



# Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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August 2016

## *Jon's Journal*

Ok, Ok, can someone tell me where the summer went? If it weren't for the oppressive humidity I would believe I missed it. I can say, however, I didn't miss the chance to put my mind, pen, and brush to good use. I trust many of you have also been able to put your talents to work. If not, there is still a little time before September dawns upon us. Begin now, and you'll have a new piece to bring to LAG's first meeting of the Fall season.

Although LAG's relationship with the Montpelier Arts Center is as good as ever, we've had to find an alternative site for that first meeting. On Monday September 12th at 7:00 PM, we are going to meet at the Greenbelt Public Library. The address for the library is: 11 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770. (Phone number 301-345-5800) We will be meeting on the ground floor. The entrance to which is adjacent to the parking lot on the back side of the building.

LAG will host Irene Sylvester that evening. This will be an opportunity for members to bring up to two pieces of their art, in any stage of completion, and have them critiqued by our guest. I look forward to seeing many of you there, as we kick off our activities for the 2016-2017 year. Perhaps we'll even get to meet LAG's two newest members: Eve Secunda and Sandra Emme.

The Board Members have been working diligently in planning a full slate of activities for this coming year. In addition to the monthly gatherings, we have one workshop, with Steve Fleming, all set for November 5th at Riderwood – plus three more dates, times, and places scheduled for workshop opportunities early in 2017. (Details to follow as we finalize the presenters.)

Our Exhibit Chair, Diane Shipley, has a list of seven potential host facilities, for a LAG Member show, she is looking into. Even so, I know that she would be delighted to hear from the membership regarding other possible venues.

I invite all of you to log on to the Laurel Art Guild website and check out our Annual Report for 2015 – 2016. Putting this together was a coordinated effort of many Board Members. And don't forget about our on-line gallery with its several themes. Enjoy a sampling of LAG member's art and add your own to the mix.

Lastly, remember that this Earth, without art, is just "EH."

See you soon,

Jon

## September Program

**Irene Sylvester** returns to critique members' artwork at LAG's first meeting of the year on **September 12, at 7:00 PM at the Greenbelt Library**. Ms. Sylvester is an accomplished artist and teacher who brings a wealth of experience to her critiques. Irene is a Resident Artist at the Montpelier Arts Center who has had many solo exhibits in regional galleries. She has won numerous awards and her work hangs in many permanent collections throughout the region. Trained at the Traphagen School of Fashion Design and the Art Students League, both in New York City, Irene works in watercolor and collage. She is equally at home with abstract, landscape, and people for her subjects. Examples of her work can be seen at [www.isylvester.com](http://www.isylvester.com).

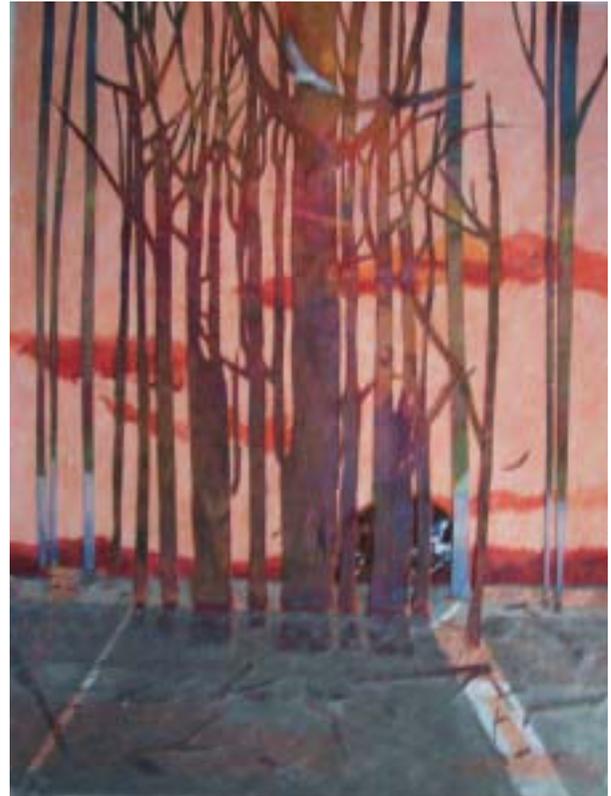
For this meeting only, we will be at the **Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**. The Library is near the Old Greenbelt Theatre. From the Montpelier Arts Center, take MD 197 to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295). Go south on the Parkway to the MD 193 (Greenbelt/NASA/Goddard) exit. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Southway, then take the second left onto Crescent Road. Continue on Crescent to the Library.

Members may bring **two pieces of art to be critiqued**. Ms. Sylvester's comments are always interesting and helpful. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Member News

LAG welcomes new member **Eve Secunda**, 410-721-1225 and [evesgarden1@yahoo.com](mailto:evesgarden1@yahoo.com). Eve lives in Gambrills, MD and works in watercolor. Her favorite subjects are nature and children.

