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## From Your President

Greetings LAA Artists!

Recently I started thinking about the events of the last few months and I realized that some of you may wonder why we chose to stay open for business, even as many other art organizations have shut down (hopefully not permanently.)

The board discussed how to cope with this crisis and closing up shop was certainly one of the options on the table.

It was a tempting option, pretty cut and dried. We'd try to open whenever the virus went away. We didn't know when the crisis would be over, after all. Would it be a couple of months or a year? No one knew. How could we even begin to plan when there was so much uncertainty?

We thought hard about closing... and we decided against that option. Instead, we decided that we wanted to keep LAA alive. We felt strongly that our members were going to need connection to each other more than ever in this time.

So, the board rolled up their sleeves and got to work. First, the board started meeting via Zoom twice a month, instead of once a month.

In the Spring, the Art Center and most City buildings were closed, so our Spring Member Show went online, and the National Photo Show was rescheduled to the Fall. The Member Theme Show was also held online-only.

Our workshops were canceled while we researched how to go online with them. Steve Markman arranged a new schedule of Zoom workshops, working out the process as well as what the financial structure would be.

Featured programs like drawing and Portrait Saturday went to Zoom. Plein Air continued outside with social distancing and masks. AIPP was able to continue also, with some adjustments.

The National Fine Art Show and the National Photography Show were held back to back in the Art Center in September, with strict virus safety procedures in place. We held virtual Award ceremonies for the Spring shows along with the National Shows, since we could not have in-person ceremonies or receptions. We will do the same for the Fall show.

Finally, we have been trying to get member meeting videos uploaded each month, though the last one was delayed.



Though I talk a lot about the board, it has been the enthusiasm of our members that have kept us going. Without our members desire to keep the doors open, we could not have done it!

It has taken a lot of hard work and new skills to move into our new reality. That means we now need technical expertise in video, live broadcasting, website development/technology and much more. If you think you can help with any of the projects discussed above, or any project you think could benefit the organization, please contact any of the Board Directors or fill out our contact form. We need your creativity as we move into 2021.

You'll hear more about this soon, but because we cannot have our annual meeting this year, we will be voting for our new slate of Directors through Constant Contact. Look for details from Ken Roberge.

Remember that we are starting our membership drive soon. After Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, when you renew your membership, you get the rest of this year and all of 2021. A great deal for a great organization!

As always, if you have questions or need information, contact LAA by filling out the web contact form. See you at the Fall Show or at one of the virtual receptions.

Take care and stay safe,  
Helen

## Virtual October Members Program Meeting

**The October Virtual Members Program Meeting date is October 31st. You will receive an eblast with information about it soon.**

There will not be a November Virtual Members Program. Instead we will be sending an email for you to vote for the new Board Directors.

## Notice of Board of Directors Election

The 2020 Nominating Committee is happy to present this year's slate of Board Director Candidates for your approval.

**This year's nominees are Sandy Price - Treasurer, Vince Dean and Jay Lynch returning for a second term, and Connie Ruel. All will serve a two-year terms.**

We believe that these people have the skills and experience needed to effectively govern your organization. **Vince Dean** and **Jay Lynch** currently serve on the Board and have agreed to serve a second two-year term. They will bring valued experience and continuity to the work of the Board. Vince has decided not to continue as Treasurer. We are happy to announce that **Sandy Price** has agreed to serve as your new Treasurer. Former art educator, HOA Board President, and businessperson, she has a passion for art and an appreciation for the work of the Association. We are pleased to have **Connie Ruel** join the Board. You may know her from her Saturday Portrait Group. Artist, chef, and restaurateur, she brings management, business, as well as artistic experience to the Board.

Normally you would be asked to vote to approve this slate at the Annual Member Meeting in November. But due to the pandemic, we are not able to have an in-person meeting. Fortunately, we can also hold the election by email. **You will soon receive an email with an online ballot. Simply click on your response to vote. The voting deadline is November 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will announce the results shortly thereafter.

Your 2020 Nominating Committee:  
Helen Harrison

Camilla Pratt  
Lynn Sarkis  
Donna Sorensen  
Ken Roberge

## Fall Members Fine Art and Crafts Show

Your artwork has been stuck at home. It's time to let it get out of the house and show off. The Louisville Art Association is hosting it's Fall Member Art and Crafts Show on November 19th - 22nd, 2020. Find out more by going to the Show Page.

The show will also run virtually. **The Prospectus, Covid Safety Procedures, and Registration** are all available on-line.

[Link to Show Page](#)

## Board Meetings and Communication

### 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: Nov 12th and 26th**

Time: 4 to 5 PM

Location: Teleconference via Zoom

Members are welcome to attend. Contact Helen Harrison at [pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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?***

[2021 Show Co-Chairs Needed](#)

[Demo Coordinators for Member Meetings](#)

Here's an opportunity to be a co-chair for one of our member or national shows.

**We need co-chairs for all shows in 2021:**

- **Spring Member Show**
- **National Photography Show**
- **Theme Show**
- **National Fine Art show**
- **Fall Member Show**

This is an incredible rewarding job that really helps us reach the community and support our artists. Contact Helen Harrison [pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com](mailto:pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com), Lynn Sarkis [laamembershows@gmail.com](mailto:laamembershows@gmail.com) or Ken Roberge [Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com](mailto: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
- Coordinate Membership drives and community awareness to increase our membership numbers and diversity
- Create member name tags

Please contact Ken Roberge for more info. Email:

[Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com)

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](mailto:smarkman@me.com) if interested.

**Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Coordinators**  
Coordinator needed for the PANDA program.

### **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.

## **LAA Member Programs**

### **Portrait Saturdays via Zoom**

**The last Zoom Portrait Session in 2020 will be on:**

**Saturday Oct 31, 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. Models rely on gratuities from the participants and is highly encouraged. The model's gratuity is paid directly to the model through PayPal at the start of the session.

(Challenges with pay pal? Email [connieruel@followtheruel.com](mailto: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 has ended for 2020. We'll be back in the Spring**

**Contacts:**

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Jane Evans: 303-818-8679

[revansjcolorado@gmail.com](mailto:revansjcolorado@gmail.com)

**Art in Public Places (AIPP)**

**Some Venues are Now Open**

**For 2021 we are working on a way to sign up for AIPP on line. More to information to come.**

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](mailto:colleentuck@gmail.com)) or Monique Gray. **Website 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](mailto: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.

## Zoom Workshops

Upcoming Workshops:

- **Charcoal Illusions, Helen Harrison, TBD**
- **Contemporary Wood Sculpture, Merryl Saylan, TBD**

Please click [here](#) for the LAA Website Workshop page for registration information

Pricing for each of these 2-hour sessions is \$20 for members, \$25 for partner members and \$30 for non-members. There will be a limit of 10 registrants for each class to maintain a high quality of instruction in an online environment.

We hope you will find our efforts to continue to serve our membership in these disruptive times both helpful and inspiring. Keep up your amazing art! Stay safe!



## About Our Members

### Welcome to Our New Members

No new members this month.

### Member Interview Ann Christopher

LAA's Ann Christopher likes mixed media collages and contemporary acrylic florals. She felt at one point that she wanted to be more free in her work, and an LAA meeting came to the rescue with a demonstration by Victoria Kwasinski. Ann took a class, and found herself using an enormous sheet of paper or 300 lb. board with chalk and charcoal. You can, she says, cover or take out areas as you work until really pleased with results.

Ann just sold a miniature painting in the Aar River Gallery in Westminster. Her husband, Bill, objected when she planned to sell one of her Aspen paintings of which he was particularly fond.

Ann is also a floral designer, having worked her way up to head designer at Veldkamp's at Wadsworth and 80th. This attention to flowers often crop up in conversation. She volunteered at Denver Children's Hospital in the Gift Shop and began doing window displays. At St. Anthony North Hospital, she once again found herself in the Gift Shop and became concerned that the flowers people bought there for patients were too pricey. She had a "Hey, I can do that" moment, thinking of arranging them herself to keep costs down. She did so. In addition, while volunteering at St. Anthony North Health Center on 144th, Ann, as pianist, took her keyboard around the hospital to play for anyone needing a lift. Another musical interest found Ann directing and ringing in handbell choirs for all of 32 years. Apparently it's unlike the piano in that each person plays only one note, and if that note is missed, the world is presented with no note at all. The result, she says, is "usually just a smile."

This pandemic has slowed her down, but being a PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) member, she found herself making and organizing an enormous amount of COVID masks. The whole top of her home piano is covered with them.

Ann and Bill have three daughters, Leah, Nicole, and Heather, and four grandchildren with two of each gender. The couple loves to travel. Bill's retired from his post as City Manager of Westminster, so they've taken river boat trips through Europe, Russia, Greece, and Peru, and have investigated the Panama Canal, Canada, and Prince Edward Island. -McKee



## Other Opportunities

### Chautauqua WinterFEST CALL FOR ARTISTS

**CALL FOR ARTISTS— FREE TO APPLY**

**Deadline is Nov 06**

**Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark** in Boulder is hosting the first ever **WinterFEST Art In The Park** on December 11-13, 2020.

We are seeking 15 artists to paint/decorate fiberglass bear cubs (40" tall) for a public art project.

**ARTISTS WILL RECEIVE:  
\$250 Stipend**

## **Overnight Cottage Stay Share of Auction proceeds.**

The event will be free to the public. The cubs will be on display at Chautauqua through the winter and early spring, travel to different locations in Boulder mid-to-late spring, and return to Chautauqua to be auctioned off. Proceeds will benefit artists, featured non-profits, and the Colorado Chautauqua Association.

The cubs will also be part of a distancing-friendly, GPS-activated scavenger hunt, during which artists, local non-profits, and local businesses will be featured.

Jury committee will be headed by RICK DALLAGO.

Apply here: <https://forms.pabbly.com/form/share/C4Z0-447656>

## **40th Annual Western Spirit Juried Art Show and Sale**

The Western Spirit Juried Art Show & Sale is the premier annual juried art show in the Rocky Mountain region for new and emerging artists who depict the American West.

Contact Email: [cameron.green@oldwestmuseum.org](mailto:cameron.green@oldwestmuseum.org)

Call Type: Unspecified

Eligibility: International

State: Wyoming

Event Dates: 3/6/21 - 4/18/21

Entry Deadline: 11/8/20

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## **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](mailto: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.

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**Lynn Sarkis**, Vice President, Communications Team Liaison, Art Center Calendar, Flipcause, Grant Team-SCFD, Mini Grants  
**Vince Dean**, Treasurer, Grant Team-SCFD, Taste of Louisville  
**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**

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**Dawn Hendrix**, Featured Programs, Member Meetings, Liaison for LCC  
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