



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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May 2008

Message From Mary

To start with, I want to thank the many members who have volunteered to help with our exhibits that are either already hanging or are in the planning stage for next year. Both Tom Kirby and Carol Clatterbuck report that your cooperation has been extremely gratifying and your paintings are selling.

We now have volunteers to coordinate two paint-outs: Mary Ellen Simon headed up a group to Brighton Dam on April 25 and Carol Leo will do the same on June 6 for a day of painting at the Arboretum. We have many days of good weather ahead, so more volunteers to plan paint-outs would be welcomed. The organizer gets to pick the spot and date of the outing. We do ask that restrooms and parking be available. Painting with a group out in the wild provides safety as well as companionship and fun for our members. I hope more of you will agree to be coordinators.

As a reminder, members are always welcomed to attend our Board meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in the Barn. At the May 6 meeting the two senior high school graduates who have been selected to receive LAG scholarships will be there to show us their artwork and talk about their plans for the future. It will be great fun, and I hope many of you can join us.

Meanwhile make plans to be at the May meeting on the 12th and our very special potluck meeting/luncheon on Saturday, June 7. The latter will honor our members who have joined since last June.

Mary Flanigen

May Program

Submitted by Mary Ellen Simon

At our **May 12, 2008** meeting, **Barbara Stecher**, artist, teacher and author, will speak on "**The Artistic Response to Travel**". Ms. Stecher is the author of Sketchbooking, How to Create a Delightful Journal of Your Travels at Home or Abroad. she has traveled to more than 60 countries, seven continents, doesn't carry a camera, and yet has an artistic record of each adventure. she loves watercolor, but couldn't find the time to do paintings when there was so much to see and so little time. You will find her solution interesting.

For years, Barbara taught at the Decordova Museum School of Art in Lincoln, Massachusetts, near Boston. Favorite classes were Watercolor for Travelers, Sketchbooking, and Watercolor. She is relatively new to Maryland, having moved to Annapolis in 2004.

Copies of Ms. Stecher's book will be available for those who are interested, at a cost of \$16.

Advance Notice for June Meeting

Our June meeting will be a luncheon potluck on **Saturday, June 7 at noon**.

You need to sign up in advance with April Rimpo at April@rimpo.org or 410-531-7602. Please tell April what food dish you are planning to bring, using the guide below

Last names beginning with Please bring

S - L	Appetizer
A - C	Main dish
D - H	Dessert
K - R	Side dish

If you joined LAG since June of 2007, instead of food, please bring one or two pieces of your art work to show and talk about. Adult guests (15 & older) are welcome and encouraged, just be sure to tell April you're bringing someone so that we know how many places to set.

Laurel Art Guild 39th Annual Open Juried Exhibition

March 9 – March 30, 2008

The Laurel Art Guild's 39th Annual Open Juried Exhibition was a great success. The exceptionally qualified juror Michael Skalka, Conservation Administrator at the National Gallery of Art, drew a high quality of participation. We received one hundred thirty entries from individuals, with most persons submitting images of two separate works. Out of those two hundred sixty images, two hundred met requirements for judging.

This is the first year Laurel Art Guild accepted CD entries along with negatives. The show was an open show, with Mr. Skalka taking care to include works from the various media entered. The media entries this year included works in oil, pastel, watercolor, fabric, ceramic, polymer clay, acrylic, ink jet print, pencil, photography, ink monotype, linocut, mixed media, and acetone transfer. A total of 59 works were shown.

The juror spent five hours choosing sixty images from slides and CD's. Ruth Schilling Harwood, Montpelier Art Center Assistant Director, set up the slides and CDs for Mr. Skalka to view on computers and a slide viewer. Ruth was very helpful to the Guild. Our most sincere thanks go to her.

Mr. Skalka returned at a later date to view the works that he had juried into the show. Many members of the Laurel Art Guild were accepted into this year's show, 19 to be exact, and this is the largest number of LAG members ever to be accepted into an Open Juried show.

Help receiving and returning works was kindly given by Jane Trout and Marjory Sampson, Charles Reiher, and Tom Kirby, Mary Flanigen, Rachel and Stephen Hatton. Ongoing encouragement, a road trip to get records, and many answers to questions came from Carol Clatterbuck. Records, emails, suggestions and encouragement also were provided by Mary Ellen Simon.

