



# RAL NEWSLETTER

## Rockville Art League

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Next meeting Thursday, October 7th at 7:30pm

October Fest and low-down on Facebook with Eric Shutt

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow artists and art lovers,

Hope you have all been enjoying our wonderful, late summer weather. October is almost upon us and I think it's time to celebrate with some beer and pretzels!

I want to want to encourage everyone to come to our October Fest meeting, which should be a fun and interesting gathering. It's all about **Facebook**, more specifically how it can benefit you as an artist, help you promote your work and be a useful tool for RAL and its membership. **Eric Shutt a social media wiz** with an eye for video and serious creative energy will be our speaker. He is the author of the arts blog Mixed media District (<http://mixedmediadistrict.com>) and his work includes managing media strategy for Artomatic, a D.C. cultural arts showcase that builds creative community and generates urban economic development by bringing art into unoccupied building space – and video production for Rabinowitz/Dorf Communications.

If you have questions about Facebook, twitter, blogs or websites, he is the man with the answers. If you have questions about privacy/security on Facebook, this is the time to bring them up. Have ideas about what we should do with our website/Facebook page. What you want to see on there, we want to hear from you.

**We will also be helping members to sign up for Facebook at the meeting**, so you can more fully participate.

**The meeting will be held in the dining room** so we can access the internet without problems. We encourage you to bring you laptop!

September was our month for collecting dues. Please mail your checks payable to the RAL to Susan Dunnell at 11215 DEWEY ROAD, Kensington MD. 20895. The membership dues are only \$35.00 and are due by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. You may also drop off the check at our October meeting if you haven't sent in your payment yet.

If dues are not paid by November 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee of \$5.00 will be charged, bringing the dues to \$40.00. So don't delay!

**New this year** is a special membership rate for full time students over 18. They can join for a reduced rate of \$20.00! Please encourage all art students you know to come to our meetings.

**The position of Program Coordinator is still open** – please let me know if you are interested. I held this position for 3 years and found it a fun and rewarding position. It's a great way to get to know people, not only in our own group, but in the art world in general.

We will be introducing an idea/suggestion/comment box at the next meeting, please feel free to leave something in it!

Hope to see everyone at our October meeting.

**Liliane Blom – President RAL**

### ***QUOTE OF THE MONTH***

*“There's a potential painting every moment of our day.”-Harley Brown.*

### **MEMBER ART SHOW**

December 5, 2010 – January 3, 2011

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Rockville Civic Center

Judge: John James Anderson will be our judge for the December Member Art Show. Mr. Anderson is a full time professor at Prince George's Community College. His website is [www.johnjamesanderson.com](http://www.johnjamesanderson.com).

Each member in good standing (that means you have paid your dues!) may enter two works. The maximum length of any framed side is 60 inches. A work having multiple framed parts must meet the two works per member criteria. Diptychs will count as two works. Triptychs can only be accepted if they are connected and follow the size requirement. Only original works securely framed with hanging wire are acceptable. No photographs, no reproductions, no giclées and no wet canvases are allowed. The entries must have been completed within the last two years and may not have been exhibited previously in a RAL Member Show. Entries not meeting the show conditions will not be accepted. Artist's signature on the Show Agreement also constitutes a commitment to donate 20% of the sale price to the City of Rockville for works sold during or as a direct result of the show. Awards given are Best in Show; first, second, third in all categories; honorable mentions at the judge's discretion.

The member art show has five categories:

- oils and acrylics

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- watercolors
- pastels, drawings, and hand pulled prints
- mixed media, collage, experimental, and original computer-generated art
- sculpture and ceramics.

We need volunteers to help register, move, hang, type, and release entries. Please check your schedules and volunteer. It takes a lot of manpower to put this show together.

