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Next Meeting: Thursday, February 1, 7:00 PM An Evening with Palden Hamilton

# Message from the President, Patrick Sieg

Dear Rockville Art League artists,

"Winter is not a season, it's a celebration." Anamika Mishra

Year-end and the holiday season are a great time to reflect on and celebrate milestones and accomplishments.

Let's take stock of our Rockville Art League, where we are and what we have accomplished this year.

- Membership numbers are again up this year.
- Our finances are in excellent shape and getting stronger each year.
- Our relationship with the City of Rockville and the staff of the Glenview Mansion is strong and the city again made the Glenview Mansion available to our league for both juried shows and two themed shows this year.
- We continue to host interesting and engaging speakers many months of the year.
- And we are staying true to our mission of supporting art in our community.

The Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show is beautiful and the best ever. (I believe I say this for every one of our exhibits, and mean it every time, especially this time.)

Lisa Sieg works tirelessly and worked her curating magic to display such a beautiful and eclectic exhibit.

Art is best seen in person and hopefully all members will have a chance to see this breath-taking show. We are grateful to the members who helped us with the show's logistics including David Allen, Joanne Aarons, Michael Auger, Susan Dunnell, Rob Gale, Lynn Faiola, Cecelia Laurendeau, Cathy McDermott, Linda Sherman and from the City of Rockville, Betty Wisda. It takes a league (and willing workers) 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 180+ people in attendance.

Our Judge, Palden Hamilton made the difficult choices of which pieces to include.

Each and every judge juries the entries without seeing names or prices and they choose the artwork to fit their vision for a beautiful show.

We pick jurors who bring unique perspectives. Each judge is both accomplished and willing to invest much time, effort, and emotion in making their selections. Those members who met Palden at our show's opening and or saw his recorded comments on our award winners will attest that we chose our judge wisely.

News flash, based on the many positive members comments, we have invited Palden to speak with our league about his practice and artwork. He will Zoom with us on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm so please mark your calendars.

There is another art opportunity for members in the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Our show "Portraits: Creatures Great or Small" goes up in January and we have a deadline of January 2, 2024, for your submissions. Please see more on this show later in the newsletter.

I love the art of portraits. As artists we are drawn to images of humans...the nuances of our individual features and the role of expression in our compositions. Artwork depicting animals (including people and our four legged and feathered friends) are welcome, vegetables and minerals are not.

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

# **Rockville Art League Speaker Series**

Mark your calendars for our winter and spring 2024 meetings. Details to come. These programs will be on Zoom. Zoom invitations are sent out to members a few days prior to the presentations and we plan to record them. (Note: there is no January meeting.)

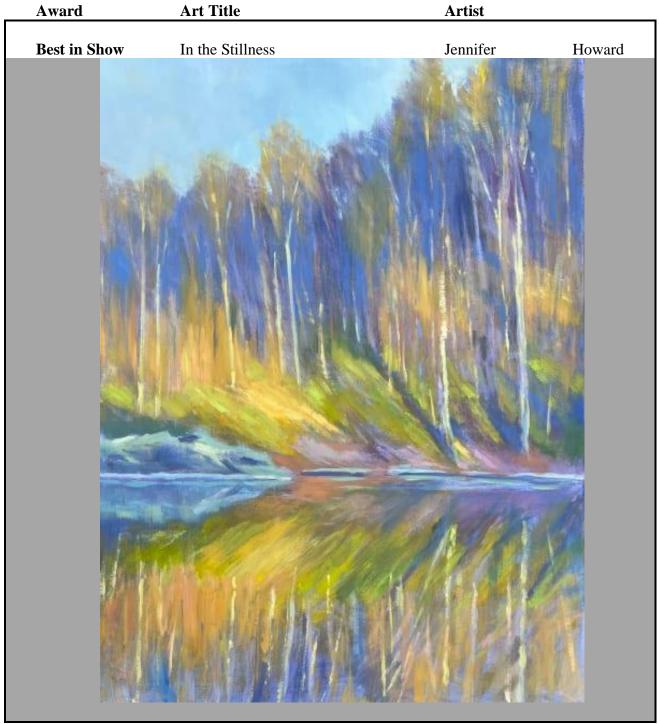
Thursday, Feb. 1, 7:00pm: presentation by Palden Hamilton. We welcome back renowned artist, educator, and judge for our juried winter show Palden Hamilton. <a href="mailto:about">about</a>— Palden Hamilton
Thursday, March 7, 7:00pm: Florida artist Elli Milan on "Finding Your Own Voice."
Thursday, April 4, 7:00pm: a presentation is in the works!

