



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Jon's Journal

Summer greetings, LAG Members! I hope you have enjoyed some getaway time or at least been able to find a brief respite from your day to day activities. I also hope you have made time to paint, draw, etc. and kept your talents flowing. Whether you have or have not (yet) been able to get out and about, I trust the heat and humidity hasn't drained all of your creative juices.

I was happy to see many of you in attendance at our annual new member luncheon. For those of you who missed it, we had a nice lunch at Potbelly's, in Laurel, and we were able to view a few lovely items from three individuals who joined LAG in 2015-2016: Arpitha Parthasarathy, Barb Mertens, and Veselin Culibrk. Each of them not only presented a sampling of their art, but also gave us a peek into who they are and what in the art world makes them tick.

June also saw two exhibits in which LAG was well represented. LAG had a show in the lobby of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Building, in Laurel. Diane reported there were thirty-two paintings from eleven of our members. The second, Red, Hot & Wild, was sponsored by the DC/LA ARTS. It was held at the Huntington Community Center, in Bowie. LAG accounted for five of the fifteen artists who were juried into that exhibit.

Although I'm not trying to rush it, Labor Day is going to be here before we know it and it will be time to gear up for another slate of LAG's Monthly Meetings. The first of which will be held on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 PM at Montpelier Arts Center. Look for an announcement a little later in August that will contain information regarding the program for that meeting.

I'll leave you with this thought:

As summer draws to a close, maybe you've been looking, but haven't found just the right subject matter to paint. Perhaps you've been out taking photographs, but now that you have them home they don't quite strike you the same. Or, maybe your travels haven't yielded anything new and exciting. If so, remember this, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

With that in mind, try going through those "unfinished works" (most of us have lying about – or tucked in a drawer) and see what you find. There might be an item worth revisiting, reworking, or recycling. Who knows, you just might surprise yourself!

See you soon,

Jon

June New Member Luncheon

LAG held the annual New Members Luncheon at a local Pot Belly's Restaurant this year. Our old and new members enjoyed each other's company and art updates, as well as tasty sandwiches and drinks.

The artwork that was presented by our new members was both beautiful and inspiring. These new members bring a new set of skills and media to the table and we all look forward to future work that they will produce as we enter our new LAG term.



Veselin Culibrk



Barbara R. Mertens



Veselin Culibrk's Art



Arpitha Parthasarathy & her art at right



Member News

This month, LAG welcomes new member **Sandra Emme**, of Upper Marlboro. Sandra works in watercolor and acrylic paint. She can be reached at emmyaward@yahoo.com and 301-627-8207.

Thomas Kirby will have a solo exhibit in the Bowie Center for Performing Arts from Sept. 1 - 30, 2016.

Charles Reiher & April Rimpo will be in two BWS exhibits and **Carol Leo** will join them at the second.

August 4 through August 27
Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Kline & F&M Galleries at 40 South Carroll St. in Fredrick, MD 21701
Reception: Saturday August 6 from 3 to 5 PM

August 28 through October 14
Howard County Arts at 8510 High Ridge Road in Ellicott City, MD 21043
Reception: Friday September 16 from 6 to 8 PM

You will also find **Charles Reiher's** work at HCAA exhibits at Franklin's Restaurant, Galaxy Homes, Robert Harper Books, and Doctor's Hospital. This year he also has a piece hanging on the Bin wall at The Art League in The Torpedo Factory.

April Rimpo will be teaching "Art of Business for Artists" on Sunday, November 13th 10 AM - 4 PM at the Columbia Art Center in Columbia, Maryland. - \$55 Columbia residents/\$65 nonresidents - Call the art center to enroll 410-730-0075

Diane Shipley had two paintings at Friendship Heights Village Center in the Montgomery Art Association exhibit from June 6 – July 10. She won 2nd place for her miniature acrylic painting called "A Quiet Corner." And even better than the award, she sold the painting. Diane also sold three other paintings this month. The stars must have been aligned in July!!

One of our longest term members, **Jane Trout** is doing much better and would love visitors. She is at Lorien Columbia Skilled Nursing Community and expect to be there for the next few months. To coordinate a time to visit contact Jane through email at jd_trout@msn.com .