- Delivery of artworks: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 5 – 7PM and Wednesday, December 1, 12 noon - 2 PM **\*\*Please note that these times have changed from previous shows!**
- Moving artwork: Wednesday, December 1, 3 – 6PM
- Hanging artwork, typing program, writing ribbons: Thursday, December 2, 11 – 4PM PM
- Releasing unaccepted artwork to artists: Thursday, December 2, 5 - 7 PM
- Releasing unaccepted artwork to artists: Friday, December 3, 10 - 12 noon
- Releasing artwork to artists: Tuesday, January 4, 2011, 10AM - 12 noon and 5 - 7 PM

Most of the time slots are two hour shifts except for Wednesday and Thursday PM when the judging and hanging are done. If you can only work two hours we can still use your help. We will need the most help those days. Please check your calendar! A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the October meeting or feel free to call or email me.

There is a \$5.00 entry fee. This fee will be waived if you have been a volunteer for RAL in any capacity, for example the 2010 student art show or the May 2010 member show. You may volunteer for the December show and that will count toward the fee waive. Please check with Marian or Liliane if you are unsure of your previous your volunteer help. **Member dues (\$35) must be paid to the Membership Chair before November 1, 2010.** If you have not paid your dues and wish to enter the member show the dues will be \$40.00.

The judges' gallery walk through is at our regular meeting, Thursday, December 2, at 7:30 PM. The opening Sunday reception, December 5, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, honors the winners with an award presentation at 2:00 PM with refreshments following. The November newsletter will have the copy of the RAL show agreement.

The Mansion will not insure any artwork left at the mansion after the last designated pickup time, January 4, 2010. We provide two pick up times, AM and PM, if need be the member can arrange a designee to pick up their artwork or contact Marian for arrangement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call at 301-590-9437 or email [mackerer@comcast.net](mailto:mackerer@comcast.net).

**Marian MacKerer, 1st VP and Show Coordinator**

## MEMBER NEWS

### New members include (in random order):

1. **Elaine Boucher Burch Taylor** who works as a software engineer and an artist [B.A. in Fine Art, Boston College; B.S.C.S. in Computer Science, Old Dominion University]. Gallery Associations include: United States Information Agency, Central America; Spectrum Gallery, Washington, DC; Gallery Grace, Menlo Park, CA; Art Works, Alexandria, VA; Klevit Fine Art, Rockville, MD; Tideline Gallery, Rehoboth, DE. Technique: Her paintings represent the harmonious coexistence of opposites: of complexity and simplicity; of show-it-all boldness and the mystery of concealed shapes; of brilliant colors and soft pastels.
2. **Jennifer Stern** is a mostly self-taught abstract artist. Her drawings are in charcoal and pastel. She has studied privately and at the Smithsonian with the internationally known Indian/American artist Delna Dastur.
3. **Jorge Bernal** is an artist who has spent most of his life learning, teaching and making art. Born in Havana, Cuba, he attended art school in Miami. His work is inspired by a variety of interests including the exhilaration he finds in combining color, texture and space, the fragmenting of architectural images, the interpretation of human emotions and religious themes, and most recently, biblical texts and spirituality. Bernal's work is greatly influenced by Kandinsky, Gottlieb and Rothko. He has participated in fourteen national art shows, and been exploring and painting in encaustic for two years.
4. **Maria Kleyner** was born in St Petersburg, Russia, and began to draw very early. She graduated from the St Petersburg University of Technology and Design. Her expertise includes oil painting, gouache painting, drawings with colored pencils, oil pastel, pen and ink, and her favorite tempera painting. She recently moved to Maryland and is looking forward to learning English and participating in exhibits.
5. **Marilyn Witkowski**, a Rockville, Maryland-based artist, has painted pop portraits on commission since 1978, but began her art career in earnest just a few years ago, after retiring from a 25-year career in marketing and communications. Today, she is working on new paintings, silk screens, and vector illustrations. Her first solo exhibit of paintings and prints runs through September 18 at the Penn Place Gallery in Garrett Park, Maryland. For more information, visit [www.marilynwitkowski.com](http://www.marilynwitkowski.com).