### Did you know you can access past RAL presentations on RAL's YouTube?

If you have missed any of the recorded zooms they can easily be found by clicking on the YouTube icon at the bottom of the Rockville Art League website or by visiting <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/rockvilleartleague/featured">https://www.youtube.com/user/rockvilleartleague/featured</a>.

Helen Wood has done a wonderful job posting these for RAL and we thank her for all her work on this.

# Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show - Award Winners Art Title Artist

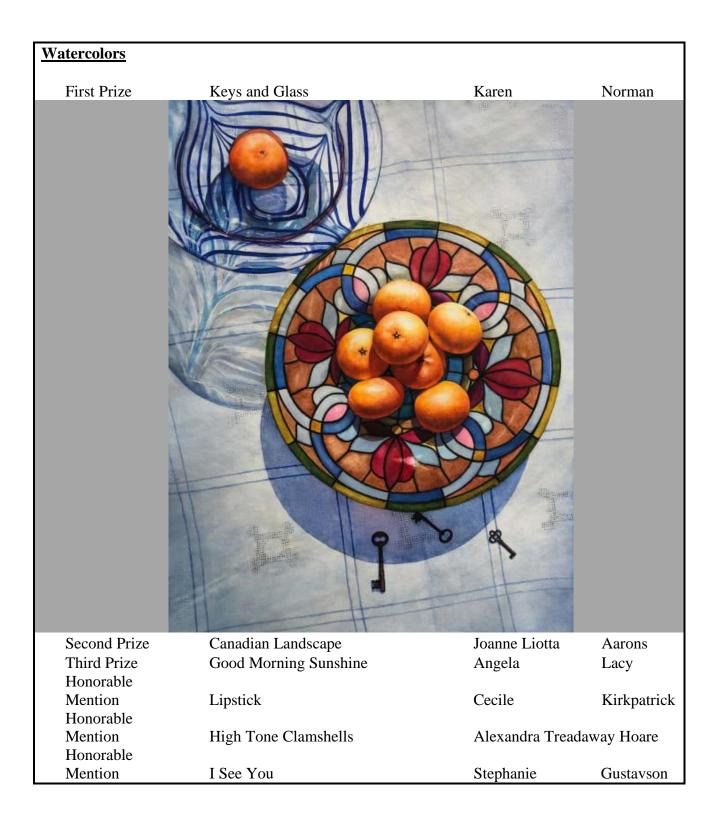


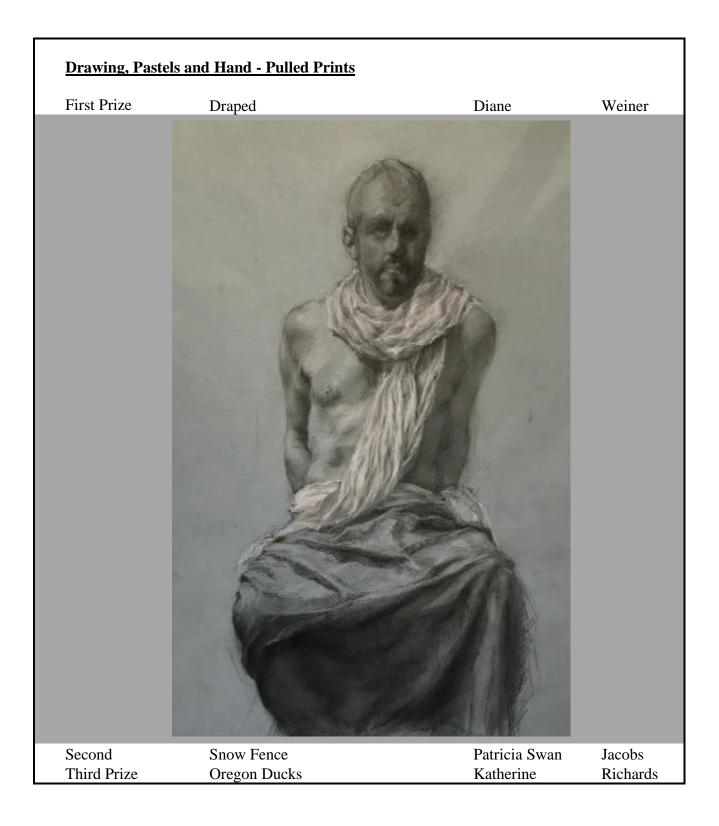
# Oils and Acrylics

First Prize After the Affair Susan Sinclair Galego



Second Prize	Still Life with Locomotive	Robert	Le Mar
Third Prize	Fly Away!	Nadine	Kim
Honorable	Window Washer Connecticut		
Mention	Avenue	Ray	Tully
Honorable			
Mention	A Girl's Best Friend	Patrick	Sieg
