

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



January 2024

President's Message

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. LAG's coming year will offer lots of painting and exhibit opportunities, beginning right away this month. Read on and also watch your email so you don't miss out on anything.

I'm sorry to report that family circumstances have made it necessary for our treasurer, Amy Brown, to resign. We thank her for what she was able to do while she held the position.

If, like me, you're a 'late bloomer' who's still working on your pieces for the LAG Open, you'll be glad to know that our January meeting is a critique session where you can get a professional opinion on your pieces. I'm looking forward to seeing you and your paintings then.

December Program

LAG programs are free and open to everyone.

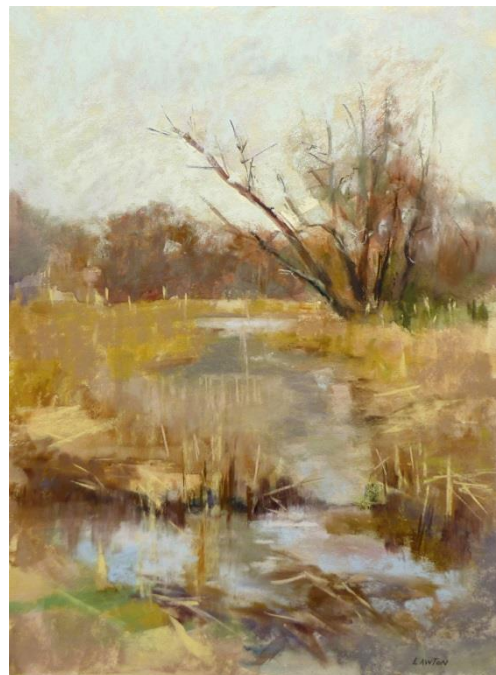
On Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 1:00-3:00 pm, David Lawton will conduct a critique of members' artwork. Each member in good standing is invited to bring no more than 2 pieces of art for David's comments and suggestions for improvement.

David Lawton is a nationally recognized Maryland artist and a highly regarded art instructor who has been painting for over thirty years. He is well known to long standing LAG members for the many demos and critiques he has done for us over the years. He currently focuses on oils and soft pastels, particularly enjoying the immediate gratification of pastels and the richness that can be achieved with oils. David believes that portraits, still life, and plein air painting each offer unique challenges which enhance his growth as an artist.

His work has been featured in several magazines such as the *American Artist*, *The Pastel Journal*, and *The Artist Magazine*. He is a past president of the Maryland Society of Portrait Painters and the Maryland Pastel Society. He is a member of several organizations such as the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association and The Pastel Society of America. He continues to exhibit his work in national competitions where he has received numerous awards.

David currently teaches both privately and for Anne Arundel Community College. His work is represented by the McBride Gallery in Annapolis, Maryland.

Here are two of his recent works:



More of David's work can be seen at davidlawtonfineart.com

Exhibits

January 15 – March 1 – Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center. Entry Forms have been sent and the deadline is Monday, January 8.

May – WSSC Visitor Center at Brighton Dam

September – Kensington Library

Ongoing - Small Works at MAC. There has been a slight change to our schedule so a couple of other groups can show their work on the walls in the entryway. We will resume our 3-month rotation schedule again in March or April. Stay tuned for details closer to the date.

Paint-Ins and Outs 2024

Our first live hands-on art session for the year will take place on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Sun's Garden and Landscaping Greenhouse located at 1025 Ashton Rd., Ashton, MD 20861. Rebecca Rothey has initiated this event. If you are interested in participating, contact Carol Leo paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org or 240-475-4219. We are looking forward to another exciting year of artistic discovery and growth as we paint from life.

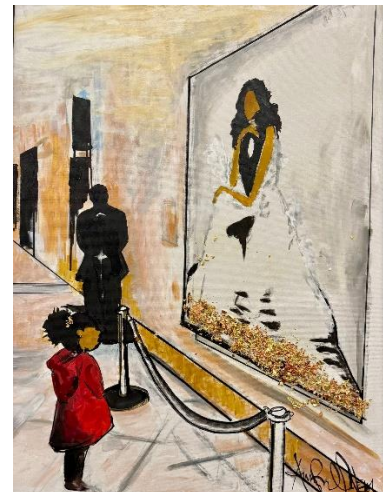
Member News

Congratulations to **Diana Doyle**, who has a solo show currently hanging at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center.

LAG welcomes new member **Sabrina Harvey**.

Carol Leo will have a work hanging with Montgomery Art Association in their "Paint the Joy of Life" Art Show from January 12-April 1, 2024 at the Benjamin Gaither Center, Gaithersburg, MD. She will also have two works in the Washington Watercolor Association exhibit "Serenity and Tranquility" at the Hera Hub DC from January 12-April 26, 2024.

Angie Oneil I also has nine pictures on display at Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, including:



LAG Open

Here's the link to enter the LAG Open: <https://laurelartguild.org/lag-open/> Enter soon!

Annual Holiday Party

On December 9th, the Laurel Art Guild (LAG) celebrated another successful year at the Olive on Main restaurant. Melodye Mitchell opened the celebration with an ice breaker for each member to create an Artist Trading Card (ATC) depicting an ornament or scene that best depicts aspects of their art or personality using acrylic pens. After dinner was served, we shared our ATC with the group. There were 14 members present this evening. We learned a lot about our artistic style and facets of our activities that were important to each other. Many thanks to the members who joined in the festivities this year. Having fun and building friendships over good food is the perfect way to end 2023 and lift off 2024!



2023-24

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