



# GLEN ECHO PARK

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

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## 50th ANNUAL LABOR DAY ART SHOW AT GLEN ECHO PARK CELEBRATES HALF A CENTURY OF ART IN THE COMMUNITY

**Glen Echo, Maryland** – The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture sponsors one of the largest art shows in the region, and this year it celebrates half a century of bringing the community together through art. The **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day Art Show** will be held in Glen Echo Park’s historic Spanish Ballroom from September 4-6, 2021.

A 50-year-year tradition, the exhibition and sale was not presented in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, the Partnership is pleased to be able to once again host the event, which attracts a wide range of visitors: from art lovers to people who are unlikely to visit an art gallery, and from families with young children to seniors. Featuring more than 200 artists and over 700 works, the exhibition is free and open to the public and includes a reception on Friday, September 3 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with many of the participating artists. The show runs from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

First produced in 1970, the Labor Day Art Show was founded by Nancy Long, a Town of Glen Echo councilmember who also played a primary role in saving the Park’s historic Dentzel carousel, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. She was involved in installing the exhibition for 48 years, until 2019, along with the National Park Service (NPS), when the Park was managed by NPS, and then more recently with the Partnership. The event continues to showcase works from artists of all walks of life throughout the community, and the entry fee has remained accessible. An added Labor Day Show Awards Program was created four years ago. “The Labor Day Art Show has connected artists to the community for half a century. We open

the Spanish Ballroom – normally used for dancing – to this wonderful weekend-long exhibition that highlights the artistic talent of the region. The Partnership has been proud to continue the tradition through the last 20 years,” said Katey Boerner, Executive Director of the Partnership.

The show includes artwork in a broad array of media, including sculpture, painting and drawing, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, textiles, furniture, and works on paper. Sleeved prints and jewelry are sold on a cash and carry basis, allowing purchasers to take their purchase with them. All other purchased works will remain on display until the show closes at the end of the weekend. Artists from the Park and around the region participate in the annual exhibition. Each year, thousands of visitors view the show – and other Glen Echo Park activities – over the holiday weekend.

For the fourth year, the Glen Echo Park Partnership will present the **Labor Day Art Show Awards**. Cash prizes of \$250 each will be awarded for top works in the 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional categories. In addition, the **Park View Artist Award** will include the opportunity for a solo art exhibition for the selected winner in the Park View Gallery at Glen Echo Park in January 2022. All participants qualify to be considered.

Also during Labor Day weekend, the Glen Echo Park Partnership hosts an **Open House for Classes** on Saturday, September 4, to introduce adults and children to the wide range of visual and performing arts classes being offered at the Park this fall. The Open House will take place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will feature several hands-on activities and demonstrations; visitors will also be able to view resident artists at work in their studios. On Sunday, September 5, visitors may enjoy a **free Social Dance Showcase** in the Bumper Car Pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Park’s social dance program is back after 17 months closed due to the pandemic, with dance styles including swing, waltz, and tango as part of the showcase. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy a ride on the 1921 Dentzel carousel, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, which will operate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., including Labor Day.

Learn more at: [www.glenechopark.org/LDAS](http://www.glenechopark.org/LDAS)

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## **ABOUT GLEN ECHO PARK AND THE GLEN ECHO PARK PARTNERSHIP**

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children's theater, music programs, environmental education programs, and art classes to more than 350,000 visitors each year. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, a nonprofit organization, oversees these and other activities, including preserving the historic structures in the Park. Glen Echo Park, part of the National Park Service, is located in Glen Echo, Maryland, six miles northwest of Georgetown along the scenic Potomac River palisades.

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