



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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December 2017



December Program by Mary Ellen Simon

**Holiday Gathering
Montpelier Art Center on Saturday,
December 9, from noon to 2 pm**

LAG will hold its holiday gathering on Saturday, December 9, from noon to 2 pm at the Montpelier Arts Center. Good food, good conversation and a demonstration of "alla prima" painting by Baltimore artist Rita Curtis guarantee a fun time. Please bring finger food to share; LAG will provide beverages. Your guests are also welcome to come celebrate with us.

Rita Curtis is a contemporary impressionist with a classical approach. She loves to paint in high key colors and is equally moved by the moody tonalities of the old masters. Her work has received much national and international recognition including from Oil Painters of America, the Artist's Magazine, International Artist magazine, Raymar Art, the BoldBrush competition and the Salmagundi Club. She was the featured Artist at the 28th Oxford Fine Arts Fair, and her work has been included in numerous invitational and juried exhibits throughout Maryland and at the Salmagundi Club in New York. Ms. Curtis teaches at the Chesapeake Fine Art Studio, the Academy Art Museum

in Easton, and has served as a juror for many local competitions.

Ms. Curtis studied figure painting at New York's Art Student's League; she studied art and literature in Perugia, Italy, and she has a degree in literature and history from NYU. Her work is included in the book 100 Plein Air Painters of the Mid-Atlantic and many of her illustrations can be found in World Health Organization manuals around the world. Her paintings hang in private collections across the U.S. and in the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore.

Rita's approach to painting promises a fascinating demo: "I love to paint fast and loose. I want my paintings to look as though they were whipped out in a flash of inspiration. The truth is I work thoughtfully – designing, reworking and simplifying so my work looks fresh."



November Meeting with Sally Davies

What a treat to see Sally Davies' work at the November member meeting! At right are images of her artwork that were shown at the meeting before the peer critique.

Member News

Tom Kirby has two pieces juried into the City of Bowie exhibit, Generations, from Nov 18, 2017 - Feb 10, 2018. Also one piece juried into the Art League 'Doubt' exhibit from Nov 7-Dec 3, 2017.

Carol Leo sold her painting, "Giving a Lecture" at the MAC All Hung show.

Carol Leo, Diane Shipley, and Deanna Williford will have tables at the Howard County Arts Council Holiday Sale in Ellicott City on Thursday, December 7th from 5:30-8:30 selling cards, paintings, prints, etc.

Ticket price: Free

8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043.

April Rimpo's painting, Movement III, is included in the International Society of Acrylic Paintings 2nd Annual All-Member Juried Online Exhibit. You can see the exhibition at <http://www.isap-online.com/wp2/2nd-annual-all-member-online-exhibition/> April's painting is on page 3, top row, last image on the right.

Diane Shipley has 3 miniature paintings on display at the Cider Painters of America International Show, Main Street Gallery, 370 Pierce Street, Kingston, PA.

Sally Davies received Honorable Mention for her painting "Romance, Central Park Lake" in the Potomac Valley Watercolorist St. Andrew's Exhibit in Annandale, VA.

Linda Williams is having a busy Fall. The Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center will be featuring her work in a one-woman show from December 2 - January 28.



The reception is Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:00PM at the center, 7120 Contee Road, in Laurel.

Linda will also be showing handmade jewelry and notecards from her artwork in three area art and craft fairs:

- Catonsville High School, 421 Bloomsbury Road, Catonsville, MD
November 11, 2017, 9AM - 3PM
- Sykesville Holiday Marketplace, Shipley Arena, Carroll County Ag Center
706 Agriculture Center Drive,
Westminster, MD
Saturday, November 25, 2017,
9 AM - 3 PM
- Arundel Holiday Craft Fair, Arundel High School, 1001 Annapolis Road, Gambrills, MD
Saturday, December 9, 2017,
9 AM - 3 PM

Washington Miniature Society Exhibition by **Nar Steel**

LAG was very pleased to note that the following members were juried into the Washington Miniature Society Exhibition at Strathmore Mansion. **Sharon Sefton, Diane Shipley, Sally Davies, Nar Steel, Elizabeth Stecher and Pauline Clatterbuck** were selected. The society cordially invites us to their 84th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature.

