



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Robyn's Report

This has been another good year for the Laurel Art Guild. We had stirring exhibits, interesting workshops, and a juried exhibition that included works in many media. Our juror was once again a person with notable reputation and skill. The Guild continues to fulfill its purpose as stated in our Constitution, "to advance the arts through instructional programs, workshops with recognized artists, exhibition opportunities and other activities designed to serve the membership." We achieved our Constitutional goal as we worked to serve the community by, "inviting non-members to participate in some of [our] programs, by participating in community programs such as the Montpelier Spring Festival, and providing scholarships to worthy students."

Sitting in the President's Chair has given me a bird's eye view of how hard the Executive Board works, and how sacrificial much of that effort is. I come away from this year very impressed with the high caliber of work and professionalism that I find in this Guild. The next year is already being planned, and is shaping up to be another interesting, helpful year of service and opportunity. I am humbled and grateful that I had the opportunity to work among you. New and continuing members can look forward to many fulfilling opportunities to grow and learn, as they participate in workshops, attend events and meetings, enter exhibits, participate on committees, and volunteer to help.

Our summer potluck luncheon is on Saturday, June 13, at noon. It will be our final general meeting until September. This luncheon is a special time when we get to know and honor our new members, as they bring one or two works to share, so that we may get to know them. It will be a fun and relaxing time full of discussion about technique, and different media. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Robyn Church Hatton

JUNE PROGRAM

It is time for some summer fun! Our June meeting will be a luncheon potluck on Saturday, June 13, at noon. We will meet in the new classroom space at Montpelier Arts Center. Sign up with Rachel Hatton at rhatten84@gmail.com, by June 1, or you can telephone and leave a message at 301-421-0949. Please tell Rachel what you plan to bring, using the guide below:

Last names beginning with:

S - Z
A - C
D - H
J - R

Please bring:

Appetizer and One Liter Bottle of Soda or Iced Tea
Main Dish
Dessert
Side Dish

If you are a new member, please be our guest! New members, please bring one or two of your art works to tell us about. They may be framed, matted, or in a portfolio. You will have an opportunity to stand up and show us your work, so please bring works that are large enough to see from the back of the room, or that you do not mind being passed around carefully. We are looking forward to getting to know you!

Please call Rachel to sign up even as a guest who is not bringing food. Adult guests (15 & older) are welcome and encouraged. Nursing babies are allowed, as are any younger children who are able to sit quietly and listen to artists discuss works, and who are patient and gentle with art works that may be passed among us. Children must be closely supervised so that distractions to speakers are limited. Please be sure to tell Rachel you're bringing someone so that we know how many chairs are needed.

UPCOMING LAG EXHIBITS

Submitted by Carol Clatterbuck, Exhibits Chair

Our fall 2009 and winter 2010 exhibit season will provide more variety of places to hang our artwork!

Specific information to follow in the coming months~

Laurel Hospital - ongoing exhibit; changing every 3 months. Contact Tom Kirby.

October 6, 2009- January 5, 2010 Doctor's Hospital (we have sold artwork for the last 3 years here).

November 1st - November 29th, 2009. Village of Friendship Heights Art and Community Center.

*** Sunday, November 8th--Reception for artists and our friends/family/buyers!

January 7 - February 25, 2010. Howard County Conservancy: Gudelsky Environmental Education Center.

During the timeframe we will exhibit, there will be a National Geographic photographer program and an international film festival---a good time to show our artwork!

Upcoming: LAG Chinese Sumi-e Brush Painting Workshop

Submitted by Catherine Nickle, Workshop Coordinator

I take 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.

Critique Group

The Critique Group met in May and we agreed that our meetings have been valuable. Members of the group are supportive of each other. We have found that sharing our work with others is helpful in gaining new insights into that work and solving problems that we may or may not have been aware of. We could not find a date for a meeting in June but left open the idea of meeting later in the summer. You may call Jane Trout for more information at 301 776-8963 or email jd.trout@msn.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.

Member News

Welcome new members. Please welcome them all when you see them at one of our events.

- **Rose Berman**
- **Barbara Siebenmann**
- **Lissa Toole**

Congratulations to **Lorraine Warner** on the sale of her photograph "Pond" and **Bruce Preston** on the sale of his photograph "Paris Glory", all at Laurel Regional Hospital.

Pauline and Carol Clatterbuck were juried into the Rockville Art League Member's Show which exhibits May 3 - June 2, 2009 at Glenview Mansion.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Lyon and Debbie Halprin** who were juried into the annual BWS Mid-Atlantic juried show that is in the Strathmore Mansion from April 11 to May 23, 2009.

Spotlight on The Office of the Laurel Art Guild Newsletter Editor

Submitted by Robyn Hatton

The Laurel Art Guild has been a big part of Carol Leo's life for the last ten years. Editing and producing the monthly newsletter each month is one way she supports this Guild which she considers, "a worthy organization that has greatly enhanced my growth and involvement with art." Even though she works full-time, and sometimes would rather not sit in front of a computer again at home, she enjoys the challenge of compiling the information and pictures that our members contribute monthly.

Her main job working with LAG is to compile and arrange material that has already been written by LAG artists. She slides information emailed to her into a file, and waits until the 17th of the month when she opens the previous month's newsletter; and saves it under the name of the new month, removes old information, and inserts new. The format of the back and front pages, and the fact that it is six to eight pages long remains the same each month. She emails reminder notices to those who have not submitted their monthly articles. After receiving all information (and LAG members are great at consistently delivering their articles), she finishes arranging articles, text boxes, tables, and photos. She then emails the completed newsletter as an attachment to April Rimpo. April Rimpo becomes the second set of eyes, catching missed errors also adding photos that were too large for her to transmit via email. April then puts the newsletter in PDF format; emails it to the Guild members, and mails it by post to other Guild members and friends of LAG. Carol spends three to five hours a month on the newsletter. April then takes additional time.

