

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



June 2019

President's Message

As we near the end of LAG's program year, I'm pleased to report that we've had a good year. We held 10 interesting monthly programs, sponsored 5 Member Exhibits – with several sales, managed our 50th Open Juried Exhibit at Montpelier, held paint-out/ins, participated in the Annual Herb, Tea and the Arts expo on the Montpelier grounds, mounted a new and improved Member Gallery on LAG's website, and our Treasury is in very good shape.

At the last general meeting, the following slate of officers for 2019-2020 was elected:

President – Mary Ellen Simon
Co-Vice President – Melissa Price
Co-Vice President – Under consideration
Treasurer – Helen M. Wood
Secretary – Barbara Bennett

LAG's Board, which includes the officers and Committee Chairs, is already working to make next season just as interesting and helpful. Our program year kicks off September 9 with the traditional critique by a professional artist, then on October 8 Stuart Diekmeyer, MNCPPC will discuss how to create both an Artist's Bio and an Artist's Statement. Member Exhibits are already scheduled for the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center from August 10 through October 10, and in 2020, the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge and Brookside Gardens. While the Newsletter is on vacation, stay alert for emails announcing plein air painting opportunities or other events.

Change is also in the air on two fronts. First, LAG hopes to offer on-line dues payment in time for your membership renewal in mid-summer. Second, the cost of a printed and mailed newsletter will go up to \$10. While this is a necessary step, the higher fee still covers only about half the cost of producing the print version. The Board considered going to an entirely on-line newsletter, but decided to continue offering a print version as an accommodation to those who may have difficulty reading on-line material.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Peggy Benedict, our outgoing Secretary, and to Suzanne St. Onge, outgoing Program Chair, for all they have done for LAG this year. And, of course, to our continuing Board members and Committee Chairs, my deepest thanks for all your past contributions and willing future participation.

No June Meeting

Traditionally, the June meeting has been a Saturday luncheon to get to know our new members and their work. This year, it turns out that both new members are unable to attend – they will be at work or in class. Therefore the Board has decided it's best to find a way to celebrate our new members at another time.

Exhibits

April 8 – June 14 – “The Artist’s Journey” - Maryland University of Integrative Health, Himmelfarb Gallery, 7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, MD. Six members of LAG were represented in the exhibit. MUIH hosted a very nice reception on May 2. Hope you had a chance to see the exhibit.

August 10 – October 10 - Laurel/Beltsville Senior Activity Center – An Entry Form is below. The space is limited so once Diane Shipley receives the Entry Forms for 25 paintings, registration will have to close.

Schedule for 2020

Brookside Gardens – February 10 – March 9
Patuxent Wildlife Refuge – the month of May

Other Activities

Look for an email later this summer to join in a summer plein-air outing. Carol Leo will let you know when and where.

John Cholod – webmaster – On line exhibit

Three exhibits remain open: Vacations, Beginnings, Here Comes the Sun, 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.

Login Address:

<https://www.laurelartguild.org/ZenXhibit/admin>

Exhibit Address:

<https://www.laurelartguild.org/ZenXhibit/Online-Exhibit/>

A beautiful day for our Herb, Tea and the Arts Festival at Montpelier, with Steve Fleming demonstrating plein-air painting.



Member News

Congratulations go to Helen Hass, a founding member of the LAG and Montpelier Mansion, and Friends of Montpelier, where she is the President, on the occasion of her 97th birthday. She lives on Crestmont in Montpelier.

Carol Leo was juried into the 2019 Paint-It Ellicott City plein air event painting outside throughout the town of Ellicott City June 28-July1.

Sally Davies won Juror's Choice Award for her painting, "Inner Thoughts" at the Maryland Federation of Art Spring Exhibit at the Circle Gallery in Annapolis, Maryland. And her painting, "Spiral Swirl Staircase" was selected for publication in the magazine, Splash 21: Capturing Mood, which will be published in August.

Diane Shipley just completed a commissioned acrylic painting for a lady relocating to Delaware. She was also asked by the same person to paint a scene from the bedroom window in watercolor.

Mary Ellen Simon sold her painting "Sparrows Point in Mist" in LAG's Small Works Show at Montpelier.



Laurel/Beltsville Senior Activity Center “Expressions”

Exhibit Location: 7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD

Coordinator: Diane Shipley

Exhibit Dates: August 10 – October 10, 2019

Deadline to Enter: Thursday, August 1

Drop off: Friday, August 9 at 4:00 pm.

Reception: Monday, August 12, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Pick up: Friday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.

Specifications: Artwork should measure no more than 22 inches in width since this venue has limited space. 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 two (2) pieces per artist will be accepted in order until 25 paintings have been received. There is no commission charged.

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, injury, or theft, 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

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