



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Jon's Journal

Hello my fellow Laurel Art Guild members. It is with much sadness that I must abdicate the throne.....ah, I mean, step down as President of LAG.

I have recently retired from the Armored Car business, and I am going to relocate to Utah. (ASAP) I am going west so as to be closer to my growing collection of grandchildren. I hope that last fact will grant me your forgiveness.

This decision was not an easy one to make, and LAG was possibly the biggest reason to stay! I imagined myself a part of LAG for many, many years to come. You are such great individuals and amazing artists. This group creates a synergy I find addicting.

To those of you who have been with LAG for much longer than I, thank you for your support, patience, kindness, direction, encouragement, and most of all, your friendship. You are awesome!

To those who have arrived since December 2014, I encourage you to make the most of the opportunities presented by this great organization. There is always something going on, or on the horizon. There are demos, critique sessions, and group exhibits. And don't forget, Carol Leo has aspirations for large scale plein air activities. (I still owe her one.)

To all the current membership: The Board Members devote time and energy into making LAG what it is; a great benefit to local artists. Let them know they are appreciated. They deserve our thanks for keeping LAG active. Please consider your own activity. What would you like to "get out of your membership?" What are you prepared to give back? Enjoy the benefits. Get involved. Maybe there is something you would like to have LAG try - speak up; I know your ideas will be discussed.

The Board needs your input. They need your involvement. And now, they could use a President. Think about it.

In parting, this is my personal thought to all of you:

You each have been blessed with God given talents. I know there is a purpose in you having them. I do not know what they are, individually, but I do know collectively, they are to give beauty and variety to the face of the earth - and its inhabitants. Please continue to develop your skills and transfer your vivid imaginations to canvas and paper, or whatever your preferred media. Perhaps you could offer a prayer for me; that I may find a group in Utah, that is half as great as you!!

Thank you - Paint on MacDuff!

Jon

Read about the LAG September Program on page 3.

Member News

Sharon Sefton and **Sally Davies** had pieces juried into the Art League's Open Juried exhibit at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria for the month of August. Sharon's piece was a lovely photograph "Spring Bouquet" and Sally's was a portrait of her daughter in acrylic on canvas.

Sally also had her watercolor, "Playing with Water," juried into the July All Media Exhibit at the Art League of Alexandria, Torpedo Factory. It won Best-in-Show. Here's the gallery interview about the painting.

www.theartleague.org/blog/2017/07/13/sally-davies-playing-water-dots/



Sally Davies' "Playing with Water"

April Rimpo is participating in the 50/50 Artists' Reunion Show at the Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House at 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. This exhibit brings together 50 artists who have had exhibits at Bernice Kish Gallery for one big celebration of Columbia's 50th birthday. Each of the artists will have one piece in the exhibit. Please join April at the reception on September 10, 3 - 6 pm.

April's painting, "The Bakery," was selected for the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 38th Annual International Juried Exhibition to be held from September 11 - October 28 at The Adams County Arts Council in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



April Rimpo's painting, "The Bakery"

Diane Shipley and **Carol Leo** are participating at the Kensington "Paint the Town" Labor Day Weekend Show.

Welcome New Members

LAG welcomes new members **Cora Shifflett** of Odenton and **Leigh Marget** of Laurel. Cora works in watercolor and pen and ink. She can be reached at 410-874-0366 or at coragram@gmail.com. Leigh works in acrylic and mixed media. She can be reached at 301-395-2715 or at lilyzmd@gmail.com.

Art News in the Community

84th Annual International Exhibition of the Miniature Painters, Sculptures & Gravers Society (MPSGS) of Washington, D.C.

Please save the date, Nov. 19, for the opening reception of the MPSGS International Exhibition. Our member, Nar Steel, who is chairman of the event, reminds us that the 84th annual exhibition will be held at Strathmore Mansion. If any LAG members are interested in entering the show, they should go to the <https://mmsgs.org/> website for the prospectus.

The deadline for entering is Sept. 16.

Art News in the Community (continued)

"Paint the Town" Labor Day Weekend Show

Saturday, September 2, through Monday, September 4, 2017. Reception on Saturday, September 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The exhibit is located at:

Kensington Town Hall/Armory,
3710 Mitchell Street
Kensington, MD 20895.

Christmas Bazaar

On November 18, Resurrection of our Lord Parish is having their Christmas Bazaar from 8 am to 2 pm. Resurrection is located at 8402 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, Maryland 20724. If interested call the church on 410-792-7982. Cost is \$100 per table.

LAG Program for September

Our first meeting of the year, on **September 11 at 7:00 pm, will be a critique session with Patrick Craig**. You may bring two works of art for his comments and suggestions for improvement. Patrick is Associate Professor of Art at the University of Maryland at College Park where he specializes in painting, drawing and mixed media. He is also an internationally known artist whose work hangs in Spain and Poland as well as many U.S. corporate collections and in galleries nationwide. Check out his work at www.patrickcraig.com.

Please note the change of meeting place. Because Montpelier is closed for renovations in September, we'll be at **Deerfield Run Community Center, 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, Maryland 20708** for this meeting only. Deerfield Run is on the west side of Maryland Route 197, between Montpelier Drive and Contee Road.

Because the Center closes at 9:00 pm, we'll be starting the meeting promptly at 7:00 pm so we can be finished and cleaned up when the Center closes.

50th
Color Columbia
Plein Air Paint Out



In association with Columbia's 50th Birthday Celebration, **Color Columbia** is the first outdoor plein air painting event at Lake Kittamaqundi and Wilde Lake on Saturday, September 9, 8:30am-5 pm. Walk the lakes and tour the painting sites as artists create their visions of Columbia's downtown and lake areas. Over 55 artists will be participating in the event.

