



57th LAG Art Open Juried Exhibition

From
March 18th
to
June 30th
2026

**Reception May 3rd, 2026
from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**



April 2026

Montpelier Art Center
9652 Muirkirk Road
Laurel, MD 20708

A Morning of Discovery: Watercolor Innovation at Laurel Art Guild



On Saturday, March 7th, the creative halls of the Montpelier Arts Center came alive with inspiration as members and friends of the Laurel Art Guild gathered for a truly memorable artistic experience. The occasion marked a special opportunity to learn from internationally recognized watercolorist Alexandra Treadaway, whose distinctive techniques and global reputation have captivated audiences and artists alike.

Beginning at 10:00 AM, participants arrived with anticipation, eager to explore new creative possibilities. From the very start, Ms. Treadaway's presence set an engaging and energetic tone. Her presentation introduced artists to her innovative use of stencils in watercolor—a method that transforms traditional approaches into striking, layered compositions full of

texture and depth.

As the session unfolded, attendees quickly immersed themselves in the process. Guided by Ms. Treadaway's expertise, artists experimented with stencil techniques, producing artworks that reflected both newfound skills and personal expression. The room buzzed with concentration and excitement, as each participant discovered the versatility and visual impact of this unique approach.

The results were nothing short of inspiring. By the end of the session, tables were filled with vibrant pieces showcasing bold patterns and imaginative designs. Conversations flowed easily among participants, who shared their enthusiasm and reflected on the valuable

insights gained throughout the class.

Beyond the immediate success of the workshop, the event also sparked anticipation for what lies ahead. Discussions are already underway for a future collaboration between Ms. Treadaway and the Guild, promising another opportunity for artists to engage with her remarkable techniques and expand their creative horizons.

This enriching gathering not only strengthened the artistic community in Laurel but also reaffirmed the Guild's commitment to providing meaningful, high-quality learning experiences. For those in attendance, March 7th was more than just a workshop—it was a celebration of creativity, connection, and the endless possibilities of art.



We are looking for members like you to join the 2026–2027 Laurel Art Guild leadership team. Opportunities are available on the LAG Board, as Chairs, and within our Committees, Groups, and Resource teams. Your ideas, experience, and creativity can make a real difference.

Contact us to know about available chairs and positions

President's Salute

Dear members and friends of the Laurel Art Guild,

It is always a true pleasure to connect with you through this platform and share the inspiring work, events, and ideas that continue to grow within our artistic community. Today, I write to you with great excitement, as the time has arrived for our most anticipated celebration of the year.

The 57th edition of the Laurel Art Guild Art Open Juried Exhibition is upon us—a remarkable occasion where artists and art lovers come together to honor creativity in all its forms. This exhibition represents far more than a display of artwork; it is a living expression of technique, style, communication, and the timeless principles and elements of art, all brought together to create a meaningful cultural legacy for future generations.

This event offers an extraordinary opportunity for artists to showcase their work and let the world know that we are here—passionate creators dedicated to enriching our community through visual expression. Each piece exhibited stands as a testament to the talent, vision, and commitment that define our Guild.

At its heart, the Laurel Art Guild remains a welcoming organization—created by artists, for artists. Our mission is rooted in supporting local creatives who often navigate a competitive world where individuality can be overlooked. Here, every artist matters. Here, your voice is seen, your work is valued, and your presence strengthens a vibrant and supportive community.

I warmly encourage you to become an active part of this movement. Your ideas, your leadership, and your creative spirit are essential to shaping the future of our Guild. Together, we can continue building a space where art thrives and where every member has the opportunity to grow and contribute.

As you attend the 57th Art Open Juried Exhibition, come prepared not only to share your art, but also to connect—to network, to support one another, to exchange ideas, and to build lasting friendships. It would be my honor to personally welcome you, extend my hand, and work alongside you in making Laurel a true city of the arts.

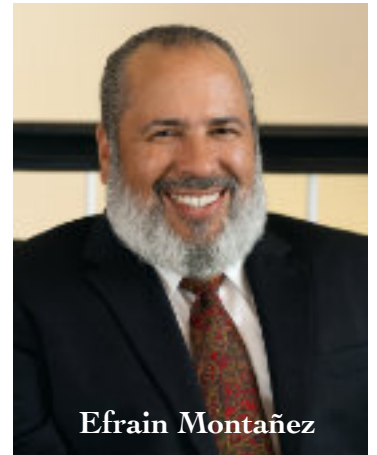
I look forward to seeing you there.

With appreciation and inspiration,



Efrain Montañez

President, Laurel Art Guild



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CALL FOR ARTISTS



CELEBRATING LAUREL'S YEAR OF THE HORSE City of Laurel, Maryland Submission Deadline: April 8, 2026

Overview: The Preakness Stakes is coming to Laurel! On May 16, 2026, this historic race – the second jewel in the national Triple Crown of horse racing – will be held for the first time at Laurel Park in Laurel, Maryland. Inspired by the Preakness Stakes, the City of Laurel Arts Council invites local artists to submit artwork that celebrates the grace and beauty of horses in motion and the excitement of thoroughbred racing. This contest is funded by the City of Laurel.

The competition will be held online. Selected artworks will be reproduced for public display in and around Laurel, both during and leading up to the Preakness. These artworks and artists will be promoted through City of Laurel social media and featured in a dedicated digital gallery. Artists will

be honored and awards presented at a City of Laurel event preceding the Preakness.

In addition, top-place winners will receive prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$75 for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively.

