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2017

Bring in the Year with Lesa Cook

Lesla Cook grew up in South Carolina and received a degree in studio art from the University of South Carolina in 1987. In 1990/91 she pursued graduate work in computer graphics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She continued her fine art studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art, The Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C., The Art League in Alexandria, Virginia and The Shuler School of Art in Baltimore, MD. She continues to pursue her studies and thinks of herself as a perpetual student.

Currently, she resides in Burkittsville, Maryland with her husband, where she paints and sculpts. She teaches at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick, MD, and The Yellow Barn Studio in Glen Echo, MD. She is a registered copyist at The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. She considers herself a classical realist, drawing inspiration from the great masters and trying to capture not only the natural form but the emotional reality as well.



Lesla will be demonstrating a charcoal portrait drawing on toned paper (Canson MiTientes gray) with white heightening. Working mostly in vine charcoal and charcoal powder for the big shapes and as she gets into the smaller areas of detail she will be working with a charcoal pencil, using a kneaded eraser and eraser pencil to pull out the lights and finally using white charcoal for the highlights.

Join us Thursday, January 12
at 7 pm (*Doors Open at 6:30*)
at Asbury Methodist Village Hefner
Community Center

301 Russell Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

President's Letter

Happy New Year

I hope that you had a very nice holiday season and are looking forward to GFAA activities coming up. The “exhibit” chair and her able assistants will be heading to Annapolis to install the annual show next week. We’ve heard of a prestigious juried exhibit that will be held in the State House, so our show will be in good company.

Now is the time to be thinking about Kentlands’ entries and our creative work in general. I certainly am trying to think of themes I might want to pursue. Some of our very productive members are experimenting with new themes and socially/political-aware subject matter, and consequently made me think about what do I really want my art to say to the viewer. I photograph many women and children in various activities. Do I want a pretty scene, a lively observation, or something to think about? Do you experiment or continue with your long-held style? It’s hard to come up with answers especially when we are involved with the holiday season.

Usually board meetings discuss a lot of planning issues: board turnover, program plans, and exhibit plans among others topics. We’ve been concerned particularly with decreased membership and anticipated board turnover. I hope that you will seriously think about becoming involved with the GFAA board. Let us know if you’d like to help out—we really support a very creative group!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our 2017 meetings.

Susan Bradley

President

GFAA Board of Directors September 2015-2017

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GFAA News

Angela Lacy won the First place in Watercolor at Rockville Art League's semi-annual December member show.

Angie and her prizewinning painting



Lynne Rychlec had three paintings juried into the 83rd Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature at the Mansion at Strathmore in December.

One of Lynn's miniature paintings at Strathmore

Jeanne Powell announces her show with Cathy Hirsh at Wright Commercial in Rockville January 13-April 7. All are invited to the Winter Open House and Artist Reception Friday January 13 4:30-6:30 PM. Wright Commercial (formerly Wright Brokerage) is at 30 W. Gude Drive, Suite 115, Rockville, MD 20850

Jackie Detrick's "The Lock at Great Falls" won 3rd place in the 22nd Annual Friends of the Yellow Barn Members Show. The show ran from December 3rd to 18th and featured 62 juried paintings of various mediums. The jurist was Kristi-Anne Caisse, Assistant Director for the Katzen Museum at American University.

Matt Baker is represented in the "Winter White" exhibit at the Arts Barn January 6 through February 27. More details on "City of Gaithersburg", next page.

GFAA exhibit at the Annapolis State House This show will run through the legislative session, until April 15 2017. If you have signed up, you may drop off paintings Thursday, January 5 between 9 and 9:30 am at Bohrer Park.

Please contact Sandra Schraibman (sandys1148@aol.com) for more information.

GFAA Spring Juried Show at Kentlands Mansion Our annual spring show will be April 21 through July 1, with a reception on April 27.

Kentlands Mansion, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, MD.