An exhibition of the resulting works will be held in Columbia Art Center's Main Gallery from Sept. 16-30. A reception and awards ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 16, from 3-5 pm.

Exhibitions

by Diane Shipley

We are finishing up the year with our exhibit in Columbia at The Meeting House Gallery. 2018 is going to be a very busy year for LAG. I have scheduled four exhibits. Two of those are at new venues, so it should be exciting.

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August 6 – October 28 – **The Meeting House Gallery** in the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD. We have a beautiful exhibit on display with over 60 pieces in the show by 13 LAG artists (i.e., John Cholod, Veselin Culibrk, Sally Davies, Tom Kirby, Carol Leo, Barbara Mertens, Ofelia Moore, Alice Murray, Catherine Nickle, Eve Secunda, Diane Shipley, Mary Ellen Simon, and Linda Williams) and a beautiful painted wooden bowl display by Paula Darby. Our reception (see photos below) was a huge success and we all heard so many favorable remarks about the show. I hope you can stop by to see it.

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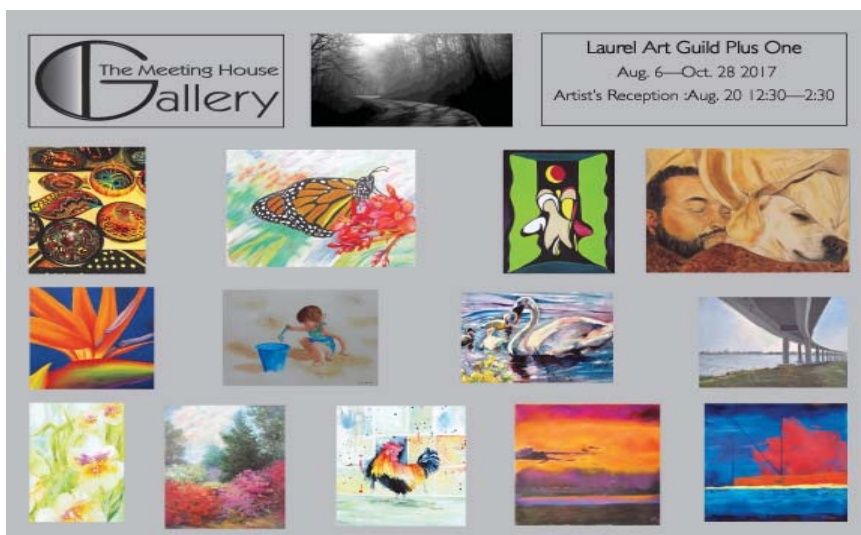
January 8 – March 2 – **OASIS Gallery**, Bethesda. OASIS is a national non-profit organization helping adults age 50 and

over. The gallery is in the Macy's Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD. Another large gallery so think big.

June 1-30 – **Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center**, Laurel, MD. I will need works on the smaller size since the display area isn't very large. 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.

July 2 – August 15 - **The Howard County Conservatory**, Woodstock, MD. You may submit the same paintings that were displayed at Patuxent and we also will need many more nature-themed paintings, i.e., landscapes, animals, etc. We will need at least 60 paintings, possibly more depending on size.

October 18 – December 15, 2018 – **Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House**. It is a large space and we will again need lots of paintings.



LAG Online Exhibits

by John Cholod

The new LAG Online Exhibit theme is **Air**.

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: "Rustic," "Water" and "Earth." 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 Update

LAG Plein Air Event

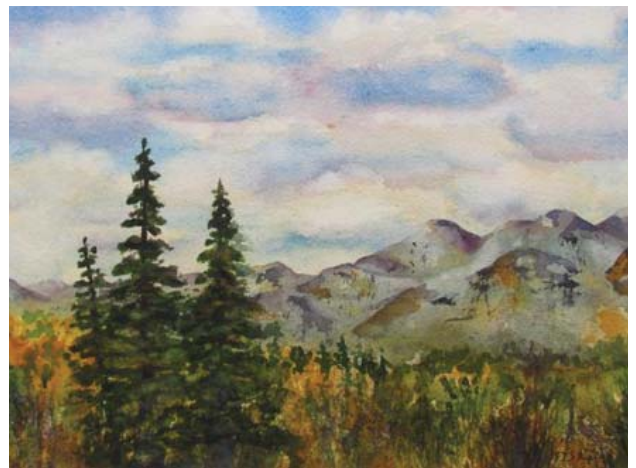
Friday, September 22, 2017

Please meet at the **Patuxent Wildlife Refuge** on Friday, September 22, at 9 am to participate in a plein air outing. This session will be for all interested LAG members and their guests. Artists are invited to work from life in any medium in this lovely natural setting. Because LAG will have an exhibit at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge in the Spring, this will be a good time to produce work with the wildlife refuge itself as the center of interest.

Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org, if you are interested in attending.



"Georgetown Fire" by John Cholod



"Colorado Morning" by Diane Shipley

Please Join Us!

Sample images from our online exhibit "Air"

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Plein Air Update (continued)

The Potomac Valley Watercolorists have invited LAG to join them on their plein air outings. Below is the list of their planned paint-outs for the next several months. Feel free to invite friends to these events.

I hope that we will have a group from LAG going to each one!

- Saturday, October 7 – **C & O Canal National Historical Park** – Great Falls Side, Potomac, MD
- Saturday, October 28 – **Patuxent Wildlife Research Center**, Laurel, MD

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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