

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2024

President's Message

This Spring, I to encourage you to get more out of your Laurel Art Guild membership by participating in two of our scheduled activities.

First up: Our monthly meetings. As a reminder, LAG meets on the second Monday of most months at the Montpelier Arts Center at 7:00 pm. Last month, we heard some tips and tricks for selling our paintings online. This month, we'll hear how life events can become an integral part of an artist's body of work. Meetings feature a guest speaker who shares something about making, exhibiting, or selling art. I've picked up many ideas, and sometimes encouragement, from these meetings that have helped me make my next piece more interesting. Our meetings are also a place for camaraderie and sharing of art news with one another. It is well worth a few hours of your time to attend.

Second: LAG's exhibits. These are wonderful opportunities to share your artwork at locations in and near Laurel. Our exhibits are open only to LAG members and they're not competitive – no juror, no judge, just beauty and more camaraderie if you choose to help with drop off and/or hanging. And, if you want to sell your work, our exhibits offer that opportunity. So, I encourage you to participate.

If something keeps you from joining in, please tell me what it is in person or just drop a note to president@laurelartguild.org. If it's something we can fix, we'll certainly try to do so. (I do know that some of you don't drive after dark and I regret that we have no remedy for that.) If it's something else, please speak up!

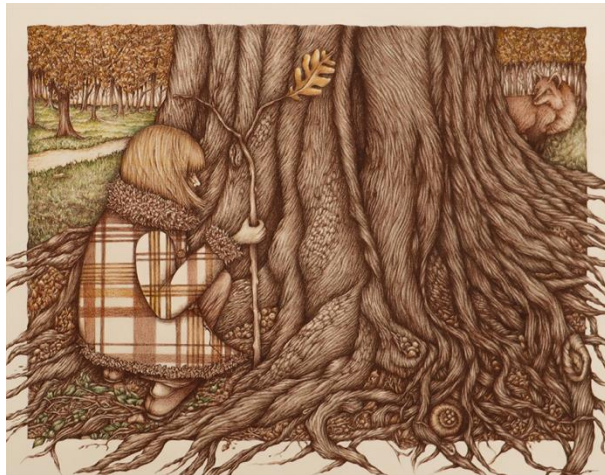
March Program

On **Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm**, **Carol Moore** will present *A Printmaker's Creative Journey* at the Montpelier Arts Center at 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708.

Ms. Moore has been exploring the fine art of printmaking since 2010. Join us as she explains various printmaking techniques through examples of her work and tales of her creative journey.

Ms. Moore earned her BA in Graphic Design from the University of Maryland, Baltimore and a Printmaking Certificate from Montgomery College, Rockville. In her early career she was an art director for two retail companies. After her return to the U.S. from time spent abroad with her family as full-time mother, she resumed her fine art career by painting murals in private homes. Then she found her true artistic passion when she turned to printmaking about fourteen years ago.

Much of Carol's work is rooted in the natural world. Her creative journey has been infused by her life experiences. She says: "I am a content driven artist and know the title before I begin my work on a plate." As a printmaker, she is concerned with mark making and the power of line. Finding that nature is not only the perfect resource for creative exploration but also an excellent teacher, she has been able to combine technical mastery with her love of the plant world to create engaging, detailed prints.



"The Kitchen Tree"



"Treasures from the Secret Garden"

Ms. Moore has exhibited widely, both nationally and regionally, and in many juried exhibitions. Several of her prints are in the permanent collection at the Bradbury Art Museum in Arkansas. Visit her [website](#) to see more of her work.

LAG programs are free and open to everyone.

Exhibits

June – WSSC Headquarters: We have had a change of plans for this show. We will still exhibit at WSSC Water, but at the main building in Laurel rather than at Brighton Dam in Brookeville. Brookeville is too far for most of us to travel and the display space is very limited. The show will run from around June 1 through sometime in August (exact dates to be announced soon.)

Ongoing – Small Works at MAC: We are pleased to be resuming our 3-month rotation schedule starting with drop off on April 20. Entry Forms have been sent and the deadline for entry is April 13.

September – Kensington Park Library: Details forthcoming.

LAG Open

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your wonderful submissions to the Laurel Art Guild 55th Open Juried Exhibition. A total of 134 artists shared remarkable works, with some opting to submit a single piece of art. The juror meticulously reviewed 254 images—an arduous task indeed. From this pool, she had the daunting responsibility of narrowing it down to 62 selections, comprising of 60 primary entries and two alternates. The level of competition was fierce, and I am pleased to note that my appeal for submissions surpassed our goal of 100 entries!

Regardless of whether your work is featured in the exhibition, I sincerely hope that you will grace us with your presence at the ceremony, to be held at Montpelier Arts Center. Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 1 – 3 pm. We warmly invite you to join us; meeting you in person would be a rare treat. Please know that your presence and participation mark you as a winner in my eyes!

Heartfelt congratulations to the LAG members who were selected for the show:

Morgan Barton
Anita Henley Carrington
Bruce I Campbell
Edna Knox-Davin
Teresa Ficatetta
Carol Leo
Efrain Montanez
Angela O’ Neal
Diane Shipley
Daniel Venne

For those eager to view the entire selection list, it is posted on the [LAG Open website](#).

