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## **Artists & Makers Studios Parklawn Presents The Compass Atelier's Master Artist Program Thesis Exhibition, Class of 2020**

(**Rockville, MD**) – The graduates of The Compass Atelier's Master Artist Program, Class of 2020 will have their Thesis Exhibition at Artists & Makers Studios from February 7-27, 2020. This exhibition will feature the work of 21 graduating artists completed during their Thesis Year of the Master Artist Program. The Master Artist Program combines traditional painting methods with contemporary concepts in just 3 years of logical step-by-step artistic study, and has become a viable alternative to more expensive and time-consuming university education with waitlists now stretching into 2023. It is the brainchild of longtime Maryland Institute College of Art instructor Glen Kessler, an internationally recognized artist in his own right. An opening reception will be held on Friday, February 7th from 6-9pm in conjunction with Artists & Makers Studios' First Friday events. Also, from 1-3pm on each Saturday and Sunday of the show, exhibiting artists will hold Artist Talks, Artist Demonstrations, and Artist Lectures. A full calendar of speakers is listed on The Compass Atelier's website ([TheCompassAtelier.com](http://TheCompassAtelier.com)). This three-gallery exhibit will open for First Friday festivities on February 7th between 6pm and 9pm and will also showcase Resident Artists' open studios for browsing and shopping.

### ***“The Compass Atelier's Master Artist Program Thesis Exhibition, Class of 2020”***

Opening Reception

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, February 7th, 2020

**Artists & Makers Studios 1**

11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

Visit A&M1 Parklawn and enjoy the gorgeous gallery exhibit, along with open studios - a perfect time for shopping and gift-giving, or for finding a treasure for your home or office. 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, February 7th, and continue through Thursday, February 27th, 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 more than 66 resident and affiliate artists. Artists & Makers Studios 2 has left the former Wilkins location and will be announcing its new home soon. 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 are sponsored by the [Chesapeake Framing Company](http://ChesapeakeFramingCompany.com) in Kensington.

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