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Artists & Makers Studios in Rockville Welcomes Laurie Breen and her Solo Exhibit “lost and found”

(Rockville, MD) – Artists & Makers Studios on Parklawn Drive in Rockville is thrilled to host Laurie Breen for the month of February. The exhibit, “lost and found” runs from January 31st through February 21st at Artists & Makers Studios, with an opening reception on Friday, February 2nd, 5 – 8pm. Laurie begins each new painting with an open mind. She approaches the blank canvas with intuitive painting and drawing, piles of collage, lines, shapes, too many colors. She makes mistakes and creates ugliness. She builds up layers, moving toward chaos. Laurie often gets lost as she creates, but she forges ahead. She finds new paths and eventually reaches a place she could not have predicted but must have been heading for all along, a place of beauty and energy, balance and movement. Laurie’s paintings are full of saturated color, bright yellows, oranges, pinks, and reds, cool blues, and rich greens. There are pleasing shapes formed by layers of paint and drawing and collage. Her paintings evoke happiness and joy, even though her process may have been one of struggle. Look closely. Can you see the early layers peeking through? Do you see the history of the painting in the painting? Laurie Breen is a mixed media painter with a studio at the Gateway Arts Center in Brentwood, Maryland. Laurie has been painting, exhibiting and selling her work for over twenty years. Laurie is a three-time recipient of the Individual Artist Grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County. Enjoy additional exhibits **“Freudian”** with Resident Artists – on view in the Gallery Hall, along with nineteen Gallery 209 Member Artists exhibiting their latest work. Shop and support local working artists, makers, and professionals.

**“lost and found” with Laurie Breen
“Freudian” with Resident Artists
The Artists of Gallery 209**

Opening Reception

5:00pm – 8:00pm, Friday, February 2nd, 2024

Artists & Makers Studios

11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210

Rockville, MD 20852

Meet the Artist Saturday, February 17th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Viewing hours are 10:00am – 4:00pm, Monday-Saturday, and Sundays 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 87 artists, and 80 student artists. Artists & Makers Studios – Oro Valley, AZ is a three-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 shortly for the fourth location 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.