

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



August 2019

Meeting, September 9, 2019, 7 PM

## President's Message

While we generally think of Fall as a winding down - the beginning of the end of the year - it can also be thought of as a new beginning: the beginning of cooler weather, gloriously colored foliage, new art class offerings and the start of LAG's activities for the coming year. This Fall, LAG begins with the traditional critique session conducted by Gavin Glakas who was the juror for last year's LAG Open. You can also look forward to LAG's first workshop of the year in November.

Have you, like me, ever wondered what makes a biographical statement different from an artist statement? Then, Park and Planning's Artist's Boot Camp is just the thing. Please see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Over the summer, Helen Wood and John Cholod have been busy setting up PayPal for LAG. If you have already renewed your membership, then you know how easy it can be - no need to get out the checkbook or find a stamp. If you haven't yet renewed, then now is the time. You can renew online or, you prefer, you can still use your checkbook.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our September meeting.

## September Program

**Gavin Glakas** will critique members' artwork on **September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at the Montpelier Arts Center. Members may bring two pieces of

work for his insights on what could make the piece better. Guests are welcome to come and learn through observation.

Mr. Glakas grew up in Bethesda, Maryland and studied at Washington University in St. Louis and the Slade School of Fine Art in London. Following graduation, he spent a year in Athens, Greece, working as an illustrator.

He has won numerous honors for his artwork, including awards from the Portrait Society of America and the Butler Institute of American Art. His paintings have been featured on NBC News and The Washington Post, American Art Collector, International Artist, and numerous other publications. He has exhibited at museums and galleries throughout the country.

Glakas' paintings hang in the permanent collections of the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, the Virginia State Capitol, Georgetown University, and the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach as well as numerous private collections.

The artist is represented by Principle Gallery in Alexandria, VA and Charleston, SC. He paints full-time and teaches figure painting and drawing at the Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, MD, as well as workshops in Tuscany and Palm Beach.

## **Exhibits**

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

There are 12 artists participating and 24 paintings were hung at the Senior Activity Center. I hope you can stop by and see all the different styles and use of color and technique. We had a really good turnout for the reception and have already sold one painting by Janette Lovell - Congratulations!!

## **Schedule for 2020**

Brookside Gardens - February 10 - March 9

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge - the month of May

## **Boot Camp for Artists**

Saturday, November 2nd, 10am-4pm

Harmony Hall Arts Center presents Mr. Lenny Campello's seminar, "The Artists Boot Camp", which is open to all artists, 16 and up. Mr. Campello is the Greater Washington D.C. areas pre-eminent art dealer, critic and consultant, as well as artist. He designed his seminar to deliver information, data and proven tactics to artists, and to allow them to develop and sustain a career in the fine arts. Some of the topics that he will cover are: creating a resume, creating a body of work, selling your art, juried shows and news releases, just to name a few. The seminar is free and lunch is included.

Seating is limited so please call 202-446-2251 or email

## **Other Activities**

### **Small Works Show**

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Small Works Show held in the MAC lobby gallery. The show ended up being a great success, and although originally scheduled to be taken down at the end of May, its display time was extended through part of August. The end date for the show became August 18.

Three paintings sold in the show, Diane Shipley's painting "Space" and Mary Ellen Simon's painting "Sparrow's Point in Mist," and Nar Steel's painting "Castle Visited." Congratulations! Although sales are not the only factor in determining the success of a show, it is always an affirmative when paintings sell. Also interesting to note is that two of the paintings sold in the very last week or two of the show, so never say never!

We will be coordinating with Beth Crisman, to make this Small Works Show an annual event once again.

## **Member News**

First, a big thank you to those of you who have already renewed. Many of you used the PayPal option and that has worked very well.

For those of you who haven't yet renewed, this message is a gentle reminder that our fiscal year began July 1. So, we are well in to our membership year. Various shows are underway, with more coming. Our monthly meetings will restart on **September 9**.

If you wish to renew online via our website using PayPal, go to: <https://laurelartguild.org/membership.html> to begin.

Of course, if you prefer you may still renew by regular mail. Just complete the membership information form that is available on the website (and at the end of this newsletter), and mail it with your check for \$25 (or \$35 if requesting printed copies of the newsletter) to me at: Helen M. Wood, LAG Treasurer, 5926 Maplewood Park Place, Bethesda, MD 20814

Please note that if you *first* joined LAG after March 1 *of this year*, your MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS THROUGH THE NEXT PROGRAM YEAR (good only for the first time you join). Honorary and Life Members do not need to renew, but we ask everyone to please provide any changes to your contact information.

I look forward to seeing you at LAG activities in the year ahead.

## Member News Activities

**Diane Shipley** is one busy lady. She has/will have her paintings in the following shows:

Laurel Art Guild at the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD - August 10 - October 10. Reception was Monday, August 12, 6:30-8:30.

Montgomery Art Association at Brookside Gardens - now through August 18. 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD

Montgomery Art Association at the Kensington Armory, 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD - August 31 - September 2 - Annual Paint the Town Labor Day Show - 134 members showing over 400 pieces of art plus unframed work in bins and greeting cards. **A must see exhibit!!** Diane will be working as a cashier on Sunday, September 1 from 11:00 - 3:00. Stop by and say "hi" if you are there at that time.

Montgomery Art Association at The Meeting House Gallery, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD August 31 - November 2. **Reception - Sunday, September 8 from 1:00 - 3:00.**

She also sold six paintings at her solo show at Ranazul Restaurant in Maple Lawn, and one at the "Small Works" show at Montpelier.

