

LAUREL ART GUILD NEWSLETTER



February 2025

President's Message

Hello, talented artists, friends, and members of the Laurel Art Guild!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday season with your families and loved ones. January has come and gone, and despite the freezing weather we continue to create and communicate through our visual art.

As the year progresses, new opportunities arise for artists to showcase their talents. Each year brings something new and different, and those with the gift of observation can capture these moments in their art. Your work will be admired by all who see it.

At the Laurel Art Guild, we are committed to renewing our artistic creativity with new members who want to keep artistic values alive in Laurel. I encourage you to join this initiative, which has supported artists for over 50 years and benefited many.

We're thrilled to announce some wonderful news for all our members! The Meeting House Gallery has accepted the Laurel Art Guild Organization to participate in the May exhibition, running from May 3 to July 26. To join in, please visit our website and fill out the participation form.

We also want to notify to all members, we are looking for individuals who want to develop ideas, share their talents, teach others, and be part of the Laurel Art Guild leadership as board members. If you are interested in being part of this remarkable project, or know someone who is, please contact us. We are currently seeking a treasurer, an activity chair, and communications helpers for social media and public relations. You don't need to be a professional, just willing to lend a hand with your talent. This could be the start of something bigger in your life.

For more information, please contact us at laurelartguild@laurelartguild.org.

Programs

LAG Programs are free and open to everyone.

On Saturday, February 8, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Montpelier Arts Center, sculptor Davide Prete will discuss his work and how he evolved from carving marble through working with metal to three-dimensional printing of his designs.

Davide Prete is a sculptor, architect, and art professor. He earned his BS in Architecture at the Università IUAV di Venezia, Venice, Italy and his MA and MFA in Sculpture at Fontbonne University, Saint Louis, Missouri, with subsequent studies in digital fabrication and additive manufacturing.

His work can be realistic or abstract, often with a sense of humor in his public commissions. Davide's pieces have been exhibited widely here in the US and internationally, including Italy, Canada, Germany, Finland and the Czech Republic. His work is held in private, corporate, and museum collections in the US and internationally. Some of his public commissions can be seen in D.C. and his work was featured in the PBS show Craft in America's "Forge" episode.

Davide is currently an Associate Professor of Art at the University of the District of Columbia and a lecturer at the Catholic University in D.C. He has held other academic positions at George Washington University, the Corcoran College of Art + Design, Montgomery College, and Prince George's Community College.

Here are two examples of his work:

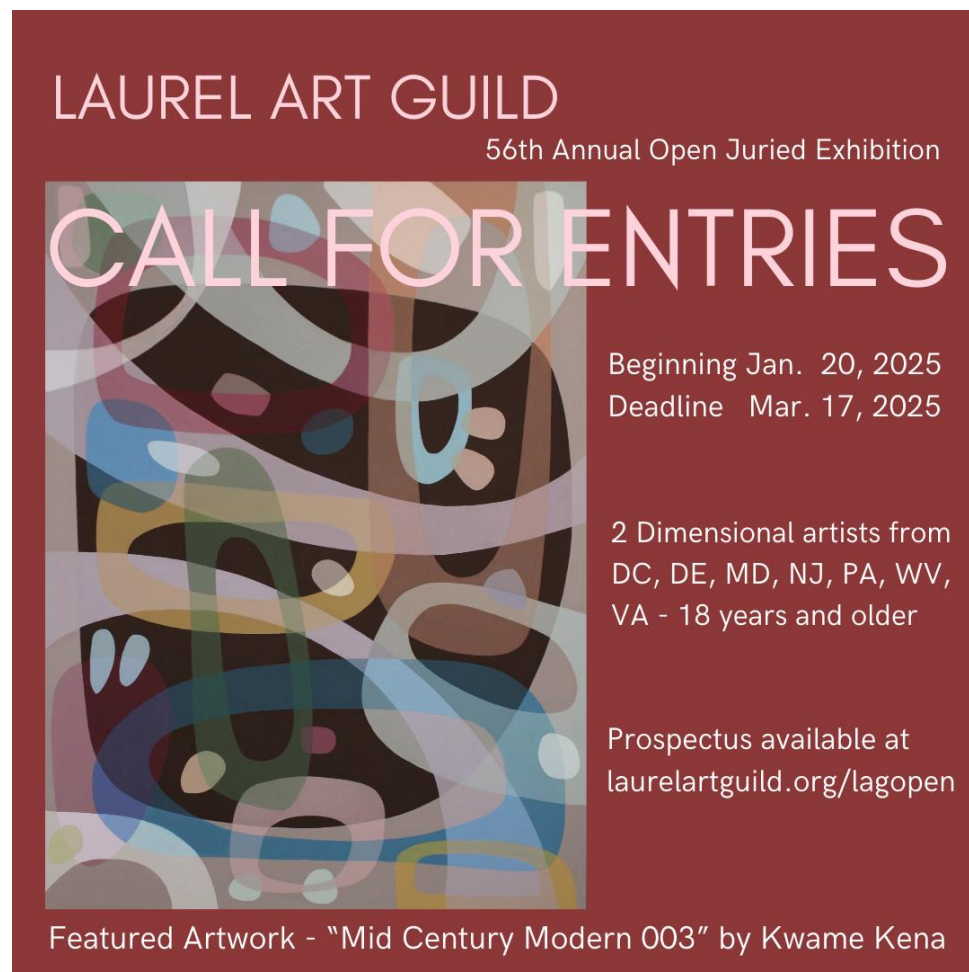


More can be seen at davideprete.com

LAG Open

Guess who's back... back again! Can you believe it's been a whole year already? Time sure flies faster than a caffeinated cheetah on roller skates! But here I am again, calling on all you fabulous artists to join the Laurel Art Guild Open Juried Exhibition. We're rolling out the red carpet for submissions from DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, and WV, from January 20 to March 17, 2025 – that's Inauguration Day to St. Patrick's Day, because why not tie art to holidays for easier memory, right?

Accepted works will get their moment in the spotlight on the LAG website's Open section, and come March 25, 2025, we'll be sending out personalized emails to announce the chosen artworks. Expect more cheerleading emails from us until you can't resist sending in your masterpiece. It's chilly out there, folks, which means it's prime time to let your creativity warm everyone's hearts. Please share!



LAUREL ART GUILD
56th Annual Open Juried Exhibition

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Beginning Jan. 20, 2025
Deadline Mar. 17, 2025

2 Dimensional artists from
DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, WV,
VA - 18 years and older

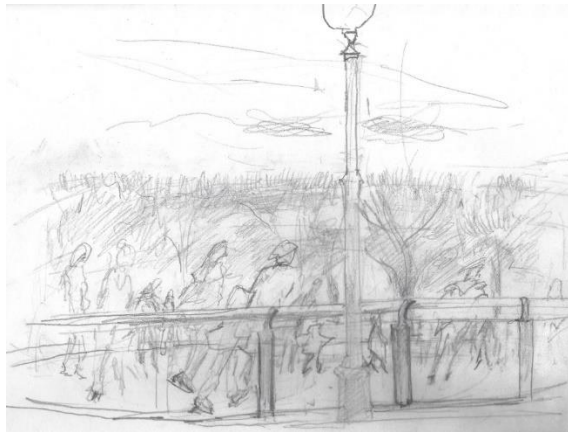
Prospectus available at
laurelartguild.org/lagopen

Featured Artwork - "Mid Century Modern 003" by Kwame Kena

LAG Winter Paint-In

Although the plan was to have a paint-in in January, the staff member responsible for space usage at MAC has been away during the month of January. We are now aiming for February, when she will be back in the office. Please be watching your email for the announcement!

Looking forward to more live painting in 2025! Hope to see you there.



Plein air sketch at National Ice Rink with MAA artists “Trees in the Snow”

Exhibits

Ongoing - Small Works at MAC. We hung a new show on January 18 and it will run through April 17.



Exhibits confirmed for 2025:

- Laurel/Beltsville Senior Center - March 22 through April 25
- The Meeting House Gallery, Columbia – May 3 – July 26
- John Hollingsworth Art Gallery at Patuxent Wildlife Center – the whole month of August
- Brookside Gardens – October 20 – December 1

Member News

Raymond "Rob" Robinson has an exhibit of his shadowbox work at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, here in Laurel.

Rebecca Rothery's photograph "Yes, The Were Having Fun" was selected for inclusion in the Cumberland Valley Artists 2025 Photography Exhibition.



Diane Shipley had a painting entitled "Autumn in the Mountains" juried into the Prince George's County's "Timeless" exhibit being held at The Lowe House of Delegates located at 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, Maryland from January 13 – April 7.



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VOLUNTEERING FOR OPEN
POSITIONS!**

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