

Highlights

Announcements

Welcome New Member:

LAG is pleased to welcome new member Linda Brauer. Linda is a teacher and a painter of watercolors. Please say hello to her at the next meeting.

Members In The News:

Carol Clatterbuck's multi-media piece, "Healing Hearts", **Trisha Coghlan's** watercolor, "Aglow", and **Elizabeth's Stecher's** two watercolors, Honorable Mention award-winning "Garlic Scapes", & "Popped" for BIG popcorn eaters, are on view with more than 100 beautiful artworks in the **Rockville Art League's Juried show**, Dec. 6-Jan.4. Glenview Mansion, Rockville Civic Ctr, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Reception Sunday, Dec. 6, 1:30-3:30pm. Gallery info: 240-314-8682. MWF: 9-4:30, T,Th: 9-9; also open some wkds in Dec.

76th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, DC (MPSGS) is holding its 76th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature from November 22 through January 2, 2010, at Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20852 (Rockville Pike and Tuckerman Lane). Hours Mon-Fri 10-4, Wed 10-9, Sat 10-3. Over 700 juried art works in all media by artists from all over the world. Three of **Nar Steele's** paintings, and two of **Elizabeth Stecher's** are on view here. Nar won first place in the category, "paintings on ivory or ivoryine" for a beautiful little landscape. For more information, contact Nar Steel, chairman. 301-434-2421 or nars@erols.com.

Friendship Heights

This past month's exhibit at Friendship Heights proved quite successful. Our reception was attended by over 60 people. Two paintings were sold by Pauline Clatterbuck and Mary Ellen Simon. Congratulations!

Kathy's & Ann's Palette

By the time this newsletter is sent, we will be past Thanksgiving and into the Holiday rush. This is a time of year to reflect on many things and be with family and friends. No matter how busy you might be, remember there are those who are less fortunate. One way to help is to call **The Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) here in Laurel to see what they might need in their food pantry.** Their number is 301-776-0442. They will certainly appreciate any help for the homeless and those in need of food and services.

The **Holiday party will be Monday, December 14 at 7:30pm.** Please remember to call or e-mail me with food or soft drinks that you will be bringing, and what you plan to bring for the White Elephant sale. (301-776-8954 or wmaco@comcast.net). We also need to know how many works you plan to bring for Greg Staley to photograph at a nominal fee. We need a minimum of 30 pieces for him to come.

That said, we still **need a chairperson to head the Nominating Committee.**

Our club offers a lot to members in the way of workshops, speakers at meetings, exhibits and our yearly juried show.

Without a board our club would not be able to function. Without a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer the board would not exist. PLEASE volunteer for this one time job of finding people to serve in these positions. Some of the officers will more than likely accept nomination again. This makes the chairperson's job a lot less difficult.

We need the person by December so a slate of officers can be presented to the members in January. If you are a new member this is a great way to help the club and meet the members.

A Happy Holidays to all. "Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

- Elizabeth Lawrence

Mark Your Calendars

ALL HUNG

January 8-27: All Galleries. Open to all artists over the age of 18. Drop off January 6, 9 am -8 pm. Reception: Friday, January 15, 7-9 pm. First Come, First Hung.

TO ENTER THE ALL HUNG SHOW

1. Bring one artwork to the Montpelier Arts Center on Wednesday, January 6, 2009 between 9 am and 8 pm.
2. Work should be framed and ready to hang with wire or hooks. Artwork may not exceed 35" in any direction. Hanging wall sculpture is acceptable in a shadow box or if unbreakable.
3. There is no hanging fee and no commission is taken on the sale of artwork.
4. Come to the reception on Friday, January 15, 7-9 pm.
5. Remove work on Thursday, January 28, 9am-8pm.

Upcoming LAG Exhibits

Our 2010 exhibit season will provide a greater variety of places to hang our artwork! You will find the artist agreements to sign up for these shows in our monthly newsletter, at our monthly meetings and online.

Laurel Regional Hospital: Ongoing exhibit; changing every 3 months. Contact Tom Kirby.

January 7 - February 26, 2010. Howard County Conservancy: Gudelsky Environmental Education Center. **Hanging date:** Thurs, Jan 7th, 9:30 - 10:30am. **Pick up date:** Fri, Feb 26th, 9:30 - 10:30am. *(During the timeframe we will exhibit, there will be a National Geographic photography program and International Film Festival-- a good time to show our artwork! There is also a small gift shop located in the center.)*

April 15 - May 15, 2010. Slayton House Gallery. **Hanging date:** Wed, Apr 14th. **Time:** TBA **Pick up date:** Mon, May 17th. **Time:** TBA **Reception:** Sunday, April 18th, 3:00 - 5:00pm --*Reception for artists and guests. Refreshments and music provided.*

Sept 9 - Dec 15, 2010 (Dates pending) Johns Hopkins University-Montg. Co. Campus: 9605 Bldg Atrium

NIH Galleries in Bethesda. No specific dates yet.

