

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



**APRIL 2020
CANCELLED, NEXT MEETING, APRIL 13, 2020**

President's Message

May we have your help, please?

First, we ask for your patience and understanding as LAG's Board does its best to navigate these uncertain times.

As you know, the Montpelier Arts Center is currently closed through March 30. We are keeping in touch with Montpelier Management and they are keeping us informed. For now, the LAG Open artwork pick up scheduled for March 30 is cancelled and exhibitors have been notified. We'll continue to keep you informed.

Also, we've been in touch with Maureen Farrell, our April 13 speaker. She is in a high risk household so we have agreed to reschedule her presentation for October 12, 2020.

On a happier note, signs of Spring and optimism are everywhere: as I write, the sun shines, the sky is deep blue, the daffodils are out, the hillside is blue with vinca flowers and my neighbors' Magnolia tree is magnificent. As LAG's Board begins to think about next year's activities, we'd very much like to hear from you. We've noticed that many of you have not been coming to meetings and we'd like to understand what's keeping you away. Is it the meeting time? The subject matter? Something else? Please let us know. We want very much to provide the kind of activities that will be interesting or helpful to our members, so let us know what you want by sending a note to president@laurelartguild.org.

As we 'shelter in place;' our April 13, meeting has been cancelled.

Thank you and keep on painting.

Exhibits

First, congratulations to Diane Shipley and Nar Steel for selling paintings at both last year's and this year's LAG Open. OOPS! Did I miss congratulating Perveen Khan, whose piece Pakistan Inner City Sunday, was also accepted into the LAG Open with some of our other artist members. Next, Brookside Gardens was a stunning show with all the florals, landscapes, bright colors, etc. The public appreciated it as well – we had four sales. Carol Leo had 3 sales, and Nar Steel had one. What a nice variety of art works.

Congratulations, ladies!!!



“Castle Visited” by Nar Steel
Sold at Montpelier last Spring



“Mums the Word” by Diane Shipley
Sold at Montpelier LAG Open



“Rosie Posey” by Carol Leo
Sold at Brookside Gardens

Following these exhibits, there will be an exhibit at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge in Laurel during the month of May. See the guideline for what is accepted and the Entry Form following. Some of the paintings shown at Brookside Gardens could be used here.

2021

New Deal Café – Greenbelt – June



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE



GUIDELINES FOR EXHIBITING ARTWORK AT THE JOHN HOLLINGSWORTH GALLERY NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

1. All artwork shall feature 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 may also be displayed.
2. Artwork may be educational in a unique way that communicates with or enables the public to learn about the earth's environmental problems and the work of refuge managers and researchers who strive to improve the conditions for wildlife and the habitats we all share. Any image that fascinates people of all ages in terms of diversity of nature and wildlife or that expresses the philosophy of the National Wildlife Refuge System to protect and conserve wildlife and manage the lands specifically for wildlife is acceptable.
3. Work which may not be exhibited includes:
 - a. Domestic animals, buildings and landscapes that do not support the mission of the Refuge System,
 - b. Images which reflect religious figures or overtones whether blatantly or subtly,
 - c. Images which may have political ramifications.
4. Artwork may be in any form of medium: photographic, painting, drawing, textiles, carvings, etc... Originals as well as prints are welcome. Framed and matted artwork is recommended.
5. The exhibit area consists of six display areas on one wall. Each display area is 69" wide and 63" high, and covered with blue/gray carpet over plywood. The surrounding paneling is mahogany. Track lighting is available.

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge

John Hollingsworth Art Gallery

May 1 - 31, 2020

Exhibit Location: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel MD

Coordinator: Diane Shipley

Deadline to Enter: [Wednesday, April 22, 2020](#)

Drop off: Friday, May 1, at 10:30 am

Reception: None

Pick up: Sunday, May 31, at 10:30 am.

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 30 inches in any direction, 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 36 paintings have been received. The gallery does not handle sales, therefore no commission but a **donation** would be appreciated. All sales will be made individually. The gallery does not cover the art work with insurance. It is the artist's responsibility to pay sales tax.

All art work should feature wildlife, nature, or environmental conservation issues to increase public awareness of wildlife conservation and environmental issues, including endangered species. Guidelines are attached.

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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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

Member News

Diane Shipley sold three small paintings and several greeting cards at a dance event in Ocean City recently. “Burgundy Rose” is one of them. Good work Diane.



Webmaster: John Cholod

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/>

Look for an email to help you log-in to our on-line gallery.

Lastly, I hope by connecting with each other through this newsletter and the computer, we can feel a connection to our LAG community during this time. When we are humbled by uncertainty like we are all experiencing right now, doing what we can to support each other makes a difference. As artists, perhaps just taking time out of your day to put yourself into your art makes the world seem more normal again. Who knows what art may come out of these times.

Many of us have exhibits that would be normally open right now, and many have plans for upcoming exhibits, such as the Herbs, Tea, and Arts Festival which has been already cancelled, and our Patuxtent exhibit. As we get new information we will let you know.

Keep painting and keep looking ahead.

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