Honorable			
Mention	Forests of the Night – Forest 5	Jasmin	Smith
Honorable		Candy	
Mention	Rowan	Perque	Herlily
Honorable			
Mention	Mall View	Ken	Bachman





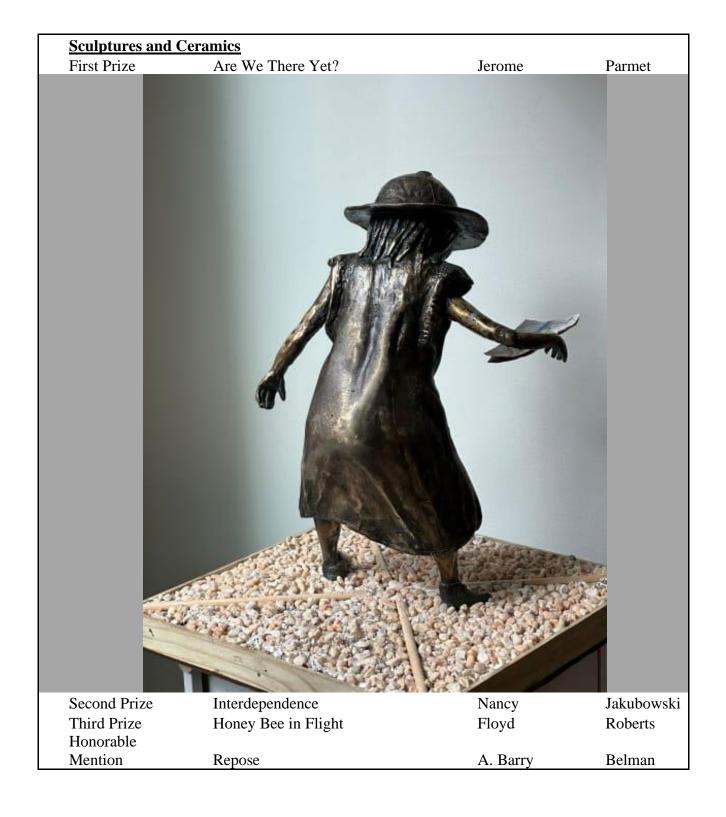
# Mixed Media, Collage, Experimental and Original Computer-Generated <u>Art</u> First Prize City Snow Colleen Bennett Second Prize Conversations Loud and Quiet Marcia Bhorjee Third Prize Luck and Stability Anne Michael Honorable

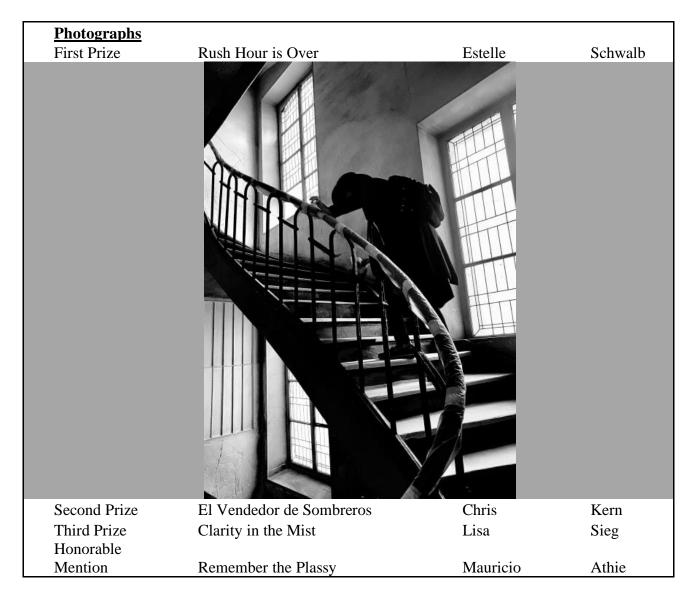
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Quiet Time

Moldover

Sheila





Juror Palden Hamilton's remarks for RAL Juried Members' Winter Show 2023

I am honored to be the judge for 2023's Juried Members' Winter Show. Lisa and Patrick Sieg have done a wonderful job arranging this show and have been thorough and professional in guiding my participation in it. Congratulations to all on a great show and thank you for this honor.