**Reminder to ALL members:** Annual membership dues of \$35.00 (made payable to the "Rockville Art League") are due in September 2010 for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The Newsletter is distributed by email** and posted on the RAL website. If you wish to receive the newsletter by email, please send your current email address to: Membership Chair, Susan Dunnell at [dunnz@erols.com](mailto:dunnz@erols.com).

**Patricia Zannie, RAL Treasurer and collage artist**, will be teaching two classes this fall to develop professional skills and improve the impact of your artwork. They are open to all skill levels and there is a tuition waiver for seniors (no tuition). The first class: **Skill Building for**

**Greater Visual Impact** focuses on the development of skills and techniques through Eastern and Western cultural traditions as well as materials and techniques unique to world cultures that will make your artwork more visually dynamic, with a more modern approach. Each class will explore a classical approach by a specific culture and then you will adapt the contributions of that group to the development of your own artwork. Classes Thursdays from Sept.30 thru Dec. 9th, 9-11:30. The second class: **Rebel Artists That Changed Modern Art** focuses on the techniques of the art fundamentals of important contemporary masters such as Monet, Degas, Van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso, Schwitters, and Rauschenberg, including historical art movements such as Impressionism, Expressionism, Early Cubism, and Dadaism. Students develop their own work as inspired by these Modern Masters. Classes Tuesdays from Oct.5 thru Dec. 7th, 9--11:30. Both classes will be located at the Cafritz Art Center; 930 King St., Silver Spring, Ample Parking. For additional information contact Belva Hill, School of Art & Design, Phone: 240-567-5821; Fax: 240-567-5820; email: belva.hill@montgomerycollege.edu

## **OTHER HAPPENINGS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The City of Gaithersburg's Cultural Arts Division** is pleased to announce The Kentland's Mansion Fall Fine Arts and Crafts Show, a 2-day juried show to be held Saturday, October 9, and Sunday, October 10, 2010, inside the beautiful Kentland's Mansion. We have expanded on last year's inaugural 1 day show, which was held in conjunction with the Oktoberfest, an annual festival which takes place on the grounds surrounding the Kentland's Mansion, and draws more than 10,000 people from all over Montgomery County. This year, the Fine Arts and Crafts Show will be open on both Saturday from 11-6, and Sunday from 12-4, during the Oktoberfest. The Kentland's Mansion comfortably hosts up to 26 Artists, displaying and selling every type of fine art and craft from oil and pastels, to pottery, to jewelry, photography and more. Please look over the attached Artist Application for details concerning the show and the application process. Once you have read carefully through it, if you have questions please call Carolyn Crosby at 301-258-6350. We hope that you will apply to be part of this very special show! Sincerely, Andi Rosati Arts Barn Director City of Gaithersburg

**The Capital Grille** will hold its Second Annual Art Competition Proceeds to Benefit National Charity; Winner to Travel to Napa Valley (August 31, 2010, Orlando, FL) – Calling all artists and wine enthusiasts. The Capital Grille ? the nationally renowned fine-dining restaurant known for its dry aged, hand-carved steaks, fresh seafood and award-winning wine list will once again celebrate the unique convergence of the worlds of fine wine and fine art by inviting artists everywhere to enter their second annual Artist Series competition. Deadline for submissions is October 8th. Submissions of original artwork will be considered in a search for a label for The Capital Grille's exclusive Artist Wine Series. The Capital Grille will donate a portion of the proceeds from each bottle sold to Share Our Strength®, in support of its mission to end childhood hunger in America. Sales from last year's Artist Series wine resulted in over \$180,000 donated to the charity. The Capital Grille will also offer a Grand Prize to the winning artist. In addition to the prestige and publicity of having artwork displayed on these limited edition bottles of wine, the winning artist will receive a case of the wine and an all-expenses paid, four day/three night trip to Napa Valley to enjoy personalized tours of some of the world's top wineries. For more information on how to enter, visit [TheCapitalGrille.com](http://TheCapitalGrille.com). Press contact: Heather Dratler, 212.871.3020 ext. 110 or [hdratler@jgordonassociates.com](mailto:hdratler@jgordonassociates.com)

**In case you missed it** - Sue Moses invites you to her watercolor exhibit 'The Color of Summer' with Carol Kent, which has moved to Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817. The show includes the exhibition and sale of original watercolors. It will run from September 5 through October 28, 2010. The gallery is open M – Th 2 – 4, F – 10 – 4, Sat & Sun – 2 – 4 by appointment.

