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NEXT MEETING: Virtual Meeting: Thursday, September 9—7:00 PM
Dr. Irina Stotland on Hieronymus Bosch

Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League Artists,

I am excited about the upcoming Rockville Art League year, and grateful that it starts on September 1, 2021.

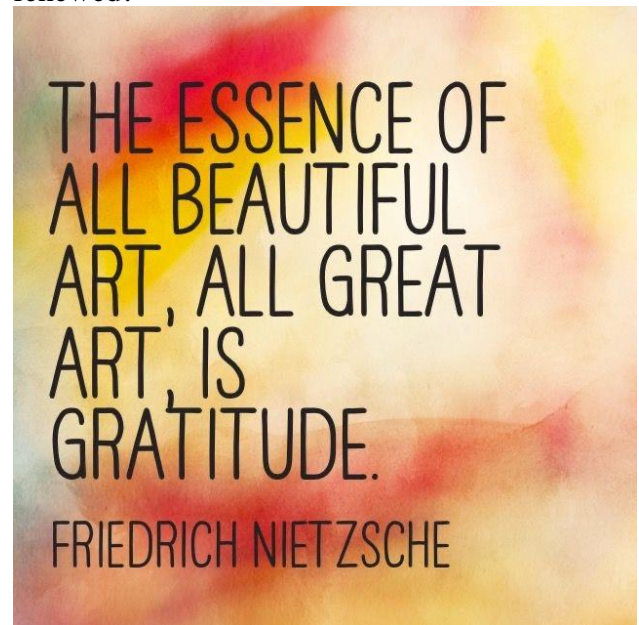
“The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude.” Friedrich Nietzsche

And we have much to be grateful for...

- 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 again and hopefully the pandemic situation is such that it will stay open. The exhibits on display for the remainder of the year feature the art of RAL artists.
- And I am so grateful that so many of last year's artists have already renewed their memberships for the September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022, year.

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 the pandemic and will help us thrive in the future. If you haven't already, please renew your membership and sincere thanks to the many members who have already stepped up and renewed.



Artists and RAL Board member Paula Zeller has designed a process where we can help each other produce our best art. “Critique Seek” is ready and being a part of this is easy...

1. Let Paula know if you are interested in the program. When you do, she will connect you with resources that will help you with

critiques and provide you with a list of other interested artists.

2. Reach out to these artists and either form a group or become a part of a group.
3. Embrace the critique advice you receive and help others in your group with your insights about their work.

Most importantly, have fun.

Our presentations this fall will again be virtual through Zoom. At some point we will be back in the mansion together in person, but not yet. Evening hours at the mansion are not yet available and meeting during the day is not viable for many. I am grateful that technology has allowed us to stay connected virtually.

- Our September speaker will be art historian Dr. Irina Stotland. We are so lucky to have her back again this year. Her Zoom will be on Thursday, September 9, and her topic will be the art of Hieronymus Bosch and I can't wait to hear more about this delightfully weird, Renaissance artist.
- In October we will hear from award winning, Richmond based, portrait painter Agnes Grochulska. Her work is emotional, colorful, and dynamic. I love her work.
- In November we will welcome back Lorena Bradford from the National Gallery of Art. She will share information on and give us a taste of the program she is leading at the NGA... "The Art of Looking." Some of you may remember Lorena as our 2017 winter show judge.

Our Spring 2021 Juried Art Show is on display in the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. I hope you will take some time to visit the gallery. The artwork is so beautiful in person. It is also still available as a virtual show. If you do visit you will notice on the mantel in room 2 a plaque that was awarded to the Rockville Art League by the City of Rockville. It is titled the "Community Achievement Award" for our support of the city and our

support of the arts. We are grateful for this recognition.

Amazingly, fall is upon us. Dare I say it is time 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 and sharing your art and gratitude in our community.

Sincerely,

Patrick Sieg
President

Rockville Art League 2021 Speaker Series

**Thursday, September 9, 7:00 pm on
Zoom: Dr. Irina Stotland on Hieronymus Bosch**

(zoom invitation will be sent out to members a few days prior)



We are delighted to welcome back art historian Dr. Irina Stotland to kick off our year. She will discuss the mysterious and intriguing work of Renaissance artist Hieronymus Bosch, one of the most visionary artists of his time and why he is relevant today. Some consider him deliciously bizarre. Join us to find out why.



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). 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 it will be sent out to members to watch within 30 days of its recording.

Thursday, October 7, on Zoom: Richmond portrait artist Agnes Grochulska "Drawing with Expression Not Expectation"

Thursday, November 4, on Zoom: Dr. Lorena Bradford from the National Gallery of Art on "The Art of Looking"

WITH SYMPATHY

With heavy hearts, we report the passing of two Rockville Art League members:

Michael Kuchinsky, avid photographer, supporter of the arts, retired professor, clergyman and active member of RAL.

