



# *Laurel Art Guild Highlights*

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## *Carol's Column,*

Dear LAG Members,

I have been enjoying the blizzard of 2016, and although plein air art is my favorite type, and the scenes outside are very inspiring, I have not donned my winter clothes to head outdoors with easel and paint brush. I hope to be able to recapture the moment at a later date from photos taken during the event. In the meantime, I did use my indoor time consignment today to paint something indoors. I hope that many of you have been doing the same.

We are very excited about the many new opportunities that continue to present themselves to LAG members. I would like to thank Deanna Williford, who took the initiative to schedule two workshops with Steve Fleming within the next several months. Please see the information inside this newsletter and be sure to consider signing up for what are sure to be very productive sessions.

All LAG members are encouraged to coordinate a workshop. If there is someone who you think would provide good training for LAG members, please contact anyone on the Board with your idea. At this time, we do not have a full-time workshop Coordinator, however, any member can coordinate an individual workshop with help from the Board and other members. Also, if you would like to be considered for the position of Workshop Chair, please inform Mary Ellen Simon at [membership@laurelartguild.org](mailto:membership@laurelartguild.org) our membership chair.

The annual LAG Open entry deadline of January 31 is fast approaching. It is a good opportunity to have your work considered for a juried show. Please see the newsletter for further information.

Also, there are a number of exhibits planned. LAG will be solidly booked this year, so keep on painting in order to have work ready for each of the upcoming shows.

This month's Member's Meeting will feature an art movie, "Big Eyes" and will be held at MAC on Saturday, February 13, from 12-2pm. Please come and feel free to invite a friend.

I hope to see you there!

Carol Leo

## *February Member's Meeting:*

As stated by Carol above; Saturday, February 13, from 12:00 – 2:00pm. We will have a viewing of “BIG EYES” at the Montpelier Arts Center.

## *Member News:*

Carol Leo had her work, “Winter Resonance” on display at the BWS Exhibit held in the Glen View Mansion during the Month of January. This painting sold!

Mary Ellen Simon had three paintings juried into the “Maryland State of Mind Exhibit,” which will be on display in the House of Delegates, in Annapolis, through April 2016.

Diane Shipley also has three paintings juried into the “Maryland State of Mind Exhibit.” In addition to these, Diane has a painting hanging at the Howard County Center for the Arts’ “HoCo Open 2016” exhibit in Ellicott City. This show runs January 15 through February 27.

Michele Morgan had a painting juried into the “Art in Motion” show, currently on display at Strathmore Mansion. She also has paintings displayed in the Amici Mei Restaurant, in Potomac, Maryland.

April Rimpo is one of nine artists included in a figurative exhibit “Figure 8 Plus 1” to be held at Touchstone Gallery, March 4 – 27. Please join April at the Opening reception on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30pm. If you can’t make that evening, the gallery will host a *Meet the Artist* event on Saturday, March 19, from 2:00 – 3:00pm. The Touchstone Gallery is located at 901 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

## *Exhibits:*

We will be at Brookside Gardens, February 22 – March 28, 2016. This is a large show and I hope everyone will get a chance to stop by to look at our exhibit. There are two other artists who will have work hanging in the atrium that should be interesting to see.

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual LAG Open Juried Exhibition show will hang from March 6<sup>th</sup> through March 28<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to stop by, lend support, and see which LAG members were juried into the Open.

Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville has contacted LAG regarding a show to be held in April and May of 2016. Hanging for this show is scheduled for April 13 and the take down on June 1. It will be another large show so keep producing paintings!!

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

LAG was also invited to have an exhibit at the Olive Leaf Bistro in Savage Mill. We are currently discussing dates. It will probably be sometime during the last half of the year.

The Laurel Arts District Committee has issued a call for artists; “*EROTICA ART.*” This is a juried exhibit for a one day ticket event. The visual requirement is to show what you find erotic in abstract or traditional form using paint, photograph, digital art, sculpture, or mixed media. The event will be held Saturday, February 13 from 7:30 – 11:00pm. Entry deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Log onto [inf.ladc@gmail.com](mailto:inf.ladc@gmail.com)

The Capitol Hill Art League will host its annual DC-metro area Open Call juried art exhibit based on the theme “APPETITE FOR ART.” The exhibit calls for humble vegetables, fizz from your favorite cocktail, a family eating together and more food-related art works. They are challenging all metro artists to interpret for us your art and food. CHAL is looking for 2-D and 3-D works of art. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Entrants must submit digital images in the online process at Smarter Entry. To enter, go to <https://client.smarterentry.com/CHAL> and follow the instructions there.

