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Next Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 7PM
Multimedia Artist and Curator **Sondra N. Arkin: Many Hands Make Light Work**

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

I am so happy that I am an artist.

And I am thinking about my personal “artist” development deeply while considering 2025 resolutions. Despite all the crazy things going on in the world, I must stay focused, positive, and productive and that takes much effort and requires a real sense of gratitude.

I must admit that there have been times when I was inconsistent in my focus, and I wasted time that I will never get back. That realization is so frustrating.

Why would I pay attention to Facebook, Instagram, “X”, news feeds and other ridiculous things that I can’t ever control instead of the things I knew were more important and in my area of influence? I wanted to get the most out of art and to enhance my creativity but, I wasn’t doing the things I needed to do to move forward. My problem stemmed from too little gratitude and too much procrastination. Here are some things that I plan to do this year that will help me get to the “zone” with my art practice. While these aren’t “new” things, it never hurts to recommit...

- I won’t worry about how others may feel about my work. That doesn’t mean that I won’t request actional critiques from trusted friends and accomplished artists. But the most important judge of my work is myself. I know the standards I should meet.
- I will take art classes (art history and art techniques) when possible. As an artist I know that I can get better and learn from other artists and being in a class always motivates me to work on my craft (I don’t want to be caught without doing my homework). Plus, classes are attended by like-minded artists, and they are fun to be with.
- I will do something “art related” every day. Hopefully for many days that means picking up a brush and applying paint to a canvas. But planning my next artwork or reading about inspirational artists or viewing art in a museum or gallery or talking with other artists will also count toward this daily goal.

- Finally, I will be grateful for the life I lead, the talent that I have and the work that I can share. “We are not here to do what has already been done.” Robert Henri
Gratitude is so important to a happy, satisfying and purposeful life.
- A simple “thank you” can accomplish so much. Genuine appreciation builds relationships, reduces friction and facilitates smoother interactions. These things fuel creativity and perspective.
- Gratitude helps you reframe challenges. Setbacks are inevitable (and, many of you have heard me say that “the only artist who hasn’t been juried out of a juried art show is the artist who never entered a juried show”). Personally, instead of dwelling on such a setback I can seek hidden lessons from such disappointments (even if that takes a little while) I will shift my focus to what can be learned and be grateful for some resilience.
- Gratitude gives one a deeper sense of purpose. I strive to uncover the intrinsic rewards of my art efforts and appreciate small daily wins. That leads to genuine passion and motivation.
- Finally, gratitude helps to combat stress. We artists subject ourselves to relentless demands and stress...am I good enough, how can I get better, why am I viewing social media instead of focusing on my craft? But acknowledging achievements and remaining thankful for challenges, helps me push beyond my comfort zone and that is vital to successful art.

There is a beautiful, themed art show on display in the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Our “Winter Garden” show can provide a distraction from the cold weather and the botanicals on display will provide a taste of warmer weather to come. Our judge Lisa Denison has worked hard to select the award winners. Please see the show and attend our “Meet the Artists” event on January 26th.

On Thursday, February 6th, RAL will welcome a presentation from multimedia artist and curator Sondra N. Arkin. She will share how in her paintings, prints, and drawings, explore thematic content related to human-nature interactions, often highlighting what viewers might overlook. Her talk will be via Zoom and it will be recorded.

Master watercolor artist Karen Norman will present a selection of her work, share some watercolor technique tips and talk about her charity work in Mexico. Her talk will be via Zoom on March 6 at 7:00 pm. Karen has presented to the RAL artists in the past and she is an active member. Her painting “2D” was awarded Best in Show in our recent winter juried show.

We are also looking forward to a return visit from artist and educator Renee Sandell in April. Her Visual Fitness Workout theme will be “Unity, Freedom and Our Lives” and will use Norman Rockwell’s painting “Golden Rule” as a discussion aid.

Thank you, Rockville Art League artists, for finding beauty, sharing your artwork and continually expanding your artwork excellence.

