



# *Laurel Art Guild Highlights*

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## *Message From Mary*

Greetings everyone! I hope that you have been enjoying an art-filled summer. The first Executive Board meeting of the LAG 2007/08 season takes place on August 7. We are very fortunate that thirteen of the sixteen Board positions are now filled. I have been amazed at the willingness of our members to step in when there is a job to be done. As you will read in this newsletter, even over the summer, volunteers have been busy keeping our artwork before the public, welcoming new members, and writing articles for our newsletter. Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, at least one member has kept things on track from as far away as Canada!

There is one group activity that I would really like to continue. Over the past two years we have had many interesting and successful paint-outs. Thanks to several members taking it upon themselves to identify interesting places for a day's outing *en plein aire*, we members have spent some very enjoyable hours together painting, taking in nature, and making friends. A few places where we painted were Skipper's Pier in Deale, Sycamore Island on the Potomac River, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, and Brookside Gardens. Ideally, we would like for one person to volunteer to chair the whole program. This would entail finding members to coordinate individual outings and provide advance and follow-up information in the newsletter. The coordinators would identify painting locations, get permission (if required) to go onto the property, and locate convenient restroom facilities. Meanwhile, if anyone would be willing to coordinate one paint-out, please speak up. From now through the end of fall we should have some perfect weather and beautiful scenery to whet our "pallets." *Mary Flanigen*

## **Program Schedule 2007-2008**

Mary Ellen Simon will be our Program Chair for this year. She has already arranged several exciting programs for our upcoming Monday night meetings. Immediately on the horizon is the critique scheduled for our first meeting on Monday, September 10. Barbara Nuss, an artist who is well-known locally and nationally will give the critique. All members are encouraged to bring two paintings for commentary by Barbara Nuss.

Mary Ellen is open to member suggestions regarding upcoming programs. If you have any requests or suggestions, please contact Mary Ellen at 301-776-6721, or [St8900@verizon.net](mailto:St8900@verizon.net).

## LRH & LAG Art Contest

Laurel Regional Hospital in conjunction with the Laurel Art Guild hosted its 2nd Annual Children's Art Contest featuring the artistic talents of the children and grandchildren of employees, associates and volunteers of Laurel Regional Hospital. This was a unique opportunity for artists age 5 to 18 to showcase their talents and compete for great prizes. There were five age categories, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-15, & 17-18. The first prize in each category was \$100 (a sizeable prize for a children's art show). The second and third prize winners were given gift certificates. All the entrants were awarded some sort of prize.

Sixteen of the nineteen young artists and their families attended the awards ceremony held on June 1. Everyone agreed that the evening was both rewarding and refreshing. Many attendees expressed eagerness to recruit participants for next year's contest. The community participation and support from both, Mayor Moe & the City of Laurel as well as local vendors, Chick-fil-a, Cold Stone Creamery, Citizens National Bank, and Best Buy was remarkable. Once again this collaboration proved to be a great success for all participants and supporters. Joseph Criscuoli and Mavreen Veihmeyer from LAG officiated at the ceremony.

(Right) Laurel Art Guild members Mary Flanigen, Mavreen Veihmeyer and Joseph Criscuoli talk with a contestant. These LAG members officiated as judges for the contest.



## Laurel Regional Hospital Exhibit Update

I'd like to thank all the artists who brought paintings to be hung this month at LRH. It looks very good, or as Charles said, "It looks as good as a curated show!" You are all doing some impressive stuff. Special thanks goes to Charles Reiher, April Rimpo, Barbara Brisso, Debra Halprin and Marjy Sampson for the excellent jobs in receiving and hanging the show. They really orchestrated it well.

Shervon Yancey, LRH Public Relations, did a creative job making the art tags and they are quite handsome. I recommend that everyone take the opportunity to stop by and see the exhibit and bring some friends; you don't even have to have a part replaced while there, can't beat that.

A heads up; we are considering having the pick-up/drop-off times a little earlier and of a shorter duration, probably something like 8:30 AM to 9:30 or 10:00 AM, in the future. I'd like to encourage those members who haven't hung to consider doing so in the October exhibit. There seems to be a core number of members who consistently exhibit but every member should avail themselves of the opportunity. Sometimes it hard to expose your creation, for whatever reason, but it is sharing a vision and attained knowledge with other artists and the public. Its your job.

