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**Artists & Makers Studios 1 and 2 Present Five Uplifting Exhibits at Two Locations
for the Month of January along with Resident Artists' Open Studios to Browse**

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive and Wilkins Avenue in Rockville are featuring five new exhibits for the month of January at two locations. A&M1 Parklawn will host solo exhibits for artists Wayson R. Jones with **Elementals** – considering the landscape through thickly textured paintings, Sharon Fox-Mould's **Angels and Abstracts** – informed by her Jamaican roots, and Maduka Francis Uduh's **At Peace, At Home** – sculptures inspired by his native Nigeria. At Wilkins enjoy the work of Jamie Downs - **Searching for Oneness: 50 Years of Spiritual Art**, and the photography of Howard Clark in **For Love of Landscape**. These five exhibits will open First Friday festivities between 6-9pm on January 4th, and artists' studios will be open for browsing at both locations.

Opening Reception

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, January 4th, 2019

“Elementals” with Wayson R. Jones
“Angels and Abstracts” with Sharon Fox-Mould
“At Peace, At Home” with Maduka Francis Uduh
Artists & Makers Studios 1
11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210
Rockville, MD 20852

“Searching for Oneness: 50 Years of Spiritual Art” with Jamie Downs
“For Love of Landscape” with Howard Clark
Artists & Makers Studios 2
12276 Wilkins Avenue
Rockville, MD 20852

Artists & Makers Studios 1 on Parklawn hosts “Elemental” - Wayson R. Jones considers landscape, not pictorially, but as an embodiment of process: geologic, meteorological, and cosmologic. Concerned with primal forces and masses that underlie the built world we often take for granted - these thickly textured pieces have a sculptural, weighty presence that at times recalls rock, snow and ice, or dried-up waterways. “Angels and Abstracts” features the colorful combined series of Sharon Fox-Mould. The sculptures of Nigerian artist Maduka Francis Uduh in “At Peace, At Home” began 30 years ago, inspired by his environment as he created pieces influenced by the culture, landscape, and the socioeconomic uncertainties of his country. In a new chapter of his life, he finds himself on a new journey of creativity. Theremin music throughout the evening by Arthur Harrison in the artist hall as well as resident artists' open studios will add to the experience.

Additionally, A&M2 on Wilkins is proud to present “Searching for Oneness: 50 Years of Spiritual Art.” Jamie Downs has worked in mixed media non-objective painting for over 50 years exploring themes of oneness and transcendence, searching for her own personal archetypes. “For Love of Landscape” features the photographs of Howard Clark and reveals the hidden treasures in our neighborhoods, local parks, our National and State parks. The Montgomery County Camera Club hosts a group exhibition titled “The Winner’s Circle”, along with a new exhibit by the 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, January 4th, and continue through Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019. 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.