
TODAY'S NEWS

Louisville Artisans Guild | Newsletter | January/February 2024

Happy New Year 2024!

From the Louisville Artisans Guild Board Members

Letter from the President

The word NEW in this sense is reflected in all of 2023. We have NEW members on our membership list. We have filled some positions on the board with NEW members of the Guild. We have a NEW website – louisvilleartisansguild.org.

We had a NEW venue and date for our Louisville Artisans Guild Fine Arts & Crafts Show, and it was a huge success with a great turnout.

And a big WELCOME to 2024!

The first event being the Volunteer of the Year Award, Thursday, Jan. 11, at the St. Matthews Eline Library. You can read all about it in this newsletter and get all the important information from our vice president, Cynthia Brock. You will not want to miss this event to mix and mingle.

There are plans to have some monthly General Meetings on our second Thursday of the month, hopefully at Eline Library or possibly a member's studio visit. Just make sure you stay tuned and read all about our events in the newsletter and on the website.

If you have any ideas for a meeting or studio visit, please let a board member know.

Now for your part in LAG, we need you. Volunteer ... Volunteer ... Volunteer.

Ask a board member how you can help. Here are a few ideas that come to mind. Join a committee. We can always use new ideas. The Showcase Committee needs your help. We start this month planning for our November show.

The Scholarship Committee needs a few great minds to keep our younger artists engaged in the arts.

The Membership Committee is looking for someone or two to take over this committee.

We do have some members retiring in June and we want to make a smooth transition. We will be needing three member-at-large positions this year.

Our Annual Exhibit is looking for someone to head this committee with a new leader and new venue.

I could go on and on, but let's just say we need you! Enjoy a great year with our Guild!

Mary Ann Hoskins, LAG President
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Volunteer Appreciation party

Join us in celebrating our exceptional volunteers on Jan. 11, 2024!

As we embrace the start of a new year, it's that wonderful time again – a time to express our deepest gratitude and celebrate the heart and soul of our organization: our incredible volunteers. Without their dedication and selfless contributions, we wouldn't be where we are today.

Mark your calendars because on Jan. 11, we invite you to join us in honoring and appreciating our outstanding volunteers. The festivities will take place at the St. Matthews Library, 3940 Grandview Ave., 40207, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Event details:

Date: Jan. 11, 2024

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: St. Matthew Library, 3940 Grandview Ave., 40207

This is not just an ordinary gathering; it's an opportunity for our LAG community to come together, share stories and express our gratitude to those who give their time and energy to make a difference. Volunteers, you are the heart of our organization, and we want to celebrate you!

The evening promises to be filled with warmth, camaraderie and delightful moments. We'll be serving appetizers and drinks to add to the joyous atmosphere. It's a time to relax, enjoy good company and reflect on the positive impact each volunteer has made.

But that's not all – in the spirit of recognizing exceptional dedication, we will be presenting the prestigious "Volunteer of the Year" award. Could it be you? Join us on



Who will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023?

Jan. 11 to find out. This award is a small token of our appreciation for the remarkable individuals who go above and beyond in their commitment to our cause.

So, don't miss out on this chance to come together and celebrate the spirit of giving back. Let's make this Volunteer Appreciation event a memorable and heartwarming occasion for everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing you there. Your presence will make this celebration truly special.

*With sincere gratitude,
Cynthia Brock
LAG Vice President*

2024 Jury Session update

At this time, we have 11 artists registered for the jury workshop scheduled for Jan. 27 – out of the 17 artists who expressed interest. The remaining group will be contacted by phone (as follow-up to two emails sent in November and December), just to be sure of their decisions.

In the past, we have always said we can register as many as 20, so please continue to spread the word.

Jury Workshop: Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jury Session: Feb. 17, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Both will occur at the St. Matthews Eline Library, 3940 Grandview Ave, St Matthews 40207.

Any questions or suggestions, please contact Maude McCarthy (502) 744-0303.

Annual dues deadline is Jan. 31

It is time to renew your membership in the Guild for 2024.

Membership renewal is due by Jan. 31 each year. The dues for a single membership are \$45, and a household membership is \$60. (A reminder that a late processing fee of \$15 is added for any dues paid after Jan. 31.)

Annual dues support the various activities of the Guild.