Sincerely,
Patrick Sieg
President, The Rockville Art League

Rockville Art League Speaker Series

The presentations this fall will continue to be on Zoom. Invitations will be sent out a few days prior and also posted on the Rockville Art League website.

Thursday, February 6, 7:00pm Sondra N. Arkin on *Collaborations and Community – Many Hands Make Light Work*



Washington D.C. artist Sondra N. Arkin's work explores space, connections, and boundaries in both paintings and sculpture. In paintings, prints, and drawings, the luminous surfaces, imbued with atmosphere, explore the same points of connection of her ethereal orbs of steel that are organized in site-specific installations. While not overtly representational, the work explores thematic content related to human-nature interactions, often highlighting what viewers might overlook. Her most recent collaborative project, *The Human Flood*, with Ellyn Weiss, uses a variety of media to explore human migration underway due to acute and chronic climate-related changes to environments. Arkin has participated in many exhibitions in both galleries and museums, and her work has been represented in a number of private, corporate, and public collections including the U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies Program, the DC Art Bank, and public art in Crystal City, Virginia.

She has been awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities multiple times.

In addition, as Curator of the DC City Hall Art Collection, she assembled a remarkable collection that includes many of the finest artists who have lived in the nation's capital. As the largest permanent collection of regional art on public display, it constitutes a unique resource. She has curated many independent projects, regularly programs alternative arts spaces, and is deeply involved in the mid-Atlantic arts community. For more information about Sondra Arkin, please visit: <https://www.sondranarkin.com>

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm Master Watercolor Artist Karen Norman

Thursday, April 3, 7:00 pm Dr. Renee Sandell *Visual Workout: on Unity, Freedom and Our Lives!*

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibitions

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is located at 603 Edmonston Dr. at the Rockville Civic Center. Open weekdays, Monday – Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm. Please check the Glenview Mansion website <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/389/Glenview-Mansion> before coming out or call 240-314-8681. There is plenty of parking and an elevator to all levels of the gallery. The gallery is located on the 2nd floor. It is quiet and uncrowded during the week. *Meet the Artists* events are free and open to the public. Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists.

Rockville Art League

Juried Members' Winter Show

On Exhibit: December 8 – January 17

This winter we were honored to have Dr. Lorena Bradford jury this large multimedia show.

Congratulations to all artists with work in the show and to the award-winning artists, BRAVO! The work is stunning. If you haven't already, please watch the video of the judge's commentary sent out to all members on Jan. 2

The pick-up of artwork for this show and the delivery for the *Winter Garden* Show is on **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00am-1:00pm.**

ROCKVILLE ART LEAGUE'S
WINTER GARDEN
ROCKVILLE STUDENT
JURIED ART SHOW

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

AT ROCKVILLE CIVIC CENTER PARK

**ON EXHIBIT:
JAN. 26-FEB. 14**

1. *Anemones* by Barbara Bell
2. *Starlight Bouquet* by Patrick Sieg
3. *A Lonely Summer Street* by Gavin Zilliox
4. *Inner Beauty* by Pearl Chang



On Exhibit: Jan. 26-Feb, 14


**ROCKVILLE ART LEAGUE'S
WINTER GARDEN
ROCKVILLE STUDENT
JURIED ART SHOW**

Meet the artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.
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: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
gallery is closed on official city holidays.

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



Rockville Art League

Winter Garden

On Exhibit: January 26 – February 14

Winter is here. As the temperatures drop, the gardens and parks outside transform to those of quietude with berries, branches and botanicals becoming the stars. Inside, on a warm and sunny sill or tabletop, plants bask in the sunlight. A conservatory or greenhouse becomes an especially welcome sight. Many of us move our favorite plants indoors for safe keeping until spring and create our own indoor garden. For some, a winter garden consists of a favorite botanical of another season – beautiful flowers from a field or garden, in a container or vase, nearby or from an entirely different climate. Looking out, looking in, enjoying what's outside, thriving inside, a favorite botanical, what spring might bring, the winter garden can fortify the spirit. The artists in this show offer their unique creations of botanicals transforming the gallery at Glenview Mansion into a ***Winter Garden***.

