

May 2020



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From Your President

Hello LAA members,

It's been a very surreal and strange month under the COVID-19 stay home orders, but we are all finding a way to thrive and survive in these trying circumstances.

As the days go by, I haven't been feeling the same enthusiasm for my work and it's been hard to settle down and concentrate. I am trying to get into better work habits, but it has been a struggle. I clean and organize but I tend to be a bit paralyzed around actually DOING any painting. Lethargy and malaise abound. :)

How have you been coping with being home all of the time? Are you making art and pursuing creative outlets? What are your artistic survival strategies? Some of you are very productive and I am interested in hearing how you stay creative in the midst of this epidemic.

Please share your tips for staying creative and involved while sheltering safely at home. Email me and/or post comments on Facebook or in the comments on our Blog (on the website) with your strategies to stay creative.

Stay safe and stay creative! I hope we will be back to some semblance of normalcy soon and can meet again in the real world. In the meantime, there are a few programs meeting on ZOOM right now as well as plans in the works for other ways to connect in the virtual world. Check out the rest of the newsletter for details.

Your fellow artist,
Helen



Tentative: Next Monthly Member Program - Thursday, June 11th

Location: Louisville Center for the Arts

6:30 pm: Social/Networking, 7:00 pm: General Meeting, 7:30 - 8:30 pm: Demonstration



June Demo Artist
Karen Roehl - The Language of Abstraction

2020 Demo Schedule

Meeting Date	Demo Artist	Title
11-Jun	Karen Roehl	The Language of Abstraction
13-Aug	Susie Hyer	Painting Nocturnes
10-Sep	Dennis Pendleton	Color Theory
8-Oct	Lael Har	Aspen in Acrylic
12-Nov	Merryll Saylan	Contemporary Wood Sculpture

2020 LAA Art Show Schedule

Here's what's in store for 2020!

Canceled: Spring Members Fine Art Show: April 16-19

New: Virtual Spring Members Show: May - TBD

Postponed: National Photography Show: May 21-31

Library Theme Show: July

Date Change: Taste of Louisville, Sep 5th

National Fine Art Show: Sep 3-13

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

Upcoming LAA Shows

Virtual Spring Members Show

Event Date: Ongoing from May 2020 (TBD end date)

Registration Deadline: 5/6/20

Since we had to cancel our Spring Show, (due to COVID-19) the *Louisville Art Association* has decided to host a *Virtual Spring Member Show*. There are no entry fees and no monetary awards, though ribbons will be awarded. The only requirement is that you be a member in good standing.

Annie Gifford has agreed to judge the show. We will host a virtual "reception" on a date to be determined.

Entry will be through email and up to **3 pieces are allowed**. Because the show is online, there are no size limitations. All work should be original and created within the last 2 years.

To enter, email a photo or photos of your work (saved as a jpg) at laamembershows@gmail.com.

In the email, please identify each piece with the **file name, title, size (WxH), medium, and artist's name**. (Example File Name: Entry 1-Somewhere-12x16-Oils-Pat Jones). These images should be of the **artwork only (no mats or frames)** and the **image when sent should be saved at actual file size**. However, the longest edge of your image file should be no longer than **2000 pixels**. If the longest edge is greater than 2000, please downsize it to 2000 pixels.

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If you need help with resizing or have other questions about file submission, etc, please email Lynn Sarkis laamembershows@gmail.com or Helen Harrison pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com, and we will send you to one of our many tech experts.

Entries will be accepted through May 6. Once set up, the gallery page will remain open and People's Choice votes will be tabulated until the end of May. Ribbons will be presented at the next member meeting which we hope will occur in June.

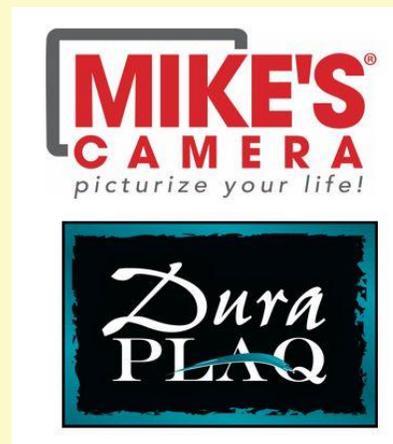
LAA National Juried Photography Show

Event Date: TBD (Late Aug or Early Sep), 2020 at the Louisville Center for the Arts

Registration Deadline: June 7

Reception: TBD, 6pm - 9pm, Awards 7:30pm

The Louisville Art Association is pleased announce the return of our well-known National Photography Show! This national show brings incredible images from master photographers around the country in a wide variety of categories. With over \$4000 in awards and prizes, this is one of the top photography shows in Colorado! All applications will be submitted via the **Call for Entry** website. Click [here](#) to register on **Call for Entry**.



