



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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December 2014

Carol's Column

Dear LAG Artists,

Happy Holiday season! This is such a deep and reverent time of the year, as well as an exciting and action-packed one. Artists can find a lot of inspiration in the significance and beauty of the season and in the closeness of family ties and friendships shared.

Please peruse the newsletter for the latest information. LAG is now on track for its annual Juried Open. The dates are March 7 to March 29. Please find the prospectus at this link:

<http://laurelartguild.org/OpenJuriedExhibit/LAGopen-2015.pdf> . Our jurist is Catherine Hillis. We are excited about this upcoming event and give a thank you to Risa Elle for all of her effort in planning and preparing this event including designing the prospectus.

In addition, Diane Shipley, our Exhibits Chair, has a list of upcoming exhibits on page 3. Plan now on the works that you would like to enter in each one. Let's surprise Diane, and make it unnecessary to ever again issue the midnight call for participation in LAG shows.

Donna is continuing to plan workshops. Please see pages 3 and 4 for the latest workshop information.

As can be seen from the article below, our November members' meeting was another very enlightening and enjoyable experience. The month of December will feature the holiday party in place of a meeting. We will gather for our Holiday Party in the Chesapeake Room in Montgomery Station at Riderwood beginning at 11:30 for lunch at 12 noon. After lunch we will enjoy a talk and demonstration by the artist, Lee Boynton. He is an impressionist painter especially interested in color. Please bring new or lightly used items for the White Elephant Table. Money from their sale will go to the LAG Scholarship Fund.

Following the December Christmas party is our January meeting, which will feature a critique by an excellent area artist, Brenda Kidera. More details on this meeting will be available in the January newsletter.

Don't forget to submit the latest tidbits about your artistic endeavors to newsletter@laurelartguild.org by the 17th of each month. We would like to see your headline in the Member News section.

May everyone have an enjoyable and refreshing Thanksgiving Day with family and friends! *Carol Leo*

Review of November Program Submitted by Mary Ellen Simon and Phyllis Ross

Once again, LAG members were treated to a superb demonstration of a different approach to making art. Our guest speaker, Deborah Maklowski, gave us a very interesting lecture demonstration on mixed media painting using gouache and color pencil on a sandpaper-like surface. Deborah's process begins with her own photographs because, as she says, color pencil is a notoriously slow medium that is not suitable for working from life. Deborah crops her photographs as necessary and converts them to black and white to check her composition. Then she creates a meticulous drawing on the sanded paper, followed by an under-painting made with gouache. Gouache is preferred because it is opaque, but she notes that acrylic paint would work as well. Deborah finishes the detail with color pencil, applying it in layers which allows her to blend the colors, creating a beautiful, luminous painting. Deborah notes that while this process is slow compared to a medium like watercolor, the use of the gouache underpainting speeds things up greatly. Again, we learned something new and exciting to try.

IS THIS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER?

The final reminder to pay dues for 2014-15 has already gone out. LAG traditionally cleans its membership list in December. We are sorry to say that if your renewal isn't received by December 15, this will be your last newsletter. Contact Mary Ellen Simon at membership@laurelartguild.org

EXHIBITS: *Submitted by Diane Shipley*

October 2 – November 29 – The exhibit at the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center will be ending on November 29. **Pick up of artwork is on Saturday, November 29 at 12:00 Noon.**

2015

LAG will have an exhibit at Huntington Community Center's Art Gallery/Cyber Cafe in Bowie from March 3 – May 4. More details will follow next month.

May 1 - July 31, 2015 at Laurel Regional Hospital.

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Brookside Gardens - February 22 – March 28, **2016**

Workshop Update *submitted by Donna Aldridge*

Our next workshop is January 31, COLOR AND DESIGN with Emily Conover, Professor of Art, Univ. of Maryland. The signup form is in this newsletter on page 4. No further workshops are scheduled at this time. Perhaps in the Spring, we start again. I had to cancel the Steve Fleming workshop in November due to lack of interest by members. I needed 10 artists and only had 6. Mr. Fleming wants to teach for us so I hope to reschedule and not lose him as an artist/teacher. The signup deadline is important because if you do not signup by that date, and I do not have sufficient numbers, I have to cancel the workshop or pay the artist even though we do not hold the workshop.

Hot Tip

Here is a painting tip from Don Andrews (AWS) watercolorist, that I learned from a recent 4 day workshop:

Don has 2 formulas he uses to make beautiful grays. 1) ULTRAMARINE BLUE + BURNT SIENNA 2) CERULEAN BLUE + HALLOWEEN ORANGE (Am. Journey). Try 1 part orange and 3 parts blue. The first combination gives you some granular appearance because of burnt sienna. The second combination gives you a silvery gray that is great for clouds, rocks, shows on white areas, structures, walls, etc. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT.