2016-2017 membership fees are due now. In order to remain on our email list, (if you haven't paid yet) please mail a \$35 check payable to GFAA to: Lynne Rychlec, 574 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

City of Gaithersburg

Activity Center at Bohrer Park

The City of Gaithersburg presents a **mixed media exhibition** featuring the works of Cynthia Farrell Johnson, Sandra Davis, Jenne Glover, Gwendolyn Aqui-Brooks, Patricia Zannie, Helen Zughaib, and Karlisima Rodas-Israel. The exhibit is on display through February 20, 2017. Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 301-258-6350 x160 or contact Gail Velez at gvelez@gaitthersburgmd.gov

Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 S. Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg MD.

Kentlands Mansion

“Studio 26” – November 18 through January 16

New York comes to Gaithersburg with the multimedia artists of the Studio 26 group.

4th Annual Art League of Germantown Exhibit

You can see the work of ALOG here January 20 through April 16.

The Artists’ Reception will be February 9.

The Mansion Gallery is located at 320 Kent Square Road. Viewing hours are generally Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Due to event scheduling, please call the Mansion at 301-258-6425 prior to your visit. Please note that most artwork in the exhibits is for sale, and all images are copyrighted by the artist.

For more information please contact Andi Rosati at 301-258-6394, e-mail

arosati@gaitthersburgmd.gov or go to www.gaitthersburgmd.gov/leisure/arts/visual-arts.

Arts Barn

“Winter White” - January 6 through February 27

A juried, multimedia exhibit in which the beauty of a snowy day is celebrated in simplicity, form and texture. All work is 95% without color.

Artists’ reception January 19.

301-258-6394 artsbarn@gaitthersburgmd.gov

311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878-5727

City of Gaithersburg Call to Artists: Arte di Primavera

The City of Gaithersburg invites artists to submit applications to display artwork as part of the “Arte di Primavera” exhibition at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road.

Artwork should depict the beauty and renewal of springtime. The exhibit will be on display March 3 through May 1, 2017. The deadline for submission is Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 11:30 p.m. Application forms and information are available at:

<https://fs30.formsite.com/ArtsBarn/form15/index.html> and on the City’s website at

www.gaitthersburgmd.gov . For more information please contact the Gallery Coordinator at artgalleries@gaitthersburgmd.gov or 301-258-6394.

Events and Opportunities

Artists & Makers Studios

"Dreams and Recollections" will feature four Alexandria based artists for the month of January. "Dreams and Recollections" with Jenny Davis, Tanya Davis, Rachel Kerwin, and Marilyn Spindler will fill the galleries at A&M on Parklawn.

Opening Reception 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Friday, January 6th,
2017 Artists & Makers Studios, 11810 Parklawn Dr., Suite 210, Rockville, MD 20852
www.ArtistsAndMakersStudios.com

Artists & Makers Studios 2



Graham Berry Watercolor Workshop - "Everyday People in Everyday Places"

May 19-21 2017 at Artists and Makers 2 in Rockville
All skill levels welcome! This 3-day workshop is a rare opportunity to learn from Graham Berry, an internationally known illustrator/artist from the UK.

A completed REGISTRATION FORM temporarily holds a seat in the workshop for 7 days. Receipt of full payment, (\$350.00), guarantees a seat in the workshop. You will be notified as soon as registration and payment are received. Cancellation requests received before

March 18, 2017 (60 days prior to start of the workshop) will receive a 100% refund. For more information, go to http://www.colleenhenderson.com/Workshop_WC.html

Additionally, A&M is proud to present 3 exhibits at Artists & Makers Studios 2.

"Homage: respectful ridicule as art" with caricaturist Mike Caplanis,

"Life I knew, Life Anew" with Nigerian sculptor Maduka Uduh and

"Small Works" in the New Masters Art Gallery at the galleries at Wilkins.

These exhibits at both locations open Friday, January 6th, and continue through Wednesday, January 25th, 2017. Viewing hours are 10 am – 4 pm, Tuesday-Friday, 10 am – 4 pm Saturdays, and Sundays/Mondays by chance or appointment.

