Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Jon's Journal

Greetings, LAG Members! I trust everyone is enjoying the holiday season thus far. My hope for each of you is that you find joy in the simplest of things and take a moment to reflect upon the blessings in your life. May you find or receive something that brings a smile to your heart and puts a spring in your step.

As we begin a new year, may we each resolve to spend a little more time with our media of choice. Whether it be pencil, pen, paintbrush, or pastel, let us schedule those moments to practice, polish, and improve. Please know the board members and I have been brainstorming ideas to help our fellow members with other opportunities to hone skills, learn a new technique, and have items critiqued by professional artists in the area.

On Saturday, January 14th, we will have our first LAG function of 2017. We will be at Montpelier Art Center from 1 to 4 PM. Please come and enjoy an anti-plein aire session, as we utilize a few still life arrangements to stimulate our creativity. Also on tap for early 2017, thanks to the efforts of our Program Coordinator (Mary Ellen Gordon), LAG has scheduled a slate of activities I trust will appeal to many, if not all. Here is a list for your calendars:

- February 11th - Brenda Kidera demonstration on using photos as a resource
- March 25th - April Rimpo demonstration of fluid acrylics
- April 10th - Susan Avis Murphy will lend her eye for a critique, discussing things that make a painting better.
- May 8th - Yolanda Koh will present a demonstration on alcohol ink

Last, but not least, the prospectus for the LAG Open 2017 has been mailed. I will have extra copies at our January 14th get together for those who want to help distribute them and get the word out. Although submissions have already been sent in, we certainly have time to select items from our current inventories, or better yet get busy developing our next masterpiece. Deadline to enter is February 1st, so get going.

See you soon,

Jon

Member News

Carol Leo had successful sales at two recent back-to-back holiday sales, selling five paintings, two prints, and multiple cards.

Diane Shipley has a solo show hanging at Olive on Main in Laurel until January 8. There are 25 of her abstract paintings on display.

Catherine Nickle sold two small paintings at 83rd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature showing at The Mansion at Strathmore, Bethesda. The Exhibition ends on December 31, 2016.

Jon Shields is having a solo show at Olive on Main in Laurel starting January 9th through February 5th, with a reception on Thursday January 19th from 5:30 to 7:30PM. It is an eclectic collection of old and new, in a wide variety of media.

Membership Update

LAG welcomes new member **Monica Revelle,** of Laurel, Maryland. Monica works in watercolor and can be reached at mhipster@comcast.net or 301-725-5566.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center

Exhibitions

by Diane Shipley

We have a show hanging at the **Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center** from **December 5, 2016 – February 4, 2017**. The reception was well attended and many nice comments were heard. We're glad the cold weather didn't keep everyone at home!!

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We are discussing having a show at the **Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi**, including works by Jane Trout and Donna Aldridge, both members who passed away in 2016. It will probably be in the early spring of 2017. More details to follow.

I scheduled a show for May through June at the **Bowie Senior Center**. It will be here before we know it, so hope you will be busy painting during our cold, winter months.

Looking ahead: **June 2018 – Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD**. Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD. It is a long ways off, but start thinking about painting wildlife, nature, and/or environmental conservation issues. Subject matter should include endangered, threatened, or native species (to North America), wetlands, oceans, woodlands, prairies, or other habitats that are recognized as symbols of the earth's vital resources. No domestic animals. More guidelines from the Center will follow at a later time.

On-line Exhibits

There are four exhibits on display in our on-line gallery: **Favorite Places**, **Symphony of Spring**, **Shades of Purple**, and **Rustic**. Each member can post one image depicting their interpretation of the title. You must use a separate login for each exhibit to insure the image ends up in the correct exhibit.

There are only four artists with work on display in **Rustic**, so please post your image or you can send a jpeg file to webmaster@laurelartguild.org. Be sure to provide the title, size, and medium. If you want it listed for sale, also provide the price and contact information that you are willing to share on-line. Contact John Cholod at webmaster@laurelartguild.org for assistance, if needed.

LAG at the Capitol

Laurel Art Guild members and their guests are being offered an opportunity to go on an art tour of the U.S. Capitol Building.

The tour will provide a comprehensive look at the rich and varied display of painting and sculpture throughout the Capitol including behind-the-scenes glimpses of hidden treasures.

This tour will be tailored to the artistic interests of LAG and will be conducted by Tom Fontana, Capitol Visitor Center Director of Communications.

The tour will occur on a Saturday in February, date and time are TBA.

Please respond to Carol Leo 240-475-4219 or paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org ASAP if you are interested. We are trying to determine the interest level for this first-of-its-kind LAG field trip.

Thank you!

Carol

LAG Paint-In, Saturday, January 14th

Saturday, January 14, LAG will have a winter “Paint-In” in the MAC classroom. Our current plan is to meet together to draw and paint from a variety of still-life setups. The time frame will be from 1 PM to 4 PM. This session will take the place of our January Members Meeting. Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you would like to attend this paint-in. These paint-from-life sessions are valuable learning experiences and can result in saleable work. We have one report of a painting from our October paint-out selling at a recent exhibit. All are encouraged to participate in this structured time of “observing” and creating. Hope to see you there.

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Items with ? are in need of a Volunteer

Newsletter Input Due the 10th of the Month

Please provide items you would like to have included, as space allows.

Any work in a show? Pictures welcome to brighten our newsletter!

Recent sales?

Your upcoming exhibits?

Calls for artists that you know about and others should know.

Suggestions for Plein Air location?

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