**Anna Shuman and Irene Glaser** will be exhibiting their artwork at The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery in Rockville, MD from October 10-November 2, 2010. Anna's Paintings are focused on Flowers and Figures. Irene's Paintings are focused on multiples, four or five paintings joined together to form a unique whole. The Opening Reception is Sunday, October 10, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The other artists in this exhibit include Susan Stregack and Rollin Frasier (Photography) and Bill and Judy Sutton (Sculpture). For more information and Gallery hours, call 240-314-8682 or 240-314-8660.

**Martin Slater** invites you to an exhibit titled " Martin Slater and Michael Goulding, Drawings and Photographs of the Female Form" at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center from Oct.2-Nov.13,2010. The opening reception will be Saturday, October 2 from 3:00-5:00 pm. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center is located at 40 South Carroll Street in Frederick Maryland,21701. Gallery Hours are daily 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 1pm-4pm.For directions and parking see <http://www.delaplaine.org/about-2/hours-directions>

**Printer services:** If you are ever looking for a great printer for your postcards, Nancy Bullough highly recommends [www.USpress.com](http://www.USpress.com). (Her sales rep is fantastic -- Paul Briggs -- [paul@uspress.com](mailto:paul@uspress.com) -- 1-800-631-8503 -- 1628 James P. Rodgers Dr., Valdosta, GA 31601). They are currently having a summer sale with free shipping and sale prices. For example: - Postcards: 4" x 6" postcards with printing on both sides in full color are currently just \$69 for 100 postcards or \$89 for 500. These are very high quality, glossy, very professional looking postcards. Business Card prices are also fabulous! \$34 for 250 full color business cards or \$44 for 500 cards. Nancy has used them several times for printing postcards for art shows plus she has used them at the architecture firm where she works. Check out their website. You can get an instant quote on any printing job right on their home page.

**Do you have a show upcoming? Do you know of an event that RAL members might enjoy?** Please send an email to Tom! [tomsharonlafleur@gmail.com](mailto:tomsharonlafleur@gmail.com)

**Newsletter Deadline:** 15th of each month, August through May.

## GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

The receptions at Glenview mansion are now 1:30-3:30 pm, **not** 1-4 pm on the Sunday after hanging! Preferred drop-off and pick-up times for Glenview Shows are from 9 am to 12 noon. Note: please contact the mansion management ahead of time if you wish to modify the drop-off or pick-up times.

**RAL 30-day Glenview Mansion Member Shows in Conference Rooms 5 & 6** (Rm 6 has the fireplace) are open to members who have received awards in previous juried member-only shows. If you have received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award and would like to sign up for a 30-day show in the conference rooms, please contact: **Diane Jeang** at 301-871-1589 or [swinedoc@yahoo.com](mailto:swinedoc@yahoo.com)

### CONFERENCE ROOM SHOW TABLE

<b>2010</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Wednesday Deliver and hang 9 am-12 pm</b>	<b>Sunday Gallery Opening 1:30– 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday Pick up 9 am–12 pm</b>
<b>SEP</b>	Susan Feller + Leita Gerson	September 8, 2010	September 12, 2010	October 6, 2010
<b>OCT</b>	Fredda McCann+Ed Gordon	October 6, 2010	October 10, 2010	November 3, 2010
<b>NOV</b>	Philip Bennet (2)	November 3, 2010	November 7, 2010	December 1, 2010
<b>DEC</b>	RAL Winter Show			
<b>2011</b>	<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Wednesday Deliver and hang 9 am-12 pm</b>	<b>Sunday Gallery Opening 1:30– 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Wednesday Pick up 9 am–12 pm</b>
<b>JAN</b>				
<b>FEB</b>				
<b>MAR</b>	Rockville Student Show			
<b>APR</b>	Ranita Lahiri+Anna Shuman			
<b>MAY</b>	RAL Spring Show			
<b>JUN</b>	Board Members' Show			
<b>JUL</b>	Diane Jeang (2)			
<b>AUG</b>				
<b>SEP</b>	Joanie Grosfeld + Donna Baron			
<b>OCT</b>	Regina Price (2)			
<b>NOV</b>	Pat Kagan (2)			
<b>DEC</b>	RAL Winter Show			

