

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



November 2023

President's Message

LAG's activities continue apace. Last month's life drawing session was lots of fun with an experienced model who was able to strike compelling poses and sit still for a long time. Some of us drew while others painted. When we shared our results at the end of the session there was some very nice work on view. Plein air painting has been very active this year with October's session providing an opportunity to capture some Fall color. I hope to see some of the results at our next meeting, which will be a critique session. Behind the scenes, Anita Carrington and her team continue working on the LAG Open – I hear we're close to selecting a juror.

As we approach the end of daylight savings, maybe this is a good time for still life painting. I wish you another month of good painting and art making and a happy Thanksgiving.

LAG programs are free and open to everyone.

November Program

On November 13, 2023, from 7- 9pm, Ibrahim N. Harris will conduct a critique of members artwork. Each member in good standing is invited to bring no more than two pieces of art for Mr. Harris's comments and suggestions for improvement.

Ibrahim Harris is a Maryland artist and professor at Anne Arundel Community College. His art education began at the Schuler School in Baltimore, followed by a BS in Art + Design at Towson University and an MFA at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. His work has been shown in a variety of exhibits, including the LightSpace Gallery in Media, PA, the storage Space Gallery in Towson, MD, and the Creative Alliance in Baltimore.

Mr. Harris works primarily in oil. His process focuses on the meditative qualities of painting from direct observation. He says, "No matter what I paint – landscapes, still-lives, or the figure – I allow myself to be open and flexible to the stimulus of the physical works and I choose oil paint because of its therapeutic tactile property."



"Clean"

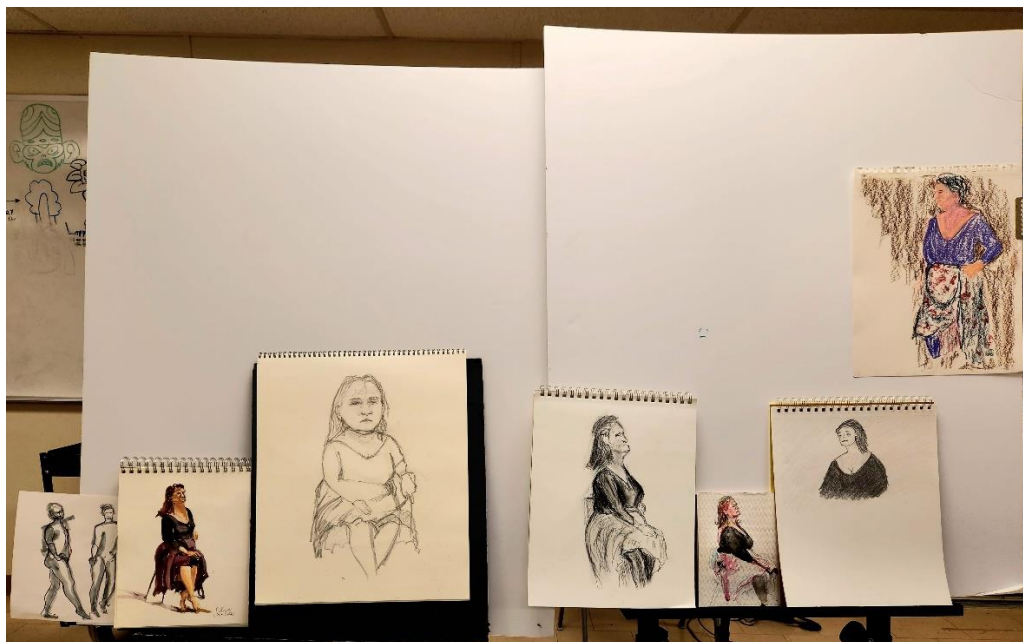


"Self Portrait 1"

More of Mr. Harris's work can be seen at inbrahimharris.com.

October Program Artwork

Nine LAG members enjoyed the life drawing session. Here are a few of the drawings and paintings made:



Exhibits

A new show was hung on September 16 in the Montpelier Arts Center lobby, the **Small Works Show**, which is changed every three months.

LAG's exhibits are finished for 2023 and we are working on 2024, which is approaching fast.

2024

January – Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center

May – WSSC Visitor Center at Brighton Dam

September – Kensington Library

Ongoing – Small Works at Montpelier Arts Center

Plein Air Updates: October



October Plein Air Summary

On Monday, October 23, seven LAG artists went forward to Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis, MD to take in the beautiful scenery at this stellar location and attempt to capture some of the beauty on paper and canvas. Thanks to Pam, Mary, Barbara, Linda, Jill, Doug, and Carol (all pictured) for participating. More samples of artwork will be shown on the [LAG plein page](#) once they are available. Everyone agreed that the beautiful, bright fall weather ranked at the top for perfect plein air days.



Stay tuned for our November paint-out event. If possible, we will have one more outdoor painting day before the massive takeover by Old Man Winter.



LAG Open

As we gear up for the LAG Open Juried Exhibition, we have an opportunity to elevate our guild and the event itself. With approximately 60 members on board, we each have the potential to create an extraordinary impact. Imagine the exhibition showcasing not just 60, but 180 submissions.

This is where we need your involvement and creative spirit. Your reach extends beyond the boundaries of our guild. Imagine if each of us would invite two fellow artists, encouraging them to enter the competition. Picture the artistic tapestry we could weave together.

The information about the contest will be disseminated to other community arts groups. However, nothing compares to the personal touch that comes from an invitation or recommendation from a friend.

An enticing aspect awaits the artists you recommend: if their work doesn't make it to the exhibition, they won't be charged a hanging fee. It's a risk-free opportunity for them to share their passion and craft with a wider audience, and potentially, a steppingstone towards greater recognition.

Let's unite in this mission to make the 55th LAG Open Juried Exhibition an exceptional event. Let's forge stronger connections within the artistic community. Together, we can achieve unprecedented participation and set a new standard for what our guild represents.

Thank you for stepping up and contributing to our goal for 2024.

Warm regards,
Anita Henley Carrington,
Vice-President, LAG

Member News

Rebecca Rothery had a watercolor juried into the Rhode Island Watercolor Society's *Falling into Winter* exhibition. She also had a mixed media work selected for inclusion in the Maryland Art Place's *Small Wonders* exhibition. The latter may be viewed at the Circle Gallery in Annapolis from November 29 – December 23.

Diane Shipley had three miniature paintings juried into the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C.'s 90th annual exhibit to be held at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. Exhibit dates are November 18 – January 13. Art can be viewed on-line at mpsgs.org at the end of October. She also had her miniature paintings juried into The Cider Painters of America show held in Pennsylvania. Exhibit dates are November 12 – December 29.

Laurel Arts Council News

Angie O'Neal: The Laurel Arts Council hosted a Sit & Paint at the Laurel Pride Day Festival October 14th. We also supported the Art Expo held at the Shelborn Senior citizen Building on October 21st.



2023-24

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