LAG Open Volunteer Request

The 2:00-4:00 p.m. slot on Tuesday, April 16th is now packed tighter than a sardine can, thanks to all who’ve thrown their hats into the ring! We still need volunteers for 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hey fellas, it appears the ladies are leading the charge, but we could use a sprinkle of testosterone and a dash of muscle power, especially for the heavy lifting. Can we count on you? I’m asking for myself...Let’s not make a scene; I’m capable of both shameless begging and relentless pestering!

What	When	Time	Where
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Art Intake	Tuesday, April 16th	6-8 pm	Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Rd. Laurel, MD 20708
Art Installation	Wednesday, April 17th	TBD	Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Rd. Laurel, MD 20708

Member News

We're excited to share that our Vice-President, **Anita Henley Carrington**, is currently exhibiting her artwork at the esteemed Wellspring Manor and Spa in Upper Marlboro, MD for the upcoming year. Four of her cherished pieces are currently on display and available for purchase: "Deep Cover" "What's Done in the Dark" "Tensions and Red Flags" and "Tell Mama."

In addition to this wonderful opportunity, Carrington is pleased to announce that two of her works, "Consequences" (36" x 36" mixed media on canvas) and "Between Worlds" (36" x 48" mixed media on canvas), found new homes this month. Reflecting on this recent success, Carrington modestly shares, "It's truly humbling to witness my art connecting with others in such a profound manner. I am deeply thankful for the continued support as I navigate this artistic journey."

We invite you to take a moment to review the images of the recent pieces collected below, first, "Between Worlds" followed by "Consequences."

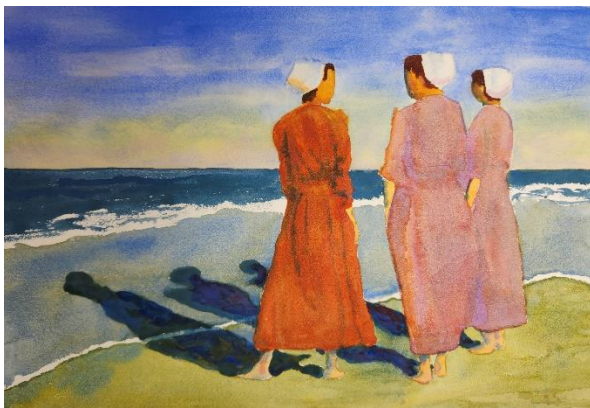


Teresa Ficaretta has a solo art exhibit from May 1-30, 2024 at the beachKraft Gallery in Olney, Maryland. The title of the exhibit is "Music and Muses" and features 31 works with musicians, figures, and cut paper collages. Teresa cordially invites all LAG members to join her for the opening reception on Sunday, May 12, 2024 from 2-4pm. The beachKraft Gallery is located at

18200 Georgia Avenue, Units O+N, Olney, Maryland 20832. The gallery is open 11am-8pm Tuesday through Sunday.



Rebecca Rothey's painting "Beach Conversation" was juried into the Museum of Fine Arts Washington County Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition.



Diane Shipley will be participating in the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase Annual Show and Sale from April 12-14.



March Paint-Out

On March 22, eight LAG artists converged on Sun's Garden and Landscaping Greenhouse for the second time this year, in order to experience painting from life and enjoy the ambience of the plant-life surroundings. Thanks to those who attended and helped to make this another inspiring and innovative artistic experience.



It was great to paint with Linda, Diane, Margaret, Rebecca M., Dee, Jill, and Doug.

D Doyle: *I wanted to thank you and all the other artists for sharing their time, art and originality! I thought I would have so much time but the time ran out. Looking forward to next time!!*

Margaret: *Thank you, Carol. I was happy to see all the wonderful paintings. They inspire me to get back to painting and to try to get some gardening done.*

Jill: *Thanks for organizing this, we really enjoyed spending time and painting with everyone.*



For the month of April, we will focus on Herbs, Teas, and the Arts rather than schedule an additional plein air event. In May, we will be painting outside the Kensington Park Library. This event will be on Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. Please contact me at paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org to register.



Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Teas, and Arts 2024

It is that time of the year to think about the annual Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Teas, and the Arts. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This festival includes booths of local arts and crafts vendors, plant sales, community information, performing arts, children's activities, and various other activities spread out on the grounds of Montpelier Arts Center. It is an enjoyable all-day venue for children and adults.

Laurel Art Guild participates each year by providing community art outreach in the form of a tent offering opportunities to the visitors to paint, draw, and experiment with various art media, as well as space for LAG members to display and sell their own paintings, prints, cards, and arts and crafts items (no charge or commission for LAG members). This is one way that we have of thanking MAC for use of its space for our meetings and events throughout the year. We also offer LAG members the opportunity to sell art equipment and supplies in good condition, while helping our scholarship fund with a minimum donation of 10 percent on sales of these items.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in being a part of this event. Student volunteers can earn community service points for helping.

Shifts are as follows:

Setup: 9:00-10:00 a.m.
First Shift at Visitor Tent: 10:00 AM-1:00 p.m.
Second Shift at Visitor Tent: 1:00 PM-4:00 p.m.
Takedown: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

*Ongoing all day: Member artwork display and sales

* Note that those who display artwork and have items for sale are responsible for bringing their own setup tables and equipment and for managing their own sales.



I am looking forward to another enjoyable event this year. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

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