

May 2021



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From Your President

Hello Fellow Artists,

Today I have been thinking about the ancient Greek story of Demeter and her daughter, Persephone. The story is long and involved, but it basically tells how Hades took Persephone to the underworld and only allowed her to leave if she promised to come back for 3 months each year. (Or six months in some of the stories).

Every Fall, when Persephone returns to the underworld, Demeter, Goddess of agriculture, ignores the crops and flowers and lets them die, because she is despondent over her daughter's absence.

Every Spring, Demeter makes sure flowers are blooming and crops are growing and the fields are green with welcome. Each Spring, Demeter brings everything to life again, ready to welcome her daughter's return.

The themes of life and death, light and dark, and our deep connection to the earth are especially profound this year. We are not only witnessing the coming of Spring, we are experiencing another kind of rebirth as we come out of the darkness of the pandemic.

Persephone's arrival to be reunited with her mother signals a renewal of hope. It represents the rebirth of untold splendor and abundance. The earth once again becomes fertile and fruitful.

So too, we are experiencing hope and moving towards abundance in our post-pandemic life.

I had coffee out with a friend last week, and it felt slightly dangerous. I am fully vaccinated and all, but the experience made me more fully realize how dark the pandemic has been. I was in survival mode and had not considered how it might feel when I stepped out into life again. Even though I had lots of online connections... It was not the same.

I encourage you to embrace the process of opening up, even though it might feel uncomfortable at first. Be safe and get your vaccination as soon as you can. However, even masks and vaccines will not immediately make you feel safe. Each step may be tentative, but eventually we will emerge.

Yours,

Helen
President, LAA

OTHER NOTES



Membership:

Membership is way down this year, friends, and we are in danger of cutting the budget. Since memberships are our biggest source of revenue, that means cuts in service and activities. If you know of an artist looking for fellowship, education, and other artistic opportunities, please invite them to join the LAA. Anyone can join by going to our member registration page. If we have more resources, we can offer more services. Click [here](#) to join or renew.

National Photography Show:

Remember that the National Photography Show starts at the end of May and we will need volunteers to help staff the show. Please sign up to volunteer. We get our SCFD grant partially because we offer the National Shows and the Youth Show. That grant means we can offer more to our members and our community. More about the show and volunteering can be found below.

Workshops:

Our workshops are off to a slow start this year because we need more help to do the nuts and bolts work of running the workshops. We need member volunteers to step up to coordinate the workshops. Check with Steve Markman smarkman@me.com, if you want to be part of the workshop committee. See below for the Workshop calendar for 2021.

Video needs:

LAA also needs video experts willing to help create videos of our meetings and our workshops. If you want to help in this area, please contact Helen Harrison, President pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com, or Sandy Price sk.price@comcast.net, Treasurer.

Thank you for being members!

Virtual Members Program

**The May Virtual Members Program date is TBD
You will receive an eblast reminder**

Click [here](#) to view the February Virtual Members Program which includes a Demo from the Zoom Workshop “Abstract Colorado Landscape Painting” with Lael Har.

LAA 2021 Show Schedule

National Photo Show, Art Center, May 28 - Jun 6
Theme Show, Location East Simpson Coffee Co, July
National Fine Art Show, Art Center, Sep 4 - 12
Fall Members Art Show, Location Art Center, Nov 18 - 22

Note: Youth Art Show is canceled as the Library has decided to close the gallery until 2022.

Some dates are still being worked out, so there may be a few changes later on.

Members interested in volunteering to chair a show should email: LAAMembersshows@gmail.com

Spring Members Art Show Results

The spring member show had over \$4,000 in sales and 263 in person visitors. The show was presented virtually on our website. Click [here](#) to view the awards ceremony video on YouTube.

Judge: Martin Lambuth (<http://martinlambuth.com>)

Co-Chairs: Sheila Fossen and Cheryl Townson



Best of Show
Christine Morrow, A Festival of Color

Spring Members Show Awards

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Judges Choice

Dianne Widom, Liberation

2nd Place

Lynn Sarkis, Big Horn Bob

3rd Place

Margo McGrew, Haze on Berthoud Reservoir

People's Choice

Stephanie Coffin, BTS Taehyung "ON" 3-D Glass Portrait

Artistic Achievement

Lydia Pottoff, Wintry

Nancy Sullo, Free Fall

Gail Smith, Chaos

Cheryl Townson, Colors of Happiness

Sheila Fossen, Coneflowers in the Sun

John Goyer, Fireflies in Autumn

Lynn Berggren, Winter's Trail

Patty Jones, Farmers Market

Dori Stickles, Bold Beauty

Jill Riggin, Inner Peace

National Photography Show Info

The Call for Entries for the 2021 National Photography Show is now closed. Thanks to all who entered!

Show Invites: 74 Colorado entries and 26 Out of state entries, out of 619 Entries (405 in-state and 215 out-of-state).

Judge: Glenn Randall

Co-Chairs: Kris Nagy, Kirk Fry and Rich Saxon (assisting)

We NEED volunteers for the National Photography Show. You can sign up to volunteer by going to the LAA website and just clicking a button.

Theme Show Info

Co-Chairs: Kim Roller, Jane Elvins, Camilla Pratt and Ani Liggett

Theme for 2021: "Emergence". That can be interpreted in several ways, e.g., emergence from the cold, snowy winter/spring, emergence from the darkness of 2020, emergence from the fear and isolation of COVID, etc.