Deanna Williford sold 4 paintings at the Willowbrook Studio Exhibit and Sale in Columbia. True to the research evidence that landscapes and flowers are the subject matter most purchased....3 of the 4 were either a landscape or flower painting.

Exhibitions - Diane Shipley

It looks like our new venue at Olive Leaf Bistro in Savage Mill has fallen through. The restaurant has closed. If a new owner is found, and they want to continue with art exhibits, I will let you know, but for now it doesn't look promising.

Looking ahead: June 2018 – Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD. It is a long ways off, but start thinking about painting wildlife, nature, and/or environmental conservation issues. Subject matter should include endangered, threatened, or native species (to North America), wetlands, oceans, woodlands, prairies, or other habitats that are recognized as symbols of the earth's vital resources. No domestic animals. More guidelines from the Center will follow at a later time.

Membership Dues - Mary Ellen Simon

LAG's new membership year began July 1, 2016. That means it's time to renew your membership - watch your email for the renewal notice and please send in your dues promptly. If you joined LAG after March 1, 2016, your membership is automatically renewed.

LAG Workshops - Deanna Williford

"Save the Date" for Steve' Fleming's next watercolor workshop for LAG at Riderwood on November 5th. Come and join the fun!

Location: Riderwood Town Center
Arts & Crafts Room
3140 Gracefield Road
Silver Spring, MD

Cost: \$30.00 for LAG Members
\$40.00 for Non-members

Contact:
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Steve works in watercolor, acrylic, and oil, and teaches both for The Art League in Alexandria, Virginia, as well as in workshops across the country and abroad. Steve says his goal as a teacher is to help his students learn to interpret the world around them, not to promote the belief that the goal of art is the perfect rendering of a subject.

Enrollment is limited to 14 so don't wait to sign up!

Online Exhibits - April Rimp

This is my last time authoring this column since John Cholod will be taking over as our Webmaster, which includes announcing available online exhibits.

There are four exhibits on display in our on line gallery: Favorite Places, Symphony of Spring, Shades of Purple, and Fall Fling. Each member can post one image depicting their interpretation of the title. You must use a separate login for each exhibit to insure the image ends up in the correct exhibit.

You can send a jpeg file to webmaster@laurelartguild.org - If you do,

also provide the title, size and medium. If you want it listed for sale, also provide the price and contact information that you are willing to share online. Contact John Cholod at webmaster@laurelartguild.org for assistance, if needed.

Wondering Where Else You Might Find Steve's Workshops without traveling to Alexandria?

Steve gave a 2-day "Fundamentals of Oil Painting" workshop in July at the Columbia Art Center. He delivered a well planned workshop in which students created 5 paintings that were set up with correct values to be finished at home. Steve stressed the importance of getting the values correct from the beginning and gave numerous tips on the special properties of oil paints and how to utilize black to create beautiful greens. This workshop was attended by Deanna Williford, Rana Geralis, and the CAC Assistant Director, Trudy Babchak. CAC plans to feature Steve again next year so contact them if you may be interested to get on the list (410-730-0075).

Plein Air:

Carol is still on the lookout for our next adventure. I know she would love to hear some ideas from the membership. Email her at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org

Other Opportunities From the Community

"STROKES OF GENIUS" and "SMALL WONDERS" – both of these exhibits are sponsored by Maryland Federation of Art. The deadline for entries into Strokes of Genius is September 1st, while the deadline for SMALL WONDERS is September 22nd. Information can be accessed at <http://mdfedart.com/call-for-artists/>.

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Art Around Town

This edition by Deanna Williford

Do you enjoy visiting Ellicott City? It has new galleries established this year so it is even a more inspiring location for us artists to visit!!! Look for Horse Spirit Gallery and the new (relocated) Artists Gallery as well as Still Life Gallery to name a few.

Also, the exhibit of the juried painters' artwork created during the Ellicott City July Plein Air event are on exhibit until August 19th at the Howard County Center for the

Arts in Ellicott City. Paintings created during the Quick Draw are on exhibit at the Howard County Welcome Center in Historic Ellicott City.

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