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Artists & Makers Studios 2 Presents
“The Unapproved Thought” Curated by **Liz Georges**
“Time and Place: A Retrospective” with **Julie Smith**

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios 2 on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville will present two exhibits in the main galleries for the month of July. **“The Unapproved Thought”** features the work of Michele Colburn, Linda Hesh, Carolina Mayorga, John Paradiso, Jenny Walton, Dawn Whitmore, and Zac Willis. Our national narrative has long been dominated by stories of outrage, to the point where the outrage can almost feel disingenuous, a parody of itself. When everything is controversial, nothing is controversial. And yet transgressive ideas, images and narratives are important, essential even, to bringing about social change. One cannot create new social norms of expression, new ideas of justice, without them. **“Time and Place: A Retrospective”** with Julie Smith - the saying goes, “life is a journey, not a destination” and there are times and places in our lives that provide markers of memory for our individual journeys. She has increasingly embraced abstraction and this exhibit serves as the road map of her journey thus far. A group exhibit by the Montgomery County Camera Club **“The Essence of the DMV”** as well as exhibits in New Master’s Gallery, Gallery 209, and resident artists’ open studios round will out the evening.

“The Unapproved Thought”
“Time and Place: A Retrospective”

Opening Reception

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, July 7th, 2017

Artists & Makers Studios 2

12276 Wilkins Avenue

Rockville, MD 20852

Additionally A&M is proud to present two exhibits in three galleries for the month of July at the Parklawn location in Rockville, just 9/10’s of a mile from the buildings on Wilkins. **Black Artists of DC** member artists will occupy the two main galleries, and **“The Identity of Water”** with Cheryl Edwards will fill the gallery hall, along with resident artists’ open studios throughout the building.

These exhibits at both locations open Friday, July 7th, and continue through Thursday, July 27th, 2017. Viewing hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturdays, and Sundays/Mondays by chance or appointment.

Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville, established in October 2014 by artist and arts community builder Judith HeartSong, is a 13,000 sq. ft. facility is home to 65 resident artists. Artists & Makers Studios 2 on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville is a 23,000 sq. ft. facility with 76 resident artists and more to come. A&M Studios is dedicated to providing a supportive and vibrant environment for artists to realize their creative goals - through studio practice, collaboration, education, opportunities, networking and connecting with the community beyond our doors.