

## 52nd ANNUAL LABOR DAY ART SHOW IN THE HISTORIC SPANISH BALLROOM A GLEN ECHO PARK TRADITION

*Exhibition includes the work of hundreds of local and regional artists,  
and the holiday weekend also includes a FREE 2-day Social Dance Showcase.*

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**GLEN ECHO, MD** – This year, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture continues its tradition of presenting one of the largest art shows in the region in the Park's historic Spanish Ballroom over Labor Day weekend. The annual **Labor Day Art Show** will be held from September 2 through September 4, 2023. Free and open to the public, it includes a reception on Friday, September 1 from 7:30 pm to 9 pm with many of the participating artists in attendance. The show runs from 12 pm to 6 pm every day over the holiday weekend.

A 52-year tradition, the exhibition includes artwork in a wide range of media, including sculpture, painting and drawing, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, textiles, furniture, and works on paper. Artists from the Park and around the region participate in the annual exhibition, and thousands of visitors are expected over the three-day weekend.

"It's hard to believe we're past the half century mark with this wonderful community art show. It has become a tradition for thousands of people in the DMV area to come to the Park over the holiday weekend to view and purchase art," said Katey Boerner, CEO of the Glen Echo Park Partnership. "We love seeing parents bring kids to the show, and we encourage everyone to enjoy the wide ranging display of creativity and artistic talent. Whether you're an experienced collector or just looking and enjoying the art, the historic ballroom is a beautiful art deco space to visit and there's also so much to see and do around the Park. We had very strong sales last year, and we hope to see that again this year, so visitors are encouraged to come early if they are planning to purchase artwork."

The Partnership will also once again present the *Labor Day Art Show Awards*, cash prizes of \$250 each awarded for top works in the 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional categories. In addition, the *Park View Artist Award* will include the opportunity for a solo exhibition for the selected winner in the Park View Gallery at Glen Echo Park in 2024. All participants qualify to be considered. The judge for this year's awards is Tom Doyle, an educator and artist based in Washington, DC. He received his BFA in ceramics and Masters of Arts in Teaching from Maryland Institute College of Art; in his own work, he creates functional and sculptural pieces made of clay, wood, and everyday construction materials.

Prints and jewelry will be sold on a cash and carry basis, allowing purchasers to take their purchase with them. All other purchased works remain on display until the show closes. Learn more at: [glenechopark.org/LDAS](http://glenechopark.org/LDAS)

Also during Labor Day weekend, the Partnership will present a free two-day **Social Dance Showcase**, on Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3. Visitors can get a taste of the many different styles of social dances presented year-round at the Park, which include waltz, blues, swing, contra, and tango, and more! Short beginner lessons will be held at the start of each dance, and all dances are open to people of any skill level! No partner required.



The showcase will be presented in the Park's Bumper Car Pavilion and Ballroom Back Room from 11:30am to midnight on Saturday and from 1pm to midnight on Sunday. More information can be found here, with updates closer to the date of the event: [glenechopark.org/danceshowcase](https://glenechopark.org/danceshowcase)

Of course, the weekend wouldn't be complete without carousel rides on the Park's 102-year-old Dentzel carousel. [Carousel rides](#) are \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day ticket. Visitors can also enjoy food and drinks from **Praline** café.

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Note to editors: High-resolution images from last year's event are available; email [jcloud@glenechopark.org](mailto:jcloud@glenechopark.org).

## About Glen Echo Park and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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 300,000 visitors each year (prior to the pandemic). 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. For more information on Glen Echo Park, visit [glenechopark.org](https://glenechopark.org) or follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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