



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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February 2017

Jon's Journal

You know the old saying "Time marches on?" Well, don't blink because it will be March! I can't believe we have zipped right through January. I must say 2017 has been good to me already, even if it seems to be on a rather quick pace. I trust the new year is treating the members of LAG very well – finding you all in good health and good spirits.

Our first event of the year, the paint is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, didn't exactly go as planned. Apparently the MNCPPC was scared into believing there was going to be inclement weather and decided to close Montpelier for the day. However, three LAG stalwarts who turned out for the event were invited to Barbara Bennett's home and salvaged the afternoon. I believe there are photos a little deeper in the newsletter.

Next up will be our February Member meeting to be held on Saturday, February 11, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Our guest that afternoon will be Brenda Kidera. Ms. Kidera will present a discussion on utilizing photographs as resource material for paintings. She has stated, "I could also include an image from attendees at the presentation if they can send them to me ahead of time. One per person of an image they're thinking of using and wondering if it would make a good reference." Those interested can email their photo to brendakidera@gmail.com.

The deadline to enter the LAG Open is February first! I hope every member has submitted an entry. Haven't yet? – Get busy! It would be great to have our membership well represented in the show.

The next Board Meeting for LAG will be held at Montpelier Art Center on Saturday, February 4, from 10:00 am until noon. Any and all who can attend will be welcome. Have an idea, concern, suggestion, etc. – come present it to the Board. I look forward to hearing from our members.

One more thing about January.... The holiday season was great! Visiting family, seeing old friends, eating lots of good food and generally sharing time and more with those we love. But now, I just want to spend some alone time with my art supplies. How about you?

See you soon,
Jon

Member News

Veselin Culibrk's piece "Autumn separation" was accepted for inclusion in the exhibition of 2017 Cumberland Valley Artists and Photographers competition at Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown.

<http://www.wcmfa.org/>

Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception is Sunday, January 29, 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

(Snow date: February 5, 2:00 to 4:00 PM)

The Exhibition will be on view January 29 – April 9, 2017.

Diane Shipley sold one of her miniature paintings in Pennsylvania at The Cider Painters of America exhibit.

April Rimp will have a solo exhibit at Touchstone Gallery, 901 New York Ave NW, Washington DC, from March 3 - April 2. The opening reception is on Friday, March 3, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. An encore reception will be Sunday, March 26, from 2 - 4 PM.

April had her painting, "Galactic Lights", selected for the exhibit *Spectacular Skies* to be held at Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center in Solomon, Maryland from February 17-July 23, 2017. Reception on February 17 from 5- 8 PM, \$5 entry fee.

Jon Shields 's solo show at Olive on Main in Laurel ends on January 29th, but he is happy to report he sold seven pieces.

Membership Update

LAG welcomes new member **Michael Centner** who works in pastel. Michael can be reached at whatsup34263624@yahoo.com or 703-402-8001.

We also welcome back returning member **Max Leason**. Max, who enjoys plein air, works in oil and can be reached at maxleason1126@gmail.com or 240-461-2232.

Upcoming Programs

Here's a sneak peak at upcoming meetings:

March features April Rimp demonstrating the use of fluid acrylics.

In April, Susan Murphy joins us for a critique of members' work.

Exhibitions

by Diane Shipley

Don't forget to stop by and see the show hanging at the **Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center** through February 3. The reception was well attended and many nice comments were heard. We haven't had any sales so far, but I am still staying positive!!

We are discussing having a show at the **Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**, 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. 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.

We have also been confirmed for **The Slayton House in Columbia**. That show is scheduled for October 18 – December 15, 2018. It is a large space and we will need lots of paintings.

LAG at the Capitol - February 18th

Laurel Art Guild members and their guests will enjoy 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.

Logistics for the Capitol Building Tour:

The plan is to meet at the **New Carrollton Metro Station**, which is at

4300 Garden City Dr, Hyattsville, MD 20785

Plan to arrive at the Metro Station **no later than 8:45** to ensure that everyone is there and has their Metro card. We can always leave earlier than the 9:01am time listed below if we are all present and ready.

Here is the Metro Itinerary (Orange Line):

ITINERARY 1 - 23 MINS

Leave at: 9:01am

Arrive at: 9:23am

Orange Line to **VIENNA FAIRFAX-GMU**
Exit at **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION**

See Carol's January 19th email to Laurel Art Guild's google group for details about the metro costs and a list of items NOT to bring, in order to get through Security.

Direct questions to Carol Leo 240-475-4219 or paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org

Paint-In Saturday, January 14 submitted by Carol Leo



Our Paint-in took place in spite of an unexpected twist on Saturday. Although the harsh winter storm that had been predicted was tamed down to a light winter rain, our group of artists discovered that Montpelier was closed anyway due to "inclement weather" per a sign on the door.

Not to be deterred, a member of our group opened up her home to us, and three of us decided to follow through with our plan and to hold the paint-in in her home. Thank you to Barbara Bennett for her hospitality. We had an enjoyable and educational time drawing, painting, and talking.



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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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