



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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June 2007

Message From Mary

Thank you, Mary Ellen, for the outstanding two years of leadership you have given the Laurel Art Guild. Thank you, also, other officers and members who have unhesitatingly provided your precious time, service, dedication, and sound advice and ideas to keep the Guild strong and very active. My goal for the next year is to continue this direction by providing interesting programs, affordable workshops, rewarding exhibit opportunities, and learning opportunities such as organized paint-outs and group critiques. In other words, I want LAG to remain a true guild—an organization that advances the skill, work, and monetary reward for our members. To accomplish such an ambitious goal requires (yes, you guessed it!) your enthusiasm and help. Please volunteer generously to help with the programs and activities that most interest and benefit you.

Meanwhile, I look forward to a big turnout at the June potluck dinner on June 11 at **6:30**. We will all enjoy meeting the guests of honor, our newest members, and viewing some of their artwork. *Mary Flanigen*

Potluck Dinner Honoring New Members June 11, 2007, *6:30 pm at the Carriage House

LAG will honor all new members at the annual June potluck dinner and membership meeting. New members (anyone who joined LAG after the June 2006 potluck dinner) are not expected to bring food; instead, they should each bring up to three examples of their own artwork to show to the group. All other members are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad/vegetable, main dish, or dessert. ***Please bring enough to feed you, your guest/s, and five other people.*** Also, we need one person to provide bread (rolls or French bread etc.) and another to bring soft drinks.

Feel free to bring guests to share food, fun, and great conversation. As you are probably aware, LAG members are either good cooks or patronize the best delis! There will be no business meeting. Our new members will provide the evening's program. They will show us some of their art and chat a little about their work, what led them to become artists, and anything else they want to share. Our new members are: Cameron Boyd, Lamuelle Burge, Cathy Harville, Katherine Holzer, Ray Tully and Bonnie Zuckerman.

You can register to attend the potluck by calling Mary Flanigen on **301-345-7737** or sending her an email at **mkinf@earthlink.net**. She will keep you informed about the dishes members promise to bring. So far one member is bringing a main dish and two members are bringing salads.

Third Laurel Regional Hospital (LRH) Exhibit, July 2 – Oct 1 2007

Although it seems we just finished hanging the 2nd exhibit in early April, with summer vacations, no meetings, and no newsletters, it seems this is the best opportunity to begin to remind members about the coming 3rd exhibit. I'd especially like to encourage those who have not hung their art in previous LRH exhibits. So mark your calendars.

The **next date for hanging** an exhibit at the Laurel Regional Hospital (LRH) will be **Monday, July 2, 2007, from 9 AM till 11 AM**. Artwork that is currently hanging at LRH must be picked up at this time. If you cannot pick up your art at the designated time, please arrange for someone to do so for you. Artwork should be dropped off/picked up between 9 and 11 AM, July 2nd, at the Laurel Regional Hospital. Again we should have a conference room in which to pick up or drop off your artwork and that information will be made available as we approach July 2.

For those who work or who absolutely cannot drop off at LRH on Monday, Tom Kirby will be at the Montpelier parking lot between the hours of 2 - 5 PM on Sunday, 1 July 2007 to collect art. Tom will be in either a blue Toyota T-100 pickup with a blue cap or a silver-gray Toyota Prius. If you intend to use this service, let Tom Kirby know in advance so that he doesn't sit there if no one is coming. Email 'tbkirby@comcast.net', or phone 301-262-6641, if these or other special arrangements need to be made. **Please securely and protectively wrap your art and place it in a black garbage bag or cardboard box with your name and titles of the art on the outside of the bag/box if you drop it off for me to deliver.** Although I am very careful of your art, any transportation can cause damage.

A reminder: 20% of sales are to be given to LAG for the scholarship program.

Please fill-in the Exhibit Agreement provided (below) for delivery to Tom Kirby on or before June 22, 2007. As before, **all art must be identified with the Exhibit Agreement by 22 June** so that I can put together a complete list for the Hospital staff and that they have time to prepare the art tags prior to hanging. There are no late entries, no drive-by drop-offs on the hanging day. I really appreciate your cooperation and encourage everyone to not wait until the last minute. Mail completed agreement to Tom Kirby at 13112 Oval Lane, Bowie, MD 20715. As Ben Franklin said, it's the early bird that gets to hang.