## ON-GOING SHOWS

Chair person: Diane Jeang (301) 871-1589 E-mail: [swinedoc@yahoo.com](mailto:swinedoc@yahoo.com)

I am continuing with the On-Going shows for next year, but I'm looking for new venues for the shows. There has been interest lately in getting some more shows, so if you know of a place interested in hanging artwork on a rotating basis, please let me know. I have forms for signing up new establishments. I would need to know the name of the place, contact person, what type of artwork, how many, and any restrictions. Doctors, dentists, law offices and other businesses are good places, as well as restaurants and banks. Bookstores are also excellent. We may be considering some places that would require jurying (but we would continue the tradition of the "open" shows of course).

Thank you,

Diane Jeang

### RAL ONGOING SHOW LIST

**Sept. 17, 2010**

#### **Bank of America - 3200 Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Maryland**

10-12 paintings, Contact person: Kevin Kim: (301) 232-1370

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Noble (301) 661-2739	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Oct. 15, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
Alice Lee Timmins (303) 547-4785	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011

#### **Twinbrook Library - 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, Maryland**

5 medium to large paintings

Contact person: Julie Lake (240)-777-0249

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Diane Jeang (301) 871-1589	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
Alice Lee Timmins (303) 547-4785	Oct. 15, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
open	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011

#### **Rockville Community Services Office - 30 Courthouse Square Rockville, Maryland**

10-12 medium to large paintings

Contact person: Mary Lou Jacobs (240) 314-8303

Moved to new location.

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Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
Alice Lee Timmins (303) 547-4785	Oct. 15, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
open	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
open	Apr. 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011

**Thomas Farm Community Center – 700 Fallsgrove Drive, Rockville, Maryland**

12-16 medium to large paintings

Contact person: Martha Coester (240) 314-8842

New location for 2010!

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Nancy Heidl (301) 299-6176	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
Lois Levenson (301) 424-7199	Oct. 15, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2011	Apr. 15, 2011
Muriel Ebitz (301) 519-6998	Apr. 15, 2011	Jun. 15, 2011

**The Rockville Innovation Center, Floors 4 and 5 of 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville MD 20850, directly above VisArts**

Fourth Floor: 25 medium to large painting space available, some hooks already in wall

Contact Person: Nancy Finkle at 301-279-2222; FAX: 301-279-2112

On 4<sup>th</sup> floor, there is space for over 25 large to medium paintings, and there are many empty hooks for hanging. Hooks and hanging devices can be moved, and you can bring more in hooks. Several artists can show together. You do not fill space, you can show only a few paintings if you would like.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
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open	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2001	Apr. 15, 2011

**The Rockville Innovation Center, Floors 4 and 5 of 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville MD 20850, directly above VisArts**

Fifth Floor: 20 medium to large painting space available but must provide hanging devices for initial exhibit

Contact Person: Nancy Finkle at 301-279-2222; FAX: 301-279-2112

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Aug. 15, 2010	Oct. 15, 2010
Leita Gerson (240) 654-4736	Oct. 15, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
open	Dec. 15, 2010	Feb. 15, 2011
open	Feb. 15, 2001	Apr. 15, 2011

The 5<sup>th</sup> floor has 3 permanent paintings, but has space for at least 20 more paintings. Same as with fourth floor, several artists can show together, you do not need to fill space, if you want to just hang a few, that is fine too.

## **RAL OFFICERS**

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