

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



March 2019

President's Message

LAG has a lot going on this month. Our 50th Annual Juried Open Exhibit opens March 9. Six LAG members have work in the show. Thanks to Carol Leo, The LAG Open Exhibit and Reception is now featured on the [WETA online community calendar](#). I hope you'll join us at the reception and awards ceremony on Sunday, March 10, from 2 – 4 pm at Montpelier. Then hurry on down the road to Ranazul to catch the reception for our show there from 4 -5 pm the same day. It's not too late to enter LAG's exhibit at the Himmelfarb Gallery in Maple Lawn (details in the Exhibits section of this newsletter). LAG has been invited to join Potomac Valley Watercolorists for a paint out, we're having a Small Works show at Montpelier and the annual Herb, Tea and the Arts Festival sign-up is underway.

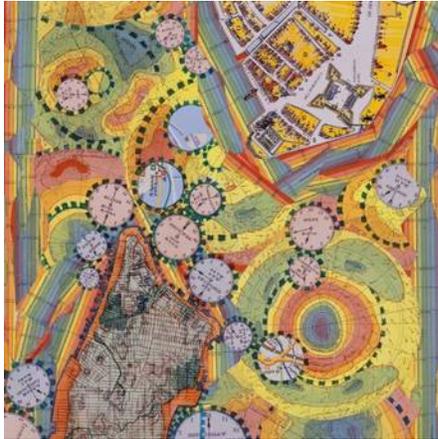
Finally, it's time to start thinking about officers and chairpersons to manage next year's activities. For a long time now, the same few folks have done the work of making LAG the active, interesting organization that it is, but we're getting tired. We need your help! In the absence of a few good artists willing to contribute a few hours a month to keep things going, LAG cannot continue. So when the nominating committee calls, please say yes.

March Program

Anna Fine Foer will discuss her artwork, map collage, on **Monday, March 11, at 7:00 pm** at the Montpelier Arts Center. Ms. Foer decided she was going to be an artist at the age of 11 when she lived in Paris for a summer. As a fibers student at Philadelphia University of the Arts, she became fascinated by the relationship between maps and the land they represent, embarking on a lifelong interest in maps and collage. Ms Foer has a Post-Graduate Diploma in textile conservation from the Courtauld Institute in London.

She has worked as a textile conservator in Haifa & Tel Aviv and for the Textile Museum in Washington, D.C., and was a professor of fibers and textiles at MICA. She was a recipient of a Maryland State Arts Council Grant for Individual Artists in 2008.

Anna says of her work "my artwork is map collage that offers the viewer a combination of imaginary landscapes with mystical, biblical, scientific and ecological themes. There is more than one story a map can convey." Her work has appeared at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Maryland Governor's mansion, the Israeli Embassy and is in the permanent collections of the Haifa Museum of Art and the Beer-Sheva Biblical Museum.



You can see more of her work at annafineart.com.

Exhibits

LAG has 3 shows booked for 2019, 2 for 2020 and a special small works show this Spring:

March 3-31 – Ranazul (a Spanish restaurant) in Maple Lawn (Fulton). Please plan to attend the **reception on Sunday, March 10, from 4:00-5:00 pm**. Finger food will be provided by Ranazul. 8171 Maple Lawn Boulevard, #170, Maple Lawn, MD (located west of Highway 29, use exit for 216 West).

April 8 – June 14 - Himmelfarb Gallery at the Maryland University of Integrative Health in Maple Lawn (Fulton). This exhibit will have a theme called "The Artist's Journey" and entries will be judged by the venue's art committee. It is a small show (probably about 20 paintings). A \$5.00 hanging fee will only be collected from those accepted into the show. Please see the e-mail dated January 23 for more details. "Laurel Art Guild members are invited to submit up to 6 entries for the upcoming group show. Right click on the following link and then click Open Hyperlink. [Click here for application](#). Applications must be completed online by **March 1, 2019**. Incomplete applications will not be considered."

August 10 – October 11 - Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center.

2020 - Brookside Gardens and Patuxent Wildlife Refuge

Small Works Show for LAG Artists LAG has been invited to participate in a small works Show in the Montpelier Art Center Reception area hallway gallery. The exhibit will hang from April 26 through May 30, 2019. There is no hanging fee for this exhibit, but MAC will take a 25% commission for any paintings that are sold.

We have had a good response from LAG artists for this show. Paintings can be no more than 18" in height and 14" wide framed. Because of the small size and the fact that the paintings will hang in rows, we can accept up to 30 paintings. There is still room for 2-3 more LAG artists. Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you are interested in participating. The form is below and can be emailed back to the email address above.

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Workshops

We regret that it has been necessary to cancel the Karen Norman workshop.

Winter Paint-In/Paint-Out: Warm & Tropical

Jungle Room (and the gardens outside) at National Botanical Gardens in DC

Sunday, March 31, 2019 (meet at 10 am)

The Potomac Valley Watercolorists have invited LAG artists to join them for plein air painting in the WARM & TROPICAL "Jungle Room" at the National Botanical Gardens in Washington, DC on Sunday, March 31, 2019. And if the weather is nice, we can paint in the gardens outside! There are two parks outside at the Botanical Gardens.

This event promises to be very enjoyable and beneficial for all artists.

PVW has been given a special permit to paint in the Botanical Garden Conservatory. As you can see in the photos, there are many benches to sit on and set up art supplies so it will be pleasant to paint - and WARM in the winter! Small collapsible stools are allowed, but please don't block pathways for other visitors.

We'll plan to paint for a few hours, then gather again at 12:30 for a Bring-Your-Own picnic lunch and art-sharing. **We'll meet in the Jungle Room, or if it is too warm in there, we'll meet in the front entrance hallway.**

Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you are interested in participating!

Herbs, Teas, and Arts Annual Event



LAG will participate once again this year in the annual Festival of Herbs, Teas and the Arts held on the grounds of Montpelier. This year the Festival will take place on Saturday April 27.

This event is an opportunity for LAG to fulfill its mission as a cultural influence in the community and to express thanks to MAC for hosting our meetings and workshops throughout the year. As many LAG members as possible are encouraged to participate.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m. With youthful volunteers on board, our setup at 9 a.m., and takedown at 4 p.m. are two times of the day when help from LAG members is needed. Throughout the day, LAG members can act as hosts to the children and adults who show interest in the art stations and the various artistic media that we have available for them to sample on "community" canvases. In addition, it is a wonderful venue for LAG to show work and sell work with no fee or commission taken. Small items, cards, prints or other handcrafted items are the types of things that work best in this outdoor venue.

Please contact Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org or 240-475-4219 if you are available and interested in participating in this worthwhile event. Thank you!

Member News

Six LAG members had work accepted into the 50th LAG Open Juried Show: **John Cholod, Sally Davies, Carol Leo, Melissa Price, Diane Shipley and Daniel Venne.** Congratulations!

Helen Wood's pastel painting Summer Flowers sold at the Montgomery Art Association Show at Oasis Gallery in Bethesda's Montgomery Mall and her painting Sitting Duck took third place for Viewers Choice Awards.

Sally Davies' painting "Romance" was juried into the Maryland Federation of Art on Paper exhibit at Circle Gallery in Annapolis. The show runs from March 9-31.

Nar Steel will serve as judge for the Rehoboth Art League's exhibition called Contemporary Miniatures. It will be held in Delaware from April 5 to May 5. You do not have to be a member to participate. Please check the prospectus at rebothartleague.org.

Raymond Robinson has sold six of his oil paintings on the "Avenue of the Arts" at the Laurel Beltsville Senior Activity Center. His exhibit is from February 4th thru April 5th, 2019.

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