**Barb Mertens** sold the "Misty River" pastel that she brought to show at the New Members' Luncheon.



Irene Sylvester's Watercolor Collage  
*Trees*

## Member News (continued)

**Carol Leo, Charles Reiher & April Rimpo** will be in a BWS exhibit from 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

**April Rimpo** has a solo exhibit ***Contemporary Landscapes*** at the Columbia Art Center from November 10 – December 4, 2016. Come see her bold acrylics and watercolors as she explores places near and far. Rimpo shares urban, rural and pastoral scenes from remote locales.

April will be teaching her one-day workshop "Art of Business for Artists" on November 13th, 10AM at the Columbia Art Center - Call to Register 410-730-0075.

## *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 - you should have received your renewal notice in August so 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! (See attached flyer for registration dates.)

## *Plein Air:*

Carol Leo 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](mailto:paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org).

## *On-line 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](mailto:webmaster@laurelartguild.org). Be sure to 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 on-line. Contact John Cholod at [webmaster@laurelartguild.org](mailto:webmaster@laurelartguild.org) for assistance, if needed.

## *Other Opportunities From the Community*

September 3-5, 2016

### **Paint the Town, 2016**

Montgomery Art Association's Labor Day Art Show

At the Kensington Armory

Register by **midnight Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

See informational flyers here  
<http://montgomeryart.org/show-flyers/>

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SAVE THE DATE: **Young At Art** Juried Art Show

October 6 – November 18 at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

Artists age 55 and older are invited to submit their art. (See attached flyer.)

# Young At Art

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Art Show for Artists 55+

### CALL FOR ART

Open to all metropolitan area residents, age 55 and older. Artists must deliver, pick up art, and leave the art in the exhibit until the end of the show.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 for up to three works; \$5.00 for each additional piece.

### AWARDS

Cash prizes will be awarded in the following amounts:

- First Place – \$150
- Second Place – \$125
- Third Place – \$100
- Five Honorable Mentions

### LOCATION

Durant Arts Center  
1605 Cameron Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

### CALENDAR

<b>Deliver art to Durant Arts Center</b>	
Tuesday, October 4	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
<b>Artists pick-up pieces not in show</b>	
Wednesday, October 5	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
<b>Exhibit Opening</b>	
Thursday, October 6	5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
<b>Reception &amp; Presentation of Awards</b>	
Thursday, October 20	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Exhibit Hours</b>	
Monday-Friday	5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
October-November	
<b>Exhibitors pick-up art</b>	
Friday, November 18	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Durant Arts Center is Closed on Weekends

### Opening Reception Meet the Artists

Thursday, October 20, 2016  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Durant Arts Center  
1605 Cameron Street  
Alexandria, Virginia

### For further information, contact:

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### Jointly Sponsored by:



# Watercolor Workshop With Steve Fleming

Sponsored by The Laurel Art Guild



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 that his goal as an artist is to be creative and 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.

See Steve's blog at: [www.steveflemingartiststudio.com](http://www.steveflemingartiststudio.com)  
and his videos on **YouTube**

**Contact:**

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Columbia, MD 21045  
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**Saturday November 5, 2016**

**9:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

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

The cost is: \$30.00 for LAG Members  
\$40.00 for Non-members

Snacks provided - Bring a Lunch

Enrollment is limited to 12

**Payment is due by October 22, 2016**

**Steve Fleming Workshop - November 5, 2016**

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 Deanna Williford  
8640 Goldenstraw Lane, Columbia, MD 21045

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### *Other Opportunities From the Community Continued*

**"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/>.

**Annual Report of the Laurel Art Guild, Inc.  
for the program year  
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

The Laurel Art Guild is a 501(3)(c) corporation chartered by the state of Maryland in 1968 for the purpose of stimulating interest, growth and excellence in the visual arts. It does this through educational programs, exhibits, its website, support for the Montpelier Herb, Tea and the Arts Festival, scholarships, and other activities. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the visual arts.

**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:** The Guild gave eight short educational programs at the Montpelier Arts Center on various aspects of making art to help adult participants improve their own artwork. Programs were publicized in local media and the Guild's own website. These meetings were free and open to the public.

The Guild also held two full-day instructional workshops in watercolor painting at the Riderwood Senior Living Community for Guild members, Riderwood residents and members of the public.

**EXHIBITS:** The Guild's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the Montpelier Art Center was open to all artists throughout Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia. This exhibit drew entries from more than 150 artist, of which 60 were accepted to hang at Montpelier from March 6 – 27, 2016.

In addition, the Guild sponsored exhibits of members' artwork at Brookside Gardens, the Fairhaven Retirement Community, the Prince George's Sports and Learning Center and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission headquarters building.

**MONTPELIER HERB, TEA AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL:** The Guild set up and staffed a booth where festival goers of all ages could experiment with a variety of dry media and water media. A still life was set up as subject matter, all media was provided and assistance was available. The Guild also sponsored a half-day plein-air demonstration and painting session led by a professional artist/instructor. These activities were free of charge to the public.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Guild awarded a cash scholarship to two graduating high school students, one from each Laurel High School, who plan advance studies in the visual arts.

**WEBSITE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:** The Guild maintained its own website where information about Guild activities, links to Montpelier Arts Center events and the Montpelier Mansion, links to galleries and to art resources can all be found, as well as a Member's Gallery and on-line exhibits.

In addition to the indoor activities described above, the Guild held three plein-air painting sessions in a variety of locales.

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