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**Artists & Makers Studios 1 and 2 Present  
Three Exhibits in Five Galleries at Two Locations for the Month of September**

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive and Wilkins Avenue in Rockville are featuring three lush exhibits at two locations with a three-gallery retrospective exhibition that spans a lifetime of glass artist Nancy Weisser's art making, a solo exhibit for Spencer Dormitzer, and a group exhibit of the lavender fields of Provence with Glen Kessler's Compass Atelier in the galleries. These three exhibits will open First Friday festivities between 6-9pm on September 7th and will showcase resident artists' open studios for browsing as well.

***"EXPERIMENTAL – Devotion to Discovery" with Nancy Weisser  
"PONDER... er ING or, I AM THE ASTEROID" with Spencer Dormitzer  
"Lavender Fields Forever: Plein Air Painting in Provence" with The Compass Atelier***

**Opening Reception**

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, September 7th, 2018

**Artists & Makers Studios 1**

11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

and

**Artists & Makers Studios 2**

12276/12280 Wilkins Avenue

Rockville, MD 20852

Artists & Makers Studios 1 on Parklawn hosts a retrospective exhibition of the work of Nancy Weisser. Experimental is a thread that runs through Nancy's diverse body of work. "My devotion to discovery is about the pursuit of creating something new and my desire to learn along the way whether it be about material, process, or self. Art making for me is about trusting my instincts, nurturing curiosity and challenging myself even when it's uncomfortable or difficult. This approach has allowed me to move forward and keep my work fresh." Chuck Underwood will play the guitar from 6-7pm, along with Theremin music throughout the evening by Arthur Harrison in the artist hall as well as resident artists' open studios. Additionally, A&M2 on Wilkins is proud to present a solo exhibit of drawings by Spencer Dormitzer – "Each piece contains several layers of frenetic, haphazard marks, methodically drawn over extended drawing sessions. The 1st layer (or conversation) starts with a lighter hue or shade, with progressive layers of marks moving darker down the spectrum. Conceptually, I think of this body of work as a meditation of difficult conversations about significant, yet simple ideas." To round out Wilkins' offerings, an exhibit of Plein Air paintings from the Lavender Fields of Provence with the Compass Atelier, "Destination: Vacation – The Travel Show" with the Montgomery County Camera Club, a new exhibit by the 21 member artists in Gallery 209 and resident artists' open studios - all just 9/10's of a mile from the flagship location on Parklawn with free parking at both locations and the best parties in town.

These exhibits at both locations open Friday, September 7th, and continue through Wednesday, September 26th, 2018. Viewing hours coincide with office hours and are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Saturday, 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 now home to 66 resident artists. Artists & Makers Studios 2 on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville is a 23,000 sq. ft. facility with 95 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.