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Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 7 PM

Dr. Irina Stotland on Mary Cassatt

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

The below quote inspires me...

"Go into the arts. I'm not kidding. The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable. Practicing an art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow...Do it as well as you possibly can. You will get an enormous reward. You will have created something." Kut Vonnegut Jr.

The 2026/2027 membership year promises to be outstanding. 2027 marks the 70-year anniversary of our organization...what a long and wonderful run.

I hope you will renew your membership and help us keep our community art mission and vision alive. (New members are welcome as well.)

Dr. Irina Stotland will give us a presentation on Mary Cassatt and that Zoom is scheduled for September 16.

On October 22 we will hear from artist and past RAL show judge Teresa Jade Jarzynski.

And we will be hosting member only shows (two juried and two themed) this year as we did in the past couple of years.

This summer our contact and major RAL supporter Betty Wisda retired from her position with the City of Rockville, Arts Division. She did so much for our organization and we miss her greatly. The city plans to replace her and is reviewing applications.

In June the Rockville Art League Board of Directors met to review the prior year and to make some decisions about 2026/2027. The very best result is that all our esteemed members will remain in place for this year. We also agreed to several recommendations...

- We have decided to offer cash awards for our honorable mention winners in our two juried shows.
- The "show fees" we have been assessing for our juried shows has been eliminated. These fees, while financially beneficial, were a bit difficult to administer and an extra step for our members.
- We are studying additional ways to support our community and the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. More on that once we make some final decisions.
- We are thinking of ways that we can appropriately celebrate our 70-year anniversary.

- Membership fees will be \$50 per year starting this fall. This is an increase from \$40 last year and the first increase in eight years.
- We all agreed that the fee is a good investment in the art community, a good value and very well in line with the other area art organizations.

And please do yourself a favor and visit the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and the RAL “If Walls Could Talk” exhibit. The exhibit celebrates the 100 year anniversary of Glenview Mansion. You will thank yourself for making the trip and enjoy this show’s energy. It is up until August 28, 2026. The art pickup is on Monday, August 31. Amazingly, fall is upon us. It is not too early to begin thinking about our winter juried show and more details will be in the October newsletter.

Thank you for supporting the Rockville Art League, for renewing your membership and for sharing your art, vision, and creativity with our community.

Sincerely,
Patrick Sieg
President

Rockville Art League Speaker Series

We offer six presentations a year – September, October, November, February, March and April.

The presentations this year are on **Zoom** with the invitations sent out a few days prior and also posted on the website. Please try to join us *in real time*! The speakers appreciate an audience and plan to allow time for Q&A.

As long as the speaker agrees, the zoom session will be recorded and sent out to members afterwards. Most links to the videos are available on the Rockville Art League’s YouTube which you can access by going to the RAL website and clicking the icon for YouTube at the bottom of the page.



Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7:00pm on Zoom: Dr. Irina Stotland on Mary Cassatt

We are delighted and honored to welcome back Dr. Stotland to kick off our RAL speaker series once again! Members will remember her in depth and fascinating presentations on a variety of famous artists

from Bonnard to Bosch, Velasquez, Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Mary Cassatt, *The Secrets of Johannes Vermeer*, the Ukrainian Avant-Garde, the American art movement *Abstract Expressionism*, and the important artists of *Romanticism* last fall: Goya, Eugene Delacroix, J.M.W. Turner, John Constable and Theodore Gericault. This time she will offer a presentation on **Mary Cassatt**.

Overview: Mary Cassatt's paintings focus on women with agency, depicting them in moments of intense concentration whether observing others, reading newspapers in solitude, or caring for children. Rather than portraying women as passive objects of male admiration, Cassatt highlights their active participation in life. Her work emphasizes the skill and patience required for domestic tasks while revealing the limiting mandatory domesticity of their lives. Japanese woodcuts and Edgar Degas' innovations inform her bold outlines and flat colors and recast scenes of a woman's daily life as modern and significant.



In the Box by Mary Cassatt

About Dr. Stotland:

Irina 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 and gender and sexuality studies, 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). Her most recent publication is "The Holy Faces of Paul Gauguin" in "Paul Gauguin. The Other and I," Museu de Arte de São Paulo/KMEC Books, 2023. She is currently teaching at Montgomery College LLI, Rockville MD, and lecturing at various museums and educational organizations.