The reception was well attended. Montpelier Art Center and members of the guild provided food and drink for the reception. Many thanks to them, as their work helped to create a festive opening for the show. Mr Skalka gave a talk which focused on the need for good composition in paintings submitted to a juried show. He offered to meet individually with all artists in the show during the reception after his talk. Many artists took him up on his offer. Thanks go to Mr. Skalka for sharing his expertise with the participating artists in the show, and for his excellent work judging this year's open juried exhibition.

Respectfully,

Robyn Church Hatton, Show Chair
Laurel Art Guild 39th Open Juried Exhibition, March 9 – March 30, 2008

Member Peer Critique

The May Critique is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Carriage House at Montpelier. The price of admission is to bring two unframed paintings and your thinking cap. Please come. Contact Jane Trout 301-776-8963 or Jd_trout@msn.com if you are interested in attending.

Congratulations to our New Officers for 2008-2009

The newly elected officers are: President, Mary Flanigen; Vice President, Robyn Hatton; Secretary, Rachel Hatton; Treasurer, Mary Ellen Simon.

Member News

Laurel Art Guild is pleased to welcome new members:

Peggy S Gregory, who works in oils, watercolor, acrylic, encaustic wax and watercolor pencil.

Pat Wilson, who prefers collage, but also works in watercolor and pastel. She studies at Howard County Community College and exhibits in juried shows.

Robyn Church Hatton had two paintings commissioned by the Impact Speech and Debate Club. The paintings were presented as awards to the two instructors. Robyn was told that the ceremony took on a whole new meaning because of the impact of the ideas in the paintings.

Mary Flanigen, Anne Harter and Donna Aldridge are currently in a show at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Rd. in Adelphi, MD. The show is being put on by a group called the Monday Watercolorists. Stop in a see the show. Call the church for further information 301 937-3666.

Debra Halprin, and **Gail Zinar** in conjunction with Kay Sandler were in an exhibit at Kay's home on April 25th.

In Honored Memory:

Betty Plasberg who served as the 7th President of the Laurel Art Guild during the year 1973 passed away in Richmond, VA on March 26th. A Memorial Service was held in Overlea, MD on April 19th. LAG member Mavreen Veihmeyer remembers that "Betty was an active artist and did many figure paintings in pastels. She prepared her own materials with rabbit-skin glue and pumice, making large, substantial supports for her art work. She moved to the Richmond area after the death of her husband, but kept in touch with fellow Laurel Art Guild members over the years. She did a good job as LAG president."

FYI. . .

Local Color—a juried exhibition of local visual artists

Sponsored by The Artists' Gallery of Columbia, Website: artistsgallerycolumbia.com

Refer to the above website for all details of this show. Drop off is July 24, 25; Selections announced July 25; Exhibit runs July 28-August 29. Nonrefundable entry fee: \$15. Approximately 20 works will be selected.

For Local Art Teachers

Crossing Borders/Breaking Boundaries

Date: 6/23/2008 Place: Inn & Conference Center UMD

Crossing Borders/Breaking Boundaries is a nine-day residential summer institute for Maryland teachers that features lecture/discussion sessions, hands-on performance classes, museum visits to Washington, DC, and collaborative lesson-planning workshops. The topic of the 2008 program is "The Arts of India, 1556-1668," and it will be offered from June 23 - July 1, 2008, at the Inn & Conference Center, University of Maryland University College. The Institute is FREE for Maryland public school teachers. Participants who complete the entire program (including follow-up sessions during the school year) will be eligible to receive 5 MSDE Professional Development credits or, with fees, 3 graduate credits from the University of Maryland. For more information, visit the website at www.crbs.umd.edu/finearts.

Changes in the LAG Website

By April Rimpo, Webmaster

Two new features have been added to the Laurel Art Guild website: Monthly Programs and Events. Lost your newsletter or missed a program and want to know what happened? Check the new Monthly Program link to see a summary of past and future programs. The Events page provides information about Workshops, Exhibits and Plein Air Paint-outs. Again there are summaries of past events and descriptions of what's to come. I hope this expanded information is valuable to our membership.

You will also see the New LAG Gallery is beginning to grow. I am gradually moving gallery pages from the old to the new format. In the process I am preparing instructions on how to maintain or add to your gallery yourself. I expect to have these instructions ready soon. Of course anyone who wants me to continue to maintain their portion of the new gallery, I will continue to do so.

