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Presidents Note

Hello LAA artists,

I have been pondering the concept of kindness this week, thinking about the stories of angry shoppers and airplane passengers acting out against workers and others around them. The stress of life can lead us to be unkind to others, sometimes very unkind indeed.

Oxford English Dictionary definition of kindness is "the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate".

A few ideas about how to be kind as an artist with other artists:

- Try not to compare yourself to other artists. We are all on a similar journey, but some have just started. Some have traveled far and have more experience as a result. Where you are on the path is related to where you are in life and not how talented you are.
- Share your secrets. Your special sauce doesn't have to be hoarded. Your skills and style can't be duplicated without your unique perspective, so you can be generous with it.
- Teach each other. Teaching has the affect of teaching us as well. I have learned an amazing amount since I began teaching, and that is a great blessing to me.
- Remember that art is not a zero sum game. The success of others does not come at any one else's success. There are many ways to "win" and there is enough for everyone.
- Respect the attempt to create. Every attempt at creating art should be celebrated and encouraged, regardless of the level of expertise.
- Enjoy the excitement of beginning artists. Revel in their experience and growth.
- Encourage experimentation.
- Practice positive critique technique, when asked for advice. There are many ways to discuss a piece without going negative.
- Encourage beginner artists to work at their craft. Effort is as important as inspiration for developing as an artist. Putting brush to canvas, pencil to paper, molding clay, or shooting photographs is how we grow. Thinking about art, reading about art, watching videos about art...all of that is valuable, but actually making art is what helps us grow.



Choosing to be kind: that is, friendly, generous, and considerate, moves us to a different emotional space. We become open to positive experiences with each other and the greater community. It makes us look for the positive, which is a great blessing in a time when there is so much turmoil in the world.

Be good to each other!
Yours,

Helen
LAA President

PS: We really need volunteers more than ever now that we are opening up! We are looking for Team leaders to staff up our many committees. Our dream is to form small working groups (committees) to develop shows, workshops, featured programs like Open Studio and Portrait Studio, and more. The small groups allow for camaraderie and sharing the work load. Then no one person does it all. Each takes on tasks they are good at and enjoy. Think about ways you might volunteer to help your organization. We will announce our working groups/committees at the meeting on Aug 12th.

PPS: Be aware that we may require masks at our events, if the COVID situation becomes worse. In addition, we recommend you be vaccinated to protect yourself and others, especially since children cannot be vaccinated yet. Also, the city requires unvaccinated people to wear masks indoors.

Monthly In-Person Member Programs Resume in August

**Our monthly in-person Member Program will be held on
August 12th at the Louisville Center for the Arts**

August Meeting Demo: Plein Air by Jeanne Hougen

Monthly Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July, at the Louisville Art Center. They begin at 6:30 with a networking/social time followed by a business meeting at 7:00. At 7:30 our demonstration begins. Please feel to join us as a guest or become a member. Open to the public; all meetings are free.

The Louisville Center for the Arts, 801 Grant Avenue, Louisville, CO (intersects with Spruce St., in Memory Square Park).

**We will continue to have in-person meetings
from August going forward.**

June Virtual Member's Program

Click [here](#) for the June Virtual Member's Program

The June Virtual Member's Program will be our last, unless notified otherwise.

LAA 2021 Show Schedule

National Fine Art Show, Art Center, Sep 3 - 12
Fall Members Art Show, Location Art Center, Nov 18 - 22

**Members interested in volunteering to chair a show or be on a show committee should email:
LAAMembersshows@gmail.com**

National Fine Art Show Info

Judge: Sheri Farabaugh
Location: Louisville Center for the Arts

Chair: Dawn Hendrix
Additional volunteers needed, click [here](#) to sign-up

Fall Members Art and Crafts Show Info

Judge: Lisa Rivard
Location: Louisville Center for the Arts
Co-Chairs: **Still need co-chairs for this show**
Additional volunteers needed

Board Meetings and Communication

Board Meetings

The Board meets on the 4th Thu of every month from 4-6pm

Meeting Date: Aug 26

Location: TBD

Time: 4-6 pm in person

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. Go to Resources and then open the Communicate to Members Tab on our website.

Reimbursement Request Form

To be reimbursed for an LAA expense, you must submit your receipt and complete the 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?*

President, Vice President and Secretary positions along with two board positions need to be filled

No organization can thrive without strong and effective leadership. The leadership of the LAA is vested in your nine-member Board of Directors. Each Director serves a two-year term and each year either four or five Directors' terms expire. In the past, a temporary committee was formed each year to find qualified Director candidates to recommend to the membership. But the committee lacked continuity and often felt rushed.

Recognizing the critical and ongoing nature of this activity, the **Board has created a permanent Nominating Committee.** The Committee has at least five members. Two members are current Board

Directors to ensure that the Committee represents the needs and perspectives of the Board. Two members must not be Directors so the needs and perspectives of the membership are represented. The Board is pleased to announce that **Camilla Pratt** will chair the Committee. **Sandy Price and Jay Lynch** will represent the Board, and Camilla and **Kim Roller** will represent the membership. **Ken Roberge**, who will be leaving the Board in December rounds out the Committee. **This year the Nominating Committee will be looking for strong leaders to fill the President, Vice President and Secretary positions along with two board positions at large.** If you are interested in serving on the Board or know someone who might be a good Board Director, please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee or any other Board Member.

You may also be contacted by the Nominating Committee to see if you might consider serving on the Board, and to answer any questions you may have. Please consider serving your Association in this important role.



**Please
Replace
this Person!**

Call for New Writer for Member Interviews

I've enjoyed interviewing artists for the LAA newsletter in short articles for several years. It's time to retire.....All right, who's been waiting to do this entertaining job?