When I paint, I aspire to begin work intuitively, before using more analytical methods to correct and hone. This means launching a series of imperfect but (hopefully) improving iterations, rather than executing according to a choreographed, preconceived idea. I then use technical considerations to correct and bring the image to a convincing conclusion.

I juried and judged this show in a similar fashion. I visited the show's site, scrolling through its entirety and making quick notations of standouts. I would break, sometimes overnight, to clear my eyes and mind before returning for the next overview. When making award decisions, I would repeatedly scroll through each category. Sometimes my initial impressions were confirmed, and at other times unsuspecting paintings I had previously passed over snuck into my attention. Of course, seeing the work in person earlier this week provided further clarity (or confusion), as pieces continued to jostle for position. In the end, more formal considerations of technique, composition, craft, etc. helped to distinguish my final choices.

How can one apply a consistent standard of assessment for such a large and eclectic show? The task proved to be impossible. I was necessarily inconsistent. I awarded some pieces for impact, others for subtlety. I awarded some pieces for technical proficiency, others for being unencumbered by rigid technique. Some for whimsy, others for seriousness. Some for being highly articulated, others for being poetic. I tried to interpret this diverse and eclectic work through varied interpretive lenses. Therefor please accept the highly subjective nature of my decisions. In the end, I hope that the body of work I awarded is a satisfying representation of this show as a whole.

Whether it brings increasing clarity of vision, or meaningful wandering, I wish you all continued fulfillment in your artistic lives.

Rockville Art League

Portraits: Creatures Great or Small

January 21 - February 16

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

Entries accepted: December 1 – Tuesday, January 2

Rockville Art League *members in good standing* are invited to submit original works of *up to three* (3) pieces of art for consideration for the show *Portraits: Creatures Great or Small* to be exhibited at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. This show is sponsored by the City of Rockville Arts Division and the Rockville Art League.

We are honored to have renowned portrait artist **Maud Taber-Thomas** award prizes of recognition.

The theme of this exhibit is portraits.

From man's best friend to a person of interest. A beloved friend or family member, a personable pet, a neighbor, a passerby, a frequent visitor to your yard or park - a bird, deer, or fox - or even the one you see daily in the mirror or in your art class. Perhaps one that is endearing, beautiful, whimsical, that has a story to tell.

We are looking for your original portrayals of these special creatures in your life to fill the gallery at Glenview in January.

This show will follow the *RAL Juried Members Winter Show* and will be in conjunction with the **2024 Rockville Student Juried Art Exhibit**.

Depending on the number of pieces accepted in the student show will determine how many pieces we can accommodate for this themed show.

Original artwork only may be submitted in the following mediums only:

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

#### **Deadline:**

Each member may submit up to three (3) pieces for consideration:

<u>Friday, December 1 – Tuesday, January 2</u>

IMPORTANT! Please read the Show Agreement: by submitting work into this show, you agree to the terms listed in the show agreement listed here:

"I agree to the rules of the show as presented in this show call and the schedule below, and that my entries are my original works. I will not hold the Rockville Art League (RAL), Glenview Mansion, or the City of Rockville responsible for any possible loss or damage to my entries. As with any show, I understand that all reasonable care will be taken in the handling of my artwork. I give RAL, Glenview Mansion, and the City of Rockville permission to use images of 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."

**All two-dimensional (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.

## **HOW TO ENTER:**

<u>To submit work</u>, 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 3 entries only*):

- Title
- Medium
- **Price** (not wholesale!) (If Not for Sale, please leave blank and we will confirm with you)
- a clear image (jpg.) of your artwork (no glare, no frame, no reflection, no furniture, etc.)

- **Dimensions** (<u>note</u>: *depth is for sculpture only*). If entering 2-D work, height, and width ONLY.
- Description is optional; date is optional (do not check *circa*).

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

### **Schedule:**

**Entries accepted:** Dec. 1 – Jan. 2 Exhibition dates: Jan. 21 – Feb. 16

TUESDAY, January 2: deadline for all submissions.

Friday, Jan. 5: notifications of acceptance sent out to all members and posted on RAL website. TUESDAY, January 16: drop off artwork at Glenview Mansion, 10:00am-1:00pm. (same

date/time as pick up of RAL Juried Members' Winter Show)

SUNDAY, Jan. 21: "Meet the Artists" opening at Glenview. 1:30-3:30pm. Awards at 2pm.