Carol would like to receive Member News submissions from some of the members who we never hear from, and continue to receive interesting articles from our regular contributors. Our newsletter thrives on variety. Everyone likes to read the latest news on the artistic endeavors of fellow LAG members.

Doing the newsletter is a way to put computer and editing skills to good use; and in the process learn more. Carol's background includes a lot of computer experience as she has worked in the secretarial and administrative field for the last 25 years, including producing a weekly church bulletin for 10 years, along with other monthly publications. She currently is responsible for The Homeless Outreach Inc. Newsletter which is produced and distributed three times a year. The LAG newsletter benefits from her experience, however, Carol can see someone with less experience doing a good job on the newsletter. With today's user friendly software, a lot can be accomplished.

She would not be offended if someone else would like to try his or her hand at being newsletter editor. Coaching would be available if needed. Carol would become the Plein Air Coordinator for LAG, a position that we have had open for quite some time. Participating in LAG, including as newsletter editor, has been a very enriching experience, for which she sends her thanks to the Guild.

LOCAL COLOR 2009 August 3 - 28

The Artists' Gallery of Columbia welcomes visual artists to submit original work to the Third Annual Juried Show in our Featured Artist space. Artists 18 years and older, living or working in the area are eligible to apply. The Artists Gallery is a cooperative in the heart of Columbia, Maryland, off Little Patuxent Parkway between the Columbia Mall and the Lakefront. Original works in any medium will be accepted. For more information and a complete prospectus please visit www.artistsgallerycolumbia.com or visit the Gallery at the American Cities Building, 10227 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044 (410-740-8249) Hours are 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday and 9:30-12:30 on Saturday.

Kensington Labor Day Weekend Art Show, September 5th - 7th, 2009

The Montgomery Art Association's, **Paint the Town Labor Day Weekend Art Show** has been a major art event in Kensington, Maryland for fifteen years. We'd like to invite you to participate in this well-attended exhibition. Thousands of people visit this show and many works sell.

The event is held in the **Kensington Armory, located at 3710 Mitchell Street in Kensington, MD 20895**, over the Labor Day Weekend.

There are two stipulations in order to participate in this show:

1. One of the pieces of artwork must reflect or be representative of the Town of Kensington
2. All artists are asked to assist with the show in some capacity. This may be accomplished in many ways: assisting with the reception, publicity, soliciting donations, hanging flyers, cashiers, greeting guests, setting up and hanging...

The show will be judged by award winning artist and Montgomery College Art Professor, Mr. Michael Sastre. All artwork will be accepted into the show, the award winners will receive cash and prizes.

To receive an application or more information contact Debra Halprin, halprinart@aol.com, 301-260-9701.

By receiving the application at this early date, you should have ample time to visit Kensington and get a feel for the community so that you may depict a piece of the town in your artwork.

The application is due by August 25, 2009.

Additional Plein Air Event:

In addition to the Kensington Armory exhibition, there is also a **Plein Air** Event that takes place on Saturday, **September 5th from daybreak to 3:00 pm**. This event is free for members of MAA and \$5.00 for non-members. You do not need to participate in the general show in order to participate in the **Plein Air** Event. It will be judged separately from the general show at 3 pm on Saturday, September 5th. These artworks will then be on exhibit at the Armory Show.

Registration for the Plein Air Event will be held at the Kensington Armory at the following times:

- Thursday, September 3rd between 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Friday, September 4th between 10:00 - 2:00 pm
- Saturday, September 5th between 9:00 - 9:30 am

Bring blank canvases or art paper with you. We will stamp the back. Painting must not begin until daybreak on Saturday, September 5th.

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 .

Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the ARTS

Below is a note of thanks from Richard Zandler to all who worked to make the Montpelier Festival a success this year.

Dear Everyone,

Thank you all for doing such a fine job with this year's Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea, and the Arts. Your extraordinary efforts were rewarded with a joyous, yet refined event which the community truly enjoyed. Special thanks and commendations must be extended to Holly, Ruth and John for coordinating the event. It is very gratifying to see how well the three of you together, forging a strong Montpelier complex team. I was delighted by the lion dancer, the Chinese musicians and the children's activities tent. Everything was well planned and well managed- from the parking, to the layout of the site, and to the scheduling of events. The quality of the vendors keeps getting better and better - thanks Holly. The promotion of the event was thorough and effective, Ruth (plus the balloons were perfect). The configuration of interior performance space worked out very well and the performances themselves were superb, John (plus the signage was excellent- very professional looking and ample). The staff of the entire complex worked tirelessly, yet cheerfully on what turned out to be a wonderful day for our clients, old and new.

We are also indebted to our community group partners, the Laurel Art Guild and the Friends of Montpelier, whose programs are essential to the success of the day! Thank you Helen and Marleen!

Thank you all,
Richard



Above: LAG member Trisha Coghlan works with young, enthusiastic artists at this year's event. Marleen Cunningham, Debra Moffit, Trisha Coghlan, and Carol Leo participated.

Next Board Meeting:

Tues., June 2, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Next General LAG Meeting:

Sat., June 13, 2009, 12 p.m. at MAC

Small Works Exhibit

Pick-Up May 28, 2009, 10 am – 8:00 pm

Send information for the newsletter to

Carol Leo at:

newsletter@laurelartguild.org or mail to

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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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