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Artists & Makers Studios Parklawn Hosts Three Talented Metro Artists in January *Unexpected Viewpoints Steal the Show*

(**Rockville, MD**) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville shows off the talents of three exceptionally unique metro-area artists in January 2020. It's a small (art) world after all in the new miniature work of **Lori Anne Boocks**. Supported by a cast of model railroad figures, Boocks explores current events, imaginary large-scale installations, and how people experience art. Playful and often personal, her sparse dioramas invite you to leave our big noisy world behind and lean in for intimate adventures in “slow looking” where art becomes backdrop, mirror, and lens.

In a world where we are constantly bombarded by information, the paintings in Information Overload create a space for viewers to break free of the noise of daily life. **Stephen Boocks** uses a variety of processes associated with composers of minimalist music to create works that only ask to be considered and enjoyed as shapes, lines, and colors, without any specific agenda.

Allen Hirsh draws inspiration for his mathematically transformed images from numerous antecedent artists, among them Washington painters of the color field school. This exhibit is inspired by Gene Davis, one of the most prominent of the color field artists. Where Davis usually produced elegantly simple, purely abstract structures, Hirsh prefers intense complexity in his similarly abstract creations - owed in part to his background as a biologist - yet he retains strong vertical elements and contrasting colors in these pieces as the connection to Davis. These exhibits will open for First Friday festivities on January 3rd between 6pm and 9pm and will showcase Resident Artists' open studios for browsing and shopping.

“It’s the Little Things: Imaginary Installations in Miniature” with Lori Anne Boocks
“Information Overload” with Stephen Boocks
“A Gene Davis Inspiration” with Allen Hirsh

Opening Reception

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, January 3rd, 2020

Artists & Makers Studios 1

11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210

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Visit A&M1 Parklawn and enjoy the gorgeous gallery exhibits, along with open studios, a perfect time for shopping and gift-giving, or for finding a treasure for yourself. Enjoy wine, soft drinks and light refreshments, and rich and varied art for browsing and buying - all in one location.

These exhibits at A&M1 Parklawn open Friday, January 3rd, and continue through Wednesday, January 29th, 2020. Viewing hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday-Saturday, and Sundays/Mondays by chance or appointment.

[Artists & Makers Studios](http://ArtistsAndMakersStudios.com) 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 66 resident artists. Artists & Makers Studios 2 has left the former Wilkins location and will be announcing its new home later this year. 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. First Fridays sponsored by the [Chesapeake Framing Company](http://ChesapeakeFramingCompany.com) in Kensington.