



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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May 2009

Robyn's Report

We are excited to present a colored pencil program on May 11, by the prize winning artist, Deborah Maklowski. I know many of you have been eagerly looking forward to this, as have I. Come ready to enjoy yourselves and be inspired as you learn how to work in this wonderful medium. Please remember to check your newsletters and the web site for updates of important happenings. April has added a functional calendar to the web site that will keep you informed of dates for drop offs, and pick ups of exhibits, and the many other activities of the Laurel Art Guild. We have a lot happening this spring! New members, start deciding which paintings you want to show off at our new member's potluck in June, which is always a great get together. Do plan on participating in the delightful Herb and Tea Festival! See you soon, on one of these fine spring days!

After attending the presentation by the founder Louise Kyanko, I twittered that I, "Learned from a visionary artist last night, to see beauty where others see rubble, and to view each day as an opportunity for adventure." See full Summary on page 4. Many thanks to Louise for her inspiring example of how to approach life, art and challenges! Our May general meeting will carry on the tradition started by Louise of approaching each new day as an adventure.

Robyn Church Hatton

MAY PROGRAM

On May 11, 2009, Deborah Maklowski will discuss **Techniques for Great Colored Pencil Paintings**. Ms. Maklowski works in graphite, colored pencil and pastel, the mediums that make the most of her strong drawing and design skills. Her prize-winning work has been juried into national-level shows, is included in private collections on the East and West Coasts and has been featured in numerous exhibitions across the US. Her work is also included in "Strokes of Genius: the Best of Drawing," published by North Light Books in 2007. Deborah is an avid and regular plein aire painter.

Looking ahead to an eventual retirement, Deborah returned to making art in 2001, while continuing her highly successful career in the federal service. She is now very recently and very happily retired. She is the Vice President of the Maryland Pastel Society and holds memberships in the Colored Pencil Society of America and its Washington, DC chapter, the International guild of Realism, the Howard County Arts Guild, the Patuxent Art League, and the Bay Country Art Guild.

Ms. Maklowski studied art with private instructors as a teenager, then studied fine art, art history and painting conservation at Virginia Commonwealth University where she graduated summa cum laude in 1975. Since resuming her painting career she has studied pastel extensively through nationally known workshops.

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Exhibit

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge exhibit is up and beautiful. Take time to go see our artwork and walk the nature trails! Pick up date and time: Thursday, April 30th, Noon - 1:00pm. Questions? Contact Ann Simpkins. Thank you Ann for coordinating; and to Kathy Macoughtry and Nar Steel for helping hang and take down!

Our artwork at Brookside Gardens was a big hit last month; six artists sold paintings and were mentioned in last month's newsletter--thank you to April Rimpo/Stephanie Lyon for coordinating; and to Michelle Morgan, Jane Trout, and Edith McMullin for paperwork and hanging!



Ann Simpkins,
Exhibit Coordinator



One Wall of Wildlife Paintings on Display by Members of LAG

Exhibit Notes

Artwork on CDS needed: Artists, More and more venues are asking for examples of our artwork on CD's. In order to build a base for exhibit applications, I am asking for artists to send me your artwork on CD so that I may include it in our applications for various exhibits around the area.

Please send as many images as you want on a CD-R (resolution 300 dpi in 4x6 inches size) to me at the below address or when you see me at the meetings:

Carol Clatterbuck, 4312 Briggs Chaney Rd, Beltsville, Maryland 20705

We have exhibits set throughout this coming year 2009, but will need these images to apply for 2010 and beyond.

LAG Exhibit Schedule					
Venue	Exhibit Dates	Drop-off Date	Pick-up Date	Pick-Up Time	Commission
Laurel Regional Hospital	Mar. 30-June	Mar. 29	June 29	9-10 a.m.	20%
Patuxent Wildlife Refuge	April 2 – April 30, 2009	Apr. 2	Apr. 30	Noon-1 pm	25%

Thanks to LRH Exhibit Volunteers

The Laurel Art Guild thanks Charles Reiher, Harvey Kupferberg, Tom Kirby, Marjory Sampson and Mavreen Veihmeyer for their effort in hanging the latest exhibit (10th) at the Laurel Regional Hospital on Monday, 29 March 2009.

