



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Jon's Journal

Greetings LAG members! We just kicked off our 2016-2017 year, on September 12th, with a Members meeting featuring a professional critique by Irene Sylvester. Irene is a founding member of LAG and shared a few stories relating to its inception. She also shared very informative comments regarding values, depth, motion, and especially composition. She suggested, "Get up and move away from your painting frequently, so as to not get lost in the details." She then left us with this thought, "Paint from the heart and the mind."

Our next Member's meeting will be held on Monday, October 10th, 2016. We will return to our normal time and place: The Montpelier Arts Center at seven o'clock PM. We will have a special guest presenter, Barry Goldstein. See the October Program announcement later in this newsletter. I know that it will be a wonderful evening and beneficial to the membership.

There was a brief sighting of Carol Leo and Diane Shipley recently, at the Aquatic Gardens in NE Washington, DC - A mini plein air event, if you will. That Friday morning, prior to Labor Day, proved to be quite lovely and I know they had an awesome couple of hours. Be on the lookout for information on the next LAG paint out event! You know our area will be bursting with color in no time. I would like to see a dozen members participating in a plein air outing. Let's do it!

As we are out and about through the travels of daily life, I would encourage each of us to keep our eyes open, not only for a good outdoor site in which to paint, but also for locations where LAG members would be able to exhibit their work (e.g., galleries, office buildings, restaurants, nature centers.) Providing information on these and other possible venues will benefit all of us and help to keep The Laurel Art Guild thriving.

In keeping with the finishing thought of Ms. Sylvester, I'll leave you with this, from Aristotle: "The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."

See you soon,

Jon

October Program Announcement

Barry Goldstein will present his program on October 10th at 7:00 at our LAG meeting at Montpelier Art Center. Mr. Goldstein is a CPA turned artist. He attended the Schuler School of Fine Arts in Baltimore and became a copyist at the National Gallery of Art. He is a member of the Red Dirt Studio and serves on the Board of Directors of the Washington Sculptors Group. His work is in numerous private collections. You may find additional information at his web site Heartoftheonion.com, on Facebook, and LinkedIn. His studio is at Monpelier.

Member News

We are sad to report that **Jane Trout** passed away on September 18th. Jane was the president of LAG from 2003 through 2005. In 2007 she was the first member nominated and accepted by the membership as a Life member. Here is the nomination written by April Rimpo back in 2007, which illustrates Jane's commitment to LAG.

"Jane has provided many hours of service to the Laurel Art Guild. Serving as President for two terms, Secretary in several different terms, and Exhibition chair at least once. I suspect she has served in other positions, but this is what I am aware of since I joined LAG in 1998. In the 9 years that I have been a member, Jane has served on the board nearly every one of those years. She also volunteers to help with hanging at many of our exhibits and generally serves as a volunteer for the LAG annual open exhibit. I recall when I first joined LAG, when it had shrunk in size to about 20 members, she identified a president to help keep us going. We owe a great deal to Jane Trout for keeping LAG alive."

Jane also served as an informal mentor to those who followed her as an officer of LAG. What this doesn't say is how Jane seemed to greet each day with a wonderful smile that lit up the room. She will be missed.

There will be a memorial service on Saturday, October 8 at 4:00 at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783.

Carol Leo participated in the annual Paint the Town show held in Kensington, Maryland over the Labor Day weekend. Carol sold one large and eight small paintings, also many cards. **Diane Shipley** was also a participant and sold 2 paintings and many cards.

Tom Kirby has a solo show 1-30 Sept. 2016 of his latest abstract works, 2015-16, at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts.

Alice Murray and **Jon Shields** had multiple pieces in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Show which was hanging Friday, September 4th through Labor Day Monday. Alice's painting, titled "Tori," won third place in the watercolor category. Jon took second place in the mixed media category for his piece, "Soar."

Diane Shipley had one painting juried into the exhibit now showing at Montpelier Arts Center called "Home Again." **Charles Reiher** also has three paintings in the show. The show ends on October 30. Be sure to visit this exhibit during the LAG Member Meeting.

Deanna Williford has a painting, "Padernal Sheep," in the current BWS Signature show at the Howard County Center for the Arts. The exhibit hangs until October 14. Also in this show are works by **Charles Reiher**, **April Rimpo** and **Carol Leo**.

Exhibitions - Diane Shipley

We have a new show scheduled for the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center from December 5 – February 4 – see Entry Form on page 3.

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.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Activity Center

Exhibit Location: 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD
Coordinator: Diane Shipley
Exhibit Dates: December 5, 2016 – February 4, 2017
Deadline to Enter: Wednesday, November 23
Drop off: Saturday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m.
Reception: Monday, December 5, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Pick up: Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 22 inches in width since this venue has limited space. They must have clean mats and glass, be framed (unless a canvas with finished sides), and securely wired for hanging. Paintings must be labeled with artist information on back (name, title, medium, and price). Up to two (2) pieces per artist will be accepted in order until 25 paintings have been received. There is no commission charged.

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

Diane Shipley
3600 Dunnington Road
Beltsville, MD 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 exhibition, is the responsibility of the individual artist. LAG will not be responsible for any artwork not picked up at the designated time.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price: _____ Size: _____ X _____

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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

Aquatic Garden Paint Out



Our opening plein air event for the new term took place at the Aquatic Gardens on Friday, September 2nd. Two LAG members participated. We were blessed with a perfect day weather-wise, a slight reprieve from the ongoing heat wave that we have been experiencing. Both participants got an early start (7:30 am) and chose the beautiful lotus for their subject matter. The event lasted 2 ½ hours.

The October venue has yet to be decided. Please email any helpful suggestions to paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org



Other Opportunities From the Community

Artist Paint-Out

Join local artist, Karen Isailovic, for a free plein air event on location at the scenic Greenbridge Pottery in Dayton, MD on October 29 from 10am - 5pm.

Location: 5159 Green Bridge Road,
Dayton, MD 21036

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 the flyer in the September LAG Newsletter, which can be downloaded from

the LAG website at:

<http://laurelartguild.org/newsletters.html>

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. 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 for assistance, if needed.

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
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
Snacks provided - Bring a Lunch
\$40.00 for Non-members
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

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Items with ? are in need of a Volunteer

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.

Newsletter Input Due the 10th of the Month

Please provide items you would like to have included, as space allows.

Any work in a show? Pictures welcome to brighten our newsletter!

Recent sales?

Your upcoming exhibits?

Calls for artists that you know about and others show know.

Suggestions for Plein Air location?

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