

## The Lynnfield Art Guild Presents

### Pastels by Laurie Basham, October 19th via Zoom

The Lynnfield Art Guild (LAG) is presenting a Pastel Demonstration by Laurie Basham, Thursday, October 19th, 2023 at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom. You can find her remarkable art at: <https://www.lauriebashamfineart.com/>

This demonstration is open to all members via invitation; prospective members are encouraged to join the Guild at [www.lynnfieldarts.org](http://www.lynnfieldarts.org) to take advantage of this and upcoming special artistic opportunities, including free attendance at all live and virtual demonstrations and the ability to display art, network with other artists and show pieces in our popular exhibits.

Laurie Basham is a pastel artist who enjoys capturing the beauty of color found in light and shadow, whether it's a landscape, figure, or still-life. She loves spending time plein-air painting and is inspired by her travels around the country. When she can't be outside, she will be found working in her studio using her own reference photos of her grandchildren or painting a still life of freshly cut flowers.

*Artist Statement: I love to capture moments of beauty in everyday life. I see something I want to paint every day; the way light dances on the petals of a flower, a lacy shadow cast by a magnificent tree, or the glow of light on the edge of a child's face. When I get to my easel, whether it be outside or in my studio, I am in a place of alignment. I am present in the moment and all the worries of my world are lifted in those moments. Sometimes it's pure joy in the moment, and sometimes it's a relief from troubling times. No matter the circumstances, the feeling of those colorful chunks of pure pigment against the surface of my paper allow my intuition to combine with years of experience to either provide me with a learning experience or a finished work of art that I can be proud of. Because my intent from the start is an emotional one, my hope is that my finished piece can evoke a similar response in the viewer.*

A native of Rockville Maryland, Laurie received her Degree in Art Education from the University of Maryland in 1985. After an award-winning career as an Art Educator in Howard County Maryland, she retired in 2019. Since retirement, Laurie has been enjoying being a full-time artist and has received awards in several Plein-Air competitions, as well as awards in several local, national, and international shows.

Membership in the Lynnfield Art Guild is open to artisans, photographers and artists of all levels, with student, supporting and family memberships available.

For further information, please visit our website [www.lynnfieldarts.org](http://www.lynnfieldarts.org) and check out our Lynnfield Arts Facebook (*Lynnfield Arts*) and Instagram (*@lynnfieldartguild*) pages.

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