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# NEXT MEETING: <u>Thursday</u>, <u>February 2 —6:30 to 8:00 PM</u> Glen Kessler, the Art of Portraiture

# Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League members and artists,

A Korean proverb says, "There is no winter without snow, no spring without sunshine and no happiness without companions."

In 2022 we loosened up a bit...from the Covid lockdowns and the associated angst we have all been feeling for the past nearly three years. While there is still illness and danger in the world, it feels better and more hopeful these days.

The heart of winter is on the horizon and knowing that, we will bear (and perhaps even enjoy) a bit of snow.

And speaking of companionship...we were lucky to come together for our winter juried art show. Heartfelt thanks to all who took a chance and entered and congratulations to the artists who have work on display. Our juried shows are competitive, and it is gratifying to see our members submit their best work.

Our Judge, Zdeno Mayercak made the difficult choices of which pieces to include. Each and every judge juries the entries without seeing names or prices and then chooses the artwork to fit their vision for a beautiful show. They are given the gallery's capacity and request that they choose thoughtfully...the pieces for inclusion and award winners.

We pick jurors who bring unique perspectives. We have asked oil painters, watercolorists, art historians and Zdeno Mayercak, a sculptor. Each judge is both accomplished and willing to invest much time, effort, and emotion in making their selections.



Lisa Sieg worked tirelessly with all the many moving parts that must be coordinated (including the aesthetic curation of the work) to form such a beautiful exhibit.

We are grateful to the members who helped us with the show's logistics including David Allen, Joanne Aarons, Michael Auger, Rob Gale, Lynn Faiola, Marija Lasalde, Cecelia Laurendeau, Jennifer Lubell, Cathy and Rich McDermott, Sarah Sohraby and from the City of Rockville, Betty Wisda. It takes dedicated and willing companions to produce our shows.

We had a record number of artists and friends present for our winter juried show's "Meet the Artists" event and thank you to the nearly 180 people that attended.

If you haven't had a chance to see the show, then please do yourself a favor and do so and remember, art is best appreciated in person. Please bring your friends and family.

December is an excellent time to take stock of our organization, where we are and what we have accomplished in the year. For the Rockville Art League...

- Membership numbers are again up year over year.
- Our finances are in excellent shape.
- Our relationship with the City of Rockville and the staff of the Glenview Mansion is strong.
- We have provided opportunities for our members to exhibit their work. Note that there were five RAL sponsored exhibits at the mansion in 2022 as the gallery reopened after Covid. And these shows were also virtual.
- We continue to provide interesting and engaging speakers monthly.
- And we are staying true to our mission of supporting art in our community.

Speaking of guest speakers...in February Artist, Compass Atelier leader and supporter of the Rockville Art League, Glen Kessler will share...

Efficient Portrait Painting: How to Paint a Portrait Quickly and Accurately.

He will demonstrate a method for getting a quick yet accurate portrait painting. He will produce a portrait (and beautiful painting) in only 90 minutes.

His demonstration will be virtual, and we plan to record the session.

We cannot stop the winter from arriving and should instead consider it a gift. It is a time for recovery, creativity, and joy.

I hope you have a joyous holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Sincerely,
Patrick Sieg
President
The Rockville Art League

# **Upcoming Speaker Series:**

Thursday, February 2 on Zoom: **Glen Kessler** *Efficient Portrait Painting: How to Paint a Portrait Quickly and Accurately* 



## **RAL Juried Members' Winter Show**

The *Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show* is on exhibit at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery December 4 through January 13 and was juried by renowned sculptor and professor Zdeno Mayercak.

Thank you to those who attended the gallery walk-through with the judge on Thursday, Dec. 8. MANY THANKS to Zdeno Mayercak for jurying such a beautiful show and for his insightful comments and critiques on the works in the show.