This year's judge, **Jesse McLaughlin**, is the former president of the Professional Photographers of Colorado. 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 a 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 rcsaxon@aol.com

Taste of Louisville - Date Change

Event Date: 9/5/2020, 9am to 4pm

Registration Deadline: 8/7/20

With the Covid-19 circumstances, the Taste of Louisville has change their date to Sept 5. This will be in conjunction with the Fall Festival. LAA is accepting applications for craft and art booths due August 7. The booth fees are \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. All the information is on the application. We have booth spaces available.

LAA hosts artists/crafters for the Taste of Louisville. There are 20 booth spaces available. We do allow LAA member's to share a space with another artist. It is a great deal and gets lots of exposure for your work. The details are in the application, attached [here](#). Feel free to contact Jane Evans revansj@comcast.net if you have questions.

Board Meeting - May 14th and 28th

Time: 4:00 to 5:00PM

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

AIPP Update. Until further notice, due to COVID-19 the art work that is up in the venues will continue to stay in place. The artists who are scheduled to hang work in the next few months will be kept informed by email. All town and city buildings are closed and the small businesses are probably closed as well. We're all in a holding pattern. Stay safe! - Colleen Tucker (colleentuck@gmail.com) and Monique Gray.

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

Coordinator for Set Up/Take Down at Member Meetings

For more information: Contact **Constance Frank** cfranklcsw@me.com. We need coordinators to take a month or two to coordinate set up and take down. You don't have to lift anything if you're not able. We need someone to let people know how to stack chairs 8 high, how to fit them into closet and leaving 4 tables and a few chairs up when we leave. Arrive at 6pm and leave when all the furnishings are put away - 8:45. Sign up in advance for a few months that you can help out with this.

Portrait Painting Assistant. Nedra Newson needs an assistant to help set up and take down equipment on painting days. Please contact Nedra.

nedranew@comcast.net

Demo Coordinators for Member Meetings

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

Please contact Ken Roberge for more info. Email:

Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com

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

Hospitality Support

Help set up refreshments at various LAA events. See Lynn Sarkis laamembershows@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Coordinators

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

LAA Member Programs

Portrait Painting

Canceled until June 9am - Noon

Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Ave.

All artists interested in drawing/painting photographing a clothed figure are welcome. Contact: Nedra Newson, 303-494-1816. LAA Members Free; \$10 for non-members. Everyone tips the model.

Open Studio Mondays

Canceled until June 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!

Drawing Study Group - Tuesdays

10am - Noon

Canceled until June (An online option is in the works). The DSG offers instruction in many different drawing techniques as well as varying subjects. The class rotates through topics every few months. Contact Helen Harrison, at pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com No registration is needed.

Art in Public Places (AIPP)

Until further notice the art work that is up in the venues will continue to stay in place. The artists who are scheduled to hang work in the next few months will be kept informed by email. All town and city buildings are closed and the small businesses are probably closed as well. We're all in a holding pattern. Stay safe!

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

Plein Janes and Joes Schedule

Canceled until June (tentative)

Please see the attached letter [here](#) for a note from Jane Elvins and Jane Evans.

About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

No new members in April

Member Interview

Merryll Saylan

Art, chiefly involving wood, has been Merryll Saylan's career for her whole life. Most of her time was spent in California, where UCLA provided a BA in Design, and California State University Northridge presented her with a Masters in Art. Her exhibits have appeared in such places as the Renwick Gallery, Museum of Art & Design, and the Yale University Art Gallery. Artist-in-Residence programs found her in both the United States and England, including the Grizedale Sculpture Park in Cumbria, England. As a Visiting Artist, she taught at California College of the Arts in San Francisco, and was invited to participate in the Smithsonian Archives of American Art. She was also found serving on the boards of The Wood Turning Center, the American Association of Woodturners, and the board of Collectors Of Wood Art.



