

Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Carol's Column:

Dear LAG Members

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer season, and that your vacations and getaways were conducive to the production of artwork.

Our New Members' luncheon held in July this year was a big success. Please see attachment for a photo review of this event.

LAG has already planned a full year of programs for the benefit of our members, and we are planning to have our first members' meeting of this new term on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 PM. As usual, we will open our season with a critique, this time by longtime resident artist of Montpelier, Irene Sylvester. Please bring two of your works in any state of completion to the meeting, and Irene will give a thoughtful and informative overview of your piece and its possibilities. Please see a short write-up on Irene Sylvester below. Also note that we are planning to have this program in MAC, however, if a meeting location change needs to be made, the information will be sent out as far in advance as possible.

Before we get to our September opening, we have an opportunity to paint outdoors at the home of one of our longtime members, Nar Steel. Nar has once again made the offer to share her beautiful backyard and front yard venues with LAG artists. This paint-out is scheduled for Saturday, August 22 from 8:30 AM to 12 PM. Please respond to paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org if you are interested in attending or you may also call Nar at 301-434-2421 or email her at nars@erols.com. We hope to see you there. For those who are not aware, Nar's whole yard is one big garden, and it is replete with flowers, ponds, birdhouses, statues and paths.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new member on our board, Jonathan Shields, who will be taking over the position of Newsletter Editor. As Jon has already requested, please email your member news items to him no later than the 17th of each month so that they can be included in the next edition of the LAG newsletter.

In addition, Melissa Price, who is our vice president, will be assuming the duties of the LAG Open Juried Show Chair. Mary Ellen Gordon will take on the position of Workshops Registrar, although Mary Ellen will not be arranging the workshops. This year, we would like to offer opportunities to individual members to arrange workshops in collaboration with Mary Ellen and other members of the board. If you have an idea for a workshop, please submit it to Mary Ellen Gordon, who will in turn share it with the board. If you are interested in assuming the position of Workshop Coordinator of one or more workshops, please give this information to Mary Ellen Simon.

Mary Ellen Simon, our Treasurer has announced that it is time for annual dues. Please submit the form and dues statement to Mary Ellen Simon per her request.

Please see the newsletter on page for the latest Exhibits information. Diane Shipley is coordinating exhibits and all LAG members are encouraged to participate in the exhibits.

Critique by Irene Sylvester

We are happy to have Irene Sylvester return for our Member critique at our opening meeting on Monday, September 14. Ms. Sylvester teaches watercolor and collage in the Montpelier class program and is a resident artist at the arts center. She studied at New York University and the Art Student's League. In Washington, she has shown at The Sumner School Museum and The Arts Club. Her work can be found in the permanent collections of the Federal



Reserve Fund, the American Security Bank headquarters, the Brazilian Embassy and numerous private collections in the United States and abroad

The artist's inspiration for her watercolors and collages is an ongoing interest in the history of various cultures. This affinity for the history and look of other cultures is combined with the artist's love of color and texture in her experimental collages and fluid, yet detailed, watercolors.

Remember to bring two pieces of your work in any state of completion.

Member news:

We Welcome Two New Members

Laurel Art Guild welcomes **Barbara Mertens** of Bowie, MD. Barbara works in pastels and can be reached at Barb.Mertens@gmail, or 301-2298789. LAG also welcomes **Arpitha Parathasarathy** of Beltsville. Arpitha works in oil and scratchboard. She can be reached at arpitha@aarpithaexponent.com or 240-247-7871.

April Rimpo will be the featured artists at the MAA Gallery in Westfield Wheaton Mall (11160 Viers Mill Rd, Wheaton, MD) from October 6 through November 1. The opening reception is scheduled for October 11th from 1 – 5 PM. I'd love to see you there. April's painting "Making Tortillas" received the First Place Award at Artists' Gallery of Columbia's "Local Color" exhibit. It will be on display through August 28^t

Diane Shipley was accepted in two juried shows this summer. She had two paintings accepted into the More Than Java Café, Laurel, and one painting accepted into the Artists' Gallery of Columbia's annual juried show called "Local Color." Diane will also have art hanging and in bins at the MAA Labor Day Show in Kensington over Labor Day weekend.

Tom Kirby was accepted into the juried show "Arts at City Hall" exhibition by the *Art League in Alexandria* from July 17 – December 18, 2015. His two pieces there are titled: "Totems" and "Anthropocene".