Summary of April General Meeting Program

Submitted by April Rimpo

At the April 2008 LAG Program, Joe Mayer did two watercolor demonstrations at once; one was an objective scene of a house and boat, the other was non-objective. His goal was to illustrate the similarity in process for either type of work. His focus was to develop a dominance of color, temperature, and large versus small structures. Joe explained how the eye follows color through a painting and is drawn to contrasts.

To demonstrate how both objective and non-objective pieces follow these same principles, he used the same colors and temperature dominance in both paintings. Joe worked on one painting for a while and then switch to the other. Back and forth he went while explaining his thinking as he proceeded. It was like watching a dance. Two paintings bloomed before our eyes that had these amazing similarities and yet were totally different in subject. It was inspirational to see this master work.

To see examples of Joe's work visit his and Ann Sharp's website at <http://www.sharpmayergallery.com/> or visit Studio Gallery in Easton, Maryland.

LAG Member Paint-Outs

Five of LAG's members met on April 25th for a beautiful morning at Brighton Azalea Garden at Triadelphia (Brighton Dam) Reservoir. The Azaleas were just beginning to open, the young leaves on trees were a lovely spring green, the water had wonderful reflections; it was a great day to be painting. Mary Ellen had managed to get the park to open their gates for us the day before the park opens for the year. This meant we had this beautiful spot all to ourselves. What a treat! Don't miss the next paint-out. For some photos taken at Brighton Dam see <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bozoette/sets/72057594115308338/>.

NEXT PAINT-OUT: Friday, June 6, 9 a.m. until... at National Arboretum, 3501 New York Avenue, NE. Contact Carol Leo at 240-475-4219 or carolfortho@verizon.net if you are interested or for more information.

Ann Wallace Workshop Summary

Ann Wallace conducted a very informative workshop on the multiple techniques using acrylics. She demonstrated the new Interactive acrylics as well as the Golden Acrylics. Interactive, unlike the old acrylics, can be blended on the canvas, lifted off and stay open all day. Ann also showed the group various ways acrylics can be used in painting fabrics, placemats and floor cloths. Participants could choose from three still life set-ups to paint.



<i>2007/2008 Executive Board</i>					
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Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts

Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the ARTS, Saturday, May 3rd. 10am to 4pm., Rain or Shine, in the Montpelier Mansion grounds and in the Arts Center. Our position will be as usual on the grounds behind the Carriage House.

We are in the process of planning the activities for the Laurel Art Guild members, friends and families. We shall have a model dressed in Colonial costume sit from 11 am - 2 pm. Wooden easels, drawing pads and charcoal will be provided for the public to paint along with the LAG artists. The rest of the time we can paint, landscape, or still life, bring our favorite equipment, and chat and interact with the public. We shall have a membership table, and a children's tent with activities geared to the younger set. Artists may bring their portfolios, and exhibit and sell their work. No fee, and no commission. To make our contribution a success it is important to have as many artists participate as possible with setting up tent and easels on the morning at 9.30 am and helping clean up and take down at 4 pm. Ideas for the kids activities and help throughout the day are important.

Quoting from the Montpelier activities calendar "Enjoy a delicious cup of tea, scones jam and cream in the Mansion, hear live music and view original art work in the Arts center. Stroll the beautiful grounds in full Spring bloom and purchase your herbs, plants, artwork, crab-cakes, breads and pies, kids will delight with live animal exhibit, colonial games, hands on art tent, etc., etc." Sounds like a super opportunity for artists and families to mix and mingle all in the name of art. Please call or email to volunteer. A good number have already signed up from the last meeting.

Contact Marleen Cunningham, 301-776-7084, tedmar1@msn.com to be part of the activities!

The following is a letter of invitation from Richard Zandler, the Director of Montpelier to the Laurel Art Guild, inviting us to participate in this event. A schedule is included.

February 4, 2008

Laurel Art Guild
Laurel, MD 20708

Dear Laurel Art Guild Members,

It is a pleasure to invite you to once again present your Small Works Show in the lobby and lower level of Montpelier Arts Center Your show is an important part of the Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea and the Arts.

We would like to hang your show prior to May 3. Each member in good standing is entitled to hang one piece, not to exceed 18" in width. If you like you may exchange these works for paintings made during the Festival in the *plein air* session for an exhibition titled, *Paint Montpelier*.