Thank you to those who entered work for this show which is sponsored by the City of Rockville and presented by the Rockville Art League. Also, on display in the gallery is the Rockville Student Juried Art Show. Notification of acceptances for RAL's ***Winter Garden*** show were sent out to all members on Jan. 5; it is also posted on the website. We are honored to have artist and art educator **Lisa Denison** award prizes of recognition. Drop off of artwork for this show is on **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 10:00am-1:00pm**, the same date and time as the pick-up of artwork for the RAL *Juried Members' Winter Show*. The judge will review the accepted work in person that afternoon. Meet the artists at the opening on **Sunday, Jan. 26, 1:30-3:30pm** at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Awards at 2pm. Everyone is welcome!

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit:

Takoma Watercolor Group

Pathways: A Journey Through Watercolor

On Exhibit: February 23 – March 21

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit:

North Bethesda Camera Club

The Arts All Around Us

On Exhibit: March 30 – May 2

Rockville Art League

Juried Members Spring Show

On Exhibit: May 12 – June 20

Entries for this show will be accepted: March 1 – 31 only. All details will be forthcoming.

Virtual Shows, Sales, and Inquiries

Virtual shows are updated and posted to the Rockville Art League website by webmaster Michael Auger. The ***Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show*** is currently available to view and soon it will be replaced by the ***RAL Winter Garden Show***.

How to access the current virtual show and past ones:

Go to <https://rockvilleartleague.org> and click on the button for the current virtual show, *RAL Juried Members' Winter Show*. (If you haven't visited the RAL website lately, you may need to hit refresh.) Once you open the current virtual show, you can view all the work in the show, or if you prefer to see it by *specific artist*, click on the word "Artists" and, if you would like to view it by category of artwork, click on the word "Rooms". If you are interested in a specific piece, you can click on that artwork. If you would like to view a past virtual show, click on the word "Exhibitions" and you will see the show cards from prior shows.

Find the show card of the one you would like to view and click on the name of the show (ex: *RAL Water, Water Everywhere Show, RAL Juried Members' Spring Show, etc.*) right below the show card and you can view that show. (Note: RAL's Artwork Archive account has the capacity to store up to 1000 images of artwork; as new shows are uploaded, the work in past shows are no longer viewable. We do retain records with images of work from past RAL shows.)

You can inquire or send a purchase request on the piece on the virtual show. On occasion, we receive inquiries for work in past shows still viewable through our virtual shows. Any inquiries or purchase requests are forwarded to the artist.

How to inquire about or purchase a piece in a Rockville Art League Show on display at Glenview:

If you are in the gallery at Glenview and you are interested in a piece, click on the **QR code** found right on the label below the work. Instructions are also found in the various rooms of the gallery. It's easy. Just **aim your smartphone at the QR code** and *click on the link* that appears, and it will take you to the piece. Once there, you will see the artwork, the medium, dimensions and, if the piece is available, the price. You can click on "Inquire" or "Purchase" if you are interested further. We forward all inquiries or purchase requests to the artist.

If you are at Glenview and forgot your phone or just can't quite figure out a QR code, no worries. Either take a picture of the label or write down the name of the piece and contact either Lisa Sieg (jshows@rockvilleartleague.org) or Patrick Sieg (president@rockvilleartleague.org). Or go to the RAL website and look for us under contacts.

These shows are beautiful thanks to our talented members.

RAL Speaker Series Presentations Available on YouTube

We offer 6 presentations a year in our *Speaker Series*. Because we meet on zoom, they are recorded and are sent out to members and, also, most are posted on RAL's YouTube, thanks to **Helen Wood**. If you have missed any of them, you can access them by going to the Rockville Art League website and scrolling to the very bottom of the page. Once there, click on the small icon to the left of the word YouTube. Our next speaker will be **Sondra N. Arkin**, Mixed Media Artist and Curator on **Thursday, Feb. 6, 7:00pm**.

