

55th ANNUAL LABOR DAY ART SHOW IN THE HISTORIC SPANISH BALLROOM AND GLOBAL RHYTHMS FESTIVAL IN THE ICONIC BUMPER CAR PAVILION

*Exhibition includes the work 500+ local and regional artists, and the holiday weekend also includes
Global Rhythms: Music, Dance & Storytelling from Around the World*

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GLEN ECHO, MD (August 13, 2026) – Over Labor Day weekend, 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. The 55th annual [Labor Day Art Show](#) will be held from **September 5 through September 7, 2026**. Free and open to the public, it includes a reception on Friday, September 4, from 7pm to 9pm with many of the participating artists in attendance. The show is the centerpiece of Glen Echo Park’s [Labor Day Weekend](#) celebration, running from 12pm to 6pm every day over the holiday weekend. Labor Day Weekend at the Park also includes the second annual [Global Rhythms](#) festival. Featuring music, dance, and storytelling from around the world, the festival will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, from 12pm to 6pm, in the Park’s iconic Bumper Car Pavilion.

A 55-year tradition, the Labor Day Art Show includes artwork in a wide range of media, including sculpture, painting and drawing, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, textiles, furniture, and works on paper. Over 500 artists from the Park and around the region participate in the annual exhibition, and thousands of visitors are expected over the three-day weekend.

“The Labor Day Art Show is an annual celebration of the thriving arts community at Glen Echo Park,” **said Katey Boerner, CEO of the Glen Echo Park Partnership.** “We love welcoming back returning artists and inviting new artists to participate and join this collaborative community. From parents bringing their kids to their first art show, to art collectors, we encourage everyone to enjoy the display of creativity and artistic skill.”

Glen Echo Park donors and members have a unique opportunity to preview the show before the opening reception for the public. For one hour, from 6pm to 7pm on Friday, September 4, the show and sale is open early for donors and members to browse and buy artworks in a “first look” at this much-anticipated exhibition. Learn about donating to the Park [here](#).

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 Works* and *3-Dimensional Works* categories. In addition to the cash prize, the *Park View Artist Award* includes the opportunity for a solo exhibition for the winner in the Park View Gallery at Glen Echo Park in 2027. This year, gift certificates to [BLICK Art Materials](#) will also be presented to the Labor Day Art Show Award winners, thanks to generous support from BLICK. All participants qualify to

be considered. The 2026 Labor Day Art Show Awards Judge is Edith Graves, founder of [Edith Graves. Art Advisor, LLC \(EGAA\)](#), representing a select group of contemporary artists nationwide. With a BFA in Art History and Studio Art and 30 years in marketing and branding, she brings a unique blend of business expertise and art world experience to her advisory practice. After co-founding Studio E Partners in 2012, she launched EGAA in 2023 to connect collectors and designers with exceptional artists and artwork. A member of ArtTable since 2014, Graves is known for fostering meaningful relationships between artists and collectors through exhibitions, studio visits, and curated events.

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

This year's Labor Day Art Show is sponsored by [Residence Inn Bethesda Downtown](#), [Mark Willcher Landscape Design & Build](#), and [Bethesda Modern Primary Care](#).

Also during Labor Day weekend, the Partnership will present the second annual **Global Rhythms: Music, Dance & Storytelling from Around the World**. This free showcase features performances by artists sharing traditions from a variety of cultures. This year, we have Capital Horns playing Latin music; Hungarian folk dancers and a new work by a contemporary Hungarian dancer/choreographer who will showcase a piece created in a week-long residency at Glen Echo Park; and our headliner Zedicus brings a boundary-defying performance, fusing reggae, rock, alternative, and world music into an irresistible sonic tapestry. Plus more performers *and* food trucks!

Global Rhythms will be presented in the Park's Bumper Car Pavilion from 12pm - 6pm. More information can be found here, with updates closer to the date of the event: glenechopark.org/globalrhythms

Of course, the weekend wouldn't be complete without carousel rides on the Park's 105-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, book a visit to the **aquarium**, attend a **children's theater** performance, and browse the Park's many visual arts **studios and galleries**.

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Note to editors: High-resolution images from last year's event are available; email 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. 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 or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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