Member News

LAG extends a warm welcome to three new members. **Kathy Ciepiela**, who paints expressionistically with acrylics; **Louise Kyanko**, a founding member of LAG; **Helen Hass**, also a founding member; and **Rose Berman**.

Debra Halprin has sold 11 pieces in her solo exhibit at Brookside Gardens (April 4-May 22, 2009).

April Rimpo has 4 fused glass items and one watercolor in the Columbia Art Center Student Faculty Show which opened on April 9th and continues through May 3rd. She also had 2 fused glass pieces in the Howard County Arts Council's Celebration of the Arts Silent Auction, held on April 25th.

Carol Leo has 6 paintings on exhibit at Barnes and Nobel Bookstore in Gaithersburg, MD from April 18 until July 15.

Trisha Coghlan had an ink monotype print, "Rivers Singing", juried into the Strathmore Mansion's annual members' exhibit, "Celebration", in honor of Strathmore's 25 years in the arts, in Rockville, Feb. 28 thru April 4.

Natalie Fleming, having been accepted into the last two Missouri Watercolor Society National competitions is now a signature member of the MOWCS. She is also a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society and the Potomac Valley Watercolor Society.

Charles Reiher is exhibiting at PG Sports and Learning Complex from April 10 - May 29, 2009 along with other members of Passageways Artist Studio. The reception is Tuesday May 5th 5 to 7 PM. The exhibit address: Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landocer, MD 20785, 301-583-2400, www.pgsportsandlearn.com.

Charlie Reiher's solo exhibit of 88 paintings continues at Quiet Waters in Annapolis through May 3rd. Photos from the exhibit can be seen at: http://www.friendsofquietwaterspark.org/arts_current_exhibition.html.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual LAG Juried Open - the artists, Montpelier, Christine Neill, the guild, and art lovers in general. The show was filled with 60 wonderful pieces of art in a wide variety of mediums from both guild members and non-guild members alike. I was happy to learn we had several people in the show who were exhibiting their work for the first time. We had a record amount of entries for the exhibition and our juror, Christine Neill, had a daunting task of narrowing down the over 200 entries to the 60 works selected to be exhibited. I hope to see everyone enter the next LAG Open exhibition!



Left: Sherrill Ann Gross (LAG Annual Juried Open Coordinator; Ruth Harwood; and Christine Neill, Judge). Above, R.Teresa LaRocQue - "Koi Pond", oil,. First Place Winner.

Fritz Briggs Workshop

The Carriage House was a garden of flowers for the 2-Day Watercolor Flower Workshop with Fritz Briggs. Vases of flowers for display were brought in by Fritz and by workshop participants. Participants enjoyed watching Fritz demonstrate several different flowers and discuss pointers on flower painting. The two flower painting and sample flower demonstrations were won by lucky participants Mavreen Veihmeyer and Monica Rohner. Everyone delighted in painting from the multiple flower displays.

Fritz mentioned that he enrolled in a Chinese Sumi-e Painting course to gain brush control and learn graceful design in painting oriental flowers. He mentioned that you touch the brush down 1 stroke at a time in developing the flowers and that you never paint over this area again.

Upcoming: LAG Chinese Sumi-eBrush Painting Workshop

I took this opportunity to announce to the group that LAG is sponsoring a 1-day Chinese Sumi-e Brush Painting Workshop on Saturday, November 7 with Yolanda Koh, an experienced artist who studied in this traditional style of painting with professionals in Taiwan as a young child of 10 and studied with various Chinese brush stroke painting masters in the West Coast and Mid-Atlantic area of the U.S. She regularly teaches classes at local Chinese Language Schools, the Columbia Art Center and Michaels. Please note this date on your calendars and be watching the newsletter for further information.