Thursday, October 22, 7:00pm on Zoom: Presentation by Teresa Jade Jarzynski
@teresasstudioart

Membership – It's time to renew!

We appreciate our members and their support for the Rockville Art League. Our membership year runs from **September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027**. If you haven't yet renewed, please consider renewing your membership.

NEW!

RAL dues will be **\$50 for the entire year**.

This is a flat fee. There will be **NO additional** show fees for our juried shows.

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 have six meetings a year, currently on zoom with excellent speakers, discussions, and demos. Please visit the website <https://rockvilleartleague.org> and click on the word *Membership* to see a complete list of membership benefits.

We will begin our Speaker Series on Wednesday, **September 16** with a fascinating presentation by art historian **Dr. Irina Stotland on *Mary Cassatt***. In October, we welcome back **Teresa Jade Jarzynski**.

Our monthly meetings this year are on Zoom. Zoom invitations are sent out a few days prior to the email you receive your RAL mailings. They are also posted on the website.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure the email is the one you check often and 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 the RAL mailings – or let us know.

We have two large, juried member shows, in winter and spring, and both feature virtual exhibits on the website and are in person at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. We also offer members unique opportunities such as the two themed shows immediately following the large, juried member shows. Our most recent themed show is IF WALLS COULD TALK, still available to view virtually on the RAL website.

Membership is \$50. You can easily renew on the RAL website “pay now” button. Or, if you prefer to pay by check, please make it payable to **Rockville Art League** and mail to **the treasurer** at this address:

Rockville Art League
c/o **Helen Wood**
5926 Maplewood Park Pl
Bethesda, MD 20814

We kindly request that you DO NOT send any payment to the RAL PO BOX.

Thank you to those who have already renewed, and a warm welcome to new members! **Unsure of your membership status?** Please send a note to: president@rockvilleartleague.org

JUROR STATEMENT: *IF WALLS COULD TALK*_TERESA JADE JARZYNSKI

Being invited to jury “If Walls Could Talk: a Celebration of 100 years at Glen View Mansion” has been an honor and privilege for which I am so thankful to Lisa and Patrick Sieg for.

Celebrating the history of Glenview Mansion through 130 vibrant, imaginative, and thoughtful works of art is a wonderful way to capture the spirit of such a commanding and historical space. Such varied interpretations, some exuberant and joyful, others more quiet and pensive, all capturing moments and mementos, both real and imagined, that together created a collective memory of such a beloved place. To recognize those I felt exceptional was truly challenging and pushed me to a deeper sense of seeing. Beyond excellent draftsmanship and technique, I looked for unique artistic choices, a sense of risk, of whimsy, of emotion, and a narrative that clearly connected to the theme of Glenview Mansion.

I deeply thank all the participating artists for entrusting me, and providing for me this rich experience through their artistic visions, and reminding me what a truly creative and committed art community we all are a part of. Congratulations to all of you for such a rich, diverse yet harmonic show.

First Place:



*ANTICIPATION*_John Weber_Oil

I loved this piece not just for the loose, thick brushstrokes and patches of rich, plummy, earthy tones that came together to form a figure in a space, but for the emotion that instantly compelled me to consider

the narrative. The tension captured amongst the softness and beauty makes the work striking and impossible to take lightly. The sense of anticipation is clear.

Second Place:



*THE NEXT DAY*_Paula Zeller_Oil

Along with an exceptional use of a limited palette playing on the blue and orange complimentary color relationship, and wonderful use of light, juxtaposing artificial and natural, I was drawn to the artist's choice to create a moment of quiet aftermath. The only clue of something having occurred in the space is one round table resting against a wall. The rest is mystery, but it is all the viewer needs. It is a painting that speaks volumes with very few words.

Third Place:



THE CHANDELIER Joanna Rose Zoe_Acrylic

This piece is exquisite in its detail and playful in its composition. The challenging perspective is handled impeccably and adds a sense of whimsy to a work that is clear in its intention to celebrate a very specific interior space. This piece caught my eye from the start and never let it go.