Schedule:

Drop -Off Small Works April 29, 2008, 10 AM – 8 PM

Herb, Bread and Tea Festival Saturday, May 3, reception 2-4 PM

Optional Exchange to Plein Air May 3-10, 10 AM – 5 PM

Pick-up Artwork May 29, 10 AM-8 PM

Thank you for your continuing efforts in support of the Montpelier Arts Center and the Arts Community.

Sincerely,

Richard Zandler

Richard Zandler, Director

UPCOMING EXHIBITS FOR LAG MEMBERS

Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt, Md (IN PROGRESS!) March 20-May 23rd Community Art Walk, May 22 Coordinator: Carol Clatterbuck Hangers: Sherill Gross, Tom Kirby, Robyn Hatton	***Community Art Walk*** Old Greenbelt Thursday, May 22, 6-9 pm Receptions at the Arts Center, Community Center, area restaurants Come & Represent your Artwork!! *****	Snow Hill Manor, Laurel, Md May 9-July 3 Coordinator: Carol Clatterbuck Hangers: Charles Reiher, Donna Aldridge, Pauline Clatterbuck
Quiet Waters, Annapolis, Md October 1 - November 10th Coordinator: Donna Aldridge Co-Coordinator: Anne Harter Hangers: Barbara Brisso, Charles Reiher, <u>1 more hanger needed</u>	Doctors Hospital, Lanham, Md November-December dates to be announced Coordinator and hangers needed	US District Courthouse, Greenbelt, Md Coordinator: Carol Clatterbuck Drivers: Carol Clatterbuck, Robyn Church Hatton, Tom Kirby

Members,

- Please send your artist bio/statement to **Carol Clatterbuck , 4312 Briggs Chaney Rd , Beltsville, Maryland 20705** or use the LAG email address. This will be included in media announcements/brochures, especially if you are participating in the upcoming exhibits.
- In addition to the above exhibits, The Laurel Hospital Exhibit is ongoing and changes every three months
- **PHOTOGRAPHERS**, we are interested in seeing more of your work in our exhibits!

Snow Hill Mansion Exhibit

Coordinator: Carol Clatterbuck

Exhibit Location: 13301 Laurel-Bowie Rd, Laurel, Md 20708 (197 & Contee Rd)

Dates: Friday May 9th- Thursday July 3rd, 2008

Deadline to enter: April 28th—Entries will be accepted in the order received until 35 paintings have been entered.

Drop-off : Friday May 9th. 10-11:00am

Reception: Thursday May 15th 6-8:00 pm ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE EXHIBITING ARTISTS!

Pick-up: Thursday July 3rd 10-11:00am

Commission: 25%

Specifications: Framed artwork should measure no more than 48 inches in any direction, art must be clean and securely wired for hanging.

Only 'conservative' artwork suitable for weddings, concerts, ceremonies, and business meetings will be accepted. Hours Open for Tour: Tuesday & Friday, 10 am-5 pm; Saturday by appointment

Snow Hill Mansion
Laurel, Maryland May 9th-July 3rd, 2008

Send a \$5.00 check (hanging fee) made **payable to LAG**, along with the signed form to:

Carol Clatterbuck
 4312 Briggs Chaney Rd
 Beltsville, Maryland 20705

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 another reason, is the responsibility of the individual artist. LAG will not be responsible for any artwork not picked up at the designated time.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Title: _____ Medium: _____ Price: _____ Size: _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

List your medium as: A=acrylic, C=color pencil, K=casein, G=graphite, O=oil, Pa=pastel, Ph=photography, M=mixed media, S=scratchboard, W=watercolor

Next Board Meeting:

Tues., May 6, 2008

Next General LAG Meeting:

Mon., May 12, 2008

7:30 p.m. at MAC

May Schedule

- 3 **Herb, Bread, Tea & Arts Festival**
- 6 Executive Board meets/Scholarship Candidates
- 9 Snow Hill Manor Drop off
- 12 **Program** - Barbara Stecher, Artist on *The Artistic Response to Travel*
- 14 Pick up art at MAC from Councilman Dernoga Exhibit
- 15 Snow Hill Manor Reception
- 18 **Peer Critique** 2:30 pm
- 22 Greenbelt Arts Walk
- 23 Pick up from Greenbelt Arts Center

Send information for the newsletter to
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newsletter@laurelartguild.org or mail 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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