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## **Artists & Makers Studios in Rockville Hosts the Joyful Work of Rachel Ann Cross for the Month of February**

(**Rockville, MD**) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville hosts Artist Rachel Ann Cross in the gallery for the exhibit “Nature, Myth, and Magic” with two additional exhibits and an Open Studio event. The February 3rd **First Friday** evening opening will run from 5pm – 9pm. Rachel Ann Cross is a mixed-media artist inspired by nature, creation stories from all over the world, and sacred and magical experiences. A sense of wonder plays heavily into her creative process as she builds her artwork in layers allowing for surprises and new juxtapositions. Rachel’s artwork incorporates found objects, repurposed broken jewelry, and other non-traditional art materials that are often discarded by our society. Rachel’s work is often described as joyful, meditative, and WOW. Enjoy additional exhibits - “Extremity” with Resident Artists, and 19 Gallery 209 Artists exhibiting their latest work. In the February exhibition, Resident Artists explore the various manifestations of the theme “Extremity”. Whether it’s about physical boundaries and protuberances or psychological limits, extremity gives art potency and magnitude. It is beautiful and disruptive, uncomfortable and arresting. It lacks constraint and requires imagination, daring and a willingness to fail. In art, extremity tells the most compelling stories.

**“Nature, Myth, and Magic: Artwork by Rachel Ann Cross”  
“Extremity” with Resident Artists  
The Artists of Gallery 209**

Opening Reception

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, February 3rd, 2023

**Artists & Makers Studios**

11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

**Meet the Artist with Rachel Ann Cross – February 11th, 1:00 PM**

Exhibits for Rachel Ann Cross, the Resident Artists, and Gallery 209 will run from February 1st through February 22nd. Viewing hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Saturday, and Sundays by chance or appointment. [Artists & Makers Studios](http://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 87 artists, and 80 student artists. Artists & Makers Studios – Oro Valley, AZ is now a two-year-old jewel box location with talented Resident Artists, 3,575 sq ft of studios, galleries, and flex-classroom space. Construction is currently underway in San Gabriel, California for Artists & Makers Studios third location. 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.