



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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May 2017

Jon's Journal

May this new month find you fit as a fiddle and ready to love painting out-of-doors. Look for specific details later in the newsletter, but Friday, May 5th, Carol Leo has planned an outing at Brighton Dam. Come out and join LAG for this (hopefully colorful) event.

So that's one step forward, here's two steps back:

The March Member Meeting was a fabulous demonstration by our very own April Rimpo. April shared techniques and examples of painting with fluid acrylics. If you didn't receive her email titled Fluid Acrylic Demo-Key Points, let me know and I will send it to you.

Our April meeting was a critique session with former LAG member & past President, Susan Avis Murphy. Susan's comments were thoughtful, kind, and educational as she led us through the *eight principles of design, while critiquing our works.

*Unity, Dominance, Contrast, Balance, Harmony, Gradation, & Alteration.

She also shared two handouts: 31 things that make a painting better & 60 things that might make a painting worse. (Watch your inbox for these to come from me separately.)

Our May Member's Meeting will be held at Montpelier Arts Center on Monday night, May 8th at 7:00 pm. We will have an alcohol ink demonstration by professional artist, Yolanda Koh. She is a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society and the Potomac Valley Watercolorist. Ms. Koh teaches Watercolor and Chinese Brush Painting at Maryland Art Centers. She joined Fine Art America in 2010. Let's have a nice turn out for our last meeting before the summer!

For the business portion of our May meeting, we will be voting on our slate of officers for 2017-2018. We are going to need a couple of names to fill out a few vacancies this year. Our dutiful Secretary, Phyllis Ross, is ready to hang up her notepad & pen after years of fine service. We may also want to consider a replacement for our Vice President, Melissa Price. Melissa has done an amazing job spearheading our Laurel Art Guild Open competitions for several years and would love a break. If you have been looking to get more involved, or know of someone else who does, get that information to me so we can have those nominations ready to present. In addition to these Officer positions, we are looking to fill some slots on the Board. We need help in the areas of Publicity and Historian, with the added possibility of a Program coordinator and a MAC Liaison. Please consider these opportunities and how you can give back to LAG.

I will end with a thought from Emile Zola; "The Artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work." So, let not your creativity relax!

See you soon,
Jon

Member News

Carol Leo, along with LAG artists Barb Mertens and Brenda Wheeler, have artworks on display throughout the month of April in Sip at C Street, a new coffee shop that has opened up in Laurel. It is located at 24 C Street, Suite 100, Laurel, MD 20707.

Catherine Nickle and **April Rimp** are two of five artists exhibiting in the New Masters Art Gallery located in Artists & Makers 2 for the month of May. The Opening Reception is 6:00-9:00 Friday, May 5. The address is 12276 Wilkens Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, third floor.

Catherine Nickle, Diane Shipley, and Mary Ellen Simon have paintings in the Montgomery Art Association's Brookside Garden Exhibit from April 3 to May 8.

During May. **April Rimp**'s painting "Making Tortillas" will hang in the Illinois Watercolor Society's 33rd National Exhibition 2017.

Congratulations to **Arpitha Parthasarathy** for her article published in the Journal of Arts and Humanities on her most recent scratchboard art. See it by following this link.

<http://www.theartsjournal.org/index.php/site/article/view/1143/546>

Deanna Williford and her studio mates invite you to their May exhibit and sale at the historic Oliver's Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way, Columbia, MD 21044 - - near the Columbia Mall. The reception is Friday, May 19th from 5:30-8:00pm. The exhibit will continue on Saturday, May 20th from noon-3:00. A portion of the proceeds (from sales) will be donated to the Grassroots Route 1 Day Resource Center which provides services and assistance to homeless persons in Howard County.

Welcome New Members

LAG welcomes new members **Joanna Thompson** and **Janette Lovell**.

Joanna, who currently works in oil, is a lifelong painter. Joanna lives in Laurel and can be reached at 301-776-5330 or jo.thompson@verizon.net.

Janette is also an oil painter and Laurel resident. Janette can be reached at 301-318-5882 or jlfirelady@gmail.com.

Exhibitions

by Diane Shipley

2017 Exhibits

I have scheduled a show for May 1 through June 30 at the **Bowie Senior Center**. The Senior Center is hosting a reception on Tuesday, May 23, from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Please invite your family and friends and plan to attend to show our appreciation.

2018 Exhibits:

Looking ahead to 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.

Herbs, Teas, and the Arts Festival, Saturday, April 29, 2017

The Herbs, Teas, and the Arts Festival is almost upon us. I hope that you are planning to participate in some way with the Laurel Art Guild during this annual community outreach event.

LAG has a special section on the lawn between the Carriage House and the Barn, and we will have a variety of art activities taking place all day long. Artists are invited to share their work for display and sale. We also want to provide an environment where visitors can come and try their hand at artistic media. Volunteers from LAG are wanted and needed throughout the day to man these two areas.

In addition, since this year is the LAG's 50th Anniversary, we may have some type of display highlighting historical information about LAG.

Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org or 240-475-4219 for more information or to volunteer.

Those who have indicated participation thus far are as follows:

Diane Shipley	Barbara Bennett	Deanna Williford	Mary Ellen Simon
Betsy Brewer	Ofelia Moore	Mavreen Veihmeyer	Mary Ellen Gordon
Jon Shields	Carol Leo	April Rimpo	

Plein Air Events

April: Please bring art equipment to the Herbs, Teas, and the Arts Festival. Artists are always encouraged to paint outside on the grounds of Montpelier as a part of the Cultural Arts experience.

May: We are planning to go to **Brighton Dam** on Friday, May 5, to paint the many blossoming Azaleas that grow in that location. More details will follow. Watch for email.

Other plein air opportunities will be announced via email as they become available.



"Herbs, Teas, and the Arts Festival" sketch by late LAG artist Donna Aldridge

We need help with setup from 9-10, manning the booth from 10-4, artwork sales from 10-4 and takedown at 4 pm.

This outdoor Festival is open to the public, and includes vendors of crafts, plants, and food, as well as community service providers and musicians. It is a fun place to bring family and friends.

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“Retrospective View of Jane Trout’s Paintings”

A reception honoring and remembering Jane will be held on Sunday, April 23. after the morning service, from 11:30 - 1:00 at Paint Branch UU Church. Jane’s family members will be in attendance. Please come enjoy Jane Trout’s beautiful paintings and celebrate her life.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road
Adelphi, Maryland 20783-1097
301-937-3666

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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