



Date of Council Meeting: February 10, 2015

**TOWN OF LEESBURG  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Subject:** Art exhibit by Laura Mazer

**Staff Contact:** Anne D. Geiger, P.E., Commission on Public Art Staff Liaison

**Council Action Requested:** A decision by Council is needed to approve the next art installation in the Leesburg Town Exhibit Hall.

**Staff Recommendation:** I recommend that Town Council approve an art exhibit in the Leesburg Town Exhibit Hall by Laura Mazer.

**Commission Recommendation:** The Commission on Public Art endorses the art exhibit by Laura Mazer.

**Fiscal Impact:** None.

**Executive Summary:** The current art exhibit on display at Town Hall will be removed at the end of February 2015 and a new art exhibit must be chosen for the March through May 2015 display.

**Background:** On September 23, 2008, the Town Council adopted the Leesburg Public Art Guidelines which state that "The Leesburg Town Council has the final authority for Work of Art approval."

The Commission on Public Art (COPA) has asked Laura Mazer to exhibit from March 1, 2015 to May 31, 2015.

The criteria for selecting existing art to be displayed on public property is as follows:

- **Quality and Originality:** All work is original and created by Laura Mazer.
- **Suitability:** The art is suitable for public display.
- **Durability:** All art will be displayed indoors.
- **Safety and Public Liability:** The art weights will be within the limits of the art gallery hardware and will not present a safety hazard.

**Attachment:** Representative sample of the art to be displayed

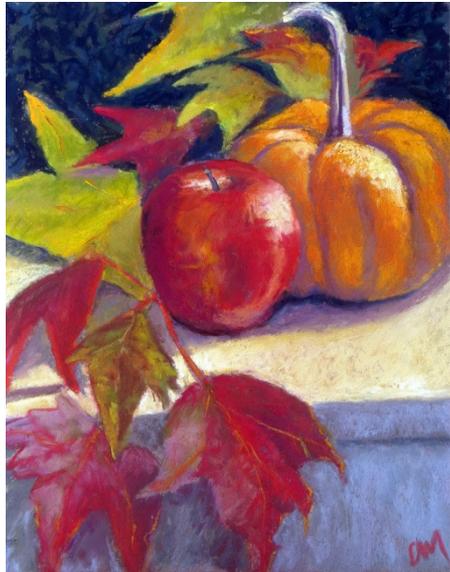
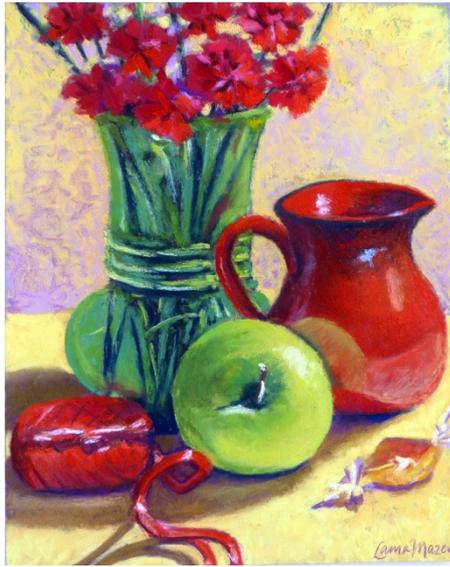


## About the Artist

Laura Mazer is a local artist and educator who lives in Leesburg, Virginia. Laura is currently working with pastels and oil paints as a means of exploring vibrant color combinations in the still-life and most recently in the local Loudoun County landscape. She also enjoys capturing the unique aspects of light, color, and texture in her artwork. Laura continues to explore painting in pastels and oils by participating in various local workshops and classes. Her art work has been displayed in juried exhibits at Art Square as well as other local venues.

Laura Mazer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education (K-12) with a concentration in painting and printmaking from Shepherd University, and a Masters Degree in Art Education from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has 25+ years teaching experience in the public schools and local community combined. Laura currently develops and teaches curriculum for home school art classes as well as afterschool art enrichment classes and other community programs. She teaches youth art classes at Art Square and is an active substitute teacher for Art Teachers in Loudoun County.





PRESENTED February 10, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF ART EXHIBIT BY LAURA MAZER IN THE  
LEESBURG TOWN EXHIBIT HALL

WHEREAS, the Leesburg Town Council supports the Commission on Public Art,  
established in 2006 (COPA Article XII Section 2-100 of the Leesburg Town Code); and

WHEREAS, the work of the Commission on Public Art encourages and supports art to  
enhance Leesburg’s identity as a community and to demonstrate that Leesburg values art and  
creativity within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Public Art proposes that art by Laura Mazer be the next  
art exhibit in the Leesburg Town Exhibit Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council must endorse all art displayed on public property.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby  
endorses this artwork for display March 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015.

PASSED the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor  
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council