

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



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## **NOVEMBER MEETING:**

**LAG's next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7pm at the Montpelier Arts Center.**

## **Program Speaker by: Suzanne St. Onge:**

**Our guest speaker at the November meeting will be Alanzo Robles-Gordon a mixed media artist.**

**Alanzo's art is centered around his experience relating to themes of identity, consciousness, social/ urban issues, taboos and allegory. His collage work documents life on a visceral level. Alanzo's three dimensional work explores conceptual themes, such as loss, struggle, and hope.**

**Alanzo was born and raised in Arlington, Virginia and now lives and works in Washington, DC. He received his Bachelors of Fine Arts from UDC and is a member of the Black Artists of DC. Alanzo is a trained art-handler and installer and offers his knowledge and assistance to many artists in the DMV.**

*“Art is my stabilizer, my saving grace. Through art I communicate with myself and the world, while documenting my life. Most of my work takes the form of collage or mixed-media sculpture.*

*“I am a believer in process. For me the acts of planning, collecting, and organizing are pivotal parts of the creative experience. While much of my work explores themes such as identity, allegory and consciousness; my current works are an exploration in woman's' fashion and self-expression.”*

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We're off to a strong start for the season: we've had two great programs already with Jean Hirons and Bonny Lundy presenting. Our new Program Chair, Suzanne Saint-Onge, has something different lined up for the November meeting with Alanzo Robles-Gordon, plus she has some great ideas for future programs . Exhibits Chair Diane Shipley oversaw the hanging of our new show at Slayton house this week. Based on the paintings I saw at the drop-off, it's going to be great. Workshop Chair Sally Davies has Karen Norman scheduled for April.

If you have already renewed your membership, you won't miss any of this. Our new Treasurer, Helen Wood, is still sending out renewal notices so If you haven't renewed, it's not too late. We hope you'll see the benefit in all that LAG has to offer.

More good news: we finally saw some sun, so the plein air painters among us may be able to get outside. When I paint indoors, it's always more fun with the sun coming through my window. Wherever you paint, I encourage you keep going, make new art and share it with the rest of us through LAG's gallery and online exhibits.

### WORKSHOPS BY: SALLY DAVIES:

We are planning to have Karen Norman (who won 1<sup>st</sup> prize at a recent LAG Open Juried Exhibit) come and give us a workshop on Saturday, April 6, 2019. *Working from Creative Vision - Mood, Atmosphere and Visioneering in Landscape Painting*

So mark your calendars! When I finalize all the details, I will send out an announcement. Please send me an email to let me know you're interested in this workshop. It will only be open to the first 12 people that sign up.

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**MORE WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES:**  
**COLLAGE MASTERY WORKSHOP AT MONTPELIER**

**Taught by resident artist: IRENE SYLVESTER**

**Sunday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 4 pm \$80 payable to Montpelier Arts Center**

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**collage by Leigh Marget (now at Slayton House Gallery)**

classes AT MONTPELIER

## **JEWELRY MAKING CLASS**

*An Introduction to Precious Metal  
Clay–Fine Silver*

Create a pair of earrings, a crafty scissor fob,  
a magnetic brooch, or whimsical charms...  
the possibilities are endless!

Silver artist, Michelle Arsenault will help you create your own fine silver adornment with precious metal clay. All tools and supplies needed will be available in class, you just need to bring you! Beginners are welcome and are encouraged to bring a friend or two.

**30625-548A Saturday • October 20 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • 1 Class**

**30625-548B Friday • November 9 • 2:00 - 4:00 PM • 1 Class**

**30625-148A Saturday • December 8 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM • 1 Class**

**Fees:** Residents: \$65 / Non-Residents: \$85

**Membership Fees:** Residents: \$58 / Non-Residents: \$76

**REGISTER TODAY!** Call 301-377-7800, online at [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) and click on the Parks Direct logo, or visit us in person at any of our M-NCPPC staffed facilities in Prince George's County.

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

**Thank you Carol Leo for all that you did to arrange our art tour of the US Capitol. Tom Fontana's entertaining and enlightening presentation of artwork in the Capitol was simply wonderful.**



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**DIANE SHIPLEY EXHIBITS AT HIMMELFARB GALLERY:**

**\*The exhibit titled "HOME" can be enjoyed now through December 14 (Maryland University of Integrative Health, 7750 Montpelier Laurel, MD.) Diane has 3 paintings in "HOME". Diane's pieces reflect her memories of life in Iowa & in Colorado.**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY BLOCK FAIR** By: Leigh Marget

**Carol Leo, Janette Lovell, and I represented LAG in the Laurel Arts Council's 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Exhibit on Main Street.**

**Although attendance was a bit down; the weather, exhibits, and music made this year's BLOCK FAIR an event to remember! Many attendees stopped to chat with us and to express their enthusiasm for our art.**

**I can not close without taking this opportunity to extend a very special shout out to gospel group "Kendrick McNeal and Virtuous Promise" "for their outstanding performance. (I wish I knew who sang lead on the finale "My Funny Valentine" because she was awesome – Simply nailed it!!!)**

**EXHIBITS BY: DIANE SHIPLEY**

**October 18 – December 15, 2018 – SLAYTON HOUSE GALLERY, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, MD. We have about 40 paintings on display. The reception on October 20 was well received! Thanks for your support for the Laurel Art Guild and for Slayton House Gallery. I am starting to book venues for 2019. Stay tuned.**



**Mary Ellen Simon's pastel (now at Slayton House Gallery)**

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(\*A special thank you to Diane for all of her diligence in creating such a professional exhibit for LAG and Slayton House Gallery.)

On line Exhibits by: John Cholod

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.

The most current online exhibit is titled “Weather”.

I look forward to seeing everyone’s images. The more the merrier! So if you have never provided an image, please consider doing so.

Photo by John Cholod (Now at Slayton House Gallery)



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