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**Artists & Makers Studios in Rockville Presents a Dual Exhibit  
with a Scientific Theme for the Month of April  
*Micromajesty: Intersections of Art and Science***

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville is proud to host Ivan Amato and Michele Banks as they revel in the aesthetic potential of their microscopic obsessions: molecules, microbes and cells along with two additional exhibits and an Open Studio event. The show, *Micromajesty: Intersections of Art and Science*, runs from March 29th through April 26th at Artists and Makers Studios. All are invited to opening receptions with the artists on Friday, March 31st, 5 – 9pm and also Friday, April 7th, 5 – 9pm. [Ivan Amato](#) has always been smitten by the gorgeous diversity of data that scientists gather to learn about the world. Drawing upon his background in chemistry and science communication, he embraces the artform of crystal photomicrography. To create his pieces, Amato dissolves substances, from table sugar to prescription medicines, coaxes them to resolidify on microscope slides and then tours the slides to capture the resulting crystalline beauty. His work has been shown in DC Arts Club and appeared in literary publications and science journals. Amato is the author of *Supervision: A New View of Nature*, a celebration of science imagery. He has written several other books and hundreds of articles, produced podcasts, and orchestrated science café events. His day job is as the science communications manager for the Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute at Columbia University. [Michele Banks](#) is an artist inspired by science. Her artwork, on themes ranging from neuroscience to the microbiome to climate change, has been shown at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and at the Society for Neuroscience, as well as at many galleries and art festivals. Her paintings have been featured on the covers of journals and books and in publications including *Scientific American*, *The Scientist* and *Wired*. Michele's work in this exhibition explores the idea of the vessel in semi-abstract watercolor paintings inspired by structures in plants as well as in the human body. Her paintings celebrate the tiny, crucial carriers of everything from water to blood to electrical pulses – the flow of life. A sampling of the artists' works is viewable [here](#).

Enjoy additional exhibits - **“Green”** with Resident Artists, and 19 Gallery 209 Artists exhibiting their latest work. The theme for the April A&M Resident Artists' Exhibition is Green. A mix of yellow and blue, green symbolizes life, fertility, renewal, and resurrection; evokes lush grass, trees, and forests and is often described as a refreshing and tranquil color. Other common associations with green are money, luck, health, and envy. This month A&M resident artists ponder their relationships with green.

**“Micromajesty: Intersections of Art and Science” with Ivan Amato and Michele Banks  
“Green” with Resident Artists  
The Artists of Gallery 209**

Opening Receptions  
5:00pm – 9:00pm, Friday, March 31st, 2023  
&  
5:00pm – 9:00pm, Friday, April 7th, 2023

**Artists & Makers Studios**  
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Exhibits for Ivan Amato & Michele Banks, the Resident Artists, and Gallery 209 will run from March 29th through April 26th. Viewing hours are 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday-Saturday, and Sundays 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 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.

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