Artists & Makers Studios 2, 12276 Wilkins Avenue Rockville, MD 20852

The Compass Atelier

The Compass Atelier is a 1,000-sq-ft classroom located at Artists & Makers Studios that offers classes and more for all skill levels and many disciplines, styles, and subject matter. The Certificate Program takes those interested in a professional artistic career to that goal in the most efficient way. Weekend Workshops with internationally acclaimed visiting artists provide yet another dimension to artistic learning. For more information on all this and more, visit www.TheCompassAtelier.com.

Events and Opportunities, Continued

BlackRock Center for the Arts/Art League of Germantown

In the Terrace Gallery:

MICHAEL FISCHERKELLER: OUR STATE OF THE UNION

A solo exhibition of paintings highlighting social and political issues

Exhibit on View: January 7 – February 4, 2017

Meet the Artist Reception: Saturday, January 7 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

at the BlackRock Kay Gallery: A dual show January 7 – February 4, 2017

JULIA DZIKIEWICZ: PROTEST TO POWER

A solo exhibition of encaustic paintings of women's protest

And

LINDA COLSH: SEEING THE UNSEEN

A solo exhibition of textile artworks focused on issues of aging

Meet the Artist Receptions: Saturday, January 7 | 2:00 – 4:00 pm

BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Maryland.

www.alog.org

Daily Paintworks Monthly Contest

The DPW Monthly Contest is open to everyone - you do not need to be a DPW member.

Each month we will award three cash prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$300, and 3rd - \$150.

Best of all we will pick the top 15 artists to be DPW featured artists for a month for free!

As a featured artist you will be on our Featured Artist page and, when you post work to DPW, it will appear with the work of our other featured artists, at the top of our What's New front page to be seen by over 11,000 unique visitors a day, and at the top of our Daily Email, which goes out to over 4,200 subscribers each day.

Each contest will begin and be open for submissions at midnight (CST) in the morning on the first of each month.

www.dailypaintworks.com/contest/408

14th Annual VMRC Juried Art Exhibition

May 28—June 30, 2017

Entries Must Be Received by Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Contact Information: VMRC Juried Art Exhibition, Anne Pauley, Director

1491 Virginia Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Phone: 540-564-3400

Email: artexhibit@vmrc.org (Preferred)

Website: www.vmrc.org/juried-art-exhibitions

More Events and Opportunities

28th National Drawing and Print Competitive Exhibition at Notre Dame of Maryland University

Entries due January 29, 2017

Exhibition Dates March 27 through April 28, 2017

Drawings and prints (not photography) in any medium up to 60 inches high. All drawings and prints must be original works of art. Each artist may submit up to 3 works on online only. No mailed or emailed entries will be accepted.

Notification of acceptance February 15, 2017

Enter online at: <https://artndm.slideroom.com>

Email: [gormleygallery\[at\]ndm.edu](mailto:gormleygallery[at]ndm.edu)

Notre Dame of Maryland University, 4701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21210 410-435-0100

Portrait painting at Howard County Arts Council

Tuesday, January 3 will be the first session with a new model, Giselle. Session fees are \$10 walk-in or \$50 for 6 weeks (doesn't have to be used consecutively). You can pre-pay by going online to www.hocoarts.org click on classes then on adult classes. There is a button to pay in the box describing the Portrait class. Otherwise bring cash or a check made out to: Howard County Arts Council.

Contact Kathy Bush, Howard County Arts Council Portrait Group Monitor

artistkathybush@gmail.com, --cell-240-731-9549

HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL, 8510 HIGH RIDGE ROAD,
ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043

Portrait painting at Hood College in Frederick

The next modeling session will begin Friday, January 6.

This is a non-instructional drawing and painting open workshop for all media and levels of skill.

The costumed model poses for 4 weekly sessions, and artists split the cost, which is \$10 per session or less depending on how many artists attend. The group meets every Friday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Tatum Art Center (Studio 201) at Hood College, Frederick, MD.

Parking is not available on campus for security reasons. The Tatum Art Center is located on the main drive of the campus (the second building on the right). There is ample parking on Rosemont Avenue and it is short walk to the center.