**Carol Leo** was a juried artist in the annual outdoor painting event in Ellicott City, June 28-30. Both her paintings, "Church Street Upper" and "Church Street Lower" sold.

Carol will also be participating in the annual Paint the Town Labor Day Show with MAA again this year, including the plein air event on Saturday, August 31.

**Eve Secunda** is one of the artists at the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center. She wasn't able to attend the reception but hopes to visit the center soon and maybe see you there.

She will also have two paintings up at the North County Library, Glen Burnie, August 31-September 28 with the Shiles Studio group. There will be a reception September 28. Join us if you can.

**Helen Wood** has two pastel paintings included in the Maryland Pastel Society Juried Artist Members Exhibition "New Perspectives" at Kentlands Mansion in Gaithersburg, MD, July 12 - September 9.



"Well Worn" (showing her granddaughter's figure skates)

### **A Wave from a member**

**Deanna Williford** has moved to VA as of July 1st and is thrilled with her new house but not thrilled about leaving her LAG friends that she has made over the years. She hopes to stay in touch through FB and meeting up with anyone visiting the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (only 30 min. from her Midlothian home)! Her painting of the Hons at the Baltimore Honfest caught the eye of Juror Adele Castillo who awarded it third place in the James River Art League's Annual Judged Exhibit last month. Hons in Richmond??? Who would've guessed??? She sends "warm wishes" to all the wonderful LAG members!!!

This photo was "photobombed" by Twit Cat!



## **Laurel Art Guild**

### **Member Interest Survey and Activity Choice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ *Best time to call:* \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Present (or Former) Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred media: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **What LAG Activities will you participate in?**

*Please rate each of the activities below where:*

- 1.** means "I will participate **regularly**;"
- 2.** means "I will **sometimes** participate;" and
- 3.** means "I'm **not likely** to participate."

- "How to" talk by an art professional
- Professional critiques where I can learn to improve my work
- Workshops where I can learn new or different techniques
- Exhibit opportunities
- Networking opportunities
- Leadership opportunities
- Painting/sketching outdoors in small groups in nearby locations
- Peer critiques where I can learn to improve my work
- Painting together in small groups indoors

#### **I Agree to Help LAG in the following areas**

LAG is a collaborative and mutually supportive organization. Every member participates by helping with one (or more) of the activities needed to keep the Guild running. There are many choices, most of them one-time activities. They all offer an opportunity to enhance your skills and help advance the visual arts. **Please put check marks alongside the activities in which you will help.** More detail about each area can be found on our website [www.laurelartguild.org](http://www.laurelartguild.org) under "Jobs List"

- Exhibits (manage, hang or take down)
- Group painting session (outdoors & indoors)
- Herbs, Tea & the Arts Festival
- Historian
- Leadership (Officer or Committee Chair)
- Networking/social events
- Newsletter
- Programs
- Publicity
- Scholarship coordination
- Take meeting minutes
- Website and list-serve management
- Workshops (manage, help set up or take down)

How did you learn about the Laurel Art Guild? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a suggestion for a program speaker? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a suggestion for a workshop leader?

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**Laurel Art Guild**

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**Membership Application**

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City and State Zip Code

TELEPHONE: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT STATEMENT of your art interest and education: \_\_\_\_\_

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PREFERRED MEDIUM: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership requires payment of dues and your promise of a small amount of time (3-4 hours) to help with one of the Guild's activities. These are listed on the reverse and in more detail on our website under the title "Jobs List"

**DUES ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_ \$25.00 - E-mail my Newsletter \_\_\_ \$30.00 - Regular mail my Newsletter

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Helen Wood, Treasurer

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**AFTER MARCH 1, MEMBERSHIP EXTENDS THROUGH THE NEXT PROGRAM YEAR. (Good only for the first time you join)**

***About the Laurel Art Guild***

The Laurel Art Guild is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of people interested in the advancement of the visual arts. Our members are both professional and amateur artists who express themselves through a wide variety of media. The Guild strives to promote growth and excellence for its members and public appreciation for the visual arts through its programs and activities. We are supported by annual dues, commissions on sales from Laurel Art Guild shows, and outside contributions. Since our inception, the Guild has offered scholarships to local high school graduates who are continuing their studies in the Visual Arts.

Founded in 1967, the Guild meets at the Montpelier Arts Center on the grounds of the historic Montpelier Mansion in Laurel, Maryland. These premises are under the jurisdiction of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Commission's Art Division has been instrumental

in the Guild's success through its combined efforts with the Guild in the promotion of classes and workshops as well as juried art shows and other exhibit opportunities.

Meetings are held monthly, September through June at 7:00 pm on the second Monday of the month (second Saturday at 1 pm Dec - Feb) in the Main Gallery of the Montpelier Arts Center. Our meetings afford a wonderful opportunity to learn as well as to meet and exchange ideas with fellow artists.

The diverse background of our members lends itself to a very nurturing group that works together to expand the abilities of all.

### **Member Benefits**

- Regular instructional and informational programs
- Newsletter
- Local group exhibits with an opportunity to sell
- Free display of work on the Guild website
- Workshops with professional artists
- Networking/social functions
- Critiques for your work, by both professionals and peers
- Leadership skill building opportunities

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the visual arts who wishes to participate in or support the Guild's activities. New members are most welcome.

**Please indicate the areas in which you will help and complete the survey on the reverse side.**

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