A few of the benefits of membership include:

- * Participation in the Annual Exhibit
- * Opportunities to tour other artists' studios
- * Subscription to the Guild newsletter
- * Invitations to the annual picnic and Volunteer Appreciation party
- * Opportunities to meet and learn from other artists

Dues can be paid online via the website.

Lauren Blackwell
Membership chair

Scholarship raffle raises \$1,100

I would like to thank all of those who gave their time, hard work and donations to the Scholarship raffle at the LAG Fine Arts and Crafts Showcase in November. We appreciate all the people who donated to the raffle. We made \$1,100 on the raffle, which goes to the Scholarship Fund.

I would also like to thank all of our volunteers for helping make the Showcase a success.

Alyce Cole
Showcase co-chair

Tonya Tate back as Showcase chair

After a one-year hiatus from her involvement with the LAG Fine Arts and Crafts Showcase planning, Tonya Tate has stepped back into the arena and will lead the Showcase planning for 2024 and 2025.

“This Guild means a lot to me,” Tonya said. “I want to help those who continue to give their time and efforts to the cause. We have a great group of folks going above and beyond on a consistent basis. It's nice to be affiliated with them. My goal is to fill up the hall at Mellwood this year. To offer a truly unique and astonishing experience for our shoppers and artists.”

With the success of the new venue, Tonya has already started the planning efforts for 2024. Mark your calendars for Nov. 2 and 3, and get ready for a great event showcasing the best artists the Louisville area has to offer.

If you have taken a break from the Showcase in the past years due to various reasons, 2024 is the year to get back into it. Be on the lookout for the 2024 application the first week of April. We welcome your application and your input.

Please feel free to reach out to Tonya directly at NaturesBath@gmail.com for suggestions and volunteer efforts.

Sponsorship ideas needed

The Guild is always looking for ways to find new sponsors for our events. If you have knowledge and connections in this area, we could use your help and expertise. Please contact a board member for insight and suggestions. At right, is an example of a local art show with sponsors.



You could direct the next Annual Exhibit

The Guild is looking for a new chairperson for our Annual Exhibit. If you are interested in the position or discussing what is involved, contact our president, Mary Ann Hoskins, (502) 608-2323, zorndesigns@aol.com.

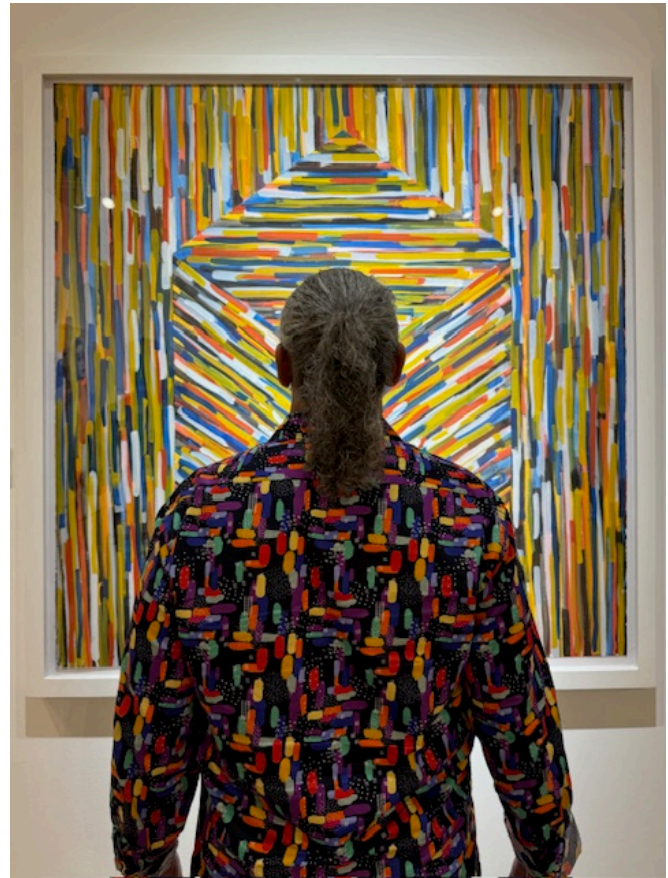
Way to go! Member news

In December 2023, **David and Terri Sierra** seized the chance to attend Miami Art Week. The focal point of this week is Art Basel, the premier art fair globally, held in Basel, Switzerland; Hong Kong, Paris and Miami. This renowned fair draws artists and collectors from around the globe. Over time, it has become a hub for various other fairs like Art Miami, Red Dot, Scope, Untitled, Aqua, NADA, Chroma, Context, Spectrum, Design Miami and many more.

