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**ARTS COUNCIL OF GLEN ROCK ANNOUNCES
SPECIAL POETRY MONTH EVENT – “VERSE & VISUALS, THE ART OF THE POEM”
ON VIEW AT THE GLEN ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY BEGINNING APRIL 4**

GLEN ROCK, N.J., March 11, 2024 – Arts Council of Glen Rock in partnership with Friends of the Glen Rock Public Library has launched a special event in celebration of National Poetry Month – **“Verse & Visuals, The Art of the Poem.”** Original poems by nine writers of all ages, all with ties to Glen Rock, are the centerpiece of a month-long exhibition in The Gallery at the Glen Rock Library beginning April 4.

“The Arts Council celebrates all forms of the Arts and is excited to continue our tradition of supporting the written word,” said Arts Council co-president Mona Milbrodt. “To paraphrase the words of Ogden Nash, ‘We think poems are very useful, although they’re not consumeful or produceful.’”

Twelve artists from Glen Rock and nearby locations were invited to create artwork inspired by one of the four central poems submitted by adult writers. The results of this combined effort will make an exciting multimedia exhibition, with poems set in LARGE print, making the layouts both eye-catching and thought-provoking.

As an added treat, five poems by Glen Rock students will be on display in the exhibit. Two entries are from staff at *Mobius*, Glen Rock High School’s literary magazine, and three are from 5th graders at Richard E. Byrd Elementary School.

Celebrating five years of working to build a vibrant arts scene in Glen Rock, the Arts Council marks its **fourth year of Poetry Month activity**. In 2021, poems appeared on Glen Rock storefronts to start the tradition. Then in 2022, inspired by a podcast, the Arts Council undertook Poetry Aloud, featuring a new poem performed on video daily throughout April and posted on social media. 39 residents of all ages participated. Then last year, the Arts Council featured 11 poems performed on video by former and current Glen Rock residents on social media and on artscouncilgr.org.

The Verse & Visuals exhibition was conceived and developed by Amanda Marcalus, Art Curator of the Library, John Blackman, on the board of both the Friends of the Glen Rock Library and the Arts Council, and Mona Milbrodt.

In support of the Arts and the written word, two Glen Rock businesses – Catalano Coffee and The Curious Reader – have stepped up to sponsor this special exhibition.

For more info about ACGR, visit artscouncilgr.org. For more information about the Glen Rock Public Library and visiting hours, visit glenrocklibrary.org. The Library is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant.

Arts Council of Glen Rock is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its purpose is to promote, support, and celebrate all forms of the arts. The aim is to provide artistic experiences throughout the year for the community, guided by three priorities: expanding arts opportunities, cultivating awareness and energizing community support and attendance. For more information and to join, visit artscouncilgr.org.

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