

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



February 2020

## President's Message

While this has certainly been a tumultuous month, I remain optimistic. Although a bit different, the inauguration was peaceful and inspiring to many of us. I have begun to hear from friends that they've had their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. We're able to keep holding meetings using Zoom. And Spring must be near because robins are showing up on my lawn.

This month, we introduce a new feature, Before and After, in which you can show how a LAG critique inspired you to modify a painting.

Through the magic of Zoom, we're able to broaden the area from which we can draw speakers. This month's speaker comes to us from Canada. Please note that the meeting starts at a special time, 6:30 pm, to accommodate his schedule. I hope that his demo will inspire you to paint, or to resume painting if the pandemic has made that difficult for you.

I hope to see you all on February 8 at 6:30 pm.

## February Program

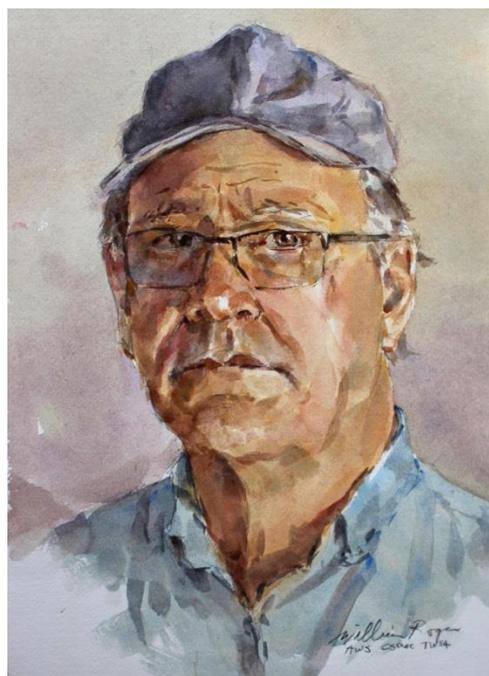
On **February 8 at 6:30 pm**, **Bill Rogers** will demonstrate his approach to painting the figure in watercolor. Mr. Rogers is an Elected Member, and Past President, of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the Societe Canadienne de l'Aquarelle and the American Society of Marine Artists. In May, 2014, he served as the Royal Tour Artist for HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall's Royal Tour of Canada. Bill is a multi-talented artist working in both oil and watercolor, painting plein air landscapes and horses as

well as the figure. His extensive teaching experience includes at StFX University, and many workshops in Canada and abroad. He is currently teaching at the Chesapeake Fine Art Studio in Stevensville, Md.

Bill's resume includes many awards from a long list of art organizations and exhibits throughout the US and Canada. Most recently he received the 2019 Di Di Degliin Award from AWS, the 2019 Talbot Hotel Bronze Award at Art in the Open, Wexford, Ireland and the 2020 Award of Excellence at the Oil Painters of American Eastern Regional Exhibit. His work is exhibited widely throughout Canada and the U. S. and can be found in private collections, including that of HRH Prince Charles, and in public collections across Canada and in the Masterworks collection of Bermuda.



"Moire Contemplating"



"Self Portrait"

Please see Bill's website, [www.williamrogersart.com](http://www.williamrogersart.com) for more examples of his work.

## Exhibits

### LAG Open

The postcards announcing the LAG open were mailed to 7,000 recipients by Montpelier Arts Center. A copy was also sent out via email to LAG members, to some art organizations and to friends and posted to the Nextdoor Neighbor event.

John Cholod, LAG's untiring webmaster, has cast his magic spell again. The LAG website has been updated to include all information for the 52nd Open Juried Exhibition

for 2021. He has included a capability to apply and submit images online as well as an application that can be printed, filled in and submitted by mail.

Thus far, we received two online submissions.

### **On line exhibit** – by John Cholod

There is a new exhibit on display in our on line gallery: New Beginnings! Please take a look and add a work of your own, if you wish. Three other exhibits remain open: Rusty and Crusty, and Splash! Each member can post one image depicting their interpretation of the title at <https://www.laurelartguild.org/ZenXhibit/Online-Exhibit/>

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.

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/>

## **Other Activities**

You may remember that, in December, Ed Praybe's demo ran long, so that he didn't quite finish before we ran out of time, but he promised to send us an image of the completed painting. Here it is:



Where we stopped: "Squash unfinished"



Finished painting: "Squash"

For those who missed the demo, we'll replay it on Thursday, January 28, at 1:30 pm.

## Member News

**Natalie Fleming**, Life Member and former President (2000-04) of LAG has passed away. Natalie was an accomplished artist and well-known teacher with many titles and awards to her name. She retired to Missouri several years ago. We will miss Natalie and deeply appreciate the many contributions that she made to the Laurel Art Guild.

