

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



January 2022

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope that it will be a peaceful and healthy year for each of you.

LAG was recently approached by the management of Morningside House, an assisted living and memory care facility here in Laurel. They are seeking donations of artwork to help freshen up their public spaces. Details are in the note that appears later in this newsletter. Diane Shipley is also working on a possible rotating exhibit in the large elevator lobby on the second floor. Again, more information is provided later in this newsletter.

Are you working on pieces to enter for LAG's 53rd Open Juried exhibit? Remember the deadline to enter is February 25, 2022. To help you fine tune your piece, you may want to take advantage of our next program when Matt Klos will critique your submitted artwork.

Finally, I want to let you know that it looks like we will continue to be meeting via Zoom for the next several months. While the Montpelier Arts Center has resumed some in-person activities, they are limiting capacity to 6 participants.

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.

January Program

On **January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm**, **Matt Klos** will critique member's artwork, via Zoom.

Each member may submit two pieces of work for his comments. Please submit your images to president@laurelartguild.org no later than 6 pm Sunday, January 3rd. Please also indicate which piece you want to have discussed first. Everyone's first piece will be discussed in the order received then, if we have time, we'll continue with the second pieces until we run out of time. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation.

Matt Klos is a Maryland artist and Associate Professor at Anne Arundel Community College where he is currently Coordinator of the Drawing and Painting Program. He was Chair of the Visual Arts & Humanities program from 2010 to 2013. Mr. Klos works mostly in oil in a realistic style. His work is exhibited widely across the country, including a number of solo exhibitions, as well as internationally in France and Korea. He is a

three-time winner of the Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award, received the Second Prize for oil painting in Utrecht's juried 60th Anniversary Competition, received a Best in Show from The Bethesda Painting Awards, and another Best in Show from the Cambridge Art Association's National Prize Show, among others.

Mr. Klos holds a BFA from the Columbus College of Art and Design in Ohio and an MFA from the University of Maryland, College Park.



Treasure Chest



Early Morning After the Snow

See more of Matt's work at www.mattklos.com.

Exhibits

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. Five artists have submitted applications so far and two images of their artworks.

We have signed up with the *Call for Artist.com* to advertise the LAG Open from December 14, 2021 until the closing of the Exhibit on May 1, 2022. Check out their website at www.callforartist.com to see our advertisement. Hopefully, more people will learn about the LAG Open from this advertisement and we will get more applications by the February 25 deadline.

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. Planned for May 2022 but due to new management this may change.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center

Laurel MD. July 18 through September 16, 2022.

Brookside Gardens

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

Morningside House

Laurel MD. Starting in February.

Morningside House, an assisted living and memory care facility, recently approached LAG seeking donations of artwork to help freshen up their public spaces. While the decor is traditional, all painting genres are welcome, with the exception of nudity.

At this writing, I do not know how many pieces they can use and, of course I don't know how many of you may want to donate a piece, so LAG will create a catalog of sorts from which Morningside may select paintings. Each member may submit one image for the catalog, which will list entries in the order received. Donated pieces should generally be no larger than about 3 feet high by 2 feet wide (there are not many spaces that could hold larger pieces). Donated pieces should also be in good physical shape – the same quality framing that you would use for one of LAG's exhibits.

Send an image of the piece you'd like to donate to st8900@verizon.net by January 8th, along with a note that you're offering to donate it. — Mary Ellen

Plein Air / Paint In

College Park MD January 13, 2022 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The weather outside is not conducive to a plein air session, but LAG member Barbara Bennett has graciously opened up her home for a paint-in.

Per Barbara: My living-dining area is roomy and bright (faces southwest-overlooking the rooftops). My 'play room' also has a studio easel and other painting aids and surfaces. I'll set up some still life objects or flowers. All hazardous waste (oil, turpentine, etc.) will have to be taken home with you. Address and special directions for the entrance will be sent closer to the date.

Please RSVP to Carol Leo at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org or 240-475-4219. The first seven people who respond can be accommodated.

Thank you! We are looking forward to it.

Member News

New Members

LAG welcomes new members **Katharine Brainerd** whose interests include watercolor and gouache, collage, bookmaking, embroidery on paper, and sketching. Katharine says she keeps a small sketchbook with her at all times. Katharine can be reached at katharinebrainerd@gmail.com and 240-601-8492. Two of her works shown here.



"Haunted House" watercolor



"Fruit Face" watercolor

We also welcome new members **Amy Brown** (imfullgrown@yahoo.com) and **Daniel Reyes** (dalejreyes@gmail.com) to the Laurel Arts Guild.

Carol Leo

Carol Leo has three works in "Celebrating Wildlife" an exhibit of paintings and photographs in the Bohrer Park Activity Center, Gaithersburg, MD. The exhibit will be up through January 30, 2022.

Leigh Marget

Let me start by saying thanks to Board Member, Diane Shipley. Her shout out that a solo show was needed at the Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center (LBSC) turned out to be an opportunity for me.

LBSC is my go to place. I am a member & go there 2 or 3 times a week to work out and visit with fellow seniors. The center's staff is used to hanging shows and had supplies and helpful hands to make set up easy.

Here are 3 pieces from “REMEMBERING ALVIN AILEY”. I hope you can stop by and see the rest.



Helen Wood

I am thrilled to have my painting “Under African Sky” awarded Third Place in Drawing, Pastels, and Hand-Pulled Prints by Juror Christine Lashley in the Rockville Art League's Juried Members' Winter Show. The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm and is located at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville, MD. The show runs through January 14. Virtual show:

https://www.artworkarchive.com/profile/rockville_art_league/exhibition/rockville-art-league-juried-members-winter-show-21-22

‘Under African Sky’ (12 X 16 in
Pastel)



Keri Ann Fuller

Here are some updates from the Laurel Arts Council:

- COMPLETED - We have posted the LAG 53rd juried exhibit on our Instagram.
- ACTIVE - We have selected a consultant to support our public arts committee. We are interested in installing a mural on Main Street in the upcoming years.
- ACTIVE -The Outreach and Publicity committee is working on: Artist Spotlights of any artist in Laurel (or greater Laurel). We are also pitching ideas for local exhibition.
- ON HOLD - Discussion about grants and funding for local high-school artists and donation of supplies.

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:

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

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for an open position: we need
your help!**

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