



53rd Annual Labor Day Art Show in the Historic Spanish Ballroom: A Glen Echo Park Tradition

Exhibition includes the work of 400+ artists from the mid-Atlantic region, and the holiday weekend also includes a Social Dance FREE-for-All.

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GLEN ECHO, MD (August 2, 2024) –

Over Labor Day weekend, the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture will continue its tradition of presenting one of the largest art shows in the region in the Park's historic Spanish Ballroom. The 53rd annual **Labor Day Art Show** will be held from August 31 through September 2, 2024, and will run from 12:00pm to 6:00pm every day over the holiday weekend. Free and open to the public, it includes a reception on Friday, August 30, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm with many of the participating artists in attendance.

A 53-year tradition, the exhibition includes artwork in a wide range of media, including sculpture, painting and drawing, ceramics, glass, jewelry, photography, textiles, and works on paper. Artists from the Park and around the region participate in the annual exhibition, and thousands of visitors are expected over the three-day weekend for the art show as well as other Park activities.

"Each year, the Park transforms into a lively hub where local artists showcase their talents, inviting visitors to explore and purchase unique works of art. This event not only highlights the incredible artistic expressions within our community but also fosters connections that enrich the cultural tapestry of our region," said Ama Mills-Robertson, Chief Program Officer of the Glen Echo Park Partnership. "We love to see families—parents and children alike—coming together to immerse themselves in a vibrant showcase of creativity. The historic ballroom, with its stunning Art Deco design, provides a captivating backdrop for visitors to explore the diverse range of artistic displays, catering to both seasoned collectors and casual art enthusiasts."

The Partnership will also once again present the **Labor Day Art Show Awards**, cash prizes of \$250 each 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 exhibition for the selected winner in the Park View Gallery at Glen Echo Park in 2025. All participants qualify to be considered. This year's awards judge is gallerist Amy Kaslow. As a long-time photojournalist with a lens on the world's trouble spots, Kaslow's namesake gallery, Amy Kaslow Gallery in Bethesda, Maryland, showcases contemporary fine art from talent that crosses the globe, while the space is busy with dialogues, demonstrations, and community gatherings.

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Prints and jewelry will be sold on a cash and carry basis, allowing purchasers to take their purchase with them. All other purchased works remain on display until the show closes. Learn more at: glenechopark.org/LDAS

Also during Labor Day weekend, the Partnership will present a **Social Dance FREE-for-All** on Saturday, August 31, and Sunday, September 1. Join in the fun for two days of FREE social dances with live music and get a taste of a variety of different dance styles. Short beginner lessons will be included in each dance session, and all dances are open to people of any skill level; no partner required. Visitors of all ages, as well as families, are welcome. The line-up includes: *Hoedown: Square Dance & Contra Dance*; *Cuban Salsa Rueda de Casino* with DC Casineros; *Brazilian Dance* with Educarte; *Irish Ceili*.

The “FREE-for-All” will be presented in the Park’s Bumper Car Pavilion from 12:00pm - 6:00pm each day. More information can be found here, with updates closer to the date of the event: glenechopark.org/dancefreeforall

Of course, the weekend wouldn’t be complete without carousel rides on the Park’s 103-year-old Dentzel carousel. Carousel rides are \$2.00 per ride or \$5.00 for an all-day ticket. Visitors may also enjoy food and drinks from **Praline** café.

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Note to editors: High-resolution images from previous years’ events are available; email jcloud@glenechopark.org.

About Glen Echo Park and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture

Glen Echo Park is a vibrant arts and cultural center presenting festivals, exhibitions, and dances, as well as children’s theater, music programs, nature programs, and art classes to more than 300,000 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. For more information on Glen Echo Park, visit glenechopark.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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