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FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Fellow Art Lovers:

As the new year is well underway, so is the excitement surrounding exhibits at NAL. Visitors to the "Mind at Play" show were all impressed by the quality and variety of artwork. The display on the wall dedicated to our new members' work was stunning! Thank you to all who participated and came out to support us at the New Members' reception.

Now we're at the eve of one of our most popular annual attractions: The Fabulous Fakes. I have spoken with many of our members who are eager to show their special creation, and I have told each one to NOT describe the piece to me; I want to be surprised. This will be our 4th year of faking it, and I believe everyone involved is amazed and delighted with every display. You won't want to miss the Fab Fakes reception on Feb. 21!

After that will come a very special exhibit that we have booked for the month of March: Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album. Read about this moving black and white photo display in this letter's insert, on our web site and at <http://www.annefrank.com/exhibitions/traveling-exhibits/anne-frank-a-private->

photo-album/. We anticipate a multitude of visitors to our location and thus will expand our open hours to include 10 to 5, M-F; and 12 to 4 on Sundays. We will need volunteers to staff the Gallery during these expanded hours. We appreciate your support in helping NAL bring this resource to the community.

In the meantime, our strategic plan procedure is underway. So far we have performed a S.W.O.T. analysis (identifying NAL's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats). On deck are interviews with NAL members. In the near future, all members will be asked to participate in an online survey. I am asking you to please take some time to respond to the questionnaire. We really want to know your thoughts and ideas as this information will help us determine the best course for the future of our organization. Your input counts!

Laura Rivas
President

PS: I am looking forward to all of your "Commotion" entries for our public art competition!

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 1 NAL Board Meeting
Tuesday, 6:15 p.m.
- 3-6 Pick up "Mind at Play" and
drop off "Fabulous Fakes"
- 8 Hang "Fabulous Fakes"
- 18 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Featuring Joe Eddie Brown
- 21 Artists' Reception 1:00—
4:00 pm
- 24-27 "Fabulous Fakes" Pick Up

MARCH

- 1 NAL Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.
- 5 Opening for "Anne Frank:
A Private Photo Album"
- 13 Deadline for "Commotion"
entries
- 18 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Bart Bemus: Oil Painting

BOARD NOTES

NAL Board Elections 2010: The nominating committee has been contacting potential candidates to fill the following positions: President, Secretary, Fine Art Center Director (exhibits), VP of Education. Board members need not be members of the art league as they can bring in outside expertise. Everyone was encouraged to discuss possibilities.

New Business: Extended gallery hours have been established for the Anne Frank exhibit, scheduled to open March 5 and run through April 2. We will be open 7 days a

week and will call on volunteers for staffing. An opening reception is planned for March 5, 6:00—8:00 pm with refreshments included. A \$10 donation will be collected for this event.

Treasurer's report: 1099s and W-2s have been sent out.

SECA Update: City Council met on Jan. 25 and discussed reducing the amount available to fund the SECA grants by 25% rather than 50%.

REMINDER:

Please pick up your work from the gallery after the monthly show. Work left for more than 10 NAL business days will be considered property of NAL.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will get together on Tues., Feb. 23 at the new Rosebud Restaurant, at Main and Chicago in downtown Naperville.

If interested, please RSVP to Lela Luetger at 630-357-8902 or splinx@aol.com.

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CONTACT US!

If you have information you would like to appear in the NAL Newsletter, please submit via e-mail at Naperartleague@aol.com, by fax at 630-355.3071, call Debbie at 630-355-2530 or send it to the gallery at 508 N. Center St., Naperville, IL 60563. Items must be received by the end of the month in order to appear in the next newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

AWARD WINNERS: "MIND AT PLAY"

BEST OF SHOW:

Liz Morton Hernandez — "Witness"

BEST THEME:

Laura Lein-Svencner — "Sex Drive"

MERIT AWARDS:

John Wiet — "The Art Critic"

Biljana Glogovac — "Shield's Up"

Zaki — "What Hat Shall I Wear?"

Jacque France — "Tuscan Fields & Woods"

Janet Pearson-Struck — "Hapuna Beach Hawaii"

Judged by Gary Brown



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The work of **Gary Wick** will be featured in the upcoming issue of the "Best of America Pastel Artists Vol. II" (Copyright 2009 by Kennedy Publishing), as part of their visual expose of 63 artists' works. The issue is a visual experience that focuses on the diversity of pastel.

Gary was also interviewed and published in the April 2009 issue of American Artist magazine, a goal he had set as a youngster so many years ago. Dreams sometimes do come true.

"Giant Steps, the new autism training center in Lisle at 2500 Cabot Drive, acquired twelve of **Abhi Ganju's** nature photographs for their main lobby area.

Congratulations to **Liz Morton Hernandez** for winning an honorable mention for her oil, "Walk on By" at LaGrange Art League's January show, "Titanium White."

Robert Koch had paintings accepted in the following: National Watercolor Society's 89th Annual Exhibit at the City of Brea Gallery in Brea, CA and received signature status to add NWS after his name; Louisiana Watercolor Society's 39th Annual International Exhibition in the atrium of Place St. Charles, New Orleans, LA; Red River Watercolor Society's 16th Annual

National Juried Watermedia Exhibition at the Plain's Art Museum, Fargo, ND; Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors at the Arts Center/Old Forge in Old Forge, NY; 25th Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the Illinois Watercolor Society, the Next Picture Show Gallery, Dixon, IL; Missouri National 2009 Winston Churchill Memorial Library in Fulton, MO. Locally, Bob entered Elmhurst Art Guild's All Members' Show, receiving 2nd place award at the Elmhurst Art Museum which is attached to Ludwig Mies vander Rohe designed building and a juried show at Norris Gallery called Watercolor 09 on St. Charles, IL. Bob also received an award of excellence in the Glenview Art Fair.

John Wiet won a first place award in color photography at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum's annual juried photography exhibition. The winning image "Morning Light," was one of three of his accepted entries.

A solo exhibit of the work by **Charles Durran** was on display in January at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, 400 Duane St. For more information on how to be a featured artist at that location, please call Chris Swearson at 630-790-6630.

ZAKI'S CORNER



Dear Art Lovers:

If the winter continues to be that extreme cold, we should consider next year to organize an ice sculpture festival. What is your opinion?

The January exhibition "Mind at Play," introduced our new members to the public and gave the opportunity for the old gang to exchange personal welcome notes.

"Fabulous Fakes" will be another success story. Creativity around the theme will be sparking and tantalizing to the imagination. The news paper already portrayed an article, in which the general public is invited to discover the masters from the past made by masters of today.

The Anne