TUESDAY, Feb. 20: pick up of artwork 10:00am-1:00pm.

This show will be exhibited in person at Glenview Mansion. Additionally, the virtual show will be available to view on the Rockville Art League website and sent to all members to share. We look forward to seeing your creations.

## Deadline for submissions: <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 2</u>

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

**NOTE:** please be aware that the time between the notifications and the delivery of artwork is 2 weeks.

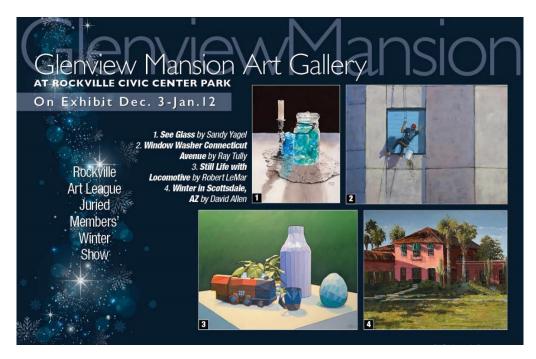
Questions or need help, contact:

Lisa Sieg: jshows@rockvilleartleague.org
Patrick Sieg: president@rockvilleartleague.org

# DECEMBER 3, 2023 – JANUARY 12, 2024 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

# **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Upcoming Exhibits**

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 <a href="https://www.rockvillemd.gov/389/Glenview-Mansion">https://www.rockvillemd.gov/389/Glenview-Mansion</a> before coming out or call 240-314-8681. 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. The *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 3 – January 12

Congratulations to all members with work in this beautiful show and special CONGRATULATIONS to the award-winning artists. Please see the full list in this newsletter. The award-winning pieces are indicated on the virtual show as well.

Thank you to everyone (all 180 of you!) who came out to the *RAL Juried Members' Winter Show* opening on Sunday, Dec. 3. A BIG THANK YOU to judge Palden Hamilton for all his work on this show including his memorable presentation of awards and insightful commentary and also talking

with the artists throughout the afternoon. A recorded zoom of his commentary has been sent out to all members.

This is an amazing multimedia show in a wide variety of styles and mediums, eclectic and engaging. Come see it! Bring a friend. Just be sure to call the mansion or check their website before coming out for any special closures due to private events. On display through Jan. 12 at Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Art is best seen in person, but a virtual view is available on the Rockville Art League website. A reminder that pick up of artwork is: TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 10:00am-1:00pm.

RAL Portraits: Creatures Great or Small
On Exhibit: January 21 – February 16
Deadline for entries: Tuesday, JANUARY 2

Exciting news: we are honored to have renowned portrait artist **Maud Taber-Thomas** award prizes of recognition for this show.

We are looking for your *original* portrayals of people, pets, and living creatures to fill the gallery in Jan/Feb. The work in this show may have been exhibited in a prior show and acceptance into this show does not preclude it from its entry in a future show. This show will follow the *RAL Juried Members' Winter Show* and will be in conjunction with the *Rockville Student Art Show*. Depending on the number of pieces accepted in that show will determine how many pieces we can accommodate for this themed show. This show is sponsored by the City of Rockville Arts Division and the Rockville Art League.

Please read all details, including how to enter, the schedule, requirements, etc., in the show call for entries found in this newsletter and also posted on the RAL website. Notification of acceptances will be sent out to all members by **Friday**, **Jan. 5**. All 2-D work must be ready for hanging by the delivery date of artwork on TUESDAY, Jan. 16, 10:00am-1:00pm. Yes, it is the same date/time as the pick-up of artwork for the RAL Juried Members Winter Show. Thank you to those who have already entered.

# Virtual Shows, Sales, and Inquiries

Did you know that you can access past RAL virtual shows? Virtual shows are updated and posted to the Rockville Art League website by webmaster Michael Auger. Several of our recent shows are still viewable.

#### How to access a past virtual show:

Go to <a href="http://rockvilleartleague.org">http://rockvilleartleague.org</a> and click on the white button for the current virtual show. If you haven't visited the RAL page for a while you may need to hit refresh. Currently, the new \*Fairweather Artists\* Show is posted there, and it will soon be replaced by the \*RAL Juried Members' Winter Show\*. Once you open the current virtual show, click on the word "Exhibition" 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: \*Times5\*, \*Essence of Summer\*, \*RAL Juried Members' Spring Show\*, etc.)\* right below the show card and you can view that show. You can view it altogether by "Artwork" or, if you prefer to see it by specific artist, click on the word "Artist".