Honorable Mentions:

BOUQUET Holly Buehler_Oil

Lush, painterly, wild; a feast for the eyes. Gorgeous use of color and composition, the work jumps out at the viewer in all its splendor

SCULPTED METAL Stephanie Banks_Photo

A rare example of a photograph that looks like a painting, with wonderful moments of abstraction.

ON DISPLAY Oil_Patrick Sieg

Wonderfully clever play between title and subject using composition, color and paint application.

DOORWAYS Acrylic_Sonia Sniderman

Strong composition along with a painterly, loose approach, unfettered by precision; combining a traditional setting with a contemporary figure provides a great tension in the work as well.

GREEN MACHINE Oil_Karen Merkin

Amazing draftsmanship and use of color. An indiscreet background of subtle gradation in color and the softest of shadowing works perfectly with the hyper focused subject matter.

1985 GLENVIEW MANSION_Ink_Antonia Tiu

The meticulous, patterned, and meditative application of the ink was impossible to ignore. Wonderful use of the simple line.

HER THINGS_Photograph_Cecilia M. Laurendeau

Renaissance palette, antiquated mementos and a photograph within a photograph perfectly capture the essence of things gone by, reminders of a time gone but once embraced.

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 240-314-8660. There is plenty of parking and there is 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.

If Walls Could Talk

On Exhibit: June 28 – August 28

**GLENVIEW
MANSION
AT ROCKVILLE
CIVIC CENTER PARK ART
GALLERY**

**ON EXHIBIT:
JUNE 28-AUG. 28**

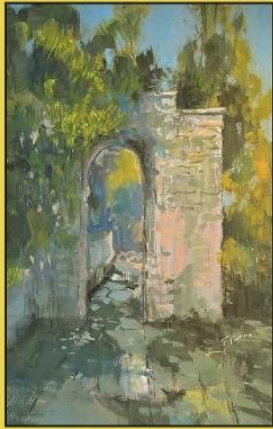
**Rockville Art League
“If Walls Could Talk” Show**

A. Clouds Over Glenview by Patrick Sieg

B. Glenview Arch by Joanne Liotta Aarons

C. Persistence by Stacy Yochum

D. The Hand by Renee Lachman



On Exhibit: June 28-Aug. 28
Rockville Art League
"If Walls Could Talk" Show

Rockville Art League artists present the many aspects of the mansion's interiors, exteriors, grounds, gardens and gatherings in their portrayal of something that is, was, or could have occurred at Glenview in the last 100 years to celebrate its centennial in this large multimedia exhibit.

Meet the Artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on
Sunday, June 28

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.

Please check our website for any closures prior to coming to Glenview Mansion. rockvillemd.gov/glenview



Glenview Mansion
Art Gallery

at Rockville Civic Center Park
603 Edmonston Drive
Rockville, MD 20851



IF WALLS COULD TALK on display at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, is beautiful, thanks to our members for creating work for this special show to commemorate Glenview's centennial. **AN IMPORTANT REMINDER** to artists with work in the show: **pick up of artwork** is on **MONDAY, August 31, 9:30am-12:30pm.**

About the exhibit: *Built in 1926, the gracious, Neo-Classical home on 28 acres is now an elegant event venue for weddings, parties, and gatherings, including the annual car show. Cherry blossoms line the driveway in spring and the gorgeous gardens are filled with flowers, birds and other wildlife year-round. Mrs. Susan Lyon also had a collection of exotic birds. What was it like to have lived here? Rockville Art League artists present the many aspects of the mansion's interiors, exteriors, grounds, gardens and gatherings and accoutrements in their portrayal of something that is, was, or could have occurred at Glenview in the last 100 years to celebrate its centennial in this large multimedia exhibit.*

We are honored to have Teresa Jade Jarzynski as judge.

The show is proudly presented by the Rockville Art League and sponsored by the City of Rockville.

