



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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September 2007

Message From Mary

Our first meeting of the season, September 10 at 7:30, will be led by the accomplished painter, author, and instructor, Barbara Nuss, who will critique our artwork. Her critiques are very informative and of interest to the entire audience. More information about Ms Nuss and the program follow. The art you bring to the meeting may be at any stage of the creative process from a rough beginning (*Where can I go from here?*) to a finished, framed painting (*This may be a candidate for a juried show!*). We do ask that paintings, if appropriate to the medium, be matted. I am really looking forward to seeing you at the September meeting and viewing your artwork. It should be an entertaining as well as instructive evening.

Three vacancies on the Executive Board remain: Historian, Telephone Tree Chairperson, and Paint-Outs Chairperson. The first two positions require no activities outside the home. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer: mkinf@earthlink.net or 301-345-7737. We will also be reviewing the Membership surveys to see if any interest has already been identified for these or other volunteer activities. *Mary Flanigen*

Program Notes

Submitted by Mary Ellen Simon

The **September 10** program features a critique session for members by artist, teacher and author **Barbara Nuss**. Each member may bring 2 paintings to be critiqued. The critique session is always a popular evening at LAG. Even if you don't bring any work, it's helpful and fun just listening to the comments on other's work.

Barbara is a familiar figure to many LAG members who attended her popular workshop on landscape painting a few years ago or who heard her earlier presentation on landscape composition. She is an experienced judge of art competitions, most recently judging the Potomac Valley Watercolor Show at Strathmore Hall in 2005. Barbara is the author of **14 Formulas for Painting Fabulous Landscapes** (Northlight Books, 2005), and gives workshops in landscape painting and private instruction in classical oil painting techniques.

Barbara's preferred medium is oil, but she also works in watercolor. Her paintings have won numerous honors and awards, including the Top 100 of National Arts for the Parks in 2006 and 4 prior years, Best of Show at the Washington Society of Landscape Painters in 1998, Best of Show at the National League of American Pen Women's State Conference, Department of State Arts in Embassies Program, to name just a few. She exhibits in galleries throughout Maryland and DC, as well as in New York City and Pennsylvania. Her work is in many collections, including the National Park Foundation, National Institutes of Health, American Council on Education, Kiplinger Washington Editors, Bell Atlantic and Holiday Inn, among others.

4th Laurel Regional Hospital (LRH) Exhibit, Oct 1 – Dec 31 2007.

It's time to think of the 4th exhibit at Laurel Hospital. Again, I want to encourage those who have not hung their art in previous LRH exhibits to do so in October. It is a great experience and a great gallery. Mark your calendars.

The next date for exhibiting will be Monday, October 1, 2007. Artwork should be dropped off/picked up between 9 and 10 AM, at the Laurel Regional Hospital (Note that this is a time change from the previous exhibits). 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. 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 Oct 1.

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, September 31, 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 'tkirby@verizon.net', or phone 301-262-6641(home) or 301-395-6795 (cell), 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.

Also, the LAG Board reminded me that reproductions are not acceptable (this is not referring to photographic prints which are an original artform).

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 September 21, 2007. As before, all art must be identified with the Exhibit Agreement by 21 September 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.

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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: _____

List Your Medium as: A=acrylic, C=color pencil, G=Graphite, F=fused glass, K=casein, M=mixed media, O=oil, Pa=pastel, Ph=photography, S=scratchboard, Sc=sculpture, W=watercolor and Ot=other

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2007-2008

Dues notices and a member survey were mailed last month 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. Thanks to the following members who already paid their dues for 2007/2008: Mark Cameron Boyd, Barbara Brisso, Lamuelle Burge, Mark Cohen, Peggy Ann Duke, Betty Lee Farrar, Natalie Fleming, Rachel Hatton, Robyn Hatton, Katherine Holzer, Charles Keach, Tom Kirby, Edith McMullin, Michele Morgan, April Rimpo, Marjy Sampson, Jane Trout, and Ray Tully.

Member News

Marjorie Sampson has a painting critiqued in American Artist Magazine this month under the category of "Color Relationships and Painting Fire." Go to <http://www.myamericanartist.com/2007/08/critique.html> to view Marjorie's painting which is listed as "Untitled."

Mary Ellen Simon had five paintings exhibited at Quiet Waters this summer. One of them sold.

Congratulations to **Anne Harter** on being the first artist to have a sale at Laurel Regional Hospital; she sold her watercolor 'Ocean City Channel'.

Jane Trout has had a busy summer with three exhibits, one at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick, one at the Bowie Senior Center, and one for the month of August at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission on Sweitzer Lane in Laurel. Twenty paintings are on display in this 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).

FYI. . .

Joe Mayer will be teaching a two-day workshop on September 15 and 22, 2007 on perspective at the Talbot County Visual Arts Center in Easton. They can call the Center at 410-819-0966. Joe Mayer is a former member of LAG and he will be giving a Monday night presentation on composition and expression.

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 and are 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 three-works to Wild Things Juried Exhibition, MNCPPC, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, 6611 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 200, Riverdale, MD 20737. Go to http://pgparks.com/things/pdf_arts/WILD_THINGS.pdf to obtain prospectus and application. Juror's decisions will be made 10/2/07. Contact **Desiree Sterbini**, Desiree.Sterbini@pgparks.com, 301-454-1450 with questions. Monetary awards given.

A Plein Air Painting Contest that is part of the Kensington Paint the Town Exhibition will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1. Registration will take place at the armory in Kensington on Thurs. night, August 30 from 5-7:00 p.m. or Friday, August 31 from 10-12 noon at the Kensington Armory (Town Hall), 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895. Plein air artists will arrive by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning, choose a spot in Kensington and paint until 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. Contact info for Debra: halprinart@aol.com or 301-260-9701

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 www.gaithersburgmd.gov/arttrain.

MEMBER CRITIQUE

LAG will continue having monthly member critiques in the carriage house on the grounds of Montpelier during 2007-2008. Generally, critiques will be the third Sunday of the month from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The next critique will be held on Sunday, September 16 at 2:30 p.m. Contact Jane Trout, 301-776-8963, Jd_trout@msn.com for more information or to confirm attendance.

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

- Registration deadline: October 18, 2007.
- No refunds after October 24 unless slot is filled from waiting list.
- Maximum registration 15 people.

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Sept. Board Meeting:
Tues., Sept. 4, 2007 7:30 p.m.
at MAC

Next General LAG Meeting:
Mon., Sept. 10, 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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