Future reporters.....all you need is a list of members (let me know and I'll give you a list of folks who've already been interviewed) and call around. It's a fascinating venture, what with the variety of people and backgrounds we have! I've been adding a photo of people so readers know to whom you're referring.

My habit has been to send an article to the interviewee just before publishing, so they can avoid any crashing errors I've possibly made. It's a little unusual to do this, but I've been horrified often enough by misquotations that I don't need to pass the experience on.

Please let Maureen Riesco (maureen.riesco@gmail.com) or me (mckeedb@aol.com) know if you'd like to do this project, or if you have questions! Thanks! **Barb McKee**

Other Volunteer Opportunities

2021 Show Co-Chairs Needed

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

We need co-chairs for these shows in 2021:

- **Fall Member Show**

This is an incredible rewarding job that really helps us reach the community and support our artists. Contact **Lynn Sarkis** at laamembershows@gmail.com if 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

Demo Coordinators for Member Meetings

We need coordinators for the Member Meeting Demonstrations. Please contact **Steve Markman** smarkman@me.com if interested.

Video Production Help Needed

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 Harrison** at pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com or any Board member.

Workshop Coordinators

We need 4-5 volunteers to pull together workshops for 2021. We will be doing both Zoom and in-person workshops (in-person when the state allows). We need people who know artists in the community to find

- Greet members at meetings when we meet in-person
- Coordinate Membership drives and community awareness to increase our membership numbers and diversity
- Create member name tags

instructors, organizers to do contracts and scheduling, someone familiar with Zoom and video, communicators to write emails, advertisements, and someone to handle creating the online registrations. Contact **Steve Markman** smarkman@me.com for more details. We NEED YOU to keep our workshops going.

For more info please contact **Ken Roberge** at Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com

Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Coordinators
Coordinator needed for the PANDA program. Please contact **Steve Markman** smarkman@me.com if interested.

LAA Member Programs

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**.

Plein Janes and Joes

Aug 6 – Centennial Trailhead, 501 Sunshine Canyon Drive, Boulder
Aug 13 – Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat, northeast Boulder
Aug 20 – Grasso Park, 174 E. William St., Superior
Aug 27 – Greenbriar Inn, 8735 N. Foothills Highway (aka Colorado 36)
Click [here](#) for complete details.

Contacts:

Jane Elvins: 720-352-7218 drjane99@yahoo.com,
Jane Evans: 303-818-8679
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Portrait Saturdays On hiatus until further notice

Art in Public Places (AIPP)

See [AIPP Online Sign Up article below](#)

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 at tucker.aipp@gmail.com. Click here, [Website Link](#), for list of venues, schedule and for ID tags. LAA ID tags are required.

Drawing Study Group - Tuesdays 10am - Noon

Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Drawing Study Group is presently meeting on Zoom. Fill out the registration form on this page to be added to the email list for the Zoom

Link: <https://www.louisvilleart.org/featured-programs.html>. The DSG offers instruction in many different drawing techniques as well as varying subjects. The class rotates through topics every few months.

AIPP Online Sign Up

**THERE ARE QUITE A FEW VACANT VENUES.
Check the AIPP calendar and sign up.**

You will find the link to SignUp.com on the AIPP Webpage (use the link below). On SignUp.com you will see a list of months/venues. You should ignore the initial letter and number combo (A1, A2, B1, B2 etc.) as these are used only to keep the list of venues in the proper order. They have no effect on the signup process. You will only be able to sign up for 2 spots at this time.

If you haven't visited the venue that you're interested in, it would be to your advantage to go and see the wall availability before you sign up for a venue.

The AIPP 2021 Calendar is available for a quick review of what's available. We will try and keep it up-to-date as much as possible.

If you have questions or need help in signing up, contact Colleen Tucker at Tucker.aipp@gmail.com

Click on the Link for more information and the Link to SignUp.com.
[LAA AIPP Webpage Link](#)

Zoom Workshops

2021 Workshop and Demo Lineup

The LAA Workshop Committee is pleased to announce our 2021 Program:

Date	Subject	Artist Instructor	Venue*	Demo	Open for Registration
May 22, 2021	Multi-Media – Oil & Print	Julie Anna Lewis	On-Line	May 13, 2021	Completed
June 19, 2021	Abstract Florals	Robin Cole	On-Line	June 10, 2021	Completed
July 24, 2021	Venetian Plaster – Prep and Paint	Tabitha Benedict	Art Center	July 8, 2021	Artist Cancelled
August 28, 2021	Plein Air	Jeanne Hougen	Niwot, Outdoors	August 12, 2021	Yes
October 16, 2021	Macro Photography	Kirk Fry	Art Center	September 9, 2021	Yes
December 4, 2021	Illustration Art	Lisa Rivard	Art Center	November 11, 2021	Not Yet
January 8, 2022	Pastel Landscapes	Lydia Potroff	Art Center	December 9, 2021	Not Yet

* We are anticipating a return to in-person workshops at the Art Center beginning at the end of July. If restrictions require us to continue with social distancing, we will reschedule to online workshops accordingly.

Questions and Comments may be sent to Steve Markman, Director of the Workshop Committee, smarkman@me.com.

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About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

Dorothy Weiner
Ian Tenney
Susannah Pels
Mark Risius

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:

<https://www.heritage-guild.com/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, Grant Team-SCFD
Lynn Sarkis, Vice President, Communications Team Liaison, Art Center Calendar, Flipcause, Grant Team-SCFD, Mini Grants
Sandy Price, Treasurer Elect, 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

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