The exhibition continues through January 6, 2018. Please be aware that Strathmore is closed on Mondays and Holidays

Gestural Floral Watercolor Workshop with Jackie Saunders

is rescheduled for March 31st. See the entry form on page 5.

LAG History Questionnaire

Our new LAG historian, Leigh Marget, would love to know more about the history of Laurel Art Guild, so she has created a questionnaire to gather information for our records. Since 2017 was our 50th year of existence it is important to make sure your stories are captured. Please fill out the questionnaire on page 6, if you have information for her.

Exhibitions by **Diane Shipley**

Our exhibit at **The Meeting House Gallery** was a big success. Diane Shipley sold one painting and Alice Murray sold three paintings.

2018

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. We had a great response from members and the gallery will be full!!!

June 1-30 – **Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD**. I will need approximately 30 pieces. Our display area will be six 6' x 6' panels. Paintings should be of 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.

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 – **Slayton House Gallery**. It is a large space and we will again need lots of paintings.

I have applied for a show at Harmony Hall but have not heard anything yet.

Please remember that I need help with hanging all shows. You don't have to be in the show to help out. Help is appreciated.

LAG Online Exhibits

by John Cholod

The latest LAG Online Exhibit theme is **Fire**. Please take a look and add a work of your own, if you wish. Three other exhibits remain open: Earth, Air, and Water. 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.

You can send a jpeg file to John. If you do, also 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 online. Contact John for assistance, if needed.

You can access the Online exhibits at:

<http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php>

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Gestural Floral Watercolor Workshop

with Jackie Saunders **Register by: March 3!**

at Riderwood Village on Saturday, March 31, 2018 from 10 am - 4 pm.
3110 Gracefield Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Here's what Jackie wrote about her workshops:

When I teach the Gestural Florals Workshop, I start with "small format"(5" x 7") studies of individual blossoms, rather than a complex floral bouquet. I like participants to work with free contour line, mixing warm and cool pigments on the paper, stressing lost and found edges, getting the essence of the flower. I use a simple palette of six main pigments, a warm and cool of each of the primary colors. Actually I give a lot of information about color mixing. The small florals can then be used later as greeting cards if the artists want. I joke that they'll never buy a Hallmark card again!

After lunch we can do a simple still life....small bouquet with a piece of fruit or other object... using the skills learned in the small studies. Some people may want to continue with the mall florals.

I would ask each artist to bring a few flowers they love and maybe a few items to add to a composition. I will give you a list of supplies to participants. **Participants should bring their lunches** so we can take a quick break and get back to work.

ABOUT JACKIE:

Jackie Saunders enjoys working directly from life (the live model, flowers, still-life, beach scene, coffee shop etc.) rather than from photographs. She captures the gesture and action of the moment with fluid line and washes of color mixed on the paper. Her colors are clean and transparent with few over-washes. Jackie Saunders has a BA, Catholic University, MFA from University of Arkansas, and studied at the Art Students' League, New York, NY and is currently an instructor at the Art League School, Alexandria, VA. She is a professional member of the Art League of Alexandria, the Potomac Valley Watercolorists, and the Virginia Watercolor Society and has won numerous awards for her paintings.

Cost is \$30 for LAG members and \$40 for non-LAG members.

Maximum of 12 participants. **Reservation due: March 3.**

Payment is required to reserve a place in the workshop.

No refunds after March 3. Supply list will be **emailed to participants.**
Additional questions, contact Sally Davies at: sallyjkdavies@hotmail.com

Please fill out this form and include it with your check made out to LAG. When your check is received, an email will be sent to confirm your reservation.

Name of Participant: _____

Contact phone
number(s): _____

email address: _____

Send checks made out to Laurel Art Guild should be sent to :
Sally Davies

LAUREL ART GUILD
HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

*Please complete this questionnaire and return it to me
at our next meeting or email me your answers at*

lilyzmd@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to reading your stories!

Best,

Leigh Marget

Historian

Name: _____

Date joined LAG: _____

Describe your art work -subject matter/ medium:

How has LAG given back to the community?

**What is your fondest memory from your years as
a member of Laurel Art Guild?**

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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