Deadline: Wednesday, 04/08/2026

Eligibility: This call is open to all artists, graphic designers, and illustrators who live within the State of Maryland and who are 18 years or older. Preference is for those living in or near the City of Laurel in Prince George's County. Submitted designs must be original artwork and can be created in any medium, so long as they can be represented in, and is submitted as, a high-resolution digital image without loss of quality (see

Image Specs, below).

Juried Selection Process: A jury panel will review all proposals. Panelists will include members of the Laurel Arts Council as well as the Laurel Art Guild, along with business owners and community representatives.

Selection Criteria: The panel will use the following criteria:

- Artistic merit and graphic strength of the work.
- Relevance to elements of horse(s) in motion or horse racing (such as dynamics, grace, vibrancy, tension)
- Ability of the design to be translated in larger format (max 18"x24") for display on windows and posters.



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Submission Requirements:

1. Artists may submit only one (1) design for consideration.
2. Submitted designs must showcase original artwork and graphic design.
3. The art may be a new original piece or an existing work of the artist and may not be on display in other public art programs.
4. **Art produced using artificial intelligence (AI) will not be accepted.**

Image Specs:

Original artwork can be created in any medium, but designs must be submitted as a high-quality image file in JPG, PNG, SVG or PDF file. Other image file formats may be acceptable, but please check with us first. To avoid pixelation, raster formats (including JPG and PNG, and some PDFs) must be at least 72 dpi when enlarged to 18" x 24". (Note: scaling is linear, so an image which is

scaled to 9" x 12" must be at least 144 dpi in order to be 72 dpi when enlarged to 18" x 24".) Purely vector-based formats, such as SVG and some PDFs will enlarge without pixelation.

Submission:

Please use the Laurel Arts Council submittal form [Year of Horse Submission](#) to upload the following information:

1. Artist name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, and website (if any).
2. Brief bio or résumé.
3. Statement of the concept and approach behind the artwork.
3. Image file, using the artist's last name as the name of the image.
4. Title and original medium of artwork.

Usage Rights: Submission constitutes permission by the artist for the artwork to be used by the Laurel Arts Council and the Laurel Art Guild

for display before and during the Preakness celebrations, and for art-related promotional purposes in the future.

Notification: Artists will be notified by April 13, 2026, whether their work has been accepted for display and whether it has been awarded a prize.

Questions: Please send any questions to the Laurel Arts Council laurelartscouncil@gmail.com

NOTE: This Call for Artists is independently organized by the City of Laurel Arts Council with support from the Laurel Art Guild. It is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or connected to the Preakness organization or any of its sponsors or partners.



Join Carol Leo—one of Laurel Art Guild's most experienced artists for an inspiring, hands on sensory art experience you won't want to miss!

Check the 2026 Plein Air events for LAG's members paintoutdoors@laurelartguild.org or www.laurelartguild.org

Delia Mychajluk

Artist



This is a picture of the sculpture that will be at the art barn. The armature includes aluminum pans from takeout food, it is covered with wood chips from some of my wood carvings and steel wool; the face and hands are polymer clay, and the bottom of the sculpture is part of an old table. Acrylic paint is used.

I took classes at night in art, while I was a nurse at university of Maryland and in 1983 portfolioed into the Corcoran and finish the fine arts degree from there. Along with raising children and working as a nurse I have been making art pretty consistently since the 80s. I paint with oil and acrylics and also do some mixed media sculpture and some wood carving. I retired from nursing in 2016 and I now have a studio space in Riverdale Maryland with nine other artists.



Eunice Berríos

 Artist

It's something I learned as a child. It's a mosaic. I made free pencil movements to create the frame, and then I used complementary colors to fill each space, almost imitating stained glass. Between the colors, I used gold to highlight the lines and stylize it, and in the end I went over the black again, carefully rounding the connections to give it delicacy and detail.

It is really free art—an art meant to practice mindfulness, as a form of meditation.

As we approach the beginning of a new program year, you'll want to make sure your membership is current to ensure that you don't miss out on any of the upcoming activities.

Please go to <https://laurelartguild.org/join-contact-us/> and click the "Pay Now" button to renew your membership. We'd also appreciate if you would take a moment to fill out the member interest form by clicking the link just above the Pay Now button.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**





Hello again to our wonderful community of creatives and friends of Laurel Art Guild,

As many of you know, our Annual Open Juried Exhibition is quickly approaching. The team coordinating this event is working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that the talent and dedication of our members are beautifully represented in every detail of the exhibition.

To help make this possible, we are currently looking for

volunteers who would be willing to assist the board members overseeing the event with the artwork drop-off and pick-up process. This support involves approximately four hours on the drop-off day and four hours on the artwork pick-up day.

Your help would make a meaningful difference in the smooth organization of this important event. If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. Your time, enthusiasm, and commitment to our artistic community would be truly appreciated.



The Laurel Art Guild is a nonprofit organization for people interested in the advancement of the fine arts. Membership consists of professional and amateur artists expressing themselves through a wide variety of media. The Guild strives to promote public appreciation for the support of its endeavors through community involvement. The Guild makes scholarship donations to students that are continuing their studies in Fine Arts. Founded in 1967, the Laurel Art Guild is located on the grounds of the historic Montpelier Mansion in Laurel, Maryland.

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the visual arts. The monthly meetings provide educational presentations to further develop artistic skills and interests. Meetings and workshops are held throughout the year in addition to art shows and other events.

For more information on the Laurel Art Guild, visit the website at www.laurelartguild.org or our social media.

