

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



June 2023

## President's Message

Today I saw a cardinal in its spring plumage – and they are only that bright scarlet color once a year, in spring. If it's spring, then summer can't be far behind. That means the LAG Newsletter will be on summer vacation after this issue. It will return in August, with all the news to bring you up to date on what's happened over the summer and to let you know what's coming up in September.

Even though it's vacation time, some LAG activities will continue. LAG's **Small Works** show at Montpelier Arts Center continues and the **Brookside Gardens** exhibit will begin in August, so keep an eye out for email updates from Diane Shipley. There may also be some plein air outings so watch your email for announcements from Carol Leo. Plus, we'll be holding an online election soon for next year's officers.

LAG's last meeting for this year is our traditional new members' luncheon. See below for all the details.

I wish you a relaxed, restful summer with lots of good art making opportunities.

## June Program

June is LAG's traditional new members meeting. On **Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 12:00 noon** we'll meet at the Olive Garden, 14650 Baltimore Ave, Laurel, MD 20707, right here in Laurel, for lunch. All members are invited to attend. Because we need to tell the restaurant how many places to set, you **MUST RSVP** to Marsha Salzberg, at [marshasalzberg@gmail.com](mailto:marshasalzberg@gmail.com) or 301-262-7867, by Thursday, June 8 if you plan to attend.

All new members (everyone who has joined LAG since July 1, 2022) are invited to be LAG's guest for lunch. You'll have the opportunity to meet and talk with each other as well as with

continuing members. New members **are invited to bring one or two pieces of your work** to share with us. I hope to see you all there.

The Olive Garden is located in the southwest corner of the intersection of Cherry Lane and Route 1 (Baltimore Ave). Entrance to the parking lot is in the rear of the restaurant. Heading west on Cherry Lane, cross Route 1 and turn left at the first light on to Laurel Place. Take the next left into the Olive Garden parking lot.

## Exhibits

**August 14 – September 18** – We are just a couple of months away and it is time to start planning for our exhibit at **Brookside Gardens** in Wheaton. We will be needing about 60 paintings related to nature, flowers, seascapes, landscapes, etc. The maximum width will be 36 inches. Watch for the Entry Form.

LAG has an ongoing exhibit at the **Montpelier Arts Center** lobby, the Small Works Show, which is changed every three months.

Our time at **The Morningside House** of Laurel has come to an end so we won't be hanging there anymore.

## Member News

**Pauline Clatterbuck** and **Mary Ellen Simon** each sold a painting in the Ranazul show.

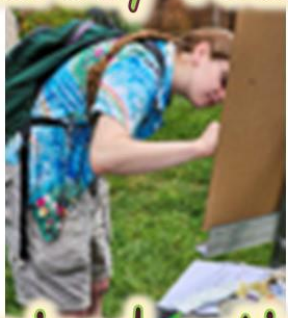
### **Marsha Salzburg**

I'm so happy that **Ellen Cort** and I have been selected for the newest Art Show in the Bowie City Hall gallery. Mine is a wood collage. The reception date has not been scheduled yet, but the show has been hung and the gallery is really nice.

### **Diane Osburn**

Diane will have five paintings in the upcoming "Art Around the Town" exhibit at the Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, MD. The exhibit is open June 7 - July 12th, reception July 15th from 6 - 8pm.

# LAG and Herbs, Teas, and the Arts 2023



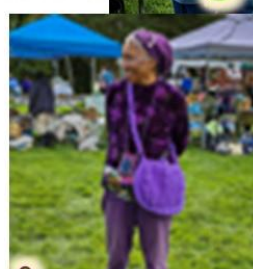
Inspired artists of all ages ...



Dedicated and helpful LAG volunteers ...



Happy visitors and great results!



Thanks to all who participated!

## First May Paint-Out 2023

Three LAG artists, Pam, Jill, and Carol participated in the early May Paint-Out at the beautiful [Brighton Dam Azalea Garden Park](#). Amazingly inspiring, this location is an annual favorite for LAG plein air artists, who attempt to coordinate with nature to capture the blooms at just the right time during the brief two-three week blooming period. This year, a rainstorm had intervened, leaving some of the bushes and trees slightly ragged, but the artists were able to use their imaginations to compensate for some of the missing blooms. Comments from Jill and Pam are below.



*Jill:*

*Visiting the Azalea Garden was a new treat for me. This is a lovely place to paint! Our meetup gave me the opportunity to learn about the plein air setups that you and Pam use and to try out my sketch board. Painting with you two made the morning very enjoyable and I'm looking forward to our next outing.*



*Pam:*

*Great time today Carol. My fingers did not QUITE go numb but it was TIME to stop. Thanks again for organizing this.*

*Editor's Note: The beautiful painting below by Pam has already sold! Congratulations!*



## LAG Open

The 54<sup>th</sup> annual LAG Open Juried Exhibition opened at Montpelier Arts Center on May 6, 2023. Forty-six pieces of art were hung by Beth Crisman, Director of Montpelier's gallery, and her staff, and the results were impressive. A wide range of mediums, subjects, and styles were represented, and the quality of the art was high. Our juror, Lindsay McCulloch, made remarks at the reception and explained she looked for something "surprising" in the art she selected for the exhibit. Ms. McCulloch then announced the prize winners.

Thirteen LAG members had art hung in the show. All members should start working on entries for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual LAG Open now!

The winners:



First prize: Isabelle Martire, *African Queen*, oil painting



Second prize: Margo Lehman, *Finding the Way*, felted wool



Third prize: Cynthia Rivarde, *Mandrake Mangrove*, oil painting



Honorable mention: Audrey Moog, *Walk to Clouds*, oil painting



Honorable mention: Gloria Tseng Fischer, *Coffee in Zimbabwe*, watercolor



Honorable mention: Linda Bernard, *Face with Blue Stripe*, fiber



Special mention: Efrain Montanez, *Caribbean Land Crabs*, oil painting

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