There are over 110 artworks in a variety of mediums in this incredible show by our artists on display at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery (603 Edmonston Drive at the Rockville Civic Center Park). The gallery is open to the public weekdays, Monday – Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm with plenty of parking. The art gallery is wheelchair accessible with an elevator to all levels. For information call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660. For recorded directions call 240-314-5004. Or please visit the Glenview Mansion website for any closures before coming out.

Art is best viewed in person and Glenview Mansion is quite a beautiful gallery, but a virtual view is also available on the RAL website. It includes the judge's notes and any gallery updates. Awards, dimensions, prices, etc., are listed on each individual piece. Please click on the **RAL WINTER SHOW** button under the word *Exhibits* on the website. Please share the show with your friends and family.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists.



## On Exhibit Dec. 4, 2022-Jan. 13, 2023

#### Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show

Join us for a gallery opening reception and "Meet the Artists" from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. Event is free and open to the public.

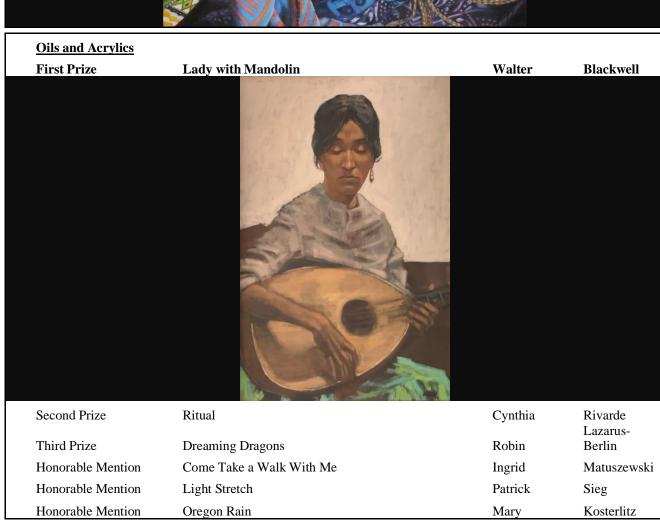
For information, call 240-314-8681 or 240-314-8660. For recorded directions, call 240-314-5004. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is tokedonir accessible. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Gallery closed on official city holidays.

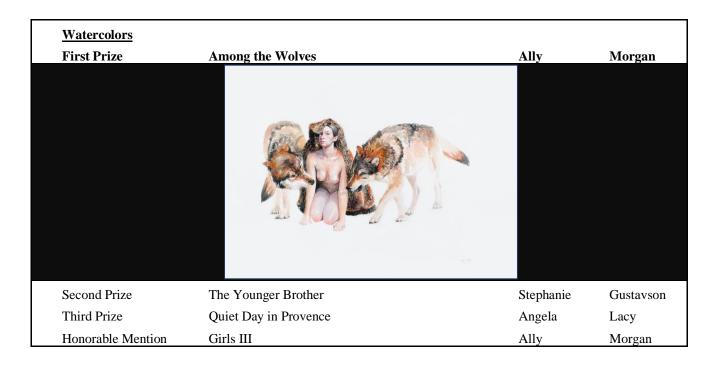


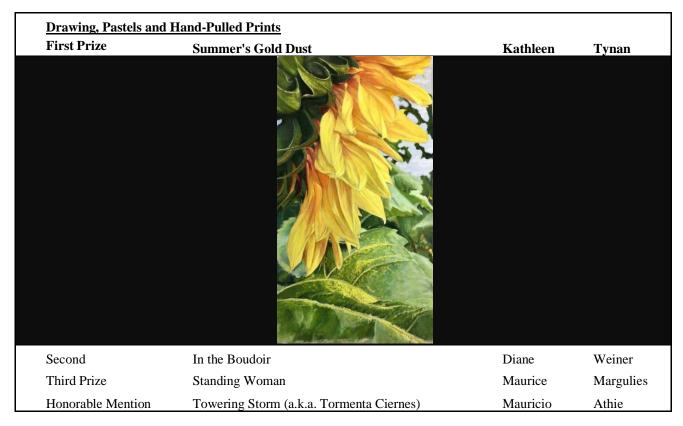
Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park