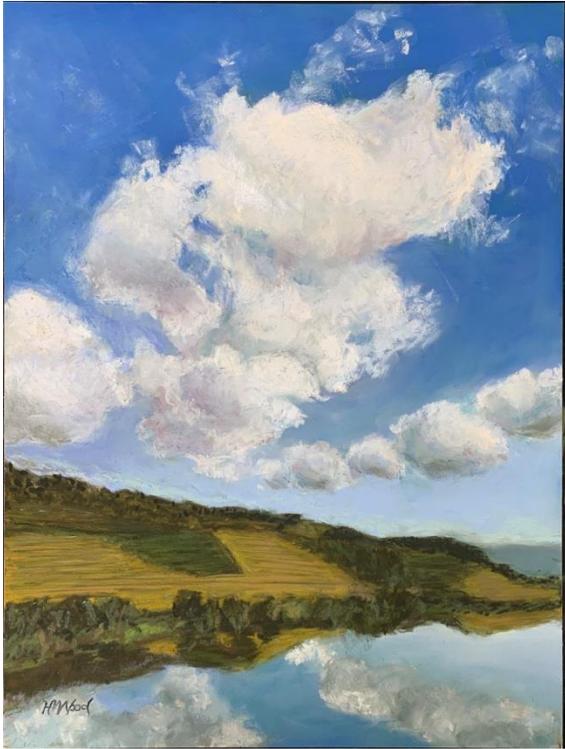
LAG welcomes new member **Keri Ann Fuller** of Laurel. She says: "I enjoy the freedom of expressional art by using rapid paint-handling, indistinct shapes, large rhythms, broken color, uneven saturation, and pronounced brushwork." We're grateful to Keri Ann for taking on the job of Liaison to the Laurel Arts Council. Here are some examples of her work:



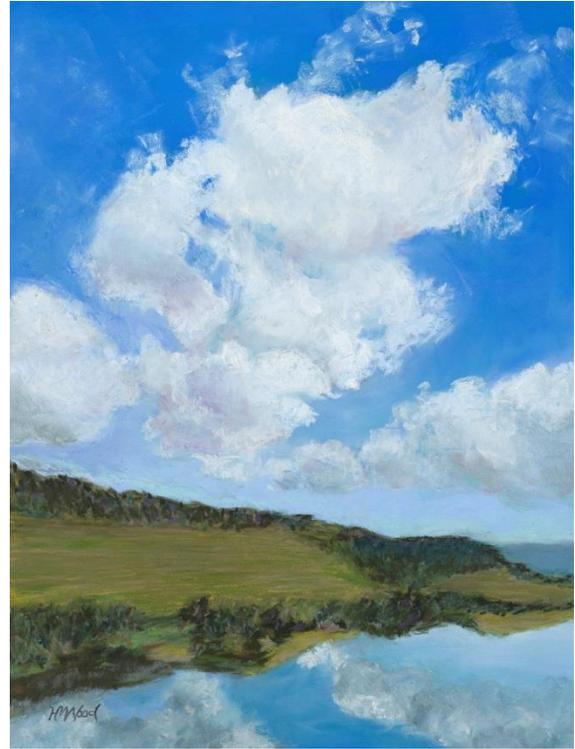
Keri Ann can be reached at [lucid@lucidartgallery.co](mailto:lucid@lucidartgallery.co), her art gallery, or at 433-910-4803.

## Before and After

Helen Wood reports that after incorporating Gonzalo Navarro's comments on "River Clouds" her painting was accepted into two juried shows.

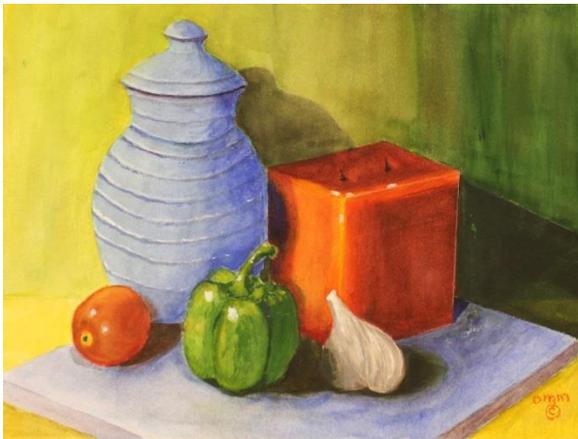


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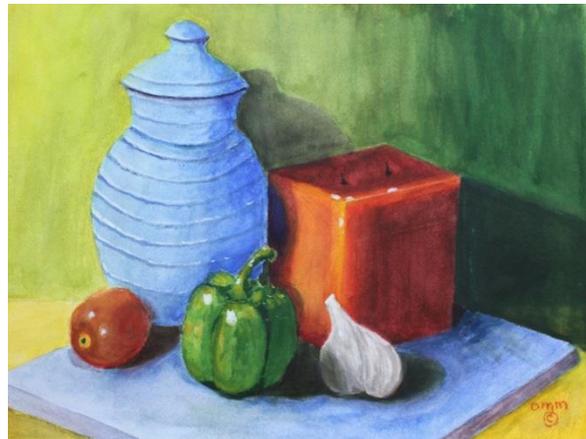


After

Ofelia Moore has incorporated Matt Klos's comments on her painting "Hodge Podge"



Before



After

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