Colleen Henderson, fine artist, fine art photographer and educator.

Both Michael and Colleen were award winning artists and important members of our community. Sadly, both passed away in May after courageous battles with cancer.

Our community is much richer because of their beautiful art, unique vision, and friendship. We send our sincere sympathies and condolences to their family members and friends.



The Rockville Art League is honored to have received this Community Achievement Award presented by the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation at the Mayor's Council Meeting.

Get Feedback on Your Art with “Critique Seek”

I always look forward to new beginnings in September. This year that includes meeting with my new critique group, which I found through Critique Seek. You can find a group too!

Critique Seek is RAL's new members-only service to help you exchange constructive feedback about your artwork with RAL peers.

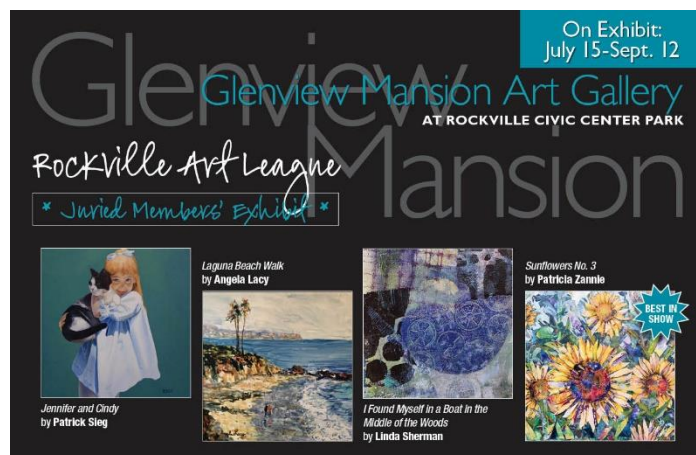
It's easy to sign up. Just email me at Critiques@RockvilleArtLeague.org and I'll send you a short form to fill out. Once you submit your answers, they will be compiled into a list, which you will receive within several

days. You will also receive resources about critique groups and other helpful info.

To learn more about Critique Seek, check out the article in the June newsletter at http://rockvilleartleague.org/newsletters/newsletter_30_10.pdf or email me at Critiques@RockvilleArtLeague.org.

I hope you will consider taking advantage of this special opportunity. I look forward to hearing from you!

Paula K. Zeller
Critique Coordinator



On Exhibit
July 15-Sept. 12, 2021

Rockville Art League
Juried Members' Exhibit

Join us to "Meet the Artists" from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12. 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: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Gallery closed on official city holidays.

 City of Rockville
Get Into It

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

Pandemic Paintings & Corona Creations

Requirements:

- Please send one image of a piece of art that you have created during the pandemic. (It does not have to be about it, but it could.)
- You may include a brief comment or a title along with your name.
- Please share something you are proud of.
- If selected, your work would appear in the next newsletter.
- Please send to: Susan Dunnell
newsletter@rockvilleartleague.org
and Patrick Sieg
president@rockvilleartleague.org

Please note: inclusion in the newsletter does not preclude work from being entered into our Juried Shows.)

MEMBER NEWS

Jennifer Crouch's piece "Farmer's Market Finds" received an Honorable Mention in the Still Life category in MAA's Creative Expressions 2021 show.

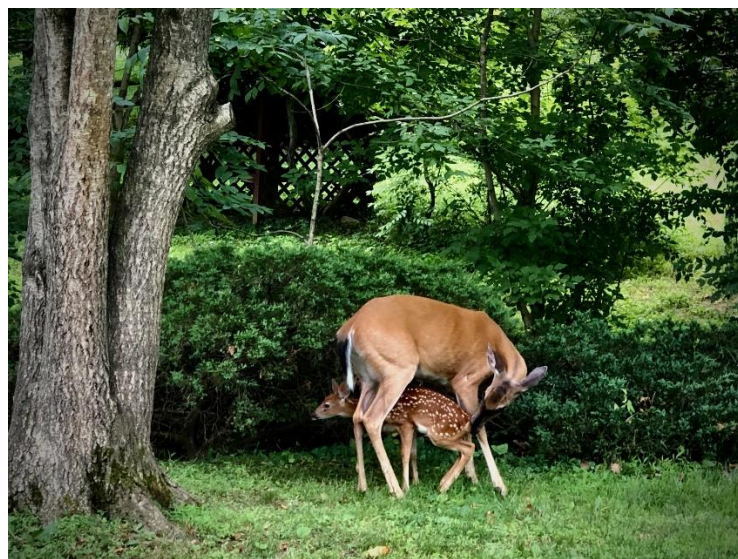


Sandy Yagel was juried into the Baltimore Watercolor Society as a Signature Artist this spring. Her painting, "At Rest," was juried into the Baltimore Watercolor