Laurel Art Guild

Laurel Regional Hospital Gallery Exhibit: July 2—Oct 1 2007

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Title: _____ Medium: ___ Price: _____

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Exhibition Agreement: I acknowledge that in the event of damage, loss, injury or theft, neither the Laurel Art Guild, nor its officers, volunteers, nor any receiving agent or gallery will be held responsible. Insurance, if desired for shipping, exhibition, or any other reason, is the responsibility of the individual artist. LAG will not be responsible for any artwork not picked up at the designated time.

I further agree to pay the Laurel Art Guild a commission of 20% of the amount of any sale made during or as a result of this exhibit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MONTPELIER FESTIVAL OF HERBS, TEA AND THE ARTS

Fellow Artists,

Thanks is in order for the wonderful cooperation and participation by Laurel Art Guild members at the Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and The Arts, May 5th, 2007. The weather was superb and contributed to a successful Plein Air Sketch and Paint Along for the local community. Special appreciation for the crew who helped get us set up bright and early, Carol Leo, April and Jeremy Rimpo, Jane and David Trout, Bonnie Parry and children, Bonnie Zuckerman and Ted Cunningham. Most stayed all day and helped return everything to the carriage house at the close of festivities. Sorry I don't have any photos, they are being printed. The *Small Works show in the MAC lobby is varied and exciting and a few artists hung their Plein Air art also for a varied showing by Laurel Art Guild.

Sincerely,

Marleen Cunningham

***Reminder: the Small Works Take Down Date is May 29, 2007.**

Member News

- LAG is pleased to welcome two new members:
 - Lamuelle Burge, currently a student with an Art minor. She works in acrylic, graphite, and charcoal. She is interested in showing her art and getting involved in community service through the guild.
 - Ray Tully, who has been painting for a number of years and has exhibited in the LAG Open. .
- Charles Reiher's acrylic and ink painting Today received the 1st place award in Mattawoman Creek Art Center's 13th Annual All Media juried show. Valerie Watson was the juror.
- Lorraine Warner received an Honorable Mention for one of her digital photographs in the Mattawoman Creek 13th Annual.
- Barbara Brisso was also juried into the show. The show runs from May 18th-June 24th.
- Trisha Coghlan's watercolor, "Signs of Spring", was accepted in the Rockville Art League's Juried Members Show, on exhibit May 6-29, at the Glenview Mansion Gallery, Rockville Civic Ctr Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.

FYI. . .

Plein Air Competition: Gunpowder Falls (northern Baltimore County), Fri., June 15-Sat. June 16, 2007. Applications are due by May 31st with an entrance fee of \$35 If you have any questions call the chairperson of this event, Laura Wilke at 410-472-2415 or email at monktonmom@aol.com.

Sponsors Needed for Maryland Art Exhibit

The Maryland Artists Equity Foundation (MAEF) and the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA) are combining their efforts to spotlight 24 Maryland artists with a *Winners' Circle* art exhibition. The opening reception and awards presentation will be held at the BMA on June 1, 2007, and is open to the public. MAEF, a nonprofit foundation incorporated in 1984, sponsors a statewide annual scholarship competition for gifted high school senior art students to assist with their college education. In an effort to follow their careers, MAEF offers its finalists a juried exhibition every three years in a prestigious setting. Since 2006-2007 has been a particularly difficult time to raise funds, we are inviting Maryland's general and artistic communities to help in sponsoring this event. Please call MAEF at 410-484-6434 if you would like to contribute. We thank you in advance and hope to see you on June 1 at the BMA.

All Aboard the Art Train

The City of Gaithersburg is sponsoring a Call to artists. Fiberglass locomotives (9' long, 6' tall) and Caboose (6' long, 4' tall) are awaiting your artistic design. Find the details and opportunities of this exciting contest at gaithersburgmd.gov/arttrain.

The annual MCAA Kensington Labor Day Weekend Art Exhibit is a wonderful opportunity for artists to show their works and win awards. It's very well attended and many paintings sell over the Labor Day weekend. One painting of Kensington, Maryland in the 20895 zip code (Old Town) is required in order to enter the show. For more information contact **Debra Halprin (301) 260-9701** or www.halprinart@aol.com.

Congratulations to our New Officers!

| 2007/2008 Executive Board | | | | | |
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CANCELLATION: ACRYLIC WORKSHOP WITH ANN WALLACE

We regret that due to scheduling conflicts, this workshop will have to be postponed. We hope to have Ann Wallace as a workshop leader in 2008.

