

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



October 2020

President's Message

Although we've been unable to meet in person, we've still found ways to connect and share virtually. In late summer, Ofelia Moore began hosting "Fun Meetings" – ad hoc informal get-togethers via Zoom to just chat and share something art related. We've had a show and tell, a group paint-in hosted by Suzanne St. Onge, and a video demo, with more to come. In September, LAG held our traditional fall critique, our first virtual meeting via Zoom. Eleven members submitted artwork for comment and 18 of you joined us for the session.

Recognizing that we may have to remain virtual for some time, we're looking for additional ways to connect. LAG now has a Zoom subscription, so we can set up activities that way. Please let me know what activities, formal or informal, you'd like to try in that setting.

While we're hopeful that it will be possible to host a physical LAG Open, especially since the exhibit will be in May this year, we're working with the Montpelier Art Center to hold it virtually should that be necessary.

October Program

LAG's next program on **October 12, from 7 to 9 pm** will be a hands on sketching and painting from life session, featuring experienced model Sarah Wardell, posing virtually. Zoom rules prohibit nudity, so Sarah will be posing in dance wear. Look for a separate email with your Zoom invitation.



Sarah will be doing several short poses and a long pose with some breaks. In case you want more time to complete your work, Sarah is giving us a special screenshot arrangement, just for this session. If you would like to take one or more screenshots, please send Sarah a tip/donation (\$5 suggested), through one of these ways: PayPal - to indigoafterall@gmail.com or use this link: <https://www.paypal.com/indigoafterall> ; Venmo - to @Indigoafterall ; or Cash App - to \$indigoafterall. After the session, she can also redo the pose, take a picture and send you a higher resolution photo for \$10, which you can request in the chat.

Neither screenshots nor photos may be reproduced or used in any way except as source material for your painting/sketch.

Renew Now

If you haven't already renewed your membership, make sure to keep getting all the news about events and your fellow members by renewing now. It's easy to do online at <https://laurelartguild.org/membership.html> where you can use your credit card to pay with PayPal. If you prefer to use the mail, just download the membership form from LAG's website.

Exhibits

Due to the Corona Virus, all exhibits are in limbo at the moment. Diane sent out a short survey on September 12 to get your opinions about having an on-line exhibit, possible judging, theme, and on-line reception. If you haven't done so, please send your responses to her as soon as possible so we can decide whether to go forward with this or not.

LAG's online gallery is still there for you. Even if you don't have something you want to show right now, it's always fun to see what others are doing. I hear some new members have put up some interesting work, so check it out.

Other Activities

Carol Leo will host the next **Fun Meeting on Friday, October 2 at 4pm.** This will have a plein air focus. Artists are asked to create a plein air painting from your backyard scenery either while outdoors or by looking out the window. Paintings can be big or small and completed that day, 10/2. At 4 pm, we will share our paintings online via Zoom. Paintings may be emailed to Carol, who will upload them or you may simply hold the painting up to the screen in front of your face and talk about it.

Look for a separate email with your Zoom invitation and please let Carol know if you plan to participate (carolfortho@verizon.net), she's looking forward to seeing everyone.

Member News

LAG welcomes two new members this month. **Mark Schermerhorn's** passions are photography and art history, but he's also hoping to get into painting and drawing. Mark can be reached at mschermerhorn@mac.com or 410-992-8844. **Vivienne Wingfield** works in pastel and mixed media. She can be reached at spiwiv@hotmail.com or 973-980-6565. And former president **Jon Shields** has rejoined from Utah where he can be reached at jsheilddesigns@gmail.com.

Tom Kirby and his wife are moving to Asbury Solomon in Solomons, MD. They settle on their house on Sept 30 & will be moving into their new apartment on Oct 1st. While it's sad to know they're moving further away, it's good to know that they can still join us in the virtual environment.

Diane Shipley will have two paintings in the Montgomery Art Association On-Line Exhibit called Portraits. One is a person, the other an animal, a kitty. The exhibits will be on MAA's website from October 1 - October 31.

Sally Davies had a painting awarded Best in Show at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria in August....\$1000 prize! Whooo-hooo! The exhibit is still available for viewing at <https://www.theartleague.org/event/august-2020-open-exhibit/>. See an image of her painting on the next page.



Leigh Marget created postcards that are now part of the Laurel Historical Society's collection. Her work was submitted to the Laurel Historical Society & to the Laurel Arts Council for their current POSTCARD PROJECT.

To submit: Create a postcard on thick stock paper and mail it back to the Historical Society. Postcards feature any art you choose on the picture side and on the other side answer this question: *How has your life been affected by the coronavirus pandemic and protests for racial justice?*

Here is Leigh's creation:

*Working in my home studio,
I saw a need:
In this endless night of racial unrest
-create portraits that celebrate our diversity.
In these endless days of pandemic
-write stories to celebrate our resilience.
-Leigh Marget*



If you'd like to participate go to: info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org

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