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From Your President

Greetings Fellow Artists!

I hope you are all finding ways to make art, boost your creativity and connect with your fellow artists... as well as staying healthy and safe during the pandemic. If you are feeling isolated, I encourage you to partake of one of our online groups such as the drawing study group or Virtual Portrait Saturday.

If we don't have a Virtual group for you, I encourage you to reach out and volunteer to host a group. You need a computer and a web cam and a willingness to learn. Contact LAA by either emailing me at pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.org, or by filling out our web contact form. I lead the Drawing Group, and it is very rewarding and offers a wonderful outlet for our members who are stuck at home.

Behind the scenes, your board has been working hard to find ways to continue our mission and to stay connected to you and our community:

- The Virtual Member Program for July was aired on YouTube and FaceBook and is available on the website as well. Ken Roberge pulled all the content together and Steve supplied demo videos ahead of our first Zoom Workshops. We are in the process of planning an August Virtual program.
- We held our first Zoom Workshops and are planning for more through the rest of the year.
- Virtual portrait Saturdays (on Zoom) have been added to our online programs and have been well attended.
- The Virtual Member Theme Show is up and running online and you can vote for People's Choice right on the show web page.



Other highlights: Programs such as the Plein Air Group are now meeting on Fridays, while maintaining social distance outdoors.

Some Programs, such as the Drawing Study Group, are continuing on Zoom.

Here's the rub, however, in order to offer these new online opportunities, we need your help, especially if you have technical skills in video and/or web development OR if you are willing to learn. Right now, the board is doing most of the work on our virtual offerings, and they are stretched pretty thin. Please consider reaching out, if you think you might be able to help. We will offer more details on the website and our FaceBook page.

We will also need your help as volunteers for the upcoming national shows. We are planning for socially distancing procedures to keep our volunteers and our visitors safe, and we will open Signup as soon as we define the new volunteer duties. Keep an eye open for emails from us, and please sign up to help if you can.

We are also in the process of recruiting new Board Directors to take the place of outgoing Directors, whose terms end at the end of the year. In addition, we are also looking for a replacement for Constance Frank, who resigned at the end of June. Her term was scheduled to end at the end of the year. If you have an interest in serving your community as a Board member, please reach out to me or another Director.

Keep on creating! Our world needs your creative work more than ever!

Watch for an eblast about our upcoming Virtual August Members Program Meeting

The August Virtual Members Program Meeting date is still TBD, but you will receive an eblast with information about it as soon as we have it.

In the meantime please email any celebrations and/or announcements you have for the August meeting to Helen's email:

pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com.

We're looking for good news from members that you might want to share with others.

The July Virtual Members Program Meeting can be found here:

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/EyfUSTVT6rQ>

FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/LouisvilleArtAssociation/posts/2918579894917532>

2020 LAA Art Show Schedule

Here's what's in store for 2020!

New: Virtual Library Theme Show "What's Outside": Jul 30 - Aug 31

Cancelled: Taste of Louisville

New Dates: National Fine Art Show: Sep 2 - 7

New Dates: National Photography Show: Sep 8 - 13

Fall Members Fine Art and Craft Show: Nov 19 - 22

Upcoming LAA Shows

Member Annual Virtual Theme Show is Now Live

2020 Theme is "What's Outside?"

*Please invite your family and friends to view our
2020 Member Virtual Theme Show "What's Outside?"
43 Participants entered 79 pieces.
You can help choose the winners by voting for your favorite.
Some of the artwork is for sale.*

Click [here](#) to get to the Theme Show Web Page

Questions - Contact Lynn Sarkis at laamembershows@gmail.com

LAA National Juried Photography Show Update

Event Date: Sep 8 - 13 at the Louisville Center for the Arts

See LAA NPS web page for latest updates: <http://bit.ly/laanps2020>

We are moving forward with plans for our national shows, incorporating social distance practices in order to host a safe event. Due to city requirements, attendance will be limited to a maximum of 10 people at a time, with directional guidance, masks and sanitizer in place.