Watercolor Workshop with Nicholas Simmons, Nov. 3&4, 2007

Mr. Simmons has enjoyed a successful career in the arts, and is now painting again full-time. His large, non-traditional watercolor and acrylic paintings instantly earn the admiration and respect of artists in all mediums. They are sought by collectors, and sell at nearly the rate he can produce them. Avoiding the clichéd practice of composing a long-winded and profound Artist Statement, Mr. Simmons simply says, "I'm doing what most everybody else is doing: trying to make beautiful pictures as best I can." LAG will have a 2-day workshop with Nicholas Simmons on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 3 & 4, 2007 from 9:30-4:30 at MAC.



Nicholas Simmons Workshop

November 3&4, 2007 2-day workshop, 9:30- 4:30

Call Yolanda Koh @ 443-956-1656 with questions

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

\$110.00 for members \$120.00 for non-members



Return to: Yolanda Koh 8166 Tamar Drive, Columbia MD 21045

Group Critique

The last critique of the year is scheduled for Sunday, June 10th at 2:30 in the Carriage House. We hope to see you there. Please let Jane Trout know either by phone 301 776-8963 or by email jd_trout@msn.com.

Special Art Sale

At Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, June 24th, there will be a sale of beautiful Nicaraguan ceramics, basketry and other crafts. At the same time there will be an exhibit of paintings by Nicaraguan artists. These artworks have been brought to the United States by the Nicaraguan Cultural Alliance and the sale will support these artists in Nicaragua. The sale will begin following the service around 11:30 P.M. The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Rd. south of Cherry Hill Rd. in Adelphi.

NEW LAG LIFE MEMBER

During the May 2007 General Meeting, Jane Trout was honored with Life Membership in the Laurel Art Guild for her high level of volunteerism and leadership in the Guild. The following letter of appreciation was presented to Jane by April Rimpo at the meeting.

May 2007

Jane Trout
8905 Royal Ridge Lane
Laurel, MD 20708

Dear Jane,

Congratulations!

With this letter we are most happy to inform you that you have attained
Laurel Art Guild Life Membership

Per the LAG Constitution and Bylaws, the general membership voted on this proposal and agreed that your service to LAG was exemplary and you deserved this recognition. Life Membership status means you can continue to enjoy all of the privileges of the Guild free from the obligation to pay dues, beginning with the LAG financial year 2007/2008.

Included in your achievements recognized by the general membership were: your service on the Executive Board as President for two terms, Secretary for several terms, and Exhibition chair. In the last ten years you have served on the board nearly every year. You also volunteer to help with hanging at many of our exhibits and have served as a volunteer for the LAG annual open exhibit and the Montpelier annual festivals every year in recent memory.

Those who participated in LAG in the 1970's indicated your level of volunteering was at the same level during that period as well. Those of us without all the history suspect your support has been continuous. In the late 1990's LAG shrank in size to about 20 members, but you identified a president to help keep us going. In 2004, when LAG faced a crisis of leadership, you stepped in again to serve as co-president. In 2005 you served on the committee that reviewed and revised the LAG Constitution and Bylaws. Last year, in addition to serving as Secretary, you agreed to take on the responsibility for organizing and conducting the newly established Peer Critiques. Without your contributions, LAG would not be the vibrant, active group it is today. We owe a great deal to you for keeping LAG alive and we are grateful. Thank you.

As in the past, we welcome and look forward to your continuing interest and participation in all of our activities.

Sincerely,

April Rimpo
Treasurer/Membership Chair
Laurel Art Guild
Phone: 410-531-7602

Next General LAG Meeting:
Mon., June 11, 2007
7:30 p.m. at MAC

Next Board Meeting:
Tues., June 5, 2007 7:30 p.m.

June

5 **Executive Board** meets
10 **Peer Critique**
11 **Program** - Social Event
?? **Paint out** - to be announced

Send information for the newsletter to
Carol Leo at:
newsletter@laurelartguild.org or mail to

Carol Leo
4114 27th Avenue
Temple Hills, MD 20748

We'd love to hear about shows you have been
accepted into, tidbits from workshops you have
attended, new member bios, etc.

DEADLINE FOR EACH NEWSLETTER IS THE 17th
OF THE MONTH.

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