



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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October 2017

October Program by Mary Ellen Gordon

at Montpelier Art Center (in the trailer) on Monday, October 9 at 7 pm

I am pleased to announce that Karen Benedetti will be the presenter at our October meeting. She will demonstrate her abstract fluid acrylic multi-media layering work. She will show us various techniques she employs.

Karen graduated with an art degree from the University of Wisconsin. Over the years she has taught, conducted workshops around the country, and mentored emerging artists. She is a member of numerous art societies including being a signature member of the National Watercolor Society. Other memberships include the National Collage Society and the Society of Layerists in Multi-Media. She has work and articles published in several books. Her work has been hung in the Salmagundi Club in New York and in corporate America. You may view her work at www.karenbenedetti.com.

Karen moved here from Ohio and lives at Riderwood. She is a new member of LAG. It is exciting to have her demonstrate for us.

Art News in the Community

Montpelier Art Center is having an "All Hung" show in October. Bring one painting **and five cans of food** to MAC on September 27 between 10 am and 8 pm and it will be included in the exhibit. The reception is on October 15, from 2-4pm. Please help MAC have a successful show by exhibiting and show your support by attending the reception.

84th Annual International Exhibition of the Miniature Painters, Sculptures & Gravers Society (MPSGS) of Washington, D.C.

Please save the date, Nov. 19, for the opening reception of the MPSGS International Exhibition. Our member, Nar Steel, who is chairman of the event, reminds us that the 84th annual exhibition will be held at Strathmore Mansion.

Member News

Sally Davies had her paintings juried into three Maryland Federation of Art Show this fall. Her woven paper watercolor "Hidden Beach, Cinque Terra, Italy" is on display at the Annapolis Maritime Museum's Water Works Exhibit from September 22 - October 28. Her canvas triptych, "Choral Music, Reykjavik" is on display at the Circle Gallery, Annapolis, from September 13 - October 7, and her diptych canvas, "Watch Out for Merging Traffic" was juried into the American Landscape Show at the Circle Gallery in Annapolis from August 10 - September 10, 2017.

April Rimpo participated in Columbia Art Center's first Color Columbia paint out and has her acrylic "Lakeside" on exhibit at the center through September 30. She's also pleased to announce her painting "Stalks" was selected for inclusion in the Maryland Federation of Art's Strokes of Genius exhibit to be held in Circle Gallery from October 27 - November 27.

Sally Davies and **April Rimpo** received awards in the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society's 38th Juried Exhibition!

- Sally's "Romance, Central Park Lake, NYC" received the Linda Young & John Pitman award
- April's "The Bakery" received an Honorable Mention award

Carol Leo won first place in the plein air competition at the annual Paint the Town Labor Day show in Kensington. Congratulations!



Our PWS Award Winners

April Rimpo (left) & Sally Davies (right)

New Member Feature

Leigh Marget lives in historic Laurel, Maryland. As a little girl, her parents discovered she was ambidextrous. About her art she says, *"I remember loving to draw since I was able to scribble scrabble with crayolas clenched in both fists. With a child's confidence, I began drawing people. I have been drawing portraits ever since."*

In 1978 my sister, Laurel, and her husband Bobby lived on historic Main Street in Laurel. At that time, I was a frequent visitor while completing my degrees at the Corcoran School of Art and at The University of Maryland. Their next-door neighbor- Mrs. Harrington was an octogenarian and sharp enough to entertain us with Main Street stories that stemmed back to when she arrived as a bride in the late 1940s."

She is planning a show for More Than Just Java on Main Street, Laurel titled 'Women Strong.' The portraits in the show are dedicated to Mrs. Harrington and other neighbors of Laurel.

Please thank Leigh who offered to become our LAG Historian.

Membership Dues are Due!

If you have not already renewed your membership for the 2017-18 season, now is the time. (see form on page 7)

Exhibitions

by Diane Shipley

2017

August 6 – October 28 – **The Meeting House Gallery in the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center**, 5885 Robert Oliver Place. Columbia, MD. We have a beautiful exhibit on display with over 60 pieces in the show by LAG 13 artists. Paula Darby also has beautiful wooden, painted bowls and plates displayed. We have had two sales from the hung paintings and additional ones sold at the reception.

2018

January 8 – March 2 – **OASIS Gallery**, Bethesda. OASIS is a national non-profit organization helping adults age 50 and over. The gallery is in the Macy's Home Store at Westfield Montgomery Mall, 7125 Democracy Blvd, Bethesda, MD. It is a large gallery so think big. We will need at least 60 paintings!!!

June 1-30 – **Patuxent Research Center – National Wildlife Visitor Center**, Laurel, MD. I will need works on the smaller size since the display area isn't very large. 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.

July 2 – August 15 - **The Howard County Conservatory, Woodstock, Maryland**. You may submit the same paintings that were displayed at Patuxent and we also will need many more nature-themed paintings, i.e., landscapes, animals, etc. We will need at least 60 paintings, possibly more depending on size.

October 18 – December 15, 2018 – **Slayton House Gallery**, Columbia. It is a large space and we will again need lots of paintings.

I have applied for a show at **Harmony Hall** but have not heard anything yet.

It's time to paint!!!!

LAG Online Exhibits by John Cholod

The latest LAG Online Exhibit theme is **Air**.

As always, you can post your own image to this exhibit (one per member) or you can send a jpg to me and I will post it for you. To login to the online gallery go to <http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php> the username and password follows the algorithm described in the Online Exhibit instructions. If you have forgotten or lost your copy, I can send the instructions to you - just ask for them.

I look forward to seeing everyone's images. The more the merrier, so if you have never provided an image, please consider doing so. You can also provide images for the other three exhibits: "Rustic," "Water" and "Earth." You must use a separate login for each exhibit so the image ends up in the right exhibit.