Thanks again, TomK

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2007-2008

Dues notices and a member survey were mailed this week for the 2007/2008 membership year. **Please pay by the October General Meeting** to allow our organization to continue to bring the interesting programs to you each month. **Send a check made out to LAG to April Rimpo, Membership Chair, 14032 Howard Rd, Dayton MD 21036.** If you would like to receive the newsletter via USPS send \$30. For those preferring the newsletter by email, please send \$25. To help us focus our meetings to meet your interests, please return the Member Survey with your dues. The following members already paid their dues for 2007/2008 by joining LAG in March of this year or later, were early birds with their dues, or are Life members: Mark Cameron Boyd, Lamuelle Burge, Natalie Fleming, Katherine Holzer, Tom Kirby, Jane Trout, and Ray Tully.

### Member News

**Barbara Brisso** will be having two solo shows in the next couple of months. In September she will be at the Bowie City Hall; in October at Maryland Park & Planning executive office on Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale.

**Carol Leo's** artwork was featured on the cover of the FTC Bureau of Competition User's Guide, distributed at the spring ABA meeting in Washington, DC. The booklet can be viewed at <http://www.ftc.gov/bc/BCUsersGuide07.pdf>.

Yolanda Koh, Stephanie Lyon and April Rimpo have paintings on display at Howard County Arts Center, 8510 High Ridge Rd, Ellicott City, Maryland as part of a juried Baltimore Watercolor Society exhibit.

### EXCITING EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER

November 9, 10, and 11 have been reserved for a LAG members exhibit in the Carriage House, to coincide with the Opening Shows Reception for "Officers of the LAG Exhibit" in the Library Gallery at the MAC and the reception for the "Wild Things Exhibit" (see information for the Wild Things Exhibit on page 4).

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**WILD THINGS JURIED EXHIBITION, Nov. 1-29, 2007**  
***Works in New Media and Conventional that Go Beyond the Expected***

Artists who live, work, or attend school in PG County 18 yrs. and older are eligible. Entries must be received by 9/20/07 at 5 p.m. Send slides or JPEG images on CD of up to 3 works to Wild Things Juried Exhibition, MNCPPC, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, 6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 200, Riverdale, MD 20737. See detailed information on [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com). Juror's Decisions made 10/2/07. Contact **Desiree Sterbini**, [Desiree.Sterbini@pgparcs.com](mailto:Desiree.Sterbini@pgparcs.com), **301-454-1450** with questions. Monetary awards given.

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**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. An entry form and fee must be received by August 25. Contact **Debra Halprin (301) 260-9701** or [www.halprinart@aol.com](mailto:www.halprinart@aol.com) to receive an entry form. One painting of Kensington, Maryland in the 20895 zip code (Old Town) is required in order to enter the show. Additional paintings of the artist's choice may be entered with this required painting. For more information contact **Debra Halprin (information above)**. The following schedule will be observed:

**Delivery Date for Judging**

Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:00PM and  
Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 10-12 Noon  
The Kensington Armory (Town Hall)  
3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895

**Reception & Awards Presentation**

Saturday, Sept. 1, 6:00-7:30 PM  
(Awards Presentation at 7PM)

**Show Hours** Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Noon -4 PM Reception 6:30-7:30 PM  
Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Noon-4 PM  
Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Pick Up Unsold Art: Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30-4:30 PM**

**A Plein Air Painting Contest** will also be held as a part of this event on Saturday, Sept. 1. Registration will take place according to the "Delivery Date for Judging" schedule shown above. Plein air artists will arrive by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, choose a spot in Kensington and paint until shortly before 3 p.m. when paintings must be turned into the Kensington Armory for judging. Debra Halprin is the contact person for additional information on this event.

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**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](http://gaithersburgmd.gov/arttrain).

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Next Board Meeting:**

*Tues., Aug. 7, 2007, 7:30 p.m.*

*At MAC*

**Next General LAG Meeting:**

Mon., Sept. 10, 2007

7:30 p.m. at MAC

**Sept. Board Meeting:**

*Sept. 4, 2007 7:30 p.m. at*

*MAC*

Send information for the newsletter to

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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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