

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



April 2019

## President's Message

It's Spring and along with the crocuses, daffodils and cherry blossoms, exhibits are busting out all over. It's a great time to get out and paint, take pictures for future paintings and to visit one of LAG's exhibits or another exhibit that features a LAG member (see Member News section). LAG has several group activities planned for the next few weeks (see Activities section) and it's not too late to sign up for any of them. I hope you take advantage of all this season has to offer.

This month, in addition to our regular program presentation, we will award scholarships to two graduating seniors (one from each of Laurel's high schools) who will go on to do college-level study in the visual arts. Previous awardees have shown us some truly amazing work, so I'm sure this year's awardees' brief presentations will be equally engaging and something we'll all enjoy.

## April Program

**Glen Kessler** will critique members' artwork on **April 8, at 7 pm** at the Montpelier Arts Center. You may bring 2 pieces of art with which you would like some help.

Mr. Kessler is an internationally collected and awarded artist as well as the founder of The Compass Atelier in Rockville, MD. Kessler has a MFA from New York Academy of Art and a BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art. His works have graced the cover of 'Professional Artist Magazine' and appeared in 'The Artists' Magazine' among

other publications. He has work in the public collections of Prince Charles, Amazon Web Services, Ford's Theater, Capital One Bank, Dominion Bank, as well as hundreds of private collections around the world. He is a 2-time recipient of the Elizabeth Greenshields Grant for Outstanding Figurative Art, a Prince of Wales Fellow, and a Maryland State Arts Council Grant awardee. He is also a life-long teacher, having taught at Maryland Institute College of Art, George Washington University, George Mason University, and others. In 2013 he founded The Compass Atelier in Rockville, MD in order to teach a cohesive curriculum of artistic study of his own design. The school and its unique curriculum are proving to be a game-changer taking students, many of whom had little to no prior experience, to a professional practice in just 3 years of part-time study. Recent graduates have gone on to earn top prizes, regularly sell their work, and gain gallery representation.



See more of Glen's work at [GlenKessler.com](http://GlenKessler.com).

## Exhibits

**March 3-31 – Ranazul** - We have a display hanging until March 31. I hope you get the chance to stop by and see it. Ranazul is a Spanish restaurant in Maple Lawn (Fulton). This is a very successful exhibit. Ranazul provided plenty of delicious food for the well-attended reception and 4 paintings have been sold. Maybe you can even grab a bite to eat when you are there. 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) –Himmelfarb's curator describes the exhibit as follows - "**The Artist's Journey**: As travelers along the compelling voyage outward, we hug the bright skirt of the road through light and shadow, leaving safety and searching beauty. Each destination has an uncertain gravity, tugging us toward the center of some blueprint without an edge. A galaxy of detours may beckon, and we might turn back and circle the fundamental spaces where sparks tripped along our path. This is the way the artist's journey composes a landing place—by capturing its own inspiration and purpose, over and over again."

Congratulations to the LAG artists whose work was selected for this exhibit: Pauline Clatterbuck, Sally Davies, Thomas Kirby, Carol Leo, Diane Shipley, and Mary Ellen Simon. Please join us for the reception on **Thursday, May 2, 6:00pm – 8:00pm**. If you can't make it then, gallery hours are Monday — Friday: 8:00am - 7:00pm, Saturday and Sunday: 8:00am - 4:00pm.

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

**2020 - Brookside Gardens and Patuxent Wildlife Refuge**

**LAG Open** – the reception was very well attended. During the award presentations our juror, Gavin Glakas, gave an interesting talk focused on what made the winners stand out, even in a highly competitive setting.



<b>Upcoming LAG Activities</b>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plein Air Outing: Sunday March 31, 2019 (with the Potomac Watercolorists)</b> Where: Botanic Gardens Jungle room When: 10:00 am-1:00 pm The following people are signed up:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sally Davies</li> <li>2. Carol Leo</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paint the Model: Saturday, April 6</b> Where: MAC trailer classroom When: 9:30 am -12:30pm The following people are signed up:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mary Ellen Simon</li> <li>2. Sally Davies</li> <li>3. Ofelia Moore</li> <li>4. Carol Leo</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Small Works Show: April 26-May 30, 2019</b> Where: MAC Reception Area Hallway When: Painting drop-off, Tuesday April 23 The following people are signed up:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. John Cholod</li> <li>2. Tom Kirby</li> <li>3. Nar Steel</li> <li>4. Sally Davies</li> <li>5. Carol Leo</li> <li>6. Mary Ellen Gordon</li> <li>7. Marleen Cunningham</li> <li>8. Pauline Clatterbuck</li> <li>9. Alice Murray</li> <li>10. Lee Ellen Lane</li> <li>11. Ray Robinson</li> <li>12. Diane Shipley</li> <li>13. Sharon Sefton</li> <li>14. Suzanne St Onge</li> <li>15. Mary Ellen Simon</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Herbs, Teas, and Arts Festival, Saturday, April 27, 2019</b> Where: the grounds of Montpelier When: Schedule 9:00 am Setup 11:00 am-2:00 pm Plein air demo/teaching: Steve Fleming 10:00 am-4:00 pm Hands on art for visitors 10:00 am-4:00 pm Art, card, print, craft show and sale for LAG members 4:00 pm Takedown The following people are signed up to contribute or volunteer in some way:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Diane Shipley</li> <li>2. Sharon Sefton</li> <li>3. John Cholod</li> <li>4. Suzanne St. Onge</li> <li>5. Mary Ellen Simon</li> <li>6. Carol Leo</li> <li>7. Sally Davies (painting samples)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Carol Leo at <a href="mailto:paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org">paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org</a> or 240-475-4219</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>To participate in any of the above activities Especially our <del>Live Painting Sessions!!</del> Don't Miss out on these Fun and Learning Opportunities</b></p>	