Annual Holiday Party Pictures

Greg Staley will make digital images and traditional slides of your artwork during our annual holiday party on Monday, December 14, 2009 at Montpelier starting at 7:30pm. The images will be returned to you in plenty of time for your entry to LAG's Open Juried Show. He will be photographing alongside the holiday party in the main building- so you'll be able to get your work documented as well as participate in the festivities.

The cost is only \$10.00 per artwork for a CD with three file sizes (suitable for web, email or printing use). For \$12.50, you get the CD + 5 traditional slides. You will pay Greg directly, in cash or by check, at the imaging session.

We need a minimum of 30 artworks to qualify for this special discount. Greg does great work and the price is a bargain!

The easiest way to sign up for this session is by email to art@sagworks.com. Please tell me how many pieces you plan to bring and which option you prefer, CD or CD + slides.

White Elephant Sale

The White Elephant sale is a December tradition which contributes nicely to LAG's Scholarship Fund. As you know, the scholarships are presented to a graduating senior at each of Laurel's High Schools (Pallotti and Laurel High School) who plans to continue his/her studies in the visual arts. Please bring any gently used art supplies, books, and other art-related items that you no longer want for the sale. One person's throw away is often another person's treasure. Come with a minimum bid in mind for the item. This is usually set to approximately 50% of the original purchase price, rounded to the nearest dollar. No item should have a minimum bid of less than \$2. The donor will fill out the minimum bid on the silent auction sheet. Winning bids will be announced at the end of the evening.

Even if you're not donating, you can participate by buying. There are often some good bargains and interesting items at this event. Several painting supplies and books have already been donated. Thank you in advance for your donations to the sale.

LAG Membership Meeting

November 9, 2009
Montpelier Arts Center

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Macoughtry. LAG is looking for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Plans for the Holiday Party, to be held on the regular meeting date of December 14, were discussed. Greg Staley has agreed to photograph members paintings that evening. A White Elephant sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund will be held, and members will be asked to bring snacks to share.

Committee Reports

Exhibits: The Friendship Heights show looked beautiful and we had two sales. Photos of the reception were shown. LAG's next exhibit is at the Howard County Conservancy, where the theme will be wildlife and conservation.

MAC: There will be an "all hung" show at MAC in January. You may drop off of one piece per artist on 1/6/10. All work will be accepted until the space is filled. Reception will be held on 1/15/10.

LAG Open Juried Show: Juror will be Michael Janis. Brochures should be ready by the December meeting. This year, we're emphasizing framing standards and providing more time between notification of acceptance and the drop off date. Artists will have time to get their paintings properly framed.

Laurel Hospital Exhibits: The next hanging date is January 11.

Plein Air: Six members participated in the October paint out at Carol Clatterbuck's. Slides of the event were shown.

Workshop: The framing workshop with David Ashman was cancelled due to lack of enrollees. The next workshop is set for January 9 when Bill Wilson will teach how to place people in the landscape.

Treasury/Membership: We have 66 members. On October 31, there was a total of \$4910 in the checking and money market funds. There is also a total of \$2418 in CDs. At this point in the year, LAG has received most of its expected income while the majority of its expenses have not yet occurred.

Scholarship: Raffle raised \$11.00.

Program: Barbara Nuss discussed and demonstrated still life painting. Barbara pointed out that she was going to talk about classical still life painting, which means a realistic depiction of the scene. She discussed strategies for setting up the still life in terms of center of interest, composition and lighting. She stressed the importance of accurate drawing and size. Still lifes should be either life size or very much larger or smaller than real life. She then demonstrated the sight-size method of placing the still life on the canvas and showed how any object can be described in terms of six values.

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Painting People In Your Landscapes With Bill Wilson

Saturday January 9, 2010

The Carriage House, The Montpelier Art Center, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Laurel Art Guild is pleased to have scheduled a **One-day Painting People in Your Landscapes Watercolor Workshop with Bill Wilson, President, The Charcoal Club of Baltimore and member, Baltimore Watercolor Society.** Bill worked as a commercial artist for most of his life and served as Director for several local advertising agencies. For five years Bill did weekly cartoon illustrations for The Sun Papers. His artwork is in many art collections in Maryland and surrounding areas.

Bill will demonstrate his technique for sketching people, and participants will practice sketching people using graphite pencil and sketchbook. He will have several visuals as a guide and his booklet, "Undertake The Fine Art of Drawing the Figure", will be available for \$20. The book features his method of sketching and constructing people in the landscape. Bill will then do a watercolor demonstration placing a person in a landscape. The scene used for the demonstration will be provided as a guide for sketching to include a person in a painting. Participants may copy one of the figures from Bill's book.

***Although this is listed as a watercolor workshop, techniques used for drawing and painting the figure can be used for other painting mediums.*

Current LAG members receive priority registration through Friday, November 27, 2009. After November 27, LAG will advertise the workshop to outside art groups at a non-member fee of \$45. Incoming registrations from LAG members and outside artists will then be handled on an even basis. The workshop is limited to 16 participants. Once the workshop is filled incoming registrations will be placed on the waiting list.

