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Glen Echo Park Partnership Galleries to Reopen in September

Glen Echo, Maryland – Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is pleased to announce that the Partnership’s galleries will reopen on September 4, 2020 after several months of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As stay-at-home orders were instituted throughout Montgomery County and the State of Maryland in March, the Partnership closed all exhibition venues until further notice. Now, with the phased reopening of Montgomery County, we are able to accommodate a limited number of visitors in the galleries.

For the health and safety of the public and our staff, access to the exhibitions will comply with CDC and local COVID-19 guidelines, which currently require face coverings and limit the number of visitors that can be in each gallery at one time. Visitors can expect possible wait times of up to 10 minutes to enter a gallery. To minimize contact, sales will be made by credit or debit card only. The health and safety of our patrons, artists, and staff remains our top priority.

September exhibitions present dynamic work in all three spaces: Popcorn Gallery, Stone Tower Gallery, and Park View Gallery. We look forward to continuing the mission of our galleries: showcasing the work of emerging and established visual artists, including resident artists at Glen Echo Park as well as artists from the greater Washington, D.C. region.

More about the upcoming exhibitions:

Glass Visions and Voices

September 4 - October 4, 2020 // Popcorn Gallery

Twelve artists from The Art Glass Center at Glen Echo explore the many facets of glass in this exhibition of fine art glass. ***Glass Visions and Voices*** reflects the endless possibilities of glass while echoing the artists’ personalities. The objects demonstrate the diversity of contemporary kiln-formed glass in form, texture, images, and abstractions with complex sculptures, wall hangings, and elegant vessels.

Saturdays & Sundays, 12am – 6pm

Opening Reception: Friday, September 4, 5 -8pm

They See Us: Isabel Manalo

September 4 - October 4, 2020 // Stone Tower Gallery

They See Us is an explorational portrait series by Isabel Manalo of her daughters Bella and Sofia, ages 17 and 15 respectively, during the time of COVID-19. With the current state of our nation of racial unrest and a global pandemic that seems to be only getting worse in the United States, Manalo's creative response led her to paint a subject that she loves and cherishes: her daughters. Her goal is to express an emotional tenor that honors them as sisters, daughters, and their own individual personalities in this unstable world we live in.

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Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Glen Echo Park as a Part of the National Park System

September 4 - October 4, 2020 // Park View Gallery

Glen Echo Park has been part of the National Park Service for fifty years. ***Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Glen Echo Park as a Part of the National Park System*** in the Park View Gallery tells the story of the effort to protect land near the Potomac river from development in the 1960s. Learn how the park was acquired by the federal government and how it found its direction as an art park. The exhibit will include never before exhibited photographs of the early years of the art program and of the carousel before and after its restoration. Glen Echo Park has been a great service to the community and the community has helped shape the park. Come see the exhibit and learn the story.

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Note to editors: High-resolution images are attached.

ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK AND THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children's theater, music programs, nature programs, and art classes to more than 375,000 visitors each year. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization, oversees these and other activities, including preserving the historic structures in the Park. Glen Echo Park, part of the National Park Service, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.

The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture is supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council (msac.org) and also by funding from the Montgomery County government and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (creativemoco.com). All programs are produced in cooperation with the National Park Service and Montgomery County, Maryland.

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