If you send me images, please be sure to also provide the title, medium and size. Optionally, you can also provide price, and contact information, but based on what we learned from Kathryn Goldman, the Copyright Office will consider this a "published work" (made available for sale) and must be handled as such.

Plein Air Update

For our **October Paint Out**, we are going to enter the event listed below that was brought to our attention by Sally Davies.

If you would like to participate please contact Carol Leo at:
paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org.

Greenbelt Paint-Out and Picnic,
Sunday, October 1, (rain date:
Sunday, October 8)

Celebrate Greenbelt's legacy of both community arts and green space at a FREE outdoor painting and drawing event for all ages!

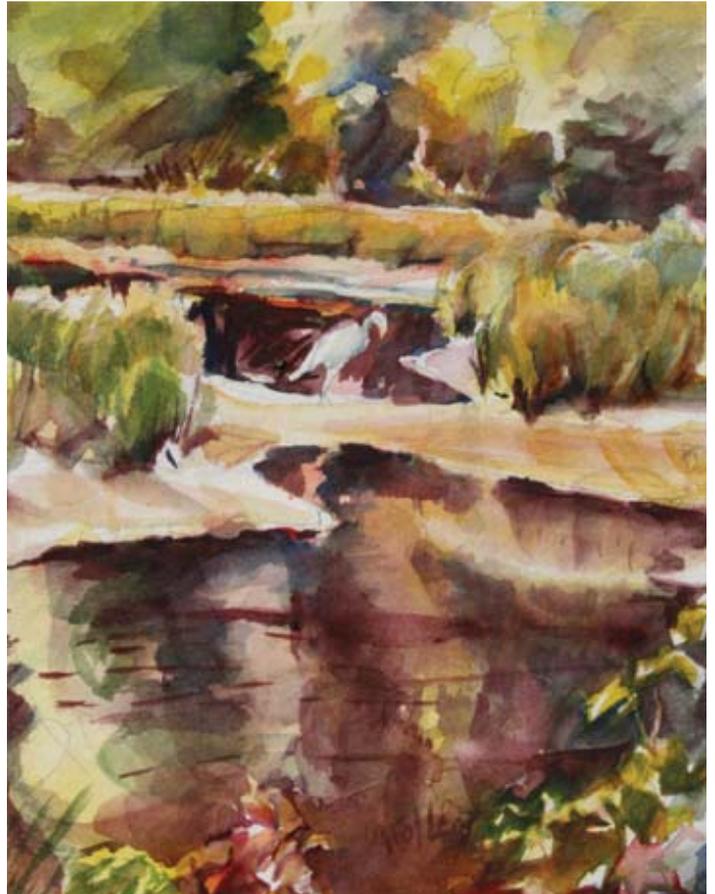
10am-12pm: check in at the Greenbelt Community Center then enjoy painting and drawing at a variety of locations around the city (maps provided.) Participants will bring their own art supplies.

1pm - 2pm: meet back at the Community Center front lawn for a picnic and art share. Bring a lunch or take advantage of the Farmers Market and local eateries.

The Potomac Valley Watercolorists have invited LAG to join them on their plein air outings. Below is the list of their planned paint-outs for the next several months. Feel free to invite friends to these events.

I hope that we will have a group from LAG going to each one!

- Saturday, October 7 – **C & O Canal National Historical Park** – Great Falls Side, Potomac, MD
- Saturday, October 28 – **Patuxent Wildlife Research Center**, Laurel, MD



Gestural Floral Watercolor Workshop

with Jackie Saunders



at Montpellier Art Center on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 10 am - 4 pm.

Here's what Jackie wrote about her workshops:

When I teach the Gestural Florals Workshop, I start with "small format" (5" x 7") studies of individual blossoms, rather than a complex floral bouquet. I like participants to work with free contour line, mixing warm and cool pigments on the paper, stressing lost and found edges, getting the essence of the flower. I use a simple palette of six main pigments, a warm and cool of each of the primary colors. Actually I give a lot of information about color mixing. The small florals can then be used later as greeting cards if the artists want. I joke that they'll never buy a Hallmark card again!

After lunch we can do a simple still life....small bouquet with a piece of fruit or other object... using the skills learned in the small studies. Some people may want to continue with the mall florals.

I would ask each artist to bring a few flowers they love and maybe a few items to add to a composition. I will give you a list of supplies to participants. **Participants should bring their lunches** so we can take a quick break and get back to work.

ABOUT JACKIE:

Jackie Saunders enjoys working directly from life (the live model, flowers, still-life, beach scene, coffee shop etc.) rather than from photographs. She captures the gesture and action of the moment with fluid line and washes of color mixed on the paper. Her colors are clean and transparent with few over-washes. Jackie Saunders has a BA, Catholic University, MFA from University of Arkansas, and studied at the Art Students' League, New York, NY and is currently an instructor at the Art League School, Alexandria, VA. She is a professional member of the Art League of Alexandria, the Potomac Valley Watercolorists, and the Virginia Watercolor Society and has won numerous awards for her paintings.

Cost is \$30 for LAG members and \$40 for non-LAG members.

Maximum of 12 participants.

Payment is required to reserve a place in the workshop.

No refunds after October 20. Supply list will be emailed to participants.

Additional questions, contact Sally Davies at: sallyjkdavies@hotmail.com



Please fill out this form and include it with your check made out to LAG. When your check is received, an email will be sent to confirm your reservation.

Name of Participant: _____

Contact phone
number(s): _____

email address: _____

Send checks made out to Laurel Art Guild should be sent to :

Sally Davies

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Items with ? are in need of a Volunteer

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 should know.

Suggestions for Plein Air location?

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