David and Terri had the opportunity to explore Art Basel, SCOPE, Untitled and Art Miami. Along with showing support for local Louisville artist friends like Stan Squirewell, they engaged with gallery representatives from various corners of the world and were invited to some after-hours parties hosted by galleries.

Notable moments included connecting with artists they follow on social media, such as Silvio Porzionato, Emil Armendariz (@Mr. Debonair_art), Anna Kruhelska (@foldiful), James Verbicky, and Brian Rutenberg. The duo also encountered remarkable works by renowned artists like Yayoi Kusama, Johnny Depp, Anish Kapoor (renowned for "The Bean" in Chicago), Joan Miro, Picasso and more. Additionally, they discovered and admired new talents such as Teresita Fernandez, Fabrici Gygi, Sterling Ruby, Carlos Garaicoa, Shaunte Gates and Alberto Biasi.

Should you find yourself in Miami during art week, be sure to don your most comfortable walking shoes and your most avant-garde, artsy attire. Plan for an entire week of exploration because there is an abundance of exhibits and a multitude of people to meet. Without a doubt, you're in for an extraordinary and enjoyable experience!



David matches Emil.



Work by Stan Squirewell.

Way to go! Member news

LAG member **Maude McCarthy** was featured in a story on WAVE 3 News recently. Maude raises money for the Wounded Warriors Project in honor of her son, who served in Iraq and died by suicide after returning. Maude donates the proceeds from her beautiful polymer clay purses to the organization that offers life-changing services in mental and brain health, career counseling, benefits, physical health and wellness, advocacy, and long-term rehabilitative care to veterans. See the story at this link, <https://www.wave3.com/2024/01/06/louisville-woman-raises-money-veterans-memory-her-son/>



After the death of her husband Don, **Sharon Major**, our friend and fellow LAG member, has decided to give up silversmithing and move to an independent living facility close to her daughter in South Carolina.

Lesley Rahner has been responsible for organizing and liquidating her inventory and will be having a final sale of many cabochons, beads and other items on Sunday, Jan. 21, from noon to 5 p.m. at 5400 Pueblo Road, Louisville, 40207. Checks only, please, and made payable to Sharon's daughter, Kathleen Savatiel.

More member news

"All Things Bright and Beautiful," a Solo Exhibition of works by **Dawn Della Bella**, will run January-February 2024 at the Roberta Marx Gallery at All Peoples Unitarian Universalist Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. Opening reception is Sunday, Jan. 14, at 12:30 p.m. Dawn says: As long as I can remember, I have felt attracted to the unique beauty of watercolor art. Though considered a difficult medium to work with, I enjoy the challenge, and find great joy in the creative process. For me, each new piece is an adventure – an experience of exploring, learning and growing in my skills as a watercolorist. My works showcase the versatility of the watercolor medium, exploring the interplay between light and shadow, bold pigments and soft palettes, precise realism and loose fluidity. My background and education lie in the areas of art, ministry and ecology, so God's "bright and beautiful" gifts of nature inspire much of my work. I hope that you will have the opportunity to visit the gallery and see my work!



For sale: E-Z up canopy 10' x 10' white. Three solid sides and one zipper door side. \$125. Call **George McCracken**, (502) 654-4675.

Building connections is key! The **Louisville Artist Social Group** brings together artists and friends for a monthly gathering to dine, converse and network. Connect with us on Facebook @Louisville Artist Social Group or on Instagram @LouisvilleArtistSocialGroup to join our monthly meetups. Each artist takes

care of their own dinner expenses. Our community has provided mentorship, shared opportunities and offered valuable advice to fellow artists. If you're seeking a supportive community of artists, come join us.

We would love to share your good news with our members. Send your info to Jana John at showkitty@att.net. Put "LAG newsletter" in the subject field.

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Annual Exhibit: Open position

Social media coordinator: Open position

Website management: Open position

Liaison to LAG web curator (photography): Judy and John Rosati, judyrosati@gmail.com and jarosati@gmail.com. (Send them your photos to post on our website.)

Send information for the newsletter to Jana John, showkitty@att.net. **Put LAG NEWSLETTER in the subject field.**

A reminder: Our web address has changed. It is now louisvilleartisanguild.org or louisvilleartisanguild.com. "Artisan" is singular in the address.