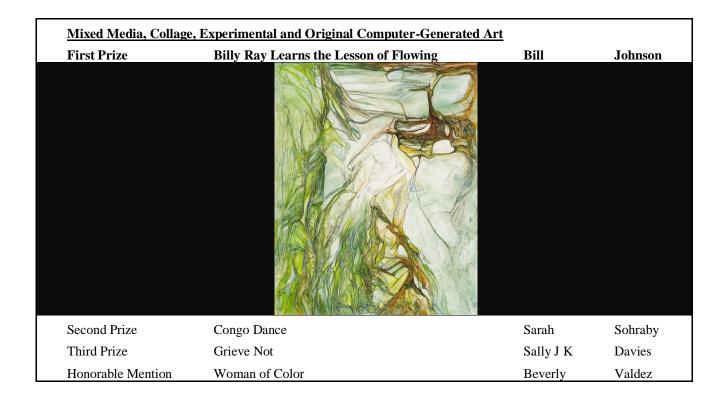
Rockville Art League 2022 - 2023 Juried Winter Show - Award Winners

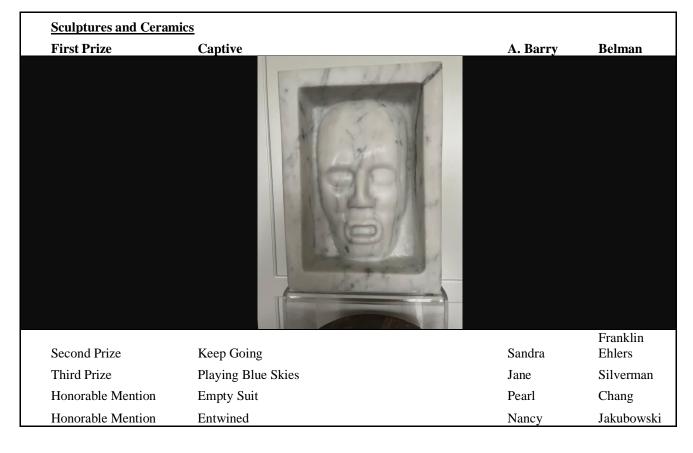




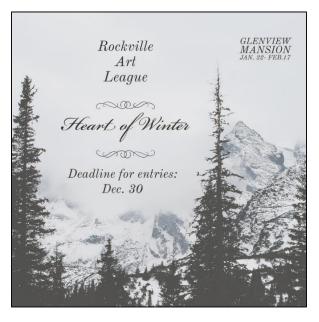












# Rockville Art League HEART OF WINTER

January 22 – February 17, 2023 Glenview Mansion

# Call for entries: <u>December 1 – December 30</u>, online submissions only

Rockville Art League members *in good* standing are invited to submit original works *up* to two (2) pieces of art for consideration for the show *Heart of Winter* to be exhibited at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. This show is sponsored by the Rockville Art League and the City of Rockville Arts Division.

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer." Albert Camus

We are looking for your interpretations that portray winter – the beauty in bleakness, the branches, the underbrush, the wildlife, dramatic shadows, the unique atmosphere, a wintry scene, outdoors, indoors, a cozy chair in a sunny spot or by the fire, dreaming of summer,

uplifted by a bouquet of flowers or a winter garden. Or perhaps you head to a warmer locale, "the winter of discontent, made into a glorious summer....

This show *Heart of Winter* will be on display in conjunction with the *Rockville Student Juried Art Show* at Glenview.

Due to space limitations, we can accept only a certain number of pieces. Interested members may enter up to 2 pieces for consideration.

Original artwork only may be submitted in the following categories of artwork:

- oils/acrylics
- watercolors
- drawings, pastels, hand-pulled prints
- mixed media, collage, experimental
- photography
- sculpture
- Note: for this show the work may have been exhibited in a prior show and acceptance in this show does not preclude its entry in a future show.