Location: East Simpson Coffee Co. has agreed to host the Theme Show for the month of July! East Simpson Coffee will be relocating to 201 E. Simpson (cross street is Harrison) and will be open June 1 at their new location. They are excited to be hosting our theme show for the month of July.

Deadline to enter: TBD (probably mid June),

Registration: On line and mail in registration should be available by May 7th

Prospectus: Click [here](#) for the Prospectus

Drop-off art: Wed, Jun 30, 4-6 pm

Show opens: Thu, Jul 1

Reception: Fri, Jul 9, 4-7 pm (in conjunction with Art Night Out Lafayette)

Pick-up art: Mon., Aug 2, 10 am-12pm (take-down Sun., Aug. 1, 6:00 pm)

National Fine Art Show Info

Judge: Sheri Farabaugh

Chair: Dawn Hendrix

Registration: Now accepting applications through Cafe (information also available on our website)

Fall Members Art and Crafts Show Info

Judge: Lisa Rivard

Location: Louisville Center for the Arts

Co-Chairs: **Still need 2 co-chairs for this show**

Additional volunteers needed

Board Meetings and Communication

Board Meetings

The Board presently meets twice a month on Zoom from 4 - 5 pm 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: May 13 and May 27

Time: 4 - 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 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?*

Two New Volunteer Opportunities

If you value the role the Art Association plays in your life and in our community, here are two new opportunities:

- **Volunteer to be on the Board of Directors - 5 director spots opening at the end of 2021**

At the end of this year, there are five Board Directors whose terms will expire. In particular, three of our officers will be leaving the Board, our President Helen Harrison, our Vice-President Lynn Sarkis, and our Secretary Ken Roberge. If you enjoy working with others in pursuit of a common goal, if you enjoy organizing and planning, or have previous board experience, please consider joining our Board.

Your Board of Directors is an all-volunteer group that is essential to the success of this organization. The Directors provide you with the programs you value. They safeguard your funds, and ensure the organization conforms to all laws and regulations. They make sure that this organization fulfills its mission and contributes to the common good of our community.

- **Volunteer to be on the Board of Directors Nominating Committee**

If serving on the Board is not your cup of tea, there is another important way you can contribute. The candidates for the Board are chosen by a group of members who form the Nominating Committee. If you know a lot of people in the organization, if you have experience in recruiting or HR, if you have previous board experience, you can help us find the best people to serve on the Board.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Helen Harrison pres.louisvilleartassociation@gmail.com, Ken Roberge Membership.LouisvilleArt@gmail.com, or any other Board Member.

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**

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

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
- 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

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.

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 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.

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

Starting up in May

May 7 - Harper Lake

May 14 - Long's Gardens

May 21 - Flower Bin

May 28 - Chautauqua Park

Click [here](#) for complete details.

Contacts:

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

Jane Evans: 303-818-8679

revansjcolorado@gmail.com

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

May 4, 11, 18, 25

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/drawing-study-group.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. Since things are opening up a bit more, there might be more traffic. Check the AIPP calendar and sign up.

You will find the link to SignUp.com on the AIPP Webpage (use the link below). After you click on the SignUp.com link there are two choices:

SIGN UP FOR AIPP - January - June
SIGN UP FOR AIPP - July - December

Click on the view you are interested in. 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 Lineup

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

Workshop Date	Subject	Artist Instructor	Venue*	Demo Date
May 22, 2021	Multi-Media – Oil & Print	Julie Anne Lewis	On-Line	May 13, 2021
June 19, 2021	Abstract Florals	Robin Cole	On-Line	June 10, 2021
July 24, 2021	Venetian Plaster – Prep and Paint	Tabitha Benedict	Art Center	July 8, 2021
August 28, 2021	Plein Air	Jeanne Hougen	Outdoors	August 12, 2021
Oct 9, 2021	Macro Photography	Kirk Fry	Art Center	September 9, 2021
December 4, 2021	Illustration Art	Lisa Rivard	Art Center	November 11, 2021
January 8, 2022	Pastel Landscapes	Lydia Potroff	Art Center	December 9, 2021

* 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.

These workshops will be open for registration in the near future. Keep an eye out for announcements on the LAA Website and in the Newsletter.

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

Workshop Committee Volunteers needed...We are still looking for 4-5 volunteers to help with workshops. We need people who know artists in the community to find 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.

About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

Diane Fitzgerald
Butch Mazzuca
Allison Haley
Kevin Haley
Renee Woolard
Noah Kaufman
Tammy Fredrickson
Christine O'Brien
Jody Faught
Barbara Dobbs
Charla Nicholas

Member Interview

We are looking for members you'd like to know about

Some of us make things with string, paint, stone, fur, or maybe even sunflower seeds. The LAA Newsletter always looks for folks you'd like to know about, and therefore we have a favor to ask. Will you let us know about someone whose work you enjoy, or who has just done something fascinating (or peculiar) in the world of art and imagination? [We try to have an article on one of us each month. Will you help?](#)

If you'd send us an email or phone number of an artist we should know of (absolutely including yourself) it'd be so great for our wish list. Please let us know at Mckeedb@aol.com or call Barb Mckee at 303-666-6724.

Many thanks!
Barb McKee

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, 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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