

September 2020



From Your President

Helen has been crazy busy this month with supporting both of our National Shows. Her President's Note will be back in the October Newsletter.



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

The September 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 September 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 August Virtual Members Program Meeting can be found here:

YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/biD-TISzV9Y>

On Facebook, the link to the live event is pinned to the top of the LAA Facebook page.

2020 LAA Art Show Schedule

Here's what's in store for 2020!

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

Virtual Theme Show

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.
Some of the artwork is for sale.*

People's Choice winners will be announced at the Virtual September Members Program

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

Questions - Contact Lynn Sarkis at laamembershows@gmail.com

National Fine Art and Photography Shows



We Need Your Help!

**The National Fine Arts Show and Sale and the
National Photography Show and Sale can't happen
without you!**

We will be following all of the guidelines set by the State of Colorado, which include enforcing the mask mandate and limiting the occupancy to the gallery.

The receptions for both shows will be virtual this year.

Please help us and volunteer to support both shows during these challenging times. **Please click the button below to volunteer.**

[Sign-Up.com](https://www.sign-up.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!

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 rcsaxon@aol.com



LAA 35th National Fine Art Show and Sale

To see the Virtual National Fine Arts show on our website, click [here](#).

To see the Awards Ceremony on YouTube (available in 4K, High Resolution) click [here](#)

Or, go to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LouisvilleArtAssociation

To view Crystal Despain's (our judge) work go to her website, www.crystaldespain.com or to her Instagram [@crystal.despain.art](#)

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: Sep 10th and 24th

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

New Featured Programs Direction, Dawn Hendrix. Dawn Hendrix has graciously stepped up to fill the Feature Programs Director slot, left by Constance Frank. Thank you Dawn, and we look forward to working with you!

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
- 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

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

LAA Member Programs

Portrait Saturdays via Zoom

Zoom Sessions are held the last Saturday of the month.

Saturday Sep 26, 2020 10 am to 1 pm

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. 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 September schedule [here](#).

- Sept 4 - Bee Hugger, 12590 Ute Highway (CO Hwy 66)
- Sept 11 – Sandstone Ranch, East Longmont
- Sept 18 – Viele Lake, South Boulder Rec Center, 1360 Gillaspie
- September 25 – Munson Farms, Valmont Rd. And 75th St., NE Boulder

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 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

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Jane Elvins: 720-352-7218 drjane99@yahoo.com,

Jane Evans: 303-818-8679

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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.

About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

Deborah Nakano

Aneesha Parrone

Member Interview

Richard Saxon

Richard Saxon is Co-chair with Steve Markman of the LAA National Fine Arts Show and the LAA National Photography Show, which are coming fast. (You'll notice that "coming fast" is the same phrase they use about terrifyingly roaring freight trains). Rich says that it's an "all hands on deck" operation, happening as it does in the middle of a pandemic, and also divided into two magnificent shows, one succeeding another.

Helen, our president, has asked the competent Rich to join the LAA Board, but he prefers to simply "do stuff", or to be the "go to guy for odd jobs". Jobs technical in nature please him greatly.

Rich has had a photo accepted, for which congratulations are very much due. Together, the two shows had a total entry count of over 1000 pieces! The Fine Art Show runs from Sep 2-7 and the Photo show runs from Sep 8-13. Details about both shows can be found on our website.

Job-wise, Walgreen's employed Rich as a pharmacist in Lafayette for over 12 years before his retirement. He says the preparation gets more and more like med school now, with the 2 years pre-pharmacy now stretched to five. He and wife Fran met when both were in the Air Force, and they transferred to Florida.

This medical interest has morphed into a family thing. Daughter Michelle is a nurse in children's critical care, and son Brian is a paramedic fire fighter, based across from Louisville's Recreation Center. Wife Fran is a paraprofessional who taught and managed technology customer support for all Lafayette schools until 13 years ago, when Michelle produced two children who really wanted Fran for babysitter.

Travel is a huge interest for the couple. Recently Vail and Crested Butte recently saw them, and before this France, Germany, England and Italy admitted them, although requiring Covid-style check ins and demanding to know just where the two would stay. Photography captivated Rick in such places.

At home, working on the house and pursuing a feverish interest in vegetable gardening takes over between photo trips. After snarling at tomatoes that were not turning properly red, he spoke with a Welsh neighbor, and here's the man's secret from the old country: Place a fresh banana in a big paper bag with tomatoes, tape it all securely shut, and put it in a cool dark place for 3 weeks. Must be paper; must be dark. It works, as they say in Wales, "a treat". -Mckee



LAA Homeless Art Program

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

Zoom Workshops

The LAA is happy to announce more Zoom Workshops coming your way!

Zoom Workshops

- **Summer Landscapes, Lael Har, Saturday Sep 26, 2020, 10 AM-12 PM**
- **Charcoal Illusions, Helen Harrison, Saturday Oct 17, 2020, 10 AM-12 PM**
- **Photographing Your Artwork, Jesse McLaughlin, 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!

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.

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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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