

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Do I have to be a member of the Laurel Art Guild to enter my work?**

No. You only have to be more than 18 years old.

We do welcome visitors and invite you to come to one of our meetings. See **Where to Meet Us** on the home page of this website.

### **What does it cost to enter?**

It costs nothing to enter.

If your work is accepted for the exhibit, then there is a small hanging fee, specified in the prospectus. This fee must be paid when you deliver your work to the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center. Your check should be made out to the Laurel Art Guild.

Laurel Art Guild charges a 25% commission on all sales during or resulting from this exhibit.

### **What kind of work is eligible for the exhibit?**

Any two dimensional, original artwork may be entered. Your work must not be larger than 36"w x 48"h, including its frame, and cannot weigh more than 40 lbs., including the frame. Your work must have been completed within the last three years and may not have been shown at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center before. All painting and drawing media, photography, prints, etchings and wall-mounted sculpture that meet these criteria may be entered.

Free standing or pedestal mounted sculpture is not eligible.

Prints of a work made in some other medium, such as prints of an oil painting, are not eligible.

### **Must I agree to sell my work if it is accepted into the exhibit?**

No. But you must place a reasonable value on the work for insurance purposes.

### **Does my work really have to be in a frame?**

Yes. Framing gives your work a more finished look and helps to protect it.

If your work is a painting on a gallery wrapped surface, where the painted image wraps around the stretcher bars, then - and only then - could we hang it without a frame.

### **But framing is so expensive!**

There are a number of inexpensive framing options that are acceptable to LAG.

Many stores sell ready-made frames (e.g., Walmart, Ikea, Kohls, and Target). Just be sure to get a sturdy one that can be securely wired for hanging, because we do not accept frames with saw tooth metal hangers. Most art supply stores and craft stores also sell ready-made frames, as well as reasonably priced framing kits that you can assemble yourself.

### **I found a really nice frame for my work, but it has a saw tooth metal hanger instead of a wire. Is that OK?**

No. Your frame needs to have a securely attached wire for hanging.

### **My painting is 36 x 48" before framing. A frame will add a couple of inches all around. Is that going to be OK?**

No. The framed work can be no larger than 36 x 48". We regret that space considerations don't permit us to accept anything larger. If you deliver framed work that turns out to be larger than 36 x 48," it will be rejected.

### **It's going to be really hard for me to bring my work to the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center on the delivery date specified in the prospectus. Can I bring it at some other time?**

We're sorry, but we would not be able to exhibit your work. Neither Laurel Art Guild nor MCAC can accommodate late or early deliveries.

### **I live a long distance from Laurel, Maryland. Can I ship my work?**

No, only hand delivered work will be accepted.

**What if I can't get there to pick up my work on the date specified in the prospectus?**

You can always ask a friend to pick it up for you. Just be sure to give them written authorization.

If your work is not picked up on time, a storage fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged.

**Is it possible for my work to be rejected even after you have accepted my slide?**

Yes. Laurel Art Guild reserves the right to reject any work when it is delivered if it does not meet our standards.

This could happen if the work is larger than 48" h x 36" w; if the work weighs more than 40 lbs.; if the frame appears unsafe, unstable, or has a metal hanger; if the presentation appears sloppy or unprofessional in any way; if the work is not as it appears on the image you submitted for judging; or if there appears to be a potential copyright issue.

**Where can I get more information about the Laurel Art Guild's activities?**

Please see **Newsletters** on this website. The current newsletter and several back issues are posted there.