Summary of April Meeting

Submitted by Robyn Hatton

At the April General Meeting we were treated to a presentation by Louise Kyanko, on the formation and early years of the Laurel Art Guild. Charter members Irene Sylvester, Helen Hass, and Marleen Cunningham, joined the Guild's founder, and Mavreen Veihmeyer, to add explanation of events of the early years of the Guild. The Laurel Art Guild, originally called the Laurel Art Club, had their first meeting on April 13, 1967, with twenty-five "art enthusiasts" attending in the Citizen's Building and Loan Association meeting room in Laurel. They discussed future meetings, field trips, critiques, painting sessions and shows. Some members were beginners, with no experience in art, while others had some experience. By June, they had begun to hold twice-weekly painting sessions at Avondale Mill in Laurel. George Kramer, an Instructor at the University of Maryland, instructed in oil during a ten week course starting on June 7. Harwood Ritter, also a University of Maryland Instructor, conducted a critique of 50 paintings which members presented. On October 5th, 1968, the members invited residents to enter the Art Guild's sidewalk show at the Laurel Shopping Center. When a rat infested warehouse built in 1860 in Laurel was set to be razed, Louise took the opportunity to turn it into a meeting place for the Guild. The Laurel Leader declared, "The Laurel Art Guild hopes to take over on a rent-free basis an empty building at 908 Montgomery St. after extensive repairs that have been ordered by the county housing coordinator." Grand opening ceremonies were held on March 3rd, 1969, attended by representatives of the Maryland Arts Council, the Laurel Chamber of Commerce, the Laurel Ministerial Association, the Maryland General Assembly, the Laurel Mayor, the President of Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce and the Prince Georges Forum on the Arts. An exhibition of Currier and Ives pictures was held during the opening. The structure that had been described as an "eyesore" in the fall, had become a center for art, already exhibiting treasured American art. The Guild went on to bring beauty and create a strong presence in Laurel for art, which continues to this day at the Montpelier Fine Arts Center, where the Guild was welcomed with a creative "foot in the door" celebration in 1971, when County Executive William Gullett stepped through a paper door, in his first ceremonial act since inauguration, to help the Guild make the "First Break Through for the Arts in Prince Georges County."

FYI...

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church at 3215 Powder Mill Rd. is looking for visual artists or even groups of artists. The space is well lighted and will accommodate 20 to 30 pieces. You may have a reception and if you sell anything the church asks that you donate 20% of what you receive. If you are interested you would need to submit 4 to 6 photos or slides or a CD for review by the Arts Committee. Please call or email **Jane Trout** for further information, jd_trout@msn.com or 301 572-2898 .

Special Invitation from United Photo

United Photo (Uphoto) will be hosting an Open House for artists on Sunday, May 17th from 1:30pm - 4:30pm at 5005 Garrett Avenue, Beltsville, MD. This will be a wonderful opportunity for local artists to network with one another. We encourage everyone to bring portfolios and business cards to share. The staff of Uphoto will be on hand to discuss the various techniques used to capture, reproduce and frame art work and will have Giclee samples on display. We will also discuss the designing of business cards and promotional items to help market your art. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions please call Fran or Dave Smith at 301-937-5510. Directions to Uphoto can be found on our web site at www.uptoto.com.

Fran Smith, Uphoto, 301-937-5510, contact@uptoto.com

Legal Assistance for Artists

Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts (WALA) provides legal services and support to the Washington art community through education programs, legal clinics and legal referrals. Low-income artists may be eligible for pro bono (free) legal assistance from volunteer attorneys. To learn more, visit their website, thewala.org.

Critique Group

We plan to meet on May 3rd. The location is the Montpelier Carriage House. It begins at 2:30 p.m. You may bring 2 unframed pieces of artwork. If they are on paper please mat them. Please let Jane Trout know whether you will attend. You may call her at 301 776-8963 or email jd_trout@msn.com.

Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the ARTS, Saturday, May 2nd and Small Works Show

Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the ARTS, Saturday, May 2nd. 10am to 4pm., Rain or Shine, in the Montpelier Mansion grounds and in the Arts Center. Our position will be as usual on the grounds behind the Carriage House.

Our activities for the day include a model dressed in Colonial Costume from 11am - 2pm. Wooden easels, drawing pads and charcoal will be provided for the public to paint along with the LAG artists. The rest of the time we can paint, landscape, or still life, bring our favorite equipment, and chat and interact with the public. We shall have a membership table, and a children's tent with activities geared to the younger set. ***Please note that volunteers are needed to work at shift at the children's tent. This should only be 2 hours per person. Please let Marleen know if you are available.** Artists may bring their portfolios, and exhibit and sell their work. No fee, and no commission. To make our contribution a success it is important to have as many artists participate as possible with setting up tent and easels on the morning at 9.30am and helping clean up and take down at 4pm. Ideas for the kids activities and help throughout the day are important.