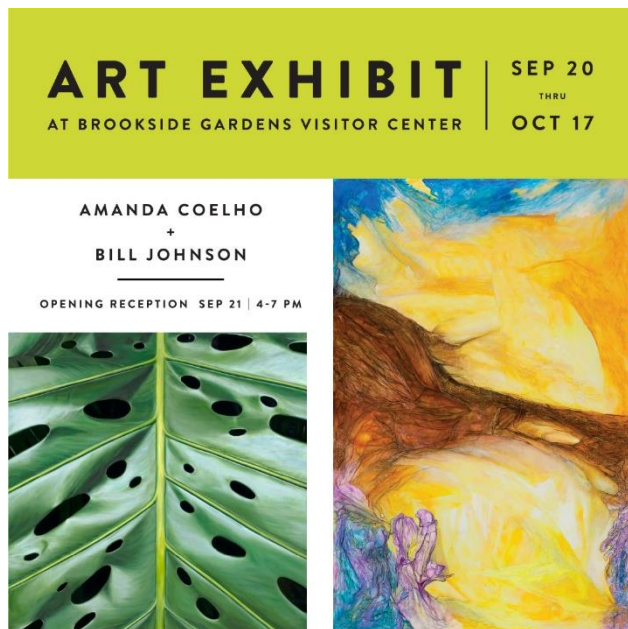
Society's MidAtlantic Regional Exhibition and given The Philadelphia Water Color Society Award. This show will be available online from June 12 to August 31, 2021.



Simin Parvaz had two photos accepted at the 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibition.



Amanda Coelho and **Bill Johnson** will be co-exhibiting at Brookside Gardens Visitor Center in Wheaton, MD. They are showcasing selected works inspired by nature. The show runs from September 20 through October 17, with an opening reception on September 21 from 4-7 PM.




Paula Zeller's oil painting "Searching" was awarded Best Portrait in the 2021 National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society (NOAPS) Associate Member Online Exhibition, which can be viewed at <https://www.noaps.org/2021-associate-member-online>. "Searching" is one of five of Paula's works to appear in the "Touch" juried exhibition, Sept. 8-Oct. 30, at the Strathmore Mansion.

Paula will have two paintings on exhibit in the Montgomery Art Association's Labor Day show at the Kensington Armory, Sept. 4-6. Limited-edition giclee prints of some of her works, including "Intensity," which won First Place (the Bertha Klum Award) at the 2019 Labor Day show, will be available.




Philip Friedman's photograph of Uzbekistan was featured in the July issue of *Travel and Leisure*.

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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 CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

As we are emerging from 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, including confirmation of dates. 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. Information about the “Meet the Artists” events will be confirmed.

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2021				
	ARTISTS	Monday Delivery 10am-1pm	<i>Meet the Artists</i> Event	Pick-up Artwork 10am-1pm
JULY/SEPT	RAL Spring Juried Show	July 12	Sunday, Sept .12 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Sept 13
SEPT/OCT	“Fairweather Artists” Exhibit	Sept. 13	Sunday, October 24 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Oct 25
OCT/NOV	“For Love of Glenview” Exhibit	October 25	Planned for Sunday Nov. 21, 1:30-3:30pm	Monday, Nov 29
OCT/NOV	RAL Artists’ Shows: Suzanne Frisbie Norda Kittrie Susan Dunnell Sue Moses Stephanie Gustavson	October 25	Same as “For Love of Glenview” Exhibit	Monday, Nov 29 10am-1pm
DEC	RAL Juried Winter Show	Monday, Nov 29	Planned for Sunday Dec 5, 1:30-3:30	Planned for Tuesday, Jan 18 10am-1pm

RAL Ongoing Show List

Currently all these venues are closed due to COVID-19 social distancing policies.

Twinbrook Library – 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, Maryland

Shows for the library run from 1st of the month to the end of the month for 1 month shows.
5 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Christine Lundy, 240-777-0252.

Christine.lundy@montgomerycountymd.gov

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Thomas Farm Community Center – 700 Falls Grove Drive, Rockville, Maryland

12-16 medium to large paintings, Contact person: Melinda Norton (240) 314-8842.
email: mnorton@rockvillemd.gov

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Marilyn J. Praisner Library – 14910 Old Columbia Road, Burtonsville, Maryland

10 small to medium or 5-6 large paintings (10 hanging chains), Contact person: (240) 773-9455, Vera Ramaty

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