

## For Love of Glenview Virtual Show

I was honored to be asked to judge “For Love of Glenview” a virtual exhibit for the Rockville Art League. The past year has been a difficult one, so the theme is timely and important. Turning our attention to creating and experiencing art has offered solace and calm. And it is clear to me from the works submitted that the artistic spirit has thrived in Rockville during this time. With so many outstanding examples of the talent in our city, the choices were extremely difficult. I found myself drawn to works that pulled me in and made me experience the theme in a new way. All of the pieces chosen offered a sense of hope, escape and reminders of better days.

### **1st Place:** *On Display* by Patrick Sieg

This piece is reminiscent of times not so long ago when we were able to visit Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. The use of color, with the mostly muted shades that lead your eye to the vibrant wardrobe of one visitor elevates this work by taking you beyond the theme of a crowd in a gallery and fills you with questions. The overall composition, sense of movement in the work and the subject made this painting stand out.

### **2nd Place:** *Art Critic* by Barbara Bell

This work is similar in subject matter to the previous work but is done with a different approach. It is beautifully executed. The focus and gesture of the central character and the color and layering of the paint make this piece whimsical and successful.

### **3rd Place:** *Vibrant Glenview Mansion* by Joanne Liotta Aarons

The loose watercolor and ink work is an expressive, vibrant interpretation. The layering of colors freely applied reminded me of flickering shadows and the tight composition forced me to focus on the grounds and building with a fresh perspective. It is joyful and hopeful.

### **Honorable Mention:**

- *Glenview Mansion From the Garden* by Merry Lymn
- *Garden Path in Winter* by Howard Clark

All of the pieces submitted reflect the connection and celebration of art at Glenview and our desire for its return. It is a pleasure to view all of the works and the talent and dedication of the Rockville Art League members.

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