"Environment has always affected my work, and living next to a salt marsh with its movement and patterns from tidal action is reflected on my surfaces." She says. Color, too, began to work its way in with soft colors of pigment and texture that never interfered with the wood's own patterns. At first, she noticed some resistance to this new approach. Resistance went away; it's always satisfying when such shifts of attitude happen.

Merryll had three children with her first husband. She married Ed Saylan in the early 70's, who sadly died in 2004. She has a son and 3 grandchildren here in Colorado who live nearby. There's another son in Long Beach, CA providing an opportunity for a lot of road trips back and forth with the grandchildren to visit him, as well as her old haunts in California.

These "haunts" sound delightful for an artist, or nearly anyone else. Merryll's home was in an area of mixed use buildings bustling with artists, including quilt makers, jewelers, a ukulele maker, an illustrator of books, ceramics and sculptors plus bakeries and cafes. The artists living there would put together craft shows, open studios, and classes. (Your writer must interject here that she herself would be happy to go live there when she dies.)

Merryll remarks that she built her own home here in Louisville, a rather startling comment that was explained by having had a neighbor who was an architect in Berkeley. Merryll and her husband had built spec houses, which inspired her to build her own home in Berkeley in 1982, beginning with an old shack which no one cared about and adding a separate building for a 1400 sq. ft studio. As Merryll likes cooking and entertaining, the home reflected this interest, so her neighbor architect and she decided to somewhat recreate that home and studio here. With a thought toward getting older, she's built the main living area all on one floor, to avoid having to gallop up and down stairs on into the future.

Tools and wood shop sit separately from the house. Piles of wonderful woods proliferate still, even after her move. So many ideas often haunt all of us in this way in our closets, collections, and indispensable experiments. You can enjoy Merryll's extensive bio which appears online under Merryll Saylan. -McKee

LAA Homeless Art Program

Your new and used art supplies are needed by our member Susan Stephans 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 Stephans susan@operant.com if you can donate new or used supplies. Thank you.

2020 Workshop Schedule

Workshop Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Location: Louisville Art Center unless otherwise noted.

To Register: Go to our website, <https://www.louisvilleart.org/workshops--classes.html>

Contact: Steve Markman smarkman@me.com for more information

LAA Member Coupon Code: LAA2020 - Note some Workshop fees are changing in 2020.

One day workshop fees: Members will pay \$50 and non-members will pay \$70
 Two day workshop fees: Members will pay \$130 and non-members will pay \$170

For refunds please contact Steve Markman smarkman@me.com. You will be refunded by check. Please do not dispute the charges online at our website.

Date	1 Day/2 Day	Artist	Title
18-Jun & 19-Jun	2 Day	Kath Reilley	Interpreting the Landscape in Plein Air
17-Jul	1 Day	Janet Nunn	Painting without a Brush
15-Aug	1 Day	Karen Roehl	The Language of Abstraction
21-Oct	1 Day	Dennis Pendleton	The Art of Color

Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Workshops

PANDA Workshops are on Saturday as at the Louisville Center for the Arts and are from 9:00am to Noon. These workshops focus on photography and digital arts. Registration on the LAA Website is required. Registration is \$40 for LAA members, \$50 for BAG (Broomfield Art Guild) members, and \$60 for non-members. (LAA members please use your discount code for a reduced price.)

Date	Artist	Title
20-Jun	Judi Dressler	Photographing Birds

2020 Dabblers Schedule

The Dabblers workshops are an opportunity for people to 'dabble' in a new medium or technique with minimal cost. Dabblers are 3 hours long.

Time: Varies

Location: Louisville Art Center unless otherwise indicated.

Cost: \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members. Pay on-line at time of registration. **Members:** Use your member code when you check out. **LAA Member Coupon Code:** LAA2020

Contact: Steve Markman smarkman@me.com. Click [here](#) to register.

Date	Artist	Title
11-Jul	Jane Braley	Expanding Artistic Creativity
22-Aug	Jill Rumley	Marketing Your Artwork
6-Sep	Xenia Sease	Pastel Landscape Techniques
17-Oct	Helen Harrison	Charcoal <i>Illusions</i>

Calls for Entry, Classes and Other Opportunities

Plein Air Workshop with Bill Meuser

Dates: May 21-23

Lose your fear and hesitation and let your paintbrush dance, as you learn about light, shadow, composition, distance and how to capture the fleeting light.

For more information contact Bill at bmeouser@gmail.com or call 303-250-6222 to register. Tuition is \$300. All levels welcome.

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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>

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