***Gallery Z dedicates April to the 105th commemoration of the 1915 Armenian Genocide***

**This Exhibit is Dedicated to the 105th anniversary** **of 1915 Armenian Genocide.** Including propaganda and fine art, historical and political material, books, video. **Due to current circumstances**, **this is a virtual exhibit.**

Along with art works by exceptional fine artists of both Armenian and other backgrounds, historical posters from the turn of the 20th century, propaganda art and posters spanning over fifty years from around the world from the private collection of Director Berge Zobian - archival artifacts, books and video footage will be on display to convey the history of this never-to-be-forgotten first genocide of the twentieth century - the culmination of a process of the deliberate slaughter of the Armenian people and demolition of their villages begun in the late nineteenth century by the Sultans, subsequent rulers and Turkish Army commanders of the Ottoman Empire.

During WWI, systematic massacres, expulsions, deportations, forced death marches of women, children and the elderly into the Syrian deserts, mass starvation and forced conversions ensued. Out of over two million Armenians inhabiting the Ottoman Empire at the onset of WWI, one and a half million Armenians were annihilated between 1915 and 1923. Another half million were deported or became refugees abroad. As April 24, 1915, marked the beginning of the intended destruction of the Armenian people, this date is designated by Armenians worldwide to commemorate all the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

In addition to political & propaganda posters & archives are artists with works on display, in different mediums and formats, include: Lucine Kasbarian, Taylor Manter, Kevork Mourad, Carol Scavotto, Larry Sykes and Berge Zobian.

Gallery Z also displays a rotating exhibition of original fine art (paintings, photography, drawings, mixed media, lithographs, sculpture, assemblages glass, pottery) drawn from over 400 locally, nationally or internationally renowned fine artists, and includes a gift shop offering Armenian and international handicrafts, handmade jewelry by local artists, woven wool rugs, fun jewelry, art postcards, RI-themed mementoes and other distinctive finds.