The Howard County Conservancy has an annual juried show “The Art of Stewardship – Nature Through the Artist’s Eyes.” You can view details at: [www.hcconservancy.org/artofstewardship.html](http://www.hcconservancy.org/artofstewardship.html)

Resident MAC Artist, Judith Kornett, will be having an exhibit titled “*Less is More*” at the Montpelier Arts Center, in May 2016. The title of the show refers to the need for less violence to create a more peaceful world. She has issued a call for artists, who would like to join her, to create a small work of art [no larger than 10”x10”x10”] to be included in her installation. Your donated pieces, along with her sculptures, will be for sale and the proceeds will be donated to three organizations that aid and support victims of violence. The three that Ms. Kornett has chosen are; *Tewa Women United*, *Wounded Warriors*, and *Black Lives Matter*. If you would like to participate, you may ship, mail or deliver your piece to: Judith Kornett C/O Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708. Please include name, state of residence, and suggested price. Your work must arrive before April 15, 2016.

How about a one man/woman show in a very nice space? It will be on display for a group who enjoy viewing and purchasing art. If you have around 20 framed paintings, photos or original prints, medium to large size, this might be the ideal spot for you. Interested parties should contact Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, in Adelphi. The phone # is 301-937-3666 for further information.

### **Online Exhibit – by April Rimpo**

The new exhibit theme is *Shades of Purple*. Any shade from the palest lavender to the deepest purple will work. Anything goes from a painting with a significant amount of purple to a tiny sparkle of purple that makes your painting zing.

The Board had fun coming up with a number of new themes, so I hope you like this choice. The more artists we have participating in these exhibits the better. So please, post your own image to this one [one per member] or you can send a jpg to April and she’ll 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.

The oldest online exhibit, *Black & White*, has been taken down. However, you can still submit an image to the other three exhibits; *Fall Fling*, *Animals* or *Florals*. You must use a separate login for each exhibit to insure the image ends up in the correct exhibit. Contact April if you need assistance. Be sure to include title, medium and size. Optionally, you can also provide price and contact information, but remember, your contact info will be in the internet, so proceed accordingly.

### *Plein Air:*

Carol would still like to paint inside as a group this winter. The Carriage House on the grounds of Montpelier is one possible location – do you have an idea for another venue? Please contact Carol Leo at [paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org](mailto:paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org) if you are interested in coordinating and/or attending a paint-in event.

The Maryland Federation of Art is still accepting entrants for their upcoming “PAINT ANNAPOLIS 2016.”

### **The outdoor painting competition will be held May 30- June 5.**

Paint Annapolis is a five-day juried plein air painting competition that brings to Annapolis plein air painters from around the world. For 14 years it has been a premier event, bringing people together to share in the spirit and vibrancy of outdoor painting. The event is designed to explore in paint the colonial architecture, marine atmosphere, and overall energy of Maryland’s capital city and a former capital of the United States – home to families, businesses, colleges, and maritime activities.

The deadline to enter to be one of the juried artists is February 16, 2016. Interested artists should log onto [info@mdfedart.org](mailto:info@mdfedart.org) for details.

### *Workshops:*

Steve Fleming is returning to present two Saturday workshops -- on March 5 and May 14 at Riderwood in Silver Spring from 9:30am - 3:30pm. The workshops are limited to 14 participants so everyone will have the opportunity to benefit from Steve's expertise!! The format is a morning demo by Steve, then we paint (with Steve roving around to assist and answer questions), followed by a friendly critique the last half hour. Light refreshments will be served and you may bring your own lunch or purchase a lunch nearby. The cost is \$30.00 for LAG members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Steve Fleming, a painter for 40 years, has been an art instructor for 25 years at *The Art League* in Alexandria, Va. and he teaches his own private weekly classes. He teaches classes for beginners through advanced artists in both watercolor and oil mediums. Steve will focus primarily on landscape painting and excels in teaching figure painting, composition, and design, as well. His very popular workshops are held throughout the U.S. and in several European countries.

Steve's style of teaching is both lively and instructional; giving his students a very doable yet challenging lesson. He is known for his expressive drawing style and creative use of color. His ability to break down the painting/drawing to very understandable and repeatable steps makes all the participants feel capable.

You can expect his class to cover:

- \* composing a painting from an image
- \* the fundamentals of design
- \* the creative handling of colors
- \* expressive brushwork
- \* the importance of light as the subject and by the understanding of the type of light the artist is able to enliven the painting and make it visually outstanding.

Steve always demos a complete painting with a thorough explanation of the process of turning the complicated visual/image into a focused and concept-based painting. Then you will be given the opportunity to create multiple paintings with Steve giving individual instruction throughout the day. At the conclusion of the workshop, Steve will guide us through a thoughtful and positive group critique to summarize concepts learned.

Hopefully you can join us in advancing our techniques and knowledge through Steve's guidance at one or both of the workshops. Each workshop will focus on different subject matter. **The deadline for the March 5 workshop is Feb. 17. The deadline for the May 14 workshop is April 27.** Please mail your check (payable to "*Laurel Art Guild*") ASAP to insure your spot in the workshop(s) to:

Deanna Williford  
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Any questions? Contact Deanna at 301-785-1081 or [deannawilliford@yahoo.com](mailto:deannawilliford@yahoo.com)

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