monday, Oct. 10 *11am-1pm	Sunday, Oct. 16 1:30-3:30pm	Tuesday, Nov. 29
DECEMBER/ JAN 2023	RAL Juried Members Winter Show	TUESDAY Nov. 29	Sunday, Dec. 4 1:30-3:30pm	Tuesday, Jan. 17

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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