Color & Design: Mixed Media

Workshop with Emily Conover

Sponsored by The Laurel Art Guild, Inc., Laurel Maryland



Saturday, January 31, 2015

9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

To be held at: Riderwood Town Center
Craft Room
3140 Gracefield Road
Silver Spring, MD

The cost is: \$22.00 for LAG Members
\$28.00 for Non-members

Breakfast Snacks provided - Bring a Lunch

Enrollment is limited to 14

Payment is due by January 17, 2015



Emily Conover, Artist, Adjunct Professor of Fine Art, UMCP. Emily currently teaches courses in Fine Art at the University of Maryland. Her specialties include painting, drawing, mixed media, design fundamentals, color theory and printmaking. She is a member of the artist advisory group at the Brentwood Arts Center, 39th Street Gallery. Emily will lead this workshop on Color and Design using mixed media. Her enthusiasm and expertise is sure to inspire us to engage our right brains and improve our composition skills.

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Emily Conover Workshop - January 31, 2015

Enclosed is my check payable to "LAG" in the amount of \$ _____.

I AM _____ / AM NOT _____ a Laurel Art Guild member.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

E-Mail: _____ Address: _____

Detach and return this portion with payment to Donna Aldridge
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Member News

LAG welcomes new member **Mary Ellen Gordon**, who works in pastel. She can be reached at 301-509-8290 and maryellengordon17@gmail.com.

The following LAG members have had work accepted into the annual Patuxent Art League Juried Open: **Donna Aldridge, Ada Ghuman, Tom Kirby, Carol Leo, Michelle Morgan, Melissa Price, Richard Price, Charles Reiher, Mary Ellen Simon, Jane Trout**. The exhibit will be hanging in MAC from December 7 thru December 31; reception and awards presentation is on Sunday, December 7 from 2-4 pm.

Diane Shipley, Elizabeth Stecher, and Nar Steel will have paintings displayed in the 81st Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature from November 23 – January 4 at the Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. Hours are Tues. thru Sun. 10-4, Wed. 10-9, closed Monday and Holidays.

Charles Reiher has a large piece in the Brentwood Arts Exchange juried show. He also has pieces at Franklin's and Old Line Bistro, and the All Hung Show at Montpelier this month, and in the continuing exhibit at Doctor's Hospital in Lanham.

Diane Shipley and **April Rimpo** will be at the Howard County Arts Council's Holiday Sale on December 5th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

2014-15 Executive Board			
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Items with ? Are in need of Chairpersons!			

LAG Communications *by April Rimp*

Below is a summary of the various methods we have for staying current on LAG events and news. **Please remember that although these electronic forms of communication are available, we do have a few members without computers and email. Please don't leave them out. If something is important be sure to also use the LAG newsletter to reach everyone.**

Laurel Art Guild Website

The Laurel Art Guild has many features that we hope will help the membership. Here is a summary of what you can see and learn if you visit the site at www.laurelartguild.org.

Announcement of the next General Meeting date in the scroller at the top of LAG's main page

Contact the Board through links on LAG's main page

View Newsletters for the last year

View Exhibit, Workshop and Paint-out Schedules

View artwork by fellow members in the Art Gallery

Participate in online exhibits now available at <http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php>

If you want to have your biography, contact information and artwork displayed on the LAG website, send this information and a few pictures of your artwork to April Rimp, 14032 Howard Rd, Dayton, MD 21036-1020 or by email at webmaster@laurelartguild.org. The pictures can be either electronic files (format options: .jpg, .bmp, .gif), or photographs. Anyone who is a member in good standing (dues paid for the year) can have a gallery online. Once your page in the Gallery is setup by the webmaster you will receive a login, password and instructions on how you can add or update your gallery yourself.

If your information or artwork on the website is old, feel free to send me new material if you are uncomfortable modifying your material yourself. Please understand that I will do the update, but there may be a delay waiting for me to have time to do so. If you need the instructions for update your art, email me at webmaster@laurelartguild.org and I'll send them to you.

We have held online exhibits for about 18 months. The theme of the latest exhibit theme is **Florals** and has art from four of our members. Each member can submit one image to each exhibit. I hope you will join us.

Email Distribution List – LaurelArtGuild@googlegroups.com

LAG established a Google Group to help us communicate on art related topics. You do not have to have a Google account to be a member of the Laurel Art Guild Google Group. All members who have provided their email address to LAG are included in the email distribution list.

If you have not already done so, please add LaurelArtGuild@googlegroups.com to your contact list to help ensure the LAG emails are delivered to you.

To send an email to everyone in the group just address your email to LaurelArtGuild@googlegroups.com

If you have a google account, you can login to your account and update your email address, if it changes. If you don't have an account, then please let our Membership Chair (membership@laurelartguild.org) and Webmaster (webmaster@laurelartguild.org) know your new email address, so the member list and email distribution list can be updated.

How Do Distribution Lists Work?

To send an email to the entire group, create an email and address it to laurelartguild@googlegroups.com

LAG Calendar 2014

Exhibit, 10/6-11/29 Exhibit Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center, pickup, Sat., 11/29, 12 noon

Christmas Party, Saturday, 12/13/2014, Riderwood Chesapeake Room

Emily Conover Workshop, Saturday, January 31, Riderwood Town Center Crafts Room

Send information for the newsletter to newsletter@laurelartguild.org

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT FROM EACH BOARD AND/OR GENERAL MEMBER IS THE 17th OF THE MONTH.

Please proof your submission, and use of Arial font and 12 point size is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

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http://arts.pgparks.com/Our_Facilities/Montpelier_Arts_Center/Visit_Us.htm

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