GLENVIEW MANSION AT ROCKVILLE CIVIC CENTER PARK ART GALLERY

**Montpelier Printmakers - The World As We View It
ON EXHIBIT: SEPTEMBER 8 – OCTOBER 2**



Gone
Fishing by
Michael G.
Stewart



Love Is by Julie Polt



Time Out by
Sarah Presley

Coon Cat in
Stonington,
Maine by
Sharon Sefton



Mt. Pleasant at
Dawn by David
Brosch

Montpelier Printmakers The World As We View It

On Exhibit: September 8 – October 2

Montpelier Printmakers David Brosch, Julie Polt, Sarah Presley, Sharon Sefton and Michael G. Stewart present their unique perspectives of the world through a variety of printmaking techniques, paintings and mixed media in this engaging exhibition.

**Meet the Artists from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on
Sunday, September 27**

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.

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at Rockville Civic Center Park
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Glenview Exhibit:

Montpelier Printmakers

The World as We View It

Exhibition Dates: September 6 – October 2

Meet the Artists: **Sunday**, Sept. 27, 1:30-3:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

About the exhibit:

From the view outside our windows at home to forest trails, distant travels, and time spent in the printmaking studio or at the plein air easel, the world around us continually inspires the art we create. Our interactions with family, friends, and community also influence how we see and interpret the world. As artists, we transform these observations into visual expressions that celebrate beauty while exploring social, environmental, and cultural themes. The World As We View It celebrates humanity's relationship with both the natural and built environments while inviting viewers to reflect on the challenges that shape those relationships. Through a variety of printmaking techniques, paintings, and mixed media, we present personal perspectives that inspire appreciation, contemplation, and conversation.

Glenview Exhibit:

Washington Calligraphers Guild:

50th Anniversary Celebration

Exhibition Dates: October 11 – November 25

Meet the Artists: **Sunday**, October 11, 1:30-3:30pm

Rockville Art League

Juried Members Winter Show

Exhibition Dates: December 6 – January 15

Meet the Artists: **Sunday**, Dec. 6, 1:30-3:30pm

Entries will be accepted: **October 7 – October 28 ONLY.**

See October newsletter for all details about how to enter, when to enter and who the judge will be.

Please DO NOT enter work before the call for entries has been sent out. For this show, members in good standing will be invited to send in their best work that has not been accepted into a

RAL **Juried** Members Show previously, up to 2 entries to be considered by the judge, during these dates only: **October 7 – October 28.**

Virtual Shows, Sales, and Inquiries

Virtual shows are updated and posted to the Rockville Art League website by webmaster Michael Auger.

How to access the current virtual show and past ones:

Go to <https://rockvilleartleague.org> and click on the button for the RAL show, **IF WALLS COULD TALK**, on display at Glenview.

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’s SEEING RED and the RAL Juried Members’ Winter and Spring Show***) 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 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. **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.

NEWS



Ken Bachman has a good number of his paintings exhibited at the Delaplaine Art Center upstairs gallery for the month of August.





Helen Wood has two paintings accepted for the Maryland Pastel Society's All Member's Juried Show. The show will run from [July 21st](#) to [August 30th](#) at the Carroll County Arts Center, Westminster, MD. Shown is "Downstream," 16x20".



Melanie Gross Greenfield's photo entitled "You called?" has been accepted into the 55th Annual Labor Day Art Show which will run [September 5–7](#), 12 PM to 6 PM, in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo.

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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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



Rockville Art League Newsletter September 2026

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2026				
Exhibition Dates:	ARTISTS	Delivery of Artwork	Meet the Artists Reception	Pick-up Artwork
June 28-Aug 28	RAL Show: <i>If Walls Could Talk</i>	Monday, June 22 10:00am-1:00pm	Sunday, June 28 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Aug. 31 9:30am-12:30pm
Sept. 6 – Oct. 2	Glenview Show: Montpelier Printmakers <i>The World as We See It</i>	Monday, Aug. 31 12:30 - 2:30pm	Sunday, Sept.27 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, October 5 9:00 -11:30am
Oct. 11 – Nov.25	Glenview Show: Washington Calligraphers Guild <i>50th Anniversary Celebration</i>	Monday, Oct 5 12:00 - 2:00pm	Sunday, Oct. 11 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Nov. 30 10:00am-1:00pm

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.

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Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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