On occasion we receive inquiries about work still viewable through our virtual shows. Any inquiries or purchase requests are forwarded to our artists.

### Purchase Requests or Inquiries about the current show 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 (<a href="mailto:jshows@rockvilleartleague.org">jshows@rockvilleartleague.org</a>) or Patrick Sieg (<a href="mailto:jpresident@rockvilleartleague.org">jpresident@rockvilleartleague.org</a>). Or go to the RAL website and look for us under contacts.

These shows are beautiful thanks to our talented members.



#### **MEMBER NEWS**

**Chris Luckman's** painting "Withstanding the Storm" was accepted into the "Small Wonders" Exhibit at the Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery in Annapolis. The Exhibit runs through December 23.



**Helen Wood**'s pastel painting "Aspen Glow" was juried into the 29th Annual *Friends of the Yellow Barn* Member Show.







# CREATIVE COLLEAGUES



EXHIBIT: FEB 1ST - FEB 29TH

RECEPTION: FEB 10TH 2PM-4PM











beach patt Gallery 18200 GEORGIA AVE, UNITS N+0, OLNEY, MD 20832

Pearl Chang, Barbara Gelman, Barbara Meima, and Elizabeth Steel are four of the seven experienced artists (sculptors, painters, mixed media artists) who, as members of CREATIVE COLLEAGUES, are banding together to bring you a very special exhibit at the beachKraft Gallery.

The attached picture shows one piece of each artist's work as well as the location and dates of the show and the reception, to which you are all invited.

# **Opportunities for Two Mural Projects in the City of Rockville:**

- 1. Please see the Request for Qualifications for a new mural at the Twinbrook Community Center Annex in the City of Rockville. Details are in the Request for Qualifications and the link to submit is HERE. Submissions are **due Jan 8, 2024, 11:59 EST**.
- 2. The city also has a Request for Qualifications open for another project in College Gardens Park for a new mural submissions are due **December 18, 2023**. More info is in the Request for Qualifications and the link to submit is HERE.

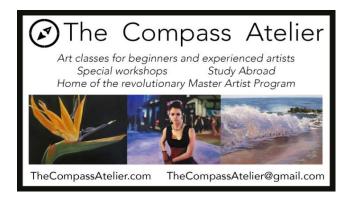
For more information, contact Arts, Culture and History Program Manager Karyn Miller: <a href="mailto:kmiller@rockvillemd.gov">kmiller@rockvillemd.gov</a>

## **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. www.FramersWorkroomDC.com

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 SHOWS**

Glenview Ma	Glenview Mansion Schedule					
2023 -						
2024						
Exhibition	ARTISTS	Delivery of	Meet the	Pick-up Artwork		
Dates:		Artwork	Artists Opening	10am-1pm		
		10am-1pm	Event			
DEC 3 –	RAL	TUESDAY,	Sunday, Dec. 3	TUESDAY, Jan. 16		
JAN. 12	Juried Members'	Nov. 28	1:30-3:30pm	10:00am-1:00pm		
	Winter Show	10:00 – 1:00pm				
JAN 21 –	Rockville Student	TUESDAY,	Sunday, Jan. 21	TUESDAY, Feb. 20		
FEB 16	Art Show	Jan. 16	1:30-3:30pm	10:00am-1:00pm		
	and	10:00 – 1:00pm				
	RAL Portraits:					
	Creatures Great					
	or Small					
FEB 25 –	Glenview Exhibit:	TUESDAY,	Sunday, Feb. 25	MONDAY, April 8		
APR 5	THE COLORISTS	Feb. 20	1:30-3:30pm	10:00am-1:00pm		
		10:00 – 1:00pm				
APR 14-	Glenview Exhibit:	MONDAY, April 8	Sunday, Apr. 14	MONDAY, May 13		
MAY 10	Gaithersburg	10:00am-1:00pm	1:30-3:30pm	10:00am-1:00pm		
	Camera Club					

Artists displaying work at Glenview 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* events are free and open to the public. Plenty of parking and there is an elevator to all levels of the gallery. The gallery is open weekdays Monday-Friday, 9am-4:30pm. Closed on official city holidays. Please check Glenview Mansion website before visiting.

Thank you for supporting the arts and your fellow artists!



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