

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



May 2019

## President's Message

LAG's program year may be winding down, but we still seem to be going strong. At our last meeting, scholarships were awarded to two outstanding graduating seniors from the Laurel High Schools. Everyone present was impressed with the quality of their artwork.

Laurel Art Guild members had a very good showing at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase Art Show and Sale – please see the Member News section for details. Art has been delivered to the Himmelfarb Gallery at the Maryland University of Integrative Health and the exhibit is open.

Please save the following dates.

**April 27 (Saturday), 10am – 4pm:** Herb, Tea and the Arts Festival at Montpelier. LAG members can sell artwork and Steve Fleming will demo and will also teach. Even if you're not selling or volunteering with LAG, there are many other vendors with lots to see and do.

**May 2 (Thursday), 6 – 8 pm:** Himmelfarb Gallery Reception.

**June 8 at noon:** New Members Luncheon. This year's new members join the rest of us for lunch and show us some of their work. It's a great way to make them feel welcome.

## MAY Program

On **Monday, May 13, at 7pm, Sharon Hart Sefton** will show us her approach to creating an etching. Ms. Sefton is a professional artist residing in Laurel, Maryland. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in Fine Arts and a Master's degree from Notre Dame of Maryland University in Education. Sharon is an award-winning artist who has had her work accepted into over 75 juried art competitions. She has shared her love of art by teaching a variety of art classes including painting, drawing, calligraphy, photography and printmaking. She was a full-time art educator and Fine Arts Dept. Chair at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel for 11 years. Sharon's love of travel in the United States and abroad was nurtured while growing up in a military family and continues to enrich her life. She thrives on the beauty of Nature in all her forms. Her work is in many private art collections and she is currently

represented by Gallery 75 as a juried artist at the Art League in Alexandria, Virginia. Sharon is also a current member of the Laurel Art Guild (past president), and is a juried/signature member of Potomac Valley Watercolorists of Washington, DC; the Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, DC and the Baltimore Watercolor Society.



## Exhibits

I'd like to give a special shout-out to Ofelia Moore for coordinating the exhibit at **Ranazul** Restaurant in Maple Lawn. She did a tremendous job. We even had an amazing 4 sales. Congratulations to Ofelia (2), Carol Leo, and Ray Robinson on your sales. Thank you again, Ofelia!!!!

**April 8 – June 14** – “The Artist’s Journey” - Maryland University of Integrative Health, Himmelfarb Gallery, 7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, MD (near Fulton – west of 29. Use exit for Johns Hopkins Road west). There are six members of LAG represented in the exhibit. Please come to the reception on Thursday, May 2, 6:00-8:00 pm.

**August 12 - October 10** - Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center. More information will be provided closer to the time of the exhibit.

## Schedule for 2020

Brookside Gardens

Patuxent Wildlife Refuge

## On line exhibit – by John Cholod

There is a new exhibit on display in our on line gallery: Here Comes the Sun. Please take a look and add a work of your own, if you wish. Three other exhibits remain open: Vacations, Beginnings and Weather. Each member can post one image depicting their interpretation of the title.

You can also 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.

<http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php>

## Workshops

The Paint In on Saturday, April 16, proved to be an enjoyable and practical learning experience for the eight LAG members that participated. Our model, Bruce held a number of poses including one that lasted for the entire last two and a half hours of our three-hour session (with 10-minute breaks included).



