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President's Note

Hello fellow artists!

October is upon us and with it the last quarter of 2021.

What does that mean for LAA?

Among many things, it means that LAA will soon have a new President, Vice President, and Secretary.

I will in many ways be sad to go, but I know the new President will be up to the task and will be a good leader. I will not be leaving LAA, of course. Instead, I'll be able to help with activities and committees that I didn't have time for in the past.

The soon to be former Directors will all still be available to the new board and will continue to do great work behind the scenes, supporting the board and the organization in general.

The last quarter of 2021 also brings the Membership Drive, starting Nov. 1, as well as our Fall Member Show.

We have two more workshops: Kirk Fry's Macro Photography, and Dennis Pendleton's "Art of Color" workshop.

There is a lot happening right now as we gear up and get ready for 2022. There are new workshops to plan, shows to schedule and much more.

That means we really need your expertise and help. Please consider sharing your abilities with your fellow artists. Every person makes a difference. You may get a call asking for your help...please say yes! I did and I will never regret it.

Happy Autumn!

Helen

President



October In-Person Member Programs

**Our next monthly in-person Member Program will be held on
October 14th**

October Demo: Macro Photography by Kirk Fry

Monthly Member Programs are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July, at the Louisville Art Center. They begin at 6:30 pm with a networking/social time followed by a business meeting at 7:00 pm. At

7:30 pm our demonstration begins. Please feel to join us as a guest or become a member. Open to the public; all member programs are free.

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

LAA 2021 Show Schedule

Fall Members Art Show, Location: Louisville Center for the Arts, Nov 18 - 22.

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

Fall Member's Art and Crafts Show Info

Judge: Lisa Rivard

Location: Louisville Center for the Arts

Chairs: Lynn Sarkis with committee members: Sheila Fossen, Cheryl Townson, Laura Hagar. (Still could use one more person for this team)

- **Prospectus, mail-in registration forms and online registration available on the Website.**
- **Don't forget to sign up to volunteer.**

[Link to Member Show Page -- GO»](#)

Board Meetings and Communication

Board Meetings

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

Meeting Date: Oct 28

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](#) to go to the member center for the form. 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.**

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, and two members must be from the general membership. 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.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

2021 Show Chair Committee Member Needed

We need 1 more committee member for the 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.

2022 Show Chairs and Chair Committee Members

We are looking for **volunteer chairs** for next year. We are going to try chairing committees of 3-4 people who can work well together to do the shows in 2022. Starting in 2022 we will have a LAA Show **Coordinating/Steering Committee** to work with show chairs to help answer questions, recruit show judges and provide support for the chairing committees.

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 Committee Team Members

See description of Team Members needed in Workshops section below.

Photography and Digital Art (PANDA) Coordinators

Coordinator needed for the PANDA program. Please contact **Steve Markman** smarkman@me.com if interested.

- 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

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

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.

Plein Janes and Joes

Daytime Paint Outs

Oct 1 – Golden Ponds Nature Area, 2651 3rd Ave., Longmont

Oct 8 – 7th Generation Farm, 1536 Courtesy Rd., Louisville

Oct 15 – Munson Farm, Valmont Rd. and 75th St., Boulder

Oct 22 – Mapleton Ave, between 5th and 6th Streets, N. Boulder

Oct 29 - Viele Lake, South Boulder Rec Center, 1360 Gillaspie

Sunset Paint Outs

Oct 6 – South Boulder Creek Trailhead West

Oct 20 – Harper’s Lake, Louisville

Click [here](#) for complete daytime paint out details and click [here](#) for sunset paint out details.

Contacts:

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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

Oct 5, 12, 19, 26

Drawing Study Group is presently meeting on Zoom. Click this [»LINK](#) to go to the Featured Programs page. Then click the program information button under Drawing Study Group. Click Register and fill out the form. The DSG offers instruction in many different drawing techniques as well as varying subjects. The class rotates through topics every few months.

Portrait Saturdays

On hiatus until further notice

AIPP Online Sign Up

THERE ARE 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 sign-up 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](#)

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
October 16, 2021	Macro Photography	Kirk Fry	Art Center	Video Demo Coming Soon	Yes
December 4, 2021	Color Theory: Choosing Colors that Work Together	Dennis Pendleton	Art Center	November 11, 2021	Not Yet
January 8, 2022	Pastel Landscapes	Lydia Potroff	Art Center	December 9, 2021	Not Yet

* We have returned to in-person workshops at the art center. Currently, Louisville requires that indoor venues require masks so please remember to wear masks. If Louisville restrictions require the art center to close, we will reschedule to online workshops and alert registrants. Refunds will be available as requested.

