



Laurel Art Guild Highlights

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Carol's Column

Dear LAG Members,

A lot has transpired since our last Members Meeting in May and the introduction of our art scholarship recipients, Francesca Giuliani and Ronald Garcia. Please read more about these excellent young artists on page 3 of this newsletter. Both young artists have received complimentary membership in the Laurel Art Guild for a year in addition to their \$400 monetary award and sketchbook.

Our May meeting also featured a fascinating presentation by Susan Murphy of her Rivulet and Lifting Technique in portraiture.

Our very sad news is that Donna Aldridge, long-time member of LAG and amazing artist and workshop chair has passed away. A tribute to Donna for her contribution to the Laurel Art Guild is posted below. Donna will be sorely missed by the Guild, but her memory will live on.

An invitation is extended to all for attendance at our annual New Members luncheon held in honor of those who have joined the Laurel Art Guild within the last two years. All Laurel Art Guild members are invited and encouraged to attend. This year, rather than having our traditional potluck meal, we will be convening at Mama Lucia's Italian Restaurant, 4734 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, MD. This restaurant is located next to Shopper's Food Warehouse, just off Route 1 and 495. A section of the restaurant has been reserved for us on Saturday, July 11 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. Most attendees will share pizza and the costs will be divided. New Members are asked to bring two samples of their artwork, which will be put on display at the luncheon. We are looking forward to meeting everyone and to having another enjoyable time of socializing with all. Friends and family members of our artists are welcome to attend. Please RSVP as to whether you will or will not be attending to Brenda Wheeler at 301-377-4616 or spiderlover1975@gmail.com. New members, be looking for a special invitation!

I hope to see everyone at this luncheon meeting on July 11.

Carol Leo

Donna Aldridge, In Appreciation for her Contribution to the Laurel Art Guild

Donna's effervescent personality was a source of encouragement to all of us in the Laurel Art Guild.

A few years ago, Donna graciously began to perform the duties of the workshop chair, when she realized there was a need. She soon turned what had been a faltering and failing part of our organization into a vibrant and integral part of the Laurel Art Guild's operations.

By setting and upholding high standards, Donna was able to plan, prepare, and provide as many as five workshops a year for a group that had been down to zero workshops.

As a former workshop chair, I know the stamina and determination that it took for Donna to move forward and successfully bring to fruition these workshops in the face of facility challenges, workshop costs, workshop leader requirements, and inconsistency on the part of the workshop attendants.

Yet Donna persevered, and the world class instructors, the high quality of workshop content, and high level of workshop attendance that resulted have been hallmarks of the Laurel Art Guild for the past several years. In fact, many of our new members have become part of our club thanks to their attendance at one of Donna's workshops.

For those of us who attended the workshops, we can thank and remember Donna every time we successfully execute a floral design, or understand a little better why our composition failed or succeeded, or understand the importance in thinking abstractly when capturing the scene before us.

Her rich legacy will live on, not only in the beauty of her own artwork, but in artworks that have yet to be created by the dozens of artists who were the students at her workshops.



**Laurel Regional Hospital Exhibit
May 29 – August 28, 2015**



EXHIBITS

Our summer exhibit at Laurel Regional Hospital is hung and being received with great excitement. There hasn't been any art on their walls for about a year and apparently it was missed by the staff. It is a large exhibit featuring 14 artists and 36 works are hanging. It will be displayed until August 28. A big thank you to Linda Williams for coordinating this show and a job well done.

The next scheduled exhibit we have is for Brookside Gardens, February 22 – March 28, 2016. After three years of waiting, the date is no longer very far away.

I will be trying to find other venues in the meantime so keep painting.

Member News

LAG welcomes new member **Mary Mallia** of Silver Spring. Mary's primary interest is in jewelry making. She can be reached at 301-421-4489 and marymallia@yahoo.com.

Diane Shipley has two paintings in the Montgomery Art Association show at Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD from May 31 - June 28. She won an Honorable Mention for "Low Tide" (see right). The reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, June 14 from 11:30 - 1:30 and all are invited.

Diane also has 5 paintings on display at the MAA Gallery in Westfield Mall. She had two paintings juried into a show at a new coffee/pastry shop in Laurel, More Than Java Café, 358 Main Street, Laurel, MD. They plan to hang the paintings this weekend and they will hang until August 27. Please stop by and help support a new business in Laurel. Their website is

www.morethanjavacafe.com



Scholarship News Submitted by Mary Ellen Gordon

The Laurel Art Guild was very excited to award this year's scholarships to two outstanding artists from Laurel. Those of us at the award meeting were overwhelmed by their talent and dreams.

Francesca Giuliani, from St. Vincent Pallotti High School shared her many creative projects. One project involved designing creations in an old book. She redesigned a page by crossing out words and leaving those which would send a chosen message. Her artwork used the pages, as well, to reinforce the message. This project may be useful in her chosen career of art therapy. Ms. Giuliani will attend Marywood University in Pennsylvania. She will earn her degree in art therapy.

Ronald Garcia, from Laurel High School, shared his exceptional work. Much of his work was monochromatic and very effective. His self portrait was a tension filled blue monochromatic. We were awed by his figure drawings for which he has won awards. He was a prize winner at the Young Artists Juried competition held at MAC this past March at the same time as the LAG Juried Open. Mr. Garcia wants to become a graphic artist. He is well on his way as he has internship this summer with Pixar. Congratulations to these young artists.

LAG Online Exhibit submitted by April Rimp

"Animals" is the theme of our latest Online Exhibit. As always the login and password have been set per the rules in the Online Exhibit Instructions. If you'd like to add one painting to this exhibits feel free to do so. The exhibit will remain on line for one year. If you don't have the instructions or lost them, email me and I'll send them to you.

If you'd like me to post an image for you, please send on image in jpeg format. Preferable if the image is only of the painting with no mat or frame showing. Please provide the title, medium, and size. If you'd like to sell the work, please include a price and contact information that you are willing to put on the internet.

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Exhibition Opportunities

The Artists' Gallery of Columbia invites artists to submit original work for a juried show in their featured artists' space. Delivery date is July 30, 2015. For more information call 410-740-8249.

Paint Branch Unitarian Church

Are you interested in exhibiting your artwork in a pleasant, well lighted space which has visitors in and out especially on Sundays, a low commission and an opportunity to have a reception? Did you know that Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Powder Mill Road in Adelphi offers this. For further information please call or email Jane Trout at 301 572-2898 or jd_trout@msn.com.

Art-AGstravaganza 2015

Cockeysville, MD, October 10, 2015. Application and information: [Application for Art-AGstravaganza 2015](#)

LAG Calendar 2015

Laurel Regional Hospital Exhibit, May 29 – August 28, 2015

New Member Potluck, Saturday July 11, 2015

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