



# Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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## *Carol's Column,*

Dear LAG Artists

Summer has turned to winter almost overnight and we are experiencing the beauty of fall weather with brilliant colors to inspire our pallets. We hope to have a Paint Out at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis as our painting get together for the month of November. Please be watching your email for date, time, and location.

Our monthly Monday night program in the month of October proved to be very enlightening as Kathryn Miller Goldman gave us information on how best to protect our artwork and images from infringement of copyright. We also were instructed on what constitutes infringement of copyright on the part of artists, who may wish to refer to other works and include them in some way in their paintings. The lawyer who gave the presentation specializes in helping artists to navigate the waters of intellectual property rights and she is available to help individuals with this type of issue.

The month of November will include another critique session for LAG artists at our meeting at MAC on Monday, November 9. Please come prepared to that meeting with two pieces of artwork in any stage of completion to receive an expert viewpoint from our guest critique artist, Glen Kessler.

Current and future LAG activities are featured in this newsletter. Our current exhibit at the Sports and Learning Center in Landover will continue until November 19. Three more exhibits are on the horizon for 2016.

In addition, be prepared to celebrate the holidays with LAG on Saturday, December 12, as we hold our annual Holiday party; including luncheon, White Elephant Sale, and presentation by Jean Hirons, pastel artist. More details on this event will be forthcoming.

Hope to see you in November!

Carol Leo

## **November Members Meeting**

Internationally recognized artist and teacher **Glen Kessler** will critique members' artwork on **Monday, November 9, at 7pm at the Montpelier Arts Center**. You may bring up to two pieces for Glen to discuss and offer suggestions for improving the piece.

Glen Kessler is an internationally collected and awarded artist. His work combines high-level craftsmanship with cutting edge ideas. His work ranges from the figurative to the abstract and has won numerous awards and prizes, including 2 Elizabeth Greenshields Grants for Outstanding Figurative Painting, a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Grant, dozens of Best In Show awards, the Prince of Wales Fellowship for travel to Balleroy, France, the Top Scholarship New York Academy of Art, and First Place in the Abstract/Experimental category of The Artist's Magazine annual competition in 2012. His work is widely collected, including by Prince Charles, Ford's theatre, Amazon Web Services, Capitol One Bank, MICA and many other individual collectors throughout the US, Canada, UK, France, Israel and Australia.

Glen is an experienced teacher, juror and exhibit curator. He is the founder and director of The Compass Atelier in Rockville, MD and has taught at MICA, the Yellow Barn, George Mason University, Boston University, and other venues.

Glen holds a BFA in painting from MICA and an MFA in painting from the New York Academy of Art. Two of his pieces are attachments to this newsletter.

### *Member news:*

Diane Shipley will have a solo show at Olive on Main, 504 Main Street, Laurel, MD from October 28 – November 25. Please join her at the Meet the Artist Happy Hour on Thursday, November 19 from 5:30 – 7:30.

Three of her miniature paintings were accepted into the 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature to be held at the Mansion at Strathmore from November 22 – January 3. She also had three paintings accepted into the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Miniature Art show in Chambersburg, PA, November 6 – January 8.

### *Exhibits:*

LAG currently has a beautiful exhibit hanging at P.G. Sports and Learning Center, Lanham, MD, from September 1– November 19. Stop by and see it if you get the chance. There are 31 paintings on display. We had a great response from our members. Keep up the enthusiasm for exhibiting your work. The facilities hours: M-F 6 AM–10 PM / Sat 8:00-8:00 / Sun 10:00-6:00.

A very busy 2016 is in our future:

We will be at Brookside Gardens, February 22 – March 28, 2016. After three years of waiting, the date is no longer very far away. We need **a lot** of paintings, so PLEASE start painting or thinking about what you will paint for this exhibit. They accept flora, fauna, and nature inspired paintings.

Fairhaven Retirement Community in Sykesville has contacted Diane regarding a show to be held in April and May of 2016. Final details are not yet available but it will be another large show so keep producing more paintings!!

June 2016 – WSSC, Laurel – We will have an exhibit at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission building during June.

## Online Exhibit - by April M Rimpo

The theme of the new LAG Online Exhibit that will begin in November is **Fall Fling**. Carol's word in her President's column made me think we should celebrate this short season of color.

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. I will remove the oldest online exhibit, "Florals", but you can also provide images for the other three exhibits: "Harmony", "Black and White", and "Animals". 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*

Below is a scene from the recent paint-out at Brookside Gardens.



Keep your eyes open for the "next great location" for a LAG paint-out.

## *Membership renewal:*

### **Could this be your last Newsletter?**

Sadly, the answer is yes if you have not yet sent in your membership dues.

To make sure that your newsletter keeps coming so you're up to date on LAG programs, exhibits and other events, all you have to do is send your check in the amount of \$25 for an emailed Newsletter, or \$30 for the printed version, to Treasurer, c/o M E Simon, 8704 Royal Ridge Lane, Laurel, MD 20708, to renew your membership. We hope you will do so.

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