## Scholarships



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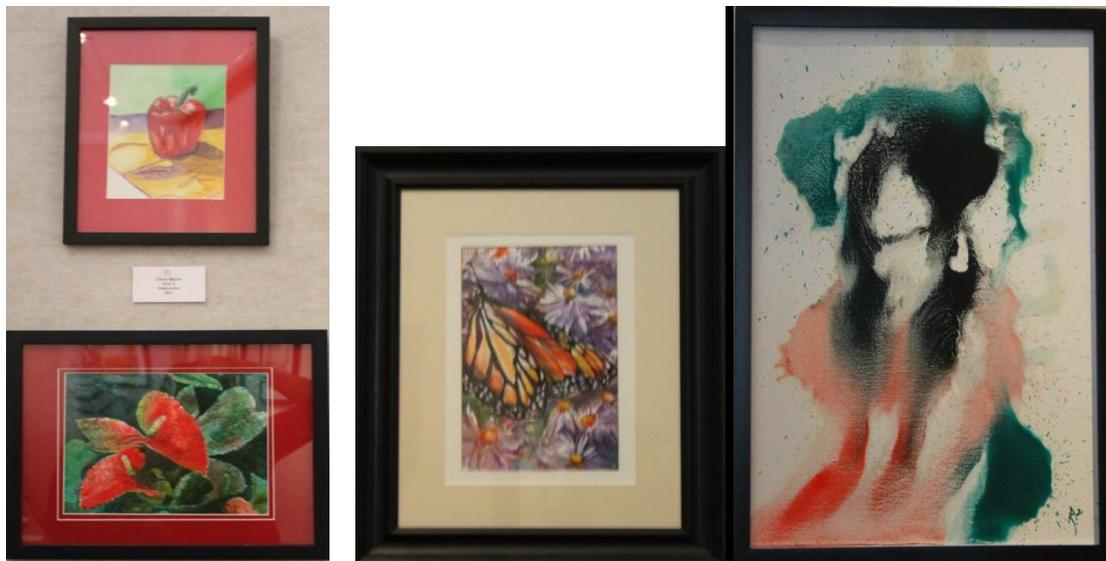
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## Member News

### Exhibit at Ranazul Galleria

Way to go Diane; the Ranazul restaurant was a lovely restaurant with a terrific gallery for local artists; and thanks Ofelia for helping with getting this exhibit all together.

The exhibit opened on March 3, and ended on March 31, 2019. Twenty-some visitors came to view the art works and mingle with the artists during reception night on March 10, 2019. Four paintings were sold that night: Solo 2 and Red Bloom by **Ofelia Moore**, Spanish Lady by **Raymond Robinson** and Amidst the Amethyst by **Carol Leo**. Ofelia hosted a dinner at the restaurant for 15 visitors from the Lunch Bunch Meet Up Group after the free reception. The visitors commented on how well the art works were displayed and praised how emotionally evocative the art works are.



**Deanna Williford** sold her painting of the restaurant, Petit Louis Bistro, to a lady who had her first date with her “husband-to-be” there! It will be their anniversary gift! Deanna had created this painting during Columbia’s first plein air event to celebrate the city’s 50th year anniversary. And as Deanna transitions to her new abode in Midlothian, VA, she’s happy to say she’s been juried into three art organizations nearby to Richmond, VA: Bon Air Artists Association, James River Art League, and the Tuckahoe Artists Association.

**Mary Ellen Simon** sold two paintings and her painting "Carcassonne at Dusk" was awarded first place in the Pastel category at The Women's Club of Chevy Chase April 4-7 Art Show and Sale.

**Catherine Nickle** sold a small plein air painting recently.

**Joanna Thompson** is one proud LAG member lately. Joanna sold her first painting last week. It had been in a couple shows last year, but did not sell. So, it was hanging in my husband’s shop

where someone saw it and asked if it was for sale. “I can’t tell you how excited I am to have sold my first painting.” (and, we think it is exciting too) The buyer also commissioned Joanna to paint another painting!

**Diane Shipley** will be having a solo show with approximately 25 paintings at La Galleria at Ranazul Restaurant, 8171 Maple Lawn Boulevard, Maple Lawn, MD. Please join her at her reception on Sunday, May 19, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

**Eve Secunda** recently started doing Acrylic Abstracts and had three pieces accepted into the Bowie City Hall Abstract Art exhibit. If you get a chance, take a look at some wonderful paintings located at 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716.



**Carol Leo** was surprised that a book she had illustrated for a friend way back in the 90s was published by the author Dawn Unger on Amazon. It is a children’s book called *Shadrach Remembers Coming Home* with a cute story about a kitten that is adopted. It has a biblical tie-in to the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

**Sally Davies** was awarded the 2019 Maryland State Arts Council, Individual Artist Award in Painting. A panel of out-of-state jurors reviewed the submissions of all applicants in this category and recommended her for this prestigious award based solely on the artistic excellence of her artwork. The IAA Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, June 8, 2019, as the concluding event of the first Maryland Arts Summit at University of Maryland Baltimore County.

**Sharon Sefton** received awards from the Women’s Club of Chevy Chase: the First Prize award in the printmaking/drawing division for her print, “Hare on a Summer’s Day,” and the First Prize award in the Miniature Artwork division for her painting, “Kenmare Cat,” and an Honorable Mention in the Watercolor division for her painting, “One Day in a Garden,” which also sold!

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