Jon Shields was accepted in two juried shows this summer, as well. He had one piece in the "Farm to table show", that hung in the New Deal Café, in Greenbelt, and another in the More than Java Café' show, in Laurel. He also has had two more items selected to hang, at Java, for the new display that runs August 27 – November 28.

Exhibits:

Our summer exhibit at Laurel Regional Hospital was well received and greatly appreciated. A big "thank you" goes to Linda Williams for coordinating this show and a job well done.

FAST APPROACHING SURPRISE- we've been asked to exhibit at P.G. Sports and Learning Center, Lanham, MD, from September 1– November 19.

Following that, we will be at Brookside Gardens, February 22 – March 28, 2016. After three years of waiting, the date is no longer very far away. They accept floral and nature inspired paintings. We need A LOT of paintings!!!

June 2016 – WSSC, Laurel – We will have an exhibit at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission building during June.

The “More Than Java Café”, in Laurel has an exhibit currently on display until November 28. There will be another “call for artists” there for a show running November 28 – February 27, 2016. [stay tuned for details]

Latest Online Exhibit - by April M Rimp

The theme of the latest LAG Online Exhibit is Harmony. Any interpretation of that word is welcome. I decided to go with color harmony with the painting I posted. Musical harmony would be another option. Anything you feel is harmonious is perfect. An interesting site about color harmony is <http://www.tigercolor.com/color-lab/color-theory/color-harmonies.htm>

Enjoy! As always, you can post your own image to this exhibit (one per member) or you can send a jpg to me and I will post it for you. To login to the online gallery go to <http://laurelartguild.org/olexhibit/main.php> The username and password follows the algorithm described in the Online Exhibit instructions. If you have forgotten or lost your copy, I can send the instructions to you.

I look forward to seeing everyone’s images. The more the merrier, so if you have never provided an image, please consider doing so. I took down the oldest online exhibit, Orange Crescendo, but you can also provide images for the other three exhibits: “Black and White”, “Animals”, and “Florals”. You must use a separate login for each exhibit so the image ends up in the right exhibit.

If you send me images, please be sure to also provide the title, medium and size. Optionally you can also provide price, and contact information.

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership in the Laurel Art Guild.

Already, your Board has a full slate of monthly how-to programs and critiques, exhibits and painting sessions planned. Renewing promptly will ensure that you get all the latest news and are eligible to participate in all LAG's activities, including the August paint out and the next member exhibit in September.

The annual dues statement was emailed on August 8th. If, for some reason, you didn't receive it, please contact Membership@laurelartguild.org, or telephone Mary Ellen Simon at 301-776-6721 for another copy.

Special Advanced information regarding the next month's meeting:

October Program by April Rimp

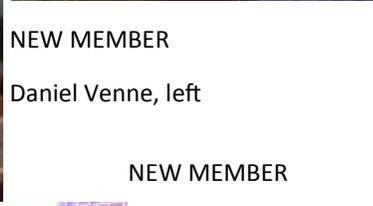
In October our speaker will be Kathryn Miller Goldman of Goldman & Minton, P.C. She will be speaking to us about Copyright law as it applies to artists. There has been new proposed legislation to change copyright law which will impact visual artist, if passed. In addition to filling us in on general practices, especially those who publish their artwork online, she should be able to provide an update on this legislation and its status. She has a report titled, the [Rip-Off Protection Report for Creative Professionals](http://www.charmcitylegal.com/digital-artists-rip-off-protection-report/), which you can obtain at <http://www.charmcitylegal.com/digital-artists-rip-off-protection-report/> . You will have to sign up for her weekly newsletter to obtain the report . Although I fully expected to unsubscribe shortly after getting the report I have found the newsletter quite interesting and useful and chose not to unsubscribe. Kathryn suggested that if those in attendance read the report it will allow her to “dig a little deeper on the issue.”

Laurel Art Guild New Members' Luncheon 2015

We had a wonderful New Members luncheon on Saturday, July 11, making history by having this annual event for the first time at a location outside of Montpelier. Held at a local restaurant, Mama Lucia's, all those in attendance enjoyed great fellowship and food and the experience of meeting three of our new members and viewing their artwork. We were intrigued and amazed by the artwork presented and the descriptions of process given by our three presenting artists, Brenda Wheeler, Jonathan Shields, and Daniel Venne. Below are a few scenes that capture the scene at Mama Lucia's. Thanks to all who participated in this event!



NEW MEMBER
Jonathan Shields, left



NEW MEMBER
Daniel Venne, left



NEW MEMBER
Brenda Wheeler, right

