

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



December 2019

Next meeting: December 14

President's Message

Hard to believe, but the Holidays are almost upon us. Hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving and look forward to an enjoyable Christmas or Hanukkah. Don't forget to try to find time to paint during this busy season.

LAG's holiday celebration occurs on December 14. As has been our recent tradition, we'll mingle, share good food and watch a demonstration of pastel technique by Deborah Maklowski. You are invited to bring a guest, if you wish, and to bring finger food to share. LAG will provide drinks, plates and paper goods. So that we can plan properly please let us know that you're coming by emailing Nar Steel, nsteel362@gmail.com or 301-434-2421.

DECEMBER Program

LAG's next meeting is **December 14, 2019, from 11 – 3 pm at the Montpelier Arts Center.** Local artist Deborah Maklowski will do a demonstration in pastel of a subject of her own choosing. Ms. Maklowski is multi-talented, working in acrylic, colored pencil, pastel and graphite. She does both abstract and representational work. Deborah says that her primary focus is on composition, "I never have a 'message.' I create art for the challenges inherent in the process, for the satisfaction of learning to master the materials, for the fun of occasional happy accidents, and mainly for sheer visual and physical joy of it, seeking to share with the viewer the beauty I find in the world all around me."

Ms. Maklowski holds a degree in fine art from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a signature member of the Colored Pencil Society of America and of the Maryland Pastel Society, is a juried member of the Pastel Society of America, the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, the Miniature Painter, Sculptors and Graver Society of Washington, D.C. and the Cider Painters of America. Deborah has numerous awards from local, national and international

competitions. She currently has three pieces on view at the 86th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, where her Blue Ridge Autumn won 3rd place in the drawing category.

She is represented by the Artists Emporium Gallery in Harve de Grace, MD, and by Horse Spirits Gallery at Savage Mill, where she also teaches. Please go to her website, deborahmaklowski.com, to see examples of her work.

Exhibits

2020 will be here before we blink an eye, so I hope you are painting, taking photos, etc. for our next exhibit at Brookside Gardens. I am quoting Brookside Garden's instructions on what they accept:

“Please keep in mind that plants should be the primary focus of all of the works. Landscapes, seascapes (including vegetation), floral arrangements, botanical studies, etc., are all appropriate for exhibition.”

An Entry Form for displaying your work in at the end of this newsletter. We will be needing lots of entries – this is a large space to fill.

Schedule for 2020

Brookside Gardens – February 10 – March 9

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge – the month of May

2021

New Deal Café – Greenbelt – June

Member News

Congratulations to Sally Davies and Daniel Venne whose work has been accepted into the Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition. On view, 12/8/19 through 3/15/20, at the University of Maryland Global Campus Arts Program Gallery at the University of Maryland. Reception – Thursday, December 12, 5-7 pm.

Congratulations to Pauline Clatterbuck, Sharon Sefton, Diane Shipley, Elizabeth Stecher and Nar Steel, who all have multiple works in the 86th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, now open at the Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD, November 17 – January 5, 2020. They are closed on Mondays and holidays. Please stop by and be amazed at the over 700 works in miniature from all over the world. And watch for your fellow LAG member's pieces.

Diane Shipley just completed a commissioned watercolor painting for a gentleman who is a Civil War expert. This painting is a portrait of his great, great grandfather, Jacob Presley (who, interestingly, is also the great, great uncle of Elvis Presley!!)



Jacob Presley

Carol Leo participated in the Color Columbia plein air art day on October 26th. It was an exhilarating day, though cloudy, but pleasant for painting around Lake Kittamaquindi. The paintings from the event were on display at the Columbia Art Center until November 17th. As part of the event, Columbia Art Center held a popup art sale, and Carol sold a piece of plein air art from a previous plein air event.

She also participated in the Patuxent Wildlife Center Holiday bazaar and sold many, many notecards and one small painting.



Lake Kittamaquindi

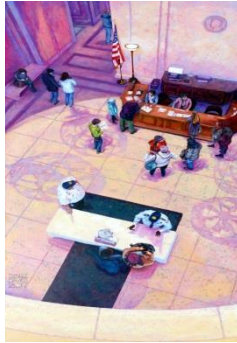
Both Diane Shipley and Carol Leo will be participating at the Howard County Arts Council Holiday Maker-Mart, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD, on Thursday, December 5, hours 5:30-8:30; with rooms full of vendors with everything imaginable for sale. So look for them and their art works and say “Hi.” Original art is always a good gift.

Helen Wood's painting "Africa Sky" was accepted into the Rockville Art League Juried Members' Winter Show being held at Glenview Mansion in Rockville, MD, December 8, 2019 - January 24, 2020.



Africa Sky

Sally Davies' paintings also got juried into the Rockville Art League's Winter Exhibit at Glenview Mansion.



Membership Update

As we close our 2019-2020 LAG membership renewal season, we welcome two additional members:

Luther Wright Lwarts.design@gmail.com

Adrienne Price yoprice@gmail.com

In total, five artists have newly joined. Our total membership is now over 40 members.

Brookside Gardens

Exhibit Location: 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton,, MD

Coordinator: Diane Shipley

Exhibit Dates: February 10 – March 8, 2020

Deadline to Enter: January 31, 2020

Drop off: Monday, February 10 at 9:30 am

Reception: None

Pick up: Monday, March 9 at 9:00 am.

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 36 inches in width, including frame. They must have clean mats and glass, be framed (unless a canvas with finished sides), and securely wired for hanging. Paintings must be labeled with artist information on back (name, title, medium, and price). Up to three (3) pieces per artist will be accepted in order until 50 paintings have been received. There is a 25% commission charged so factor that into your price.

Send one **\$5.00** check (hanging fee) made payable to LAG, along with this signed form to:

Diane Shipley
3600 Dunnington Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

Exhibition Agreement

I acknowledge that in the event of damage, loss, theft, or personal injury, neither the Laurel Art Guild, nor its officers, volunteers, nor any receiving agent or gallery will be held responsible. Insurance, if desired for exhibition, is the responsibility of the individual artist. LAG will not be responsible for any artwork not picked up at the designated time.

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E-mail: _____

Title: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

List your medium as: A=acrylic, C=color pencil, K=casein, G=graphite, O=oil, Pa=pastel, Ph=photography, M=mixed media, S=scratchboard, W=watercolor

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