All 2-D pieces will need to be framed, gallery-wrapped or professionally finished, securely wired, ready for hanging with the *maximum* measurement of any framed side of 48 inches. If submitting unframed work, the edges should be painted or finished. No wet paint. Entries not meeting the show conditions will not be accepted. RAL retains the right to determine the suitability of the work for entry in this show.

**TO ENTER:** please use *your same personal link and password* that was sent to you to enter your work for the *RAL Juried Members' Winter Show*.

When you submit work, you will need to complete the following for each of your pieces (*up to 2 entries only*): 1.) **title** 2.) **medium** 3.) **market price** (*not wholesale!*) (If NFS, please leave blank and we will confirm with you), 4.) a clear **image** (jpg.) of your artwork, and 5.) **dimensions** (for 2-D artwork - height and width only; depth is for sculpture only).

<u>Note</u>: When you submit work, *if you entered artwork in the past several RAL Shows*, you may see the images of those pieces. They are marked appropriately for those shows within the system.

**Show agreement**: you will need to agree to the following *before your work can be exhibited at Glenview*. Please do so once notifications are sent out.

"I agree to the exhibition dates as listed below, that my entries are my original works, and I will not hold the Rockville Art League (RAL), Glenview Mansion, Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, or the City of Rockville responsible for any possible loss or damage to my entries while on the Rockville Civic Center Park property. I understand that all reasonable care will be taken in handling my entries. I give RAL, Glenview Mansion, and the City of Rockville permission to photograph my artwork and publish them as appropriate. I acknowledge a commitment to donate 20% of the sale price of my work, if sold during this show at Glenview to the City of Rockville."

#### **Schedule:**

**Thursday, Dec. 1 – Friday, Dec. 30**: up to 2 entries per member

Friday, Dec. 30: <u>Deadline for all entries</u>
Monday, Jan. 9: Notifications sent out to all members

TUESDAY, January 17, 10:00am-1:00pm, delivery of artwork

**Sunday, January 22**, 1:30-3:30pm Meet the Artists

**Tuesday, Feb. 21** – pick up of artwork - 10:00am-1:00pm

This show will be exhibited in person at Glenview Mansion. A virtual show will also be available to view on the Rockville Art League website and sent to all members to share.

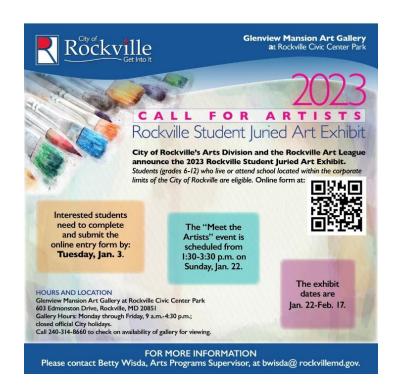
We look forward to seeing your artwork.

#### Call for entries: Dec. 1 – Dec. 30

As always, if you need help, please ask ahead of the deadline.

Questions or need help contact:

Lisa Sieg: <u>jshows@rockvilleartleague.org</u>
Patrick Sieg: <u>president@rockvilleartleague.org</u>



## **MEMBER NEWS**



Lily Kak is displaying 13 watercolor art pieces to portray women's empowerment and cultural diversity at "Busboys and Poets" during December 5-April 10. Busboys and Poets is a restaurant, bar, bookstore, and community gathering place where racial and cultural connections are consciously uplifted. The restaurant is located at 235 Carroll St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20012.



**Howard Clark**'s photo of "Glade Creek Grist Mill" earned an Honorable Mention in Olney Art Association's Juried Winter Show.



Two of Howard's entries in the 2022 Ward Museum's Photo Festival ("Nature's Abstract Art" and "MD's WWII Memorial in Annapolis") received Honorable Mention.





Finally, Howard's image "Sunrise on the Chesapeake" won an Honorable Mention in the 6th Annual Photography Contest of the Maryland Photography Alliance.



