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## **Artists & Makers Studios in Rockville Presents the Glorious Pastel Landscape Paintings of Jean Hirons for the Month of March**

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville hosts Artist Jean Hirons in the gallery for the exhibit “Intuiting the Landscape” with two additional exhibits and an Open Studio event. The March 3rd **First Friday** evening opening will run from 5pm – 9pm. Jean Hirons presents a series of pastel landscape paintings done during 2022-2023, a time of change and challenge. Her goal was to create paintings not completely based on any one photo that would have strong value shapes and harmonious color based on her intuition. Having painted landscapes in pastel for over 30 years, she figured it was time to wing it! Beginning with or without photos, she did drawings, then color studies from the drawings, and then the painting from the color study. In other cases, she worked purely from her imagination. Jean is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and past president of the Maryland Pastel Society. Enjoy additional exhibits - “Creature” with Resident Artists, and 19 Gallery 209 Artists exhibiting their latest work. In their March exhibition, Resident Artists make work about beautiful, bizarre, and sometimes frightening creatures. They are in one’s wildest dreams and worst nightmares. They are under the bed, in the basement, the forest, and the ocean. They have supernatural powers for good or evil. Throughout history, artists have brought people’s fears and fantasies to life by depicting the frightening and the fabulous creature.

### **“Intuiting the Landscape” with Jean Hirons “Creature” with Resident Artists The Artists of Gallery 209**

Opening Reception

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

**Artists & Makers Studios**

11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

### **Meet the Artist with Jean Hirons – March 11th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Exhibits for Jean Hirons, the Resident Artists, and Gallery 209 will run from March 1st through March 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, CA for Artists & Makers Studios third location, with construction set to begin in North Hollywood, CA. 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.