



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Carol's Column,

Dear LAG Artists,

I hope that you had a good start to the holiday season, enjoying a very blessed Thanksgiving.

Right now, the highlight on LAG's horizon is our annual Christmas party to be held on Saturday, December 12. This year, our location will be back at our old stomping ground of MAC (Montpelier Art Center). The time for this event is 12-2pm. Please come ready to enjoy an enlightening presentation on "Intuitive Color" presented by Jean Hirons. She is an excellent local pastel artist and teacher. Rather than partake of a full course meal, we intend to enjoy holiday snacks and desserts as we socialize and listen to the artist's presentation. I hope that you will be able to attend, and that you will bring along a friend or family member to enjoy our holiday event as well. Please bring one of your holiday finger food favorites to share with the group. Please see information on our special guest, Jean Hirons in the article below.

Last month's critique session with Glen Kessler was extraordinary, and many of us came away with new insight into our current painting trends and habits. Glen brought new light to bear on the reasons for paintings, compositions, colors, and subject matter working or not working.

As you review the newsletter, please note the many exhibit opportunities looming on the horizon, and be ready to participate with your artwork. We are also looking ahead to our annual LAG Open, which will take place in March. The prospectus for this event will be in the mail soon.

Remember to turn in your art news to Jon Shields at newsletter@laurelartguild.org each month by the 17th. He is eager to receive more input for this section of our monthly message.

Hoping to see you at the December Christmas event,

Carol Leo

December Members Meeting

Artist, author, teacher **Jean Hirons** will demonstrate how she uses intuitive color to create beautiful luminous landscapes at LAG's next meeting and holiday gathering, to be held at noon on **Saturday, December 12, 2015** at the Montpelier Arts Center.

Ms. Hirons is a master of the use of color. She is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America, the Maryland Pastel Society, the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod and a member of the Master Circle of the International Association of Pastel Societies. Her work has been included in many national and international juried shows and her paintings are internationally collected. Jean is represented by galleries in Florida, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts.

Ms. Hirons is an avid teacher, formerly at Montgomery College in Rockville and now at Washington Artworks in Rockville, where she maintains a studio. Jean is the author of Finding Your Style in Pastel, magazine articles and her blog, Finding My Style.

Although her primary medium is pastel, she notes that her approach to color works just as well in other media, including watercolor. Please go to JeanHirons.com to see examples of her work.

Member news:

Arpitha Parthasarathy's scratchboard piece, Pet Combo, won a Juror's Choice award at the Maryland Federation of Art's 4th annual national juried show, "Strokes of Genius."

Diane Shipley has a very busy 2015 year end:

She had a display of twenty-two paintings hanging in Olive on Main Restaurant, in Laurel, which recently concluded.

- November 4 – December 28 – She has work included in the All Hung Show at Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD.
- November 6 – January 8 – She has three paintings juried into the Council for the Arts, 159 South Main Street, Chambersburg, PA – 31st Annual Miniature Art Exhibition (national competition).
- November 22 – January 3 – She also has three paintings juried into the 82nd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature to be held at the Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD.
- December 4 – 5:30 – 8:30 pm. – She will have small paintings, cards, and prints for sale at the Howard County Arts Council's Open House & Holiday Sale, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD.
- Ongoing – She has paintings on display, prints, and cards at the MAA Gallery at Westfield Mall in Wheaton. The exhibit changes every month. The gallery is located on the 2nd floor near Costco, across from Panera Bread.

Jonathan Shields has an item included in the All Hung Show at Montpelier Arts Center.

Exhibits:

A very busy 2016 is in our future:

We will be at Brookside Gardens, February 22 – March 28, 2016. After three years of waiting, the date is no longer very far away. **We need about 50 paintings**, so PLEASE start painting or thinking about what you will paint for this exhibit. They accept flora, fauna, and nature inspired paintings. The Entry Form is included in this newsletter. I am asking for a maximum of 4 paintings from everyone, but depending on your participation, it may be reduced to 3 each or may be increased to 5 each. That will be a last minute decision based on response.

Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville has contacted LAG regarding a show to be held in April and May of 2016. Final details are not yet available but it will be another large show so keep producing more paintings!!

June 2016 – WSSC, Laurel – We will have an exhibit at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission building during June. More paintings!!!

There is an exhibition opportunity through MFA [Maryland Federation of Art]. They have an open entry call for “Stormy Weather”. Original 2-D artwork depicting the sights, sounds, colors, impact, and anticipation of weather will be considered. The entry deadline is January 5th, 2016. For more information log onto: info@mdfedart.org

Would you like to exhibit your work to a friendly, local audience? If so, The Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, on Powder Mill Road in Adelphi, is looking for artists. They have space to hang 20-30 works of art, in a well lighted area. If you are interested in this opportunity, you may call or email Jane Trout at 301-572-2898 or jd_trout@msn.com.

Online Exhibit - by April M Rimp

The theme of the new LAG Online Exhibit that began in November is ***Fall Fling***.

As always, you can post your own image to this exhibit (one per member) or you can send a jpg to me and I will post it for you. To login to the online gallery go to <http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php> the username and password follows the algorithm described in the Online Exhibit instructions. If you have forgotten or lost your copy, I can send the instructions to you - just ask for them.

I look forward to seeing everyone's images. The more the merrier, so if you have never provided an image, please consider doing so. You can also provide images for the other three exhibits: “Harmony,” “Black and White,” and “Animals.” You must use a separate login for each exhibit so the image ends up in the right exhibit.

If you send me images, please be sure to also provide the title, medium and size. Optionally, you can also provide price, and contact information, but based on what we learned from Kathryn Goldman, the Copyright Office will consider this a Published work (made available for sale) and must be handled as such.

Plein Air

Three LAG members and a guest participated in the paint-out at Quiet Waters Park on November 6. The weather was as close to perfect as it is possible to be, and all had a wonderful time capturing autumn's last hurrah in watercolor and photo.



How about a winter Paint-in ?

We would like to paint inside as a group this winter. The Carriage House on the grounds of Montpelier is one possible location for this venture. Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you are interested in coordinating a paint-in event.

Membership renewal:

Could this be your last Newsletter?

Sadly, the answer is yes if you have not yet sent in your membership dues.

To make sure that your newsletter keeps coming so you're up to date on LAG programs, exhibits and other events, all you have to do is send your check in the amount of \$25 for an emailed Newsletter, or \$30 for the printed version, to Treasurer, c/o M E Simon, 8704 Royal Ridge Lane, Laurel, MD 20708, to renew your membership. We hope you will do so.

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Items with ? Are in need of Chairpersons!

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Montpelier Arts Center
9652 Muirkirk Rd.
Laurel, MD 20708

Brookside Gardens
Exhibit Dates: February 22 – March 27, 2016

Exhibit Location: 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD
Coordinator: Diane Shipley
Exhibit Dates: February 22 – March 27
Deadline to enter: Friday, February 12
Drop off: Monday, **February 22**, time to be determined
Pick up: Monday, **March 28**, time to be determined

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 38 inches in width, must be clean, framed, and securely wired for hanging. Paintings must be labeled with artist information on back (name, title, medium, and price). Brookside Gardens takes a 25% commission on sales so price accordingly. Up to four (4) pieces per artist will be accepted in order until 50 paintings have been received.

I will need help with hanging this exhibit. Please let me know if you can help.

Send one **\$5.00** check (hanging fee) made payable to LAG, along with the following signed form to:

Diane Shipley
3600 Dunnington Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

Exhibition Agreement for Brookside Gardens 2016

I acknowledge that in the event of damage, loss, injury, or theft, neither the Laurel Art Guild, nor its officers, volunteers, nor any receiving agent or gallery will be held responsible. Insurance, if desired for exhibition, is the responsibility of the individual artist. LAG will not be responsible for any artwork not picked up at the designated time.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____ Size: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

List your medium as: A=acrylic, C=color pencil, K=casein, G=graphite, O=oil, Pa=pastel, Ph=photography, M=mixed media, S=scratchboard, W=watercolor