

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



September 2021

President's Message

Welcome back to another year of LAG programs and activities. We've got some good stuff planned and we've got good news - we hope to be meeting in person again, beginning with September 13. However, we're hedging our bets and also preparing to use Zoom, if necessary.

While LAG programs have been on summer vacation, Carol Leo has provided us with several plein air opportunities. We also held one peer critique session via Zoom, which was a fun way to get to know one another, the work was interesting and the comments were helpful.

I thank Carol Leo for running this year's election of officers (on-line, again). See the election results elsewhere in this newsletter.

LAG programs are free and open to everyone. If we're meeting via Zoom, just email president@laurelartguild.org for the link to our next program.

September Program

On September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm, Abigail McBride will conduct a critique of members' artwork at the Montpelier Arts Center. This continues the long standing tradition of starting LAG's program year with a critique of member's artwork by a well-known local artist. Members are invited to bring 2 pieces of art for comment.

Abigail McBride is a well-known and respected artist and teacher based in Annapolis who exhibits widely throughout the United States and is represented by galleries in

several states. Her work is inspired by the Cape Cod school, focusing on light and color. Ms. McBride earned her BFA at Westmont College and did further study at the Cape Cod School of Art and Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. She is considered as one on Maryland's colorists, along with Lee Boynton, John Ebersberger and others.

Her work has been exhibited in several museums, including the CFD Museum in Cheyenne, WY, the Washington County Museum and the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau, WI, as well as in numerous galleries and juried exhibitions. She is represented by the Benfield Gallery in Severna Park, MD, the Berkley Gallery in Warrenton, VA, the Egeli Gallery in Provincetown, MA, the McBride Gallery in Annapolis, MD and the Station Gallery in Greenville, DE.

Ms. McBride teaches portraiture at the Chesapeake Fine Art Studio and at Anne Arundel Community College. She was the juror for LAG's 51st Juried Open Exhibit in 2020.



Sunshine



Jonas Green Park

More of Abigail McBride's work can be seen at her website, AbigailMcBride.com.

While we are hopeful of meeting in person, we will also prepare for the possibility that we may need to meet via Zoom. So please send a photo of the artwork you want critiqued to president@laurelartguild.com, so it can be put into a slideshow, if that becomes necessary.

Election Results

President – Mary Ellen Simon

Co- Vice Presidents – Ofelia Moore and Lydia Peters

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Exhibits

2021 - Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, Laurel – August 1- 31. This was a beautiful show and we had one sale.

Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center, Laurel – TENTATIVE – still waiting for a full opening of the center.

2022 - We will have exhibits in **Sips Coffee Shop** in Laurel and in **Brookside Gardens** in Wheaton. LAG has submitted an application for the **Watkins Nature Center** in Upper Marlboro but have not heard any results as of yet.

LAG's 53rd Annual Open Juried Exhibition will be held physically at the Montpelier Arts Center on April 2, 2022 to May 1, 2022. Please mark your calendar for the following dates: Call for entries deadline: February 25, 2022
Sunday, April 10, 2 - 4 pm Public Reception (Physical)
Tuesday, March 29, 12 to 4 pm Drop Off Date
Monday, May 2, 12 to 4 pm Pick Up Date

Member News

LAG welcomes new member **Thomas Hiers**. He can be reached at tch1689@gmail.com.

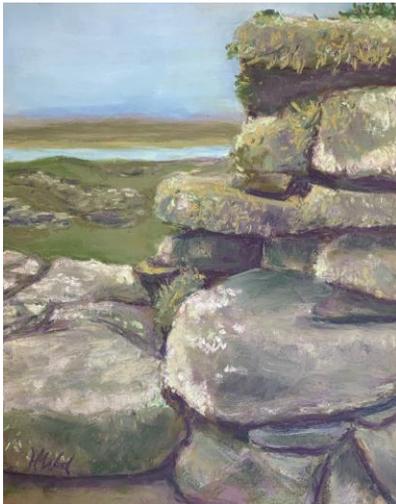
Congratulations to **Lydia Peters**. Her painting "The Fair Fight Queen" is on view through September 12 at the Phillips Gallery as part of the Phillips 100 Juried Invitational exhibit "Inside Outside, Upside Down"



"The Fair Fight Queen" Water mixable oil, broken glass, clear beads, rhinestones and resin on canvas.

Lydia says: "In my art I like to create different styles while telling a story. My work goes closely with the theme of this exhibition, Inside Out Upside Down. I chose Stacy Abrams because of her work ethic in advocating for the free and fair voting rights for the people in Georgia and around the country. In this composition, I chose a smiling Abrams to portray her personality, while adding broken glass to give a shining star appearance. The rhinestones helps to pull together a professional look while I added the clear beads for texture. Stacey Abrams in my/our shining star, hence the title: The Fair Fight Queen."

Two of **Helen Wood**'s pastel paintings were juried into the annual "Art at the Mill" show in Millwood, Virginia: "Rocks of Ages" and "River Clouds." The show attracts artists and buyers from more than a dozen states. Around 300 artists display more than 1,000 pieces of art of all descriptions and media. Art at the Mill runs: Saturday, October 2 through Sunday, October 17, 2021.



"Rocks of Ages"

Carol Leo will be participating in the annual MAA Paint the Town Labor Day show in Kensington, MD on Saturday September 4 through Monday September 6. She will have three paintings hanging and a variety of smaller paintings and cards in a bin and rack. Carol will also be participating with the WWCA in the Wheaton Arts Parade on Sunday September 19. She will have works and cards on display in the WWCA tent.

Diane Shipley sold two paintings using Cicada wings. She is working on a commissioned painting that will be 24" x 48" – huge compared to what she usually does. She just completed three miniature paintings for the Strathmore exhibit in December.



"Fluttering"



"Tumbleweeds"

Raymond Robinson's June Exhibit at SIP @ C Street Flats was a great success. He sold six paintings to include one of his depictions of Edgar Allen's Poe's poems and short stories. His June 11th reception was well attended to include a surprise visit by our Mayor of Laurel, the Honorable Craig Moe. Mayor Moe was very impressed with "Fire Dancers" as he was, at one time, a Firefighter. After the show ended, Rob decided to donate "Fire Dancers" to Mayor Moe as a gift. Arrangements were made and he delivered the painting in July. "Fire Dancers" is now on display in the Conference Room in Laurel's City Hall.



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