MEMBER NEWS



These 11 *Fairweather Artists*, Nancy Arons, Ellen Broadman, Sarah Clayton Davis, Karen Kuell Epstein, Susan Sinclair Galego, Jennifer Howard, Christianne King, Ingrid Matuszewski, Lisa Sieg, Patrick Sieg and Stacy Yochum have created this multimedia show of beautiful vistas, vignettes, and subjects entitled *People Places Things*. The opening reception is on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 4:00pm at Maplewood Park Place, 9707 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda.

The artwork on the flyer is:

Top left to right: *Red, White and Blue* by Sarah Clayton Davis, *Glen Echo Stroll* by Jennifer Howard. Lower left to right: *Inspired by Elaine De Kooning* by Patrick Sieg, *The Fighter* by Susan Sinclair Galego, *The Shopping Trip* by Stacy Yochum, *Happy Days* by Ellen Broadman (the car).



<https://www.waverlystreetgallery.com/copy-of-january-2024-2>



Ken Bachman has a solo exhibit, “Capturing the Moment,” at the Women’s National Democratic Club of a selection of his recent landscape oil paintings, including the pictured works. The exhibit will continue through February 4.

The Women’s National Democratic Club is located at 1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, near Dupont Circle. For more information visit: www.democraticwoman.org



www.Kbachmanart.com

CALL FOR ART



Earth's Echo
VOICES OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

We invite artists to **submit their work** for an upcoming art exhibition addressing community impact and environmental justice. We seek art that explores the intersection of environmental challenges and social inequities, focusing on the human stories behind environmental harm and resilience. This exhibition endeavors to **amplify the voices of those affected by environmental harm and highlight the resilience, struggles, and creativity of impacted communities.**

Eligibility:

- Open to all artists 18 and older currently residing in the DMV area.
- Acceptable mediums include paintings, sculptures, and photography.
- Artwork must be created within the last five years and align with the exhibition's theme.
- Submissions from underrepresented voices, especially those from impacted communities, are strongly encouraged.

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES ON OUR WEBSITE BY MARCH 9TH, 2025

Selected artworks will be exhibited at the Shannon and Michael Priddy Library, The Universities at Shady Grove from March – April, 2025.



LEARN MORE

 The Universities AT SHADY GROVE		Priddy Library		BLDG III, 1st Floor shadylib@umd.edu 301-738-6020
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Earth's Echo: Voices of Environmental Justice

An opportunity for artists based in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. This spring, the Priddy Library at The Universities at Shady Grove will host an inspiring new exhibition titled "Earth's Echo: Voices of Environmental Justice". They are inviting artists whose work explores environmental justice themes to submit pieces for consideration. The attached prospectus provides detailed information about the exhibition and submission process. If you are an artist or know someone whose work aligns with this theme, we encourage you to share this invitation widely. Your participation and support will help make this event a meaningful celebration of art and community.

<https://shadygrove.umd.edu/earths-echo>

2025 MAA Show at Oasis Art Gallery

2025 MAA Show. This highly anticipated event will run from January 13 to April 25, 2025, showcasing 65 stunning works of art by the talented artists of the Montgomery Art Association. MAA is delighted to return to the Oasis Art Gallery for the seventh MAA-Oasis collaboration. This year's show promises to be a visual feast, with 65 works of the artists' choice on display.

Mark your calendars and join us for an unforgettable artistic journey. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience the vibrant art scene and support local artists. This amazing showcase is located at Oasis Art Gallery, Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817

For more information, visit our website: www.oasisnet.org or contact the Oasis Art Gallery.

Mark your calendars for the Reception & Meet the Artists event on Sunday, February 2nd, from 1:00-3:00pm, a wonderful opportunity to connect with artists and explore amazing works of art.

