

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



February 2020
Meeting Saturday, February 8, 2020
1-3 pm

President's Message

This New Year has just begun, but it's not too early to start thinking about how we can keep LAG moving forward, now and in the future. We've heard a lot of great ideas for improving the Laurel Art Guild – more activities, better social media presence, community college outreach, and others. Sadly, we've had many ideas but few volunteers.

It is essential for a few good members to stand up and take on active roles in managing LAG's activities. On behalf of our Board, I'm asking you to volunteer. The more of us who actively participate, the more activities we can have. This is a case where many hands make light work.

It is also true that few hands mean fewer activities, and no hands mean no LAG activities.

By taking on active coordination and support roles, members will discover opportunities to develop their own artistic careers. You can learn about publicizing your work; about finding exhibit venues; and about putting on exhibits, workshops, and other art programs.

Here is a list of opportunities to enhance LAG while you develop some new personal skills:

Publicity – ground work has already been laid for this.

Monthly Programs – speakers for the year have been arranged, so it is mainly keeping in touch to make sure things run smoothly.

Workshops – if you have an idea for a workshop you'd like to take, you can make it happen through LAG. Former workshop chairs are willing to show you how.

Officers for next year – most positions require two-three hours per month, written "how-to" instructions as well as hands-on help from incumbents are available.

Please think about what you want from LAG and what you can contribute to help make it happen.

February Program

LAG's next meeting is "**A Winter Paint-In**". LAG artists and visitors are invited to draw and paint from a live, clothed model on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1-3pm at Deerfield Run Community Center, 1300 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, MD, 20708**. As always, there is no charge and visitors are most welcome. Please RSVP to paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you are planning to attend. The object will be to sketch and paint from the model using media of your choice. We will have tables to work on, but feel free to bring an easel if you prefer.

Exhibits

2020

Brookside Gardens – February 10 – March 9, deadline for entry is January 31
Entry form below.

Laurel Art Guild 51st Annual Open Juried Exhibition
Montpelier Art Center
March 7- March 29

The deadline for entering this year's exhibition is February 3rd. As always, entries are submitted online on our website. Six cash prizes will be awarded.

We have an excellent juror this year, Abigail McBride, who does exciting work on the Eastern Shore, and Delaware. It is always lovely to have our members well represented in this show!

Submit jpgs and entry form online at:
<http://laurelartguild.org/lagopen.html>

Melissa Price and Ofelia Moore (Co Vice Presidents) would appreciate volunteers to help with the drop off and pick up of paintings at this major event.

Drop Off: March 3, 12 to 2 pm and 6 to 8 pm

Pick Up: March 30, 12 to 2 pm and 6 to 8 pm.

Thank you to those who have responded already.

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge – the month of May

2021

New Deal Café – Greenbelt - June

Online Exhibits

John Cholod

There is a new exhibit on display in our online gallery: Bright Colors. Please take a look and add a work of your own, if you wish. Three other exhibits remain open: Warm Colors, Go With the Flow, and Here Comes the Sun. Each member can post one image depicting their interpretation of the title. Don't forget, you can add as many images as you want to your Member Gallery!

If you don't want to upload your own, you can send a jpeg file to John - If you do, also 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 online.

Contact John for assistance, if needed.

<https://www.laurelartguild.org/ZenXhibit/Online-Exhibit/>

Like the LAG on Facebook!

Did you know the Laurel Art Guild has both a Page and a Public Group on Facebook? Our Page is used to post events, happenings and other LAG news. The LAG Public Group is open to anyone to post items of interest to LAG Members. You can help by joining and adding information about shows, classes, or anything of interest to you as a LAG member!

Public Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1032414543535049/>

Page: <https://www.facebook.com/LaurelArtGuild/>

WORKSHOPS

LAG Workshop with Valerie Watson

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, at MAC, LAG will host a workshop on creating large scale watercolor paintings with Valerie Watson. Details will follow. Please be on the lookout for an email with all the information.

Barbara Bennet (301-526-2642) will be coordinating the workshop. Barbara will let everyone know the time, cost, and deadlines as soon as possible.

Member News

Diane Shipley has a painting on display in the HoCo Open 2020 at the Howard County Arts Council, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD. January 10 – February 21.

Diane was also juried into "Local Color," an exhibit at the Artists' Gallery of Ellicott City, 8197 Main Street. The show runs from January 14 – February 23. The reception is Saturday, January 25, from 2-5 pm.

Carol Leo has been studying front-end web design and has come up with an art website that is built from scratch and is a work in progress. It can be accessed at: <https://creationartbycarol.com>. Viewed best on Chrome.

Brookside Gardens

Exhibit Location: 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton,, MD

Coordinator: Diane Shipley

Exhibit Dates: February 10 – March 8, 2020

Deadline to Enter: January 31, 2020

Drop off: Monday, February 10 at 9:30 am

Reception: None

Pick up: Monday, March 9 at 9:00 am.

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 36 inches in width, including frame. 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 three (3) pieces per artist will be accepted in order until 50 paintings have been received. There is a 25% commission charged so factor that into your price.

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, theft, or personal injury, 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: _____

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Medium: _____ Price: _____ Size: _____

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

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**Please consider
volunteering for OPEN
POSITIONS!**

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