

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



December 2021

President's Message

So far this year, preparations for the 53rd LAG Open have focused on management issues like designing the call for entries, making sure our website was set up to receive them, and publicizing the call. Now, we shift our focus to helping you get ready to submit your own entries. In December, Michael Koren will demonstrate how to photograph your work to show it off to its best advantage. In January, Matt Klos will critique 2 pieces of your artwork. We hope that you find both sessions useful.

Once again, we do not yet know whether we'll be meeting in person or via Zoom. As we approach December 13, please watch your email for updates.

LAG programs are free and open to everyone. If we're meeting via Zoom, just email me for the link to our next program at president@laurelartguild.org .

December Program

On **December 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm**, photographer **Michael Koren** will show us how to make photos of our paintings using the types of cameras that most of us have, including our smartphones.

Mr. Koren is a free-lance sports and event photographer in the Washington/Baltimore metro area who specializes in youth sports game-time action and team portraits. Prior to this he worked professionally shooting model portfolios, corporate portraits, product photography for catalogs, and client advertising campaigns.

Mr. Koren says "Images, photographs, snapshots, exposures, paintings, drawings, and sketches are all the same, they're pictures. Pictures are part of a visual language that transcends cultures, nationalities, race, religion and possibly species."

Mr. Koren's passion for photography is shared through his skill as a photography educator. He teaches classes at Montgomery College on a variety of photographic topics from mobile photography to street photography. He also teaches smartphone, street and action photography at Capital Photography Center and offers personal instruction. He has led numerous seminars and workshops for local camera clubs, Ritz

Camera, Calumet and the former Washington School of Photography with topics ranging from beginner photography to hands-on advanced level workshops and classes.

Currently Mr. Koren is Director of the Silver Spring Camera Club in Maryland and VP of the Maryland Photography Alliance. He also organizes two Meetup groups dedicated to photography. First, he leads the iPhone Photography Meetup Group on outings around the metro area and offers instruction on best techniques and the latest apps for the mobile camera. Second, the Photographers of the Washington/Baltimore Metro Area group creates a fun, supportive, light-hearted community of people who want to share their passion for photography through photo walks and informal gatherings.



Untitled



Swift Crossing

More of Michael's work can be seen at www.michaelkorenphotography.com .

Exhibits

International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature

Bethesda MD. November 21, 2021 through January 8, 2022.

The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C.'s 88th Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature will have over 700 miniature paintings and sculptures from around the world **including works by several LAG artists**. The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD.

Laurel Art Guild Annual Open Juried Exhibition (LAG Open)

The 53rd Annual LAG Open Juried Exhibition. April 2 through May 1, 2022.
Deadline for submission is February 25, 2022.

Watkins Nature Center

Upper Marlboro, MD. Mid-April through mid-June 2022.

Art work should have a wildlife/nature theme and be no larger than 18 x 24. More information will be sent closer to the show.

Sips at C Street

Laurel MD. May 2022.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center

Laurel MD. Probably in the summer months of 2022.

Brookside Gardens

Wheaton MD. From October 24 through December 5, 2022. Floral or nature scenes.

Plein Air

Brookside Gardens November 18

Carol: Thursday, November 18 was possibly our last paint-out of 2021. Four LAG artists gathered together at Brookside Gardens and proceeded to draw and paint from among the many beautiful iconic Brookside scenes. Pamela, Barbara, Carol, and Ofelia all enjoyed the bright blue skies and resonating colors of autumn. As always, we gained in experience and learned something new that will help with the next painting adventure.



Watercolor by Carol Leo (cropped)

Carol & Cropped Watercolor



Pam & Ofelia's Gear



Ofelia Sketching



Viewing The Results

Barbara: Wasn't it great that we chose today to go out. What a day! I played hooky from other obligations and I don't feel guilty. My painting was dull as usual, but I so enjoyed myself that I did not care. (Carol's note: Barbara's paintings are lovely.)

Ofelia: I had a wonderful and serene time.

Pam: It was a GLORIOUS day to be outdoors. I agree that just the experience of trying to paint or draw from life is useful and adds to your powers of observation and skills of

simplification. The scene was filled with eye candy and it was hard to be selective. I decided to focus on the shadows and reflections but I don't think my watercolor was successful with those aspects.



Ofelia's Graphite



Ofelia's Pastel



Pam's Watercolor

MANY THANKS to Carol Leo for setting up this event... let's hope for many more!

Before and After

Marsha Salsberg

I submitted a picture for the McBride critique. She gave me some good insight so I took her suggestions and worked on the painting. I think it is better now.



Before



After

Member News

2021 LAG Open Sales

Good news: two more artworks (photographs) were sold from our 2021 online exhibit:

"Ross Bridge" by Kevin Leonard for \$400.

"Along the Canal" by Cheryl MacLean for \$175.

Carol Leo

Carol sold "Serenity" at the Chesapeake Frame Shop's "Celebrating Maryland" WWCA exhibit this month. "Serenity" just happens to be a plein air painting completed in 2014 on an expedition with LAG members to paint scenes of a harbor in Annapolis. Carol says, "do not underestimate the significance of our plein air events!"

Leigh Marget

Let me start by saying thanks to the new Newsletter Editor, Pamela Bozzi, and to Board Member Diane Shipley for giving LAG members a shout out that a solo show was needed at the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center (LBSC).

LBSC was where I took great art classes from Willy, worked out in a first class fitness room and spent many happy hours visiting with fellow seniors. The staff was enthusiastic about my work and has been most kind and courteous. I am happy to write that my first solo show will be at LBSC November 22, 2021 through January 30, 2022.

LEIGH MARGET 'S REMEMBERING ALVIN AILEY
NOVEMBER 22, 2021 – JANUARY 30, 2022
LAUREL/BELTSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Here are 2 sneak peaks. I hope you can stop by and see the rest.

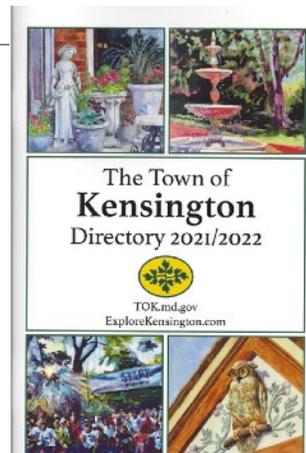


Sharon Sefton

Congratulations to Sharon who currently has an exhibit at the Montpelier Arts Center titled "What a Wonderful World." It runs through December 5, 2021.

Diane Shipley

Diane's painting of "Wise Old Owl" was chosen to be on the cover of the Kensington Phone Directory for 2021/2022. Her painting is on the bottom-right-hand corner of the cover shown here.



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2021 Creativity Award (Maryland State Arts Council)

2021 Fellowship Grant (Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council)

2019 Individual Artist Award for Painting (Maryland State Arts Council)

YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQ7FCNKJJzmDrBwvevg3RQ>

Video Tour of Solo Show 2021 Publick Playhouse Gallery <https://youtu.be/RuN9PyDON1Q>

[RuN9PyDON1Q](https://youtu.be/RuN9PyDON1Q)

Online Gallery: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfQ7FCNKJJzmDrBwvevg3RQ>

Call for Volunteers

Lydia Peters has resigned from the co-vice president post so we need someone one to replace her to help Ofelia with the LAG Open. The job entails:

1. Reviewing spreadsheets of entrants to ensure images are submitted properly and information on the images are correct (file name, size, price)
2. Emailing entrants of receipt of applications
3. Scheduling volunteers to help during the drop off and pick up.

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**PLEASE consider volunteering
for an open position: we need
your help!**

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