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

Workshop Committee Team Members Needed

Dear Members,

We have learned from recent experience planning and executing our art shows, that by having more members on the team, we significantly lower the workload on individual members and dramatically increase volunteer satisfaction. We have done the same for the tasks associated with setting up and running in-person monthly programs. Our success in approaching major LAA activities this way has convinced us that we should take this approach in other areas.

Over the years, the Workshop Committee consisted of a few members who were heavily involved in planning, inviting artists, marketing and coordinating workshops. There is a lot of work involved in performing these tasks and we have decided to organize tasks as a means of breaking up the work into palatable bites and getting more members to pitch in. It makes it much easier for members to decide what to volunteer for based on their own skills and interests. Here is what we are doing:

Team	2022 Team Lead	Tasks	Members Needed	Skills Needed
Chair	Helen Harrison	Coordinate Teams; Strategic Direction	-	-
Artist Team	Connie Ruel	Create Annual Program; Suggest Artists; Contact Artists; Get Contracts Signed; Bird Dog Artists	3-4	Knowledge of Artists (Who Can Teach Well); Have Attended Multiple Workshops; Persistence
Campaign Team	Steve Markman	Use Flipcause to Create Registration Campaigns Using Docs and Photos from the Artists; Test Campaigns; Release to Web Master; Bird Dog Artists When Required	2-4	Mac or PC Browser Familiarity; Willingness to Learn How to Use "Flipcause" (Our Registration Service)
Coordinator Team	Sandy Price	Set Up Art Center for Each Workshop; Keep Attendance; Intro the Artist; Participate in the Workshop Free; Evaluate the Instructor Artist	8-10	Organizational; Ability to Move Tables and Chairs at the Art Center; Free Time to Attend 1-2 Workshops/year

Each of these jobs is bite-sized but fulfilling. Please consider joining one or more of the teams based on your skills and interests by sending an email to smarkman@me.com.

Thanks so much for your consideration,
Steve

About Our Members

Welcome to Our New Members

No new members since September 2021 newsletter.

Member Interview Sheila Fossen

As one who has often admired the unique and beautifully colorful paintings by Sheila Fossen, I was delighted to have a chance to get acquainted with her by way of this interview. Her painting of elephants in what looked like a batik fabric creation especially caught my and many others' attention, and was my personal pick for the People's Choice in LAA's July Theme Show.

The urge to create art first appeared when Sheila was in high school, but was on the "back burner" until decades later. While pursuing her career, Sheila was raising two children with her husband, and caring for home and family. There was also family travel and tennis playing with her husband. Since she retired in 2009 from a 35 year long career in teaching elementary and special education, Sheila now has time and energy to pursue her art more seriously. Toward this end, she has taken many workshops and classes, and personal lessons from local teacher Lanette Duncan.



Sheila grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, then as an adult lived in Washington state and eventually here in Colorado. The viewer can see Western US influences in Sheila's artwork, as well as images and colors she sees around her home in the Denver area and at her family cabin in the mountains. There is also a deeply-rooted Irish influence embedded in her work, particularly in her use of blues (sea and sky) and greens (traditionally Irish color). Connection to her family's Irish roots is reinforced through annual trips to a family-owned cottage by Bantry Bay on Ireland's southern peninsula. In fact, some of Sheila's elderly relatives live near the cottage and watch over it. It's easy to imagine Sheila in that setting, surrounded by grazing sheep, with her sparkling light blue eyes and reddish brown hair!

Sheila paints mostly in watercolors, but also incorporates mixed media in some works, and likes to experiment with different papers and surfaces. Her evolution as an artist is evident in the success she is experiencing. She regularly exhibits her art work in local venues through LAA's Art in Public Places Program, and at the Walnut Gallery in Longmont. Sheila receives commissions from clients wanting specific subjects painted, such as family pets, special events, or memory-filled locations (childhood home, vacation spot, and the like). Awards she has received recently include the People's Choice Award for LAA's 2020 Spring Members' Show, an Artistic Achievement Award in LAA's 2021 Spring Members' Show, and 2nd Place in LAA's 2021 Theme Show. And her submitted work for the 2021 National Fine Arts Show (put on annually by LAA) was juried in, an honor in its own right. Sheila Fossen is definitely an artist to watch as she continues to grow and enter competitions!

- **Jane Elvins**

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.

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