Art Through The Lens

Photography Show at the Goldman Art Gallery
6125 Montrose Rd, Rockville MD

January 10 - February 2, 2025



Birds Fly Over The Rainbow by Frederica Weiner

Mesa Arch Afternoon Canyonlands Utah by Jennifer Baum

The Goldman Gallery and Montgomery Art Association presents:

Art Through the Lens: The exhibition, *Art Through the Lens*, is a fantastic presentation of how local artists are using a camera to elevate their artmaking. This exhibit assembles the wide-ranging work of 10 art photographers who offer contemporary perspectives on landscapes and animals. Each photographer has created a narrative through their photographic collections ranging from personal and poignant to dramatic and powerful.

There are qualities that are universal to creating a compelling photograph. The work must have an intangible resonance and a sensitivity that links together images and ideas. The photographs must be

well crafted and have power, sometimes in their simplicity and sometimes in their complexity. The work of these 10 photographers reaches the height of these qualities.

Show Dates: January 13 - February 2, 2025

Reception: Sunday, January 19, 12 pm-3 pm.

The Goldman Gallery is a warm and welcoming space, housed in the Bender JCC building. 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852 (301-881-0100).

For further information, please visit: <https://www.benderjccgw.org/arts-ideas/goldman-art-gallery/>

Mark your calendars for the **Reception & Meet the Artists event** on **Sunday, January 19, from 12:00-3:00 pm**, a wonderful opportunity to connect with artists and explore amazing works of art.

Request for Art Donation to Support Non-Profit Fundraiser

I serve on the Board of Advisors for the non-profit Peace on Patuxent Inc., (POPi), a no-cost respite home and day retreat established for women fighting life-leveling cancers. Their annual fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at Gude Mansion in Laurel MD. To help raise essential funds, they are inviting artists to donate a piece of their work to an auction at the event. These works will be featured in the event program, on the POPi website, and through their social media channels.


We would like to receive all pledges for art donations before March 15th. Anyone interested in donating should contact us at general.inquiries@peaceonpatuxent.org. We will work with each donor to schedule a drop off or pick up date.


For more information on this worthwhile organization see their website <https://peaceonpatuxent.org>.

Helen Wood
RAL Member


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
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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 Schedule				
2024 - 2025				
Exhibition Dates:	ARTISTS	Delivery of Artwork 10am-1pm	Meet the Artists Opening Event	Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm
Dec. 8, 2024 -Jan. 17, 2025	RAL Juried Members' Winter Show	TUESDAY, Dec. 3 10:00am – 1:00pm	Sunday, Dec. 8 1:30-3:30pm Awards at 2PM	TUESDAY, Jan. 21 10:00am-1:00pm
Jan. 26 - Feb. 14	RAL <i>Winter Garden</i> and Rockville Student Art Show	TUESDAY, Jan.21 10:00am – 1:00pm	Sunday, Jan. 26 1:30-3:30pm Awards at 2PM	TUESDAY, Feb. 18 10:00am-1:00pm
Feb. 23 -Mar.21	Glenview Mansion Gallery Exhibit <i>Takoma Watercolor Group</i>	TUESDAY, Feb. 18 11:30am – 1:00pm	Sunday, Feb. 23 1:30-3:30pm	MONDAY, March 24 9:00am -10:30am
March 30-May 2	Glenview Mansion Gallery Exhibit <i>North Bethesda Camera Club</i>	MONDAY, March 24 11:00am -1:00pm	Sunday, March 30 1:30-3:30pm	MONDAY, May 5 9:00am -10:30am

Artists displaying work in the gallery at Glenview Mansion will be contacted with detailed information about their shows, including the required show agreement. Labels and support to hang the show will be provided. The RAL shows are virtual on our website as well as in person at Glenview.

Meet the Artists opening events are free and open to the public. There is plenty of parking and an elevator to all levels of the gallery. The art gallery is open weekdays Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. Closed on official city holidays.

Please check Glenview Mansion website: <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/389/Glenview-Mansion> or call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660 before visiting.

Glenview Mansion is located at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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