Quoting from the Montpelier activities calendar "Enjoy a delicious cup of tea, scones jam and cream

in the Mansion, hear live music and view original art work in the Arts center. Stroll the beautiful grounds in full Spring bloom and purchase your herbs, plants, artwork, crab-cakes, breads and pies, kids will delight with live animal exhibit, colonial games, hands on art tent, etc., etc." Sounds like a super opportunity for artists and families to mix and mingle all in the name of art. Please call or email Marleen Cunningham to volunteer:

tedmar1@msn.com
301-776-7084.

A good number have already signed up from the last meeting. (Forms for submission of small work are on the next page.)

***Volunteers, (stout) are also needed to help with set-up (8:30 a.m.) and take-down (4:00 p.m.). Very Important!!**



Montpelier Arts Center

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January 28, 2009

Laurel Art Guild
Laurel, MD 20708

Dear Laurel Art Guild Members,

It is a pleasure to invite you to once again present your Small Works Show in the lobby and lower level of Montpelier Arts Center Your show is an important part of the Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts.

We would like to hang your show prior to May 2. Each member in good standing is entitled to hang one piece, not to exceed 18" in width. If you like you may exchange these works for paintings made during the Festival in the *plein aire* session for an exhibition titled, *Paint Montpelier*.

Schedule:

Drop -Off Small Works	April 28, 2009, 10 AM – 8 PM
Herb, Bread and Tea Festival	Saturday, May 2, reception 2-4 PM
Optional Exchange to Plein Air	May 2-10, 10 AM – 5 PM
Pick-up Artwork	May 28, 10 AM-8 PM

Thank you for your continuing efforts in support of the Montpelier Arts Center and the Arts Community.

MONTPELIER ARTS CENTER

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 The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
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 301-953-1993; 410-792-0664; fax: 301-206-9682; TTY: 301-490-2329
Montpelier.Arts@deparks.com

Artist Name _____ Date _____

Social Security # _____
 (If you are emailing this form, you may leave this area blank and "phone-in" your SS#)

Address _____

Phone # (H) _____ (W) _____ email: _____

Reception Date _____

Number of Pieces one Media _____

Total Insurance Value _____

The Artist's work will be shown at Montpelier Arts Center from May 2, 2009
 to May 27, 2009.
 (Date) (Date)

Artist will submit works ready for installation with appropriate wires, hooks, or hanging devices attached, to be delivered by April 28, 2009
 (Date)

The work will be insured by M-NCPPC up to, but not exceeding \$4,500 per piece, and/or a maximum of \$100,000 for all risks. However, fragile or breakable media such as paper and ceramics must be mounted or protected by a shadow box to be covered by insurance.

The M-NCPPC will receive 25% commission on all works sold during, or as a result of, the exhibit. All work should be priced accordingly.

The Montpelier staff will install the exhibit, provide a reception, and will send out press releases advertising the show. No work may be removed from the show during the period described above.

I understand, and agree with the above conditions.

Date _____ Artist's Signature _____

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NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

PHONE # (H) _____ (W) _____ (email) _____

TITLE OF WORK	MEDIA & DIMENSIONS	INSURANCE VALUE (25% LESS THAN SELLING PRICE)	SELLING PRICE

Next Board Meeting:

Tues., May 5, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Next General LAG Meeting:

Mon., May 11, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at MAC

Small Works Exhibit

Deliver April 28, 2009, 10 am – 8:00 pm

Patuxent Wildlife Exhibit

Pick up works, April 30, 2009

Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the ARTS

Sat., May 2, 2009 10:00 am —5:00 pm

Member Critique, Sunday, May 3, 2009

Send information for the newsletter to

Carol Leo at:

newsletter@laurelartguild.org or mail to

Carol Leo

4114 27th Avenue

Temple Hills, MD 20748

We'd love to hear about shows you have been accepted into, tidbits from workshops you have attended, new member bios, etc.

DEADLINE FOR EACH NEWSLETTER IS THE 17th OF THE MONTH.

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