

**Annual Report of the Laurel Art Guild, Inc.
for the program year
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The Laurel Art Guild is a 501(3)(c) corporation chartered by the state of Maryland in 1968 for the purpose of stimulating interest, growth and excellence in the visual arts. It does this through educational programs, exhibits, its website, support for the Montpelier Herb, Tea and the Arts Festival, scholarships, and other activities. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the visual arts.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: The Guild gave eight short educational programs at the Montpelier Arts Center on various aspects of making art to help adult participants improve their own artwork. Programs were publicized in local media and the Guild's own website. These meetings were free and open to the public.

The Guild also held two full-day instructional workshops in watercolor painting at the Riderwood Senior Living Community for Guild members, Riderwood residents and members of the public.

EXHIBITS: The Guild's 47th Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the Montpelier Art Center was open to all artists throughout Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia. This exhibit drew a total of __ entries, of which 60 were accepted to show their work at Montpelier from March 6 – 27, 2016.

In addition, the Guild sponsored exhibits of members' artwork at Brookside Gardens, the Fairhaven Retirement Community, the Prince George's Sports and Learning Center and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission headquarters building.

MONTPELIER HERB, TEA AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL: The Guild set up and staffed a booth where festival goers of all ages could experiment with a variety of dry media and water media. A still life was set up as subject matter, all media was provided and assistance was available. The Guild also sponsored a half-day plein-air demonstration and painting session led by a professional artist/instructor. These activities were free of charge to the public.

SCHOLARSHIPS: The Guild awarded a cash scholarship to two graduating high school students, one from each Laurel High School, who plan advance studies in the visual arts.

WEBSITE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: The Guild maintained its own website where information about Guild activities, links to Montpelier Arts Center events and the Montpelier Mansion, links to galleries and to art resources can all be found, as well as a Member's Gallery and on-line exhibits.

In addition to the indoor activities described above, the Guild held three plein-air painting sessions in a variety of locales.