

# LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



October 2023

## President's Message

Happy Fall. The recent cool temperatures and faint hints of leaf color give me hope that Fall may actually be here. Plein air painting is always wonderful in the Fall and I know Carol Leo has some outings planned. If you're in a neighborhood where people decorate, you may find some paintable scenes just around the corner and, if painting people is your thing, Halloween costume parades also offer lots of source material. I'm looking forward to seeing your work in some of our upcoming exhibits.

John Cholod (webmaster) and Anita Carrington (VP & LAG Open chair) have been busy designing a new entry form for this year's LAG Open. By now Anita has sent you a test copy of the new form. I think you'll find the new form easy and quick to use – if you have any problems, then it's vital that we find out now. So, please take the time to fill out and submit a test entry so they can catch and fix any bugs before it's put into actual use.

Many thanks to Marcus Sylvester, who arranged last month's meeting. If you weren't there, you missed a great, fun time. Lindsay McCulloch discussed her artistic journey from realism through two-dimensional abstract painting to the three-dimensional wall-hung works she does today.

Another big thank you to Diane Shipley and Linda Botts Butler for arranging the exhibit at Brookside Gardens. There were lots of sales, thanks in part to the marketing efforts of Brookside's staff. This is the second successful exhibit LAG has had there, so I'm glad to know another has already been scheduled for 2025. Diane has been working with Brookside for several years to build this great partnership, so say please thanks next time you see her or Linda.

## October Program

LAG will meet on **Monday, October 9 at 7:00 pm** for an evening of sketching, drawing or painting from a live, lightly clothed model. Bring your own art supplies for a fun evening. Those who choose can show their work products at the end of the evening. Watch your email for more details.

## Exhibits

The Brookside Gardens exhibit in Wheaton was enjoyed by everyone and LAG did a record number of sales. A grand total of 20 pieces were sold (7 pieces from the gallery walls and 13 pieces from the bins). Congratulations to the following participants for selling one or more pieces of their work:

Linda Botts Butler  
John Cholod  
Pauline Clatterbuck  
Teresa Ficaretta  
Carol Leo  
Rebecca Rothery  
Diane Shipley  
Mary Ellen Simon

A new show was hung on September 16 in the **Montpelier Arts Center** lobby, the Small Works Show, which is changed every three months. Pauline Clatterbuck sold one of her paintings – Congratulations!

LAG's exhibits are finished for 2023 and we are working on 2024 which is approaching fast. Next year, we will continue our **Small Works at MAC** plus:

- January – Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center
- May – WSSC Visitor Center at Brighton Dam
- September – Kensington Library

## Plein Air Updates: September and October

On Saturday, September 30, we will meet at Piscataway Park <https://www.accokeek.org/visit> in Accokeek, MD at 9:00 AM to paint, draw, and photograph from the various venues. Contact Carol Leo at [paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org](mailto:paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org) if you are interested in participating.

In October we plan to visit Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, Date TBA.

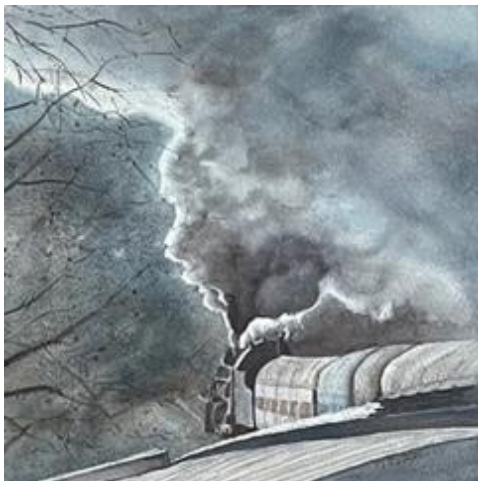
## Member News

LAG welcomes new members **Edna Knox-Davin, Douglas Bartos, and Elle Brande.**

We were surprised and delighted to briefly welcome back **John Shields**, former member and Past President, when he dropped into the September meeting. John was back in town for a visit with his parents and came by to see his old LAG friends.

### **Pam Bozzi**

My watercolor of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad steam engine was in the juried show at Glen Echo on Labor Day weekend and sold on the first day. My watercolor and ink painting of a hollow tree at Cash Lake received an honorable mention in the Labor Day weekend show at the Yellow Barn Studio. Following up on a sketch I did at the July LAG Plein Air event at Oxon Hill Farm, I painted one of the plump chickens in watercolor.



### **Carol Leo**

Carol Leo sold her plein air painting of a house to the homeowner during the annual MAA Paint the Town Labor Day show in Kensington, MD. Carol also sold other paintings, prints, and multiple cards from her bin.

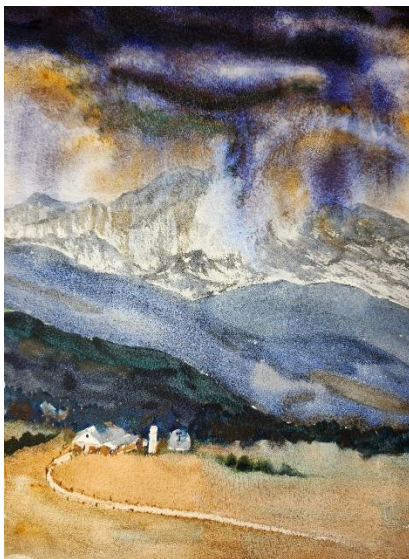


### **Diane Shipley**

Diane Shipley sold four paintings from her solo show at Watkins Park. If you haven't seen the video of the show, it can be found at <https://laurelartguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/DianeShipleyWildlifeExhibit2023.mp4> .

### **Rebecca Rothey**

Rebecca Rothey just learned that her painting Dolomite Storm was selected for including in the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's online "Stormy Skies" juried exhibition in Jul.



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