## Member News

LAG Welcomes **Perveen Khan** of Elliott City, She is from Pakistan and paints landscapes with a palette knife, a style she learned at college in Pakistan. Her painting

"Pakistan-Lahore-Inner City" is currently on display at LAG's 50<sup>th</sup> Juried Open Exhibit. She works in oil and watercolor, painting on site and from sketches done when she spends her summers in Pakistan. Perveen can be reached at [perveenkhan@yahoo.com](mailto:perveenkhan@yahoo.com) or 410-465-8739.

**John Cholod's** photo "Ram" received an Honorable Mention award at the 50<sup>th</sup> LAG Open Exhibit.

**Teresa Ficaretta** had two pastel paintings, "Seven Onions," and "Nocturne I," in an invitational exhibit titled "Art of Women 2019," March 3-29, 2019, at the Pascal Art Gallery, Anne Arundel Community College.

**Tom Kirby** has two paintings in the La Galeria at Ranazul exhibit and had 3 paintings accepted for the Himmelfarb Gallery at the Maryland University of Integrative Health. One painting was accepted for the MNCPPC PG County exhibit in the Lowe House Office Building in Annapolis.

**Leigh Marget** writes the following: "To My Surprise

**Grace Boutique** is a lovely shop on Laurel's historic Main Street where Audrey- the owner will treat you to coffee, conversation and couture.

I needed a dress that actually fit my current size and my current budget. Audrey's window advertised that 'Everything Must Go'. So I went in and found THE dress – my size and a bargain, too!

That evening when I checked my email, Audrey had written thanking me for stopping in. I wrote her back to tell her how much I enjoyed shopping at Grace Boutique and attached my most current art work titled "Dream Runway". (Please see below.)

To my surprise, Audrey wrote me right back. I was incredulous to learn that she wanted to display my work in her shop, sell copies on her website, and introduce me to a local gallery owner.

So, dear LAG friends, careers are funny. Sometimes when you are out in the neighborhood, just shopping, you might be surprised to find a successful business person who cares and who wants to encourage & support local artists."



## **'Dream Runway' by Leigh Marget**

**Diane Shipley** will have six miniature paintings at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. It is their annual fund raiser where proceeds go to benefit art students at Montgomery College. 475 pieces will be on display and awards will be given. Hours are: April 5 – 2-5; April 6 – 11-5; April 7 – 1-5. She also has 2 paintings in the Ranazul exhibit and 3 of her paintings were accepted into the Himmelfarb Gallery.

She sold her painting "White Velvet" at the Howard County Arts Council show held in January and February.

**Mary Ellen Simon** has two paintings in LAG's Ranazul exhibit. She will have two miniatures and two other pastel paintings in the Women's Club of Chevy Chase annual fundraising exhibit. She'll also have 3 paintings in LAG's exhibit at the Himmelfarb Gallery.

**Nar Steel** recently sold her painting ON THE BEACH which had won a first prize in a Friendship Heights Art Exhibit.

**Deanna Williford** and her fiancée, Mike, are building a new home in Midlothian, VA and she will be very sadly leaving the LAG community in July. She says, "I truly will miss all the wonderful folks I've met, the LAG workshops, and the exhibiting opportunities I've had during my time with LAG." Deanna has been juried into three Virginia art associations as an exhibiting member as of this month. She is presently working on 3 commissions with 3 Virginians and is going just a little bit nuts trying to sell two houses while building a third one!!! LOL!

**Helen Wood** has two pastel paintings in the April 5 - 7 Women's Club of Chevy Chase's 44th Annual Community Art Show and Sale, 7931 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD.

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