Among the 100 accepted pieces (out of 776 entries!), we have 4 LAA photographers who are represented in this competitive exhibit:

Judi Dressler
Rich Saxon
Andy Schwartz
Carol Walker

Congrats to them, and everyone else who took the time and effort to submit entries!

As a reminder, we are running the National Fine Arts Show and the National Photography Show back-to-back this year, from Sept 2 – 13. In order to run two national shows each year (which is the preference for all of us), we will need LAA members to step up and fully staff the various volunteer positions for the shows, so keep an eye out for the volunteer sign-up page, which will be posted soon.

Our reception will be held virtually this year, but we will still have the judge (Jesse McLaughlin) giving out over \$4200 in awards and ribbons. Thanks to our new sponsors Mike's Camera and DuraPlaq for supplementing the cash awards with gift certificates!

For show details and the **full prospectus**, visit the LAA website [here](#).

LAA has also acquired **Mike's Camera** in Boulder and **DuraPlaq** in Longmont as new sponsors for the National Photography Show. They will be supplementing the cash awards for first place in each category and the Honorable Mentions with gift certificates.

Co-Chairs:

Steve Markman smarkman@me.com

Rich Saxon rksaxon@aol.com



LAA 35th National Fine Art Show and Sale

Event Dates: Sep 2 - 7 at the Louisville Center for the Arts

Registration Deadline: July 13

Judge: Crystal Despain

To view Crystal Despain's work go to her website, www.crystaldespain.com or to her Instagram [@crystal.despain.art](https://www.instagram.com/crystal.despain.art)

The National Fine Art Show and the National Photography Show will run back-to-back during the time we usually do just one show.

Taste of Louisville is Cancelled

Board Meetings

The Board presently meets twice a month on Zoom from 4-5pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We are meeting more often so we are able to keep up with the challenges that the virus presents to LAA as an organization.

Meeting Dates: Aug 13th and 27th

Time: 4 to 5 PM

Location: Teleconference via Zoom

Members are welcome to attend. Contact Helen Harrison at pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com in advance to let her know you will be attending.

***New* Communications Request Forms on LAA Website**

To request Web additions, Facebook posts, and/or eBlasts, click [here](#) for the forms on our website.

Reimbursement Request Form

To be reimbursed for an LAA expense you must submit your receipt and complete an LAA Reimbursement Request Form. Click [here](#) for more information and to download the form.

Important News

Instagram. Are you active on Instagram? Or maybe you have an account, but it just isn't getting much traction? Our Social Media Team wants to help you amplify your work on Instagram. Email your Instagram handle and a JPG image of your artwork (max size 1080 pixels) to Kirk Fry at kirkfry58@gmail.com. He will promote member photos/accounts a few times per week. You can also add a blurb about an upcoming exhibit, etc., which can be added to the caption of your image. Our Instagram handle is @LouisvilleArtAssociation.

Volunteers Needed

*We are a volunteer organization, **everyone** needs to volunteer to help out to keep our organization thriving and provide the great art resources we all benefit from! What will you do for LAA?*

2020 Show Co-Chairs Needed

Here's an opportunity to be a co-chair for one of our member or national shows. This is an incredible rewarding job that really helps us reach the community and support our artists. Contact Helen Harrison pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com, Lynn Sarkis laamembershows@gmail.com or Ken Roberge Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com if you are interested.

Membership Care Volunteer

We are looking for someone with enthusiasm for LAA members and their well being. Some of the duties of this position are:

- Perform member outreach
- Greet members at meetings when we start meeting again in person next year

Demo Coordinators for Member Meetings

We need a coordinator for the Member Meeting Demonstrations. You will take over from Jill Riggin, who has moved over to Workshop Coordinator with Nickie Barbee. Please contact **Steve Markman** smarkman@me.com if interested.

Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Coordinators

Coordinator needed for the new PANDA program. See program description in Important News section

Video Production Help Needed

The LAA Board is exploring ways to fulfill our mission of skill building and mutual support and inspiration during a time when face-to-face contact is severely limited. If you have experience in areas of videography, video production, live broadcasting, or similar fields, please let us know. If you have made instructional videos, demos, or other electronic content of your art and can share the

- Coordinate Membership drives and community awareness to increase our membership numbers and diversity
- Create member name tags

wisdom you have gained from this, please contact Helen or any Board member.

Please contact Ken Roberge for more info. Email:

Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com

LAA Member Programs

Portrait Saturdays via Zoom

Zoom Sessions are held the last Saturday of the month.

Saturday Aug 29, 2020 10 am to 1 pm

Sponsored by The Louisville Art Association and powered by Zoom.

LAA pays for the model, but the models rely on gratuities from the participants.

Registration is required and free. A gratuity for the model is highly suggested, paid directly to the model through PayPal at the start of the session.



(Challenges with pay pal? Email connieruel@followtheruel.com for other gratuity options or questions.)

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)
[CLICK BUTTON BELOW TO REGISTER](#)**

Since this is an ongoing program, you can register for more than one session at a time. You can also come back later to register for other sessions. More sessions will be available soon.

The Zoom link will be emailed a day or two before the session along with the model's payment info.

[Portrait Registration](#)

Open Studio Mondays

On Hold 9am - Noon

Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Ave.

LAA artists meet to work on their own projects. No instruction, just friends enjoying art-making together. No fee for members. Contact **Constance Frank and Nancy Caballero**.

Please consider joining in for all or part, as we have fun with our artwork!

Plein Janes and Joes Schedule

9:00 - 12:00 unless otherwise specified

Please see the attached August schedule [here](#).

- August 7 – Grasso Park, Superior

Art in Public Places (AIPP)

Some Venues are Now Open

Please contact the venue (or go to their website) if you are signed up to exhibit, in order to verify that they are open. Also, there are some empty slots on the AIPP schedule still available. If interested, please let us know. If you have any questions or suggestions or changes also let us know.

The AIPP program supports LAA member artists who want to show and sell their work in public spaces and businesses in our area. Members sign up every Fall for the following calendar year. AIPP is a members-only program and is a great incentive to join us. For more info, go to our website or contact Colleen Tucker (colleentuck@gmail.com) or Monique Gray. [Website](#)

- August 14 – Greenbriar Inn, north of Boulder
- August 21 – Coal Creek Trailhead off S. Public Rd., Lafayette
- August 28 – Lincoln and Hutchinson Streets, Louisville

[Link](#) for list of venues, schedule and ID tags. LAA ID tags are required.

Drawing Study Group - Tuesdays 10am - Noon

Drawing Study Group is presently meeting on Zoom, so email Helen at pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com if you want to attend (so I can put you on the mailing list).

The DSG offers instruction in many different drawing techniques as well as varying subjects. The class rotates through topics every few months.

Contacts:

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Jane Evans: 303-818-8679

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In Memoriam



Carole Deonn Mock

1940-2020

A few short weeks ago, LAA member Carole Mock passed away after suffering a stroke.

She was a member of LAA for many years and regularly participated in shows and other activities, including the Zoom classes we moved to after the virus precautions were established.

According to her daughter-in-law, Patrice, Carole enjoyed metaphysical philosophy, painting, knitting, and crafting. She created many beautiful pieces that were displayed and sold in local outlets.

She is survived by a Sister, Joyce Hartman (Tom), a Brother, Gordon Simoens (Bonnie), her Daughter Jacqueline Glazier (Sean), and Son Robert Mock (Patrice), two Grandchildren and four Great Grandchildren.

We will miss her presence at our many gatherings. Click [here](#) for her full obituary.

Memorial donations can be made in Carole's name to The American Council

of The Blind (<https://acb.org/donate>).

