

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



June 2022

## President's Message

This month we say a fond farewell to Ofelia Moore, who has moved to Florida. As Vice-President, Ofelia has been the mainstay of the LAG Open for the last three years. She has managed this with skill and creativity, all in the face of a pandemic. Her first year, Ofelia saved LAG several hundred dollars by transitioning us from the standard trifold brochure to the postcard format linked to our website for publicizing the Open. She then coped with the Montpelier Art Center's shutdown right after the opening reception by working with John Cholod to get the show put up on LAG's website. Her next year, she arranged for LAG Open publicity to be fully online, saving both LAG and Montpelier significant sums. She also worked with Montpelier to have the Open fully online at Montpelier's website, followed by an extended showing on LAG's website. There were sales in both venues! This last year Ofelia managed a physical exhibit once again, followed by the extended show now up on LAG's website.

Ofelia's ability to find truly amazing judges was a significant contribution to the success of each Open. Her cheerful, open personality smoothed the way as she managed her way through technical glitches and communications problems. Ofelia was also the originator of LAG's informal and occasional "fun meetings" that kept us in touch with one another through the pandemic.

Ofelia has assured us she will be returning to the Laurel area frequently and has promised to stay in touch. Ofelia, from the bottom of our hearts we say a very grateful thank you for giving us the pleasure of your creativity, hard work and friendship.

This is LAG's last newsletter for the program year, and the last to be edited by Pam Bozzi. We thank Pam for stepping up and taking charge when help was badly needed. She has soldiered on through too many typos, grammatical errors, formatting issues and late submissions to count and has somehow managed to produce a polished product on time each month. We thank her for her efforts. The newsletter will return in late August.

## Program

Please join us **Saturday, June 18, 2022 at the Olive Garden restaurant (14650 Baltimore Ave, Laurel, MD 20707)** for a luncheon to honor and meet LAG's new members. Because of the pandemic, we have all the new members from 2020-21 and

2021-22, all 14 of them, to honor and meet face-to-face. New members are LAG's guests at this luncheon. They are also invited to bring one or two pieces of their artwork to show.

Anita Carrington is coordinating this event. We need to let the Olive Garden know how many places to set so **please tell Anita if you're planning to attend no later than Thursday, June 16**. She can be reached at [anita.carrington@gmail.com](mailto:anita.carrington@gmail.com) or at 301-395-4234.

LAG's June program is the last for this program year, we will resume regular meetings in September.

## Exhibits

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### Report from Diane Shipley:

A "Small Works" show is being held at Montpelier Arts Center from April 23 – June 25. You will be able to see it in the hallway by the main entry.

Watkin's Nature Center, Upper Marlboro, exhibit opened April 12 and will be hanging through June 23. I hope you have a chance to see the exhibit and also take a look at the animals at the Nature Center or enjoy a walk on the trails throughout the park.

We hung our second exhibit at Morningside House of Laurel. It will be on display through June 4. Ongoing exhibits will be changed every 2 months.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center, Laurel – August 22 – September 16.

Brookside Gardens, Wheaton - October 24 – December 5. This is a very large show and we will need approximately 50 paintings of floral or nature scenes. Please start planning for this show. I will also need lots of help hanging.

2023:

I have applied for another show at Brookside Gardens.

I have applied for an exhibit at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

## Paint-Out at Brighton Dam Azalea Garden, April 28

The two LAG members who attended this plein air event were thrilled to see the bursts of bright color everywhere as the thousands and thousands of azalea bushes on the property displayed their peak blooms. Pam Bozzi and Carol Leo painted for three hours and overcame the unusual challenge of November-like weather in late April.

Be watching your email for the next plein air outing.

-Carol Leo

Hats, coats, mufflers, and gloves were required but it was BEAUTIFUL! Thanks Carol.

-Pam Bozzi



Carol



Pam

## Herbs, Teas, and the Arts Festival, April 30

Thanks to everyone who contributed in some way to LAG's involvement this year in the annual MAC Festival of Herbs, Teas, and the Arts. This was the first opening of this event after being closed for three years due to the pandemic.

The weather was perfect. The crowds were smaller and there were fewer vendors than previously, but as this annual event is just coming back to life, the response from those who were there was most inspiring. With our participation, LAG says thank you to MAC for use of the facilities throughout the year, and thank you for letting us engage in this annual community festivity.

Our LAG tent, in which we shared art materials and encouragement with visitors, was a source of delight and intense creativity. We witnessed a steady flow of artists and potential artists coming through all day long and designing all sorts of very creative and original pieces of art.

The photos following give some idea of the quality and diversity of the artistic endeavors.

Thanks to Keri Ann Fuller for helping to conduct inventory in preparation for the event.

Thanks to Teresa Ficoretta, who oversaw the tent throughout most of the day. Most of the photos on this page are courtesy of Teresa.

Thanks to MAC for providing us with two **additional** tents (a first for us) and four enthusiastic volunteers who did a fantastic job of helping get the setup in place. They also stayed and helped the visitors with their artwork and Mothers Day cards.



Thanks to Anita Carrington who showed up at the end of the day and helped with the enormous task of take-down.

Thanks to Jim, Eva's husband, who provided the know-how to get our difficult LAG tent disassembled and back in its case.

Thanks to our members, Eva Zang, Diane Shipley, Pam Bozzi, and Carol Leo, who came to display and share their artwork with the visitors, and to those who brought art supplies to sell. Everyone sold something and the LAG scholarship fund benefitted from a donation of a percentage of the art supply sales.

-Carol Leo

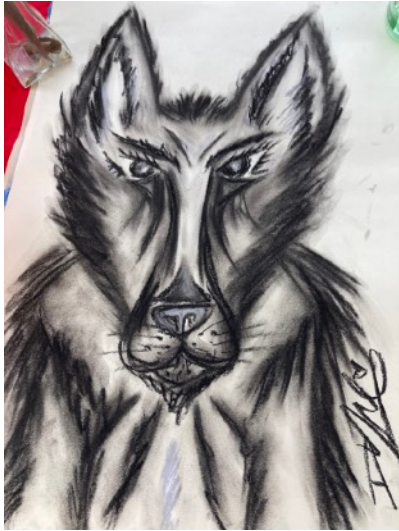






On Site Sketch by Pam Bozzi







## Member News

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### Mary Ellen Simon

On May 14, about 10 LAG members enjoyed a lovely tour with artist Sharon Wolpoff as she walked us through her solo exhibit "Wherever I Turn, I See Light" and talked about the life experiences some of the paintings represented. She was generous in answering all of our questions about techniques and subject matter and signed catalogs for each of us. It was a rare opportunity to gain insight into what simple, or sometimes profound, things can inspire an artist. Here are a few of us, in front of a few of her paintings. Sharon is in the center.



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### Carol Leo

Carol Leo has been in three vendor shows in the past month, Herbs, Teas, and Arts; Redbud Festival; Gaithersburg Spring Market and has sold five paintings and 166 cards.

Angie O'Neal



The City of Laurel Juneteenth Committee  
Presents a

## ***Juneteenth Ceremony on***

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

*Join the Celebration at*

*The Laurel Municipal*

*Center Council Chambers*

*Laurel Art Council Visual Art*

*Exhibit*

*8103 Sandy Spring Rd Laurel, MD  
20707*

*&*

*A caravan to the Laurel Lakes for  
a Tailgate style Celebration with*

*Music, Food Trucks, Poetry,  
Games, Guest Speakers, Voting*

*Registration and Vendors.*



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