Painting People In Your Landscapes With Bill Wilson: Saturday January 9, 2010

The Carriage House, The Montpelier Art Center, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

E-mail address:

Please enclose your check in the amount of \$35 (\$45 non-members) payable to Laurel Art Guild and completed Registration Form and send to:

Catherine Nickle, 11201 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705, (301) 937-7917.

Registration deadline: Friday, December 22, 2009.

**No refunds after Friday, December 22, 2009 unless your slot is filled from the waiting list*

Howard County Conservancy Exhibit

Coordinator: Carol Clatterbuck
Exhibit Location: 10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock, Maryland 21163
Show Dates: January 8 - February 24, 2010
Deadline to enter: December 31, 2009-Entries will be accepted in the order received until 45-50 paintings have been entered.
Hangers: Needed for installation!
Drop-off 1: Thursday, January 7, 2010--- 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pick-up: Friday February 26, 2010--- 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Specifications: Framed artwork must only feature wildlife, nature or conservation issues. It should measure no more than 48 inches in any direction, and securely wired for hanging. 20% from sales will be donated to the Conservancy. The center is open Wednesday through Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each week during winter hours.

Howard Co. Conservancy Gudelsky Environmental Educ. Ctr.

10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock, Maryland 21163

Show Dates: January 8 - February 24, 2010

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

Carol Clatterbuck
4312 Briggs Chaney Road
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Exhibition Agreement:

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ Medium: _____ Price: _____

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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

13th Laurel Art Guild Laurel Regional Hospital Gallery Exhibit

January 11 - March 29, 2010

Mail completed agreement to Tom Kirby at 13112 Oval Lane, Bowie, MD 20715 or email your entry (tbkirby@verizon.net) and bring the signed agreement when you drop off. It's a legal requirement to have your signature.

Due January 3, 2010

Acceptance of the work is based on a 'first come, first serve' basis until 37 pieces of art are received or the deadline is passed. Thereafter, no more will be accepted.

Please be sure that your name, title, medium, and price are written or securely attached on the back of the artwork (Not on the hanging wire) so that we can identify your piece with the art tag. You may recognize your artwork but the folks hanging them do not.

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We Want To Hear From You!

Please email your accomplishments, interesting stories and tidbits to:
newsletter@laurelartguild.org.

Deadline for each month is the 17th of the preceding month.

Laurel Art Guild 40th Annual Open Juried Exhibition

March 5, 2010 through March 29, 2010

Full prospectus will available soon. The prospectus will be posted the the Guild's website.

Last year's show was a great success. Lets make the 2010 show even better! I hope to see everyone LAG member submit a work for the show.

Schedule

January 29	Postmark Deadline for slides/CD
February 15	Notifications available on website
March 5	Exhibit opens to the public
March 28	Exhibit closes

About the Juror

Michael Janis is a Co-Director of the Washington Glass School in Washington, DC and also has taught at Penland School of Craft in North Carolina and at other institutions. He was awarded a 2009 Artist Fellowship from the DC Commission on the Arts. This is awarded to individual artists who make significant contributions to the arts and who promote the arts in the District of Columbia through artistic excellence.

In addition to teaching and promoting art in DC, Michael Janis works at creating glass pieces that have both visual and spatial depth. He is inspired by ways we transform ourselves and explores that concept in his art.

Michael works hard to create some kind of meaning out of his artworks - dream-state surrealism using figures, text and common objects, and hint at questions. The artworks suggest meanings but they encourage the viewers to draw their own conclusions.

The work has an intrinsic meaning for him, but they remain open to multiple interpretations. He wants to encourage the possibility of exploring meanings beyond those he put there - he counts on the viewer bringing something to the work.. www.michaeljanis.com

Eligibility

Any artist who resides in Maryland, Virginia or the District of Columbia over 18 years old may submit two entries, however, only one entry per artist will be exhibited.

Any original two dimensional work in any medium, completed in the last three years and not previously shown at Montpelier Arts Center, is eligible. Framed dimensions must not exceed 48" high X 36" wide. Wall mounted three dimensional work that meets the specific hanging requirements will be considered.

Screening will be done by 35mm slides or jpg files on disk.

All accepted art must be suitably framed and securely wired for hanging. Exposed glass edges or unstable frames will not be accepted. Matted works must be matted in white or off-white only. Glass must be clean. Wall-mounted sculptures which are fragile or contain breakable materials must be in a shadow-box frame and must weigh less than 40 lbs., including frame.

Laurel Art Guild reserves the right to refuse any artwork upon delivery that it deems to be improperly presented, unsafe, damaged, does not meet size requirements, or not the same as represented in the image submitted for judging.

January Critique

The Critique Group will be meeting in the Carriage House on January 17, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. All who wish to participate are welcome. You may bring one or two unframed pieces, matted if on paper for the group to consider. You may call or email Jane Trout at 301 572-2898 or: critique@laurelartguild.org with any questions.

**Interested in Participating in our
Monthly Critiques?**

Contact:

Jane Trout: critique@laurelartguild.org

*Helpful input to explore other areas within
your artwork!*

Send information for the newsletter to
newsletter@laurelartguild.org

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 PROCEEDING
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