Janet L. Oddson

1930-2020

LAA member Jan Oddson passed away from a stroke June 23rd.

She was primarily a watercolor artist, although she used oil and acrylic as well.

A member of LAA, Park Hill, and former member of the Paletteers, she painted landscapes, portraits, and still lifes. Jan often volunteered to help serve refreshments for many events before she became ill. She will be greatly missed in the art community.

About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

Leslie Dodson

Member Interview

Anita Jantz

Anita Jantz, with a Bachelor of Arts from Wichita State University, had been working at CU for some time as a computer tech person, but as an empty nester, she has two children, Tammy and Nathan, was casting about for something new. Having grown up in a home with an accomplished artist mom, art had always been her interest growing up and into adulthood. With such a familiar concept, she joined LAA.

Meeting friendly members boosted her spirits, and having watched a demo found she could hardly wait for the next one. The warm welcome she was consistently given by the group inspired her, and she began an aggressive campaign of self-teaching.

Anita now found herself jealous of the 40 hours given to her work for CU which wasn't given to art, yet her computer skills turned to her advantage as she had experience doing publications for them. Also, making business cards was a snap.

At this point, she discovered with astonishment that a sleeping dream really can influence a life choice. Anita dreamed that she was wandering through an old house and "bumped into" a mentor, her anthropology professor. "Dr. Holmes!" she said. "What should I do with my life?" The dream guy responded, "You have the answer." She shot back, "I should teach art!"

Hard on the heels of this dream, Anita, who had been having framing done at Michael's, was asked by that company if she would teach art for them. She began teaching Saturday classes there, which later led to teaching private students in her home studio four afternoons a week. She sounded a little delirious with the idea. She found, too, that her pieces would sell readily. "One after another! It was so inspiring," she said. ".....and it actually paid!"

In 2003, what with selling and teaching behind her, she retired from CU in order to "see how far I can take my art." She delights in florals, landscapes, and nature, which a glimpse of her website will show. (She can be found at jantzart.com). Color had become a major passion. She has been, in fact, certified as a teacher by the Michael Wilcox School of Color.

Anita is represented by several galleries, including the Adorned Jewelry store in Boulder, the Walnut Gallery, which has moved (as she has) to Longmont, another in Montana, and other locations in Colorado. She has been accepted to a number of national shows, and serves as part of the LAA communications team as "Sunshine Lady" to keep track of members who are ill or may need attention. -**McKee**



LAA Homeless Art Program

Your new and used art supplies are needed by our member Susan Steven for the homeless. She provides a weekly free art workshop and helps attendees create, show and sell their art. Can you help? We need new or used acrylics, tempera paint, watercolor, canvases and good paper. If you can help, bring your items to the next meeting. Look for a blue polka dot collection box at the meeting. Please contact Susan Steven susan@operant.com, if you can donate new or used supplies. Thank you.

Other Opportunities

Heritage Art Guild

LAA and the Heritage Art Guild have begun to cross-advertise our workshops. We will advertise their workshops here. To see what else is happening with the Heritage Art Guild, visit their website: <http://www.heritage-guild.com/current-workshops.html>

LAA Website Member Gallery Updates

The new Member Gallery is now on our website. If you would like to update your photo and information, or if you would like to be included, now is your chance.

Please use the following guideline:

- Send one image to louisvillearts@gmail.com
- Please put Member Gallery and your Name on the subject line
- Include your Website or Facebook address in the email
- Please rename your image with the title of your piece and attach it to the email.

If you have any questions, please email Gail at the above email address.

Officers

Helen Harrison, President, Flipcause roll out, Grant Team-SCFD

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Ken Roberge, Secretary

For the full list of Board Members and Volunteer Coordinators, see our website at:

<https://www.louisvilleart.org/board-of-directors.html>

Directors

Steve Markman, Members Programs Team Liaison for Workshops/Demos/Dabblers; LAA Calendar/Art Center Calendar
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