RAL Members **Stephanie Gustavson** and **Marija Lasalde** are two of eight artists featured in the Kindred Creatives' Winter Art Exhibit hosted by Artistic Custom Framing & Gallery (11410 Georgia Ave, Wheaton, MD 20902). The show will run from December 1 through December 31, with an Artist's Reception on Saturday December 3, from 4-6 pm.



Elizabeth Steel has three mixed media pieces juried into the 89th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature (2022). The show, sponsored by The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C., at Strathmore Mansion, will run from Nov. 19, 2022, through Jan. 7, 2023. The public opening is scheduled for November 19, 2-4 pm.

#### OPPORTUNITY

Laurel Art Guild is pleased to announce it will begin accepting entries for the **54th Annual Open Juried Exhibition** on December 1, 2022. **Deadline for entries is March 20, 2023.** The exhibit will be held at the Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel, Maryland from May 6-June 4, 2023.

Entries may be submitted online at <a href="https://laurelartguild.org/lag-open">https://laurelartguild.org/lag-open</a>

Six prizes will be awarded: 1st prize: \$300; 2nd prize: \$250; 3rd prize: \$200; and three merit awards: \$50/each

Juror for the exhibit is Lindsay McCulloch (<a href="www.lindsaymcculloch.com">www.lindsaymcculloch.com</a>), a well-known artist and art instructor at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Maryland. Ms. McCulloch holds an MFA in Painting from Boston University and received her MA and BA from the University of Virginia. Her work has been featured in museums and galleries throughout the United States and abroad.

# **Important dates** for the exhibit are as follows:

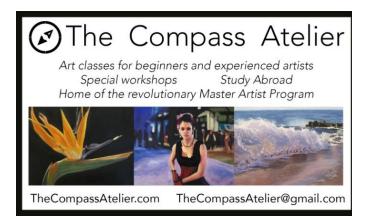
December 1, 2022 - Applications accepted on the laurelartguild.org website March 20, 2023-Deadline for entries May 1, 2023-Drop off of accepted art at Montpelier Arts Center, laurel, Maryland, from noon-4:00pm May 6, 2023-Exhibit opens May 7, 2023-Reception at Montpelier Arts Center, 2-4 pm June 4, 2023-Exhibit closes

Entries are open to adult residents of Maryland, Virginia, DC, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey.

Questions about the exhibit should be sent to <a href="mailto:lagopen@laurelartguild.org">lagopen@laurelartguild.org</a>.

## **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. <a href="www.FramersWorkroomDC.com">www.FramersWorkroomDC.com</a> Email: Jaeshin@FramersWorkroomDC.com





#### **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 **15**<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the next newsletter, to: newsletter@rockvilleartleague.org

## GLENVIEW MANSION CONFERENCE ROOM SHOWS

Glenview Mansion Schedule				
2022-2023	ARTISTS	Delivery of Artwork	Meet the Artists Opening Event	Pick-up Artwork
		10am-1pm		10am-1pm
DECEMBER/	RAL Juried Members	TUESDAY	Sunday, Dec. 4	TUESDAY,
JAN 2023	Winter Show	Nov. 29	1:30-3:30pm	Jan. 17
JANUARY/	Rockville Student	TUESDAY	Sunday, Jan. 22	TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 2023	Juried Art Show	Jan. 17	1:30-3:30pm	Feb. 21
	RAL Heart of Winter			
	Show			
FEBRUARY/	Washington	TUESDAY,	Sunday, Feb. 26	MONDAY,
MARCH	Water Color	Feb. 21	1:30-3:30pm	March 27
	Association			
MARCH/APRIL -	Maryland	MONDAY,	Sunday, April 30	TUESDAY,
MAY	Pastel Society	March 27	1:30-3:30pm	May 16
MAY/JUNE	RAL Juried	TUESDAY	Sunday, May 21	MONDAY,
	Members' Spring	May 16	1:30-3:30pm	June 26
	Show	-	_	

As we continue to adapt to 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. 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. These shows will be virtual on our website as well as in person at Glenview.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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