For more information and driving directions please contact: williammapes@comcast.net

St. Paul's Church Paint-Out

January 14 from 6-9 pm (inclement weather date January 21.)

Join us for a night of fun to benefit St. Paul's. Sip a hot chocolate or tea while you paint a picture to take home. No experience needed; all supplies provided. \$35 per person. Sign up by January 6 at www.stpaulsmtairy.org or call 410-489-4411. For more information call Ginny Chandler at 443-266-7168.

St Paul's Church, 16457 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Airy MD 21771

More Events and Opportunities

TAG/The Artists Gallery of Frederick

presents **"It Isn't Always Pretty"** January 6–29, 2017

An exhibit by TAG members and featured guest artists addressing the pressing issues of our time

Opening Reception First Saturday, January 7, 5:00–9:00 pm

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, 12:00–9:00 pm, Sunday 12:00–5:00 pm,

or by appointment. Please call (301) 696-8187 during gallery hours.

216 N. Market St., Frederick, MD 21701

www.TheArtistsGalleryFrederick.com

The Yellow Barn Studio/Glen Echo Park

The Yellow Barn Studio has **drawing and painting classes** for all levels of students. There are almost 50 classes in drawing and painting, including classes in acrylic, watercolor, encaustic, pastels and oils.

Yellow Barn Studio –For workshop and class listings and to register online, go to

<http://register.glenechopark.org> www.yellowbarnstudio.com

www.yellowbarnstudio.com www.yellowbarnstudio.com/classes.htm 301-634-2226

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture, Inc., 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812 www.glenechopark.org Phone & Recorded Info: 301-634-2222

Plaza Art

Plaza workshops in January: Using Watercolor to Depict Reflected Images, Poetry & Pictures: Multimedia Collage, Peonies in Sumi-e Ink, The Watercolorist & Atmospheric Effects, Portrait & Self-Portrait Workshop (5 sessions) and Zentangle - Renaissance Tiles.

Classes in January include: Artventures: A Painting Class for All Levels, Painting: So Many Paths, Palette Knife Oil Painting, Comprehensive Watercolor Course for All Levels, Palette Knife Oil Painting, Transcend the Reference, Walk-in Watercolor, Collage & Mixed Media and Creative Painting.

Plaza Art, 1776 E. Jefferson St. Unit 119, Rockville, MD 20852 (phone: 301-770-0500) and 7825 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. www.plazaart.com

Women's March on Washington Call to Artists

Deadline for Submission: 2PM on January 8th, 2017

The Amplifier Foundation, in partnership with the Women's March on Washington, is creating an open call for art for posters and banners.

Who Can Apply: This submission process is open to all female-identifying artists located within the United States.

What We Need:

Poster Dimensions: 18in wide x 24in high

Banner Dimensions: 16ft wide x 4ft high

For each artwork chosen the artist will receive a \$500 grant. For more information, go to

<http://theamplifierfoundation.org/experiments/womens-march/>

JANUARY 2017	
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5	Drop off art for GFAA State House show
6-25	"Dreams and Recollections" show at Artists and Makers "Homage: respectful ridicule as art", "Life I knew, Life Anew" and "Small Works" shows at Artists & Makers Studios 2
6-29	TAG show - "It Isn't Always Pretty"
6-Feb. 27	Winter White show at the Arts Barn
6	First session for new model painting at Hood College Reception for "Dreams and Recollections" show at Artists and Makers
7-Feb. 4	Michael Fischerkeller: "Our State of the Union" show in the Terrace Gallery at BlackRock Center Julia Dzikiewicz: "Protest to Power" and Linda Colsh: "Seeing the Unseen" shows at the BlackRock Kay Gallery
7	Receptions for all the BlackRock Center shows Reception for "It Isn't Always Pretty" show at TAG in Frederick
8	Deadline to apply to "Arte di Primavera" show at the Arts Barn Deadline for Entry - Women's March on Washington Call to Artists
12	GFAA meeting at Asbury – Yellow Barn's Lisa Cook on portraits
13-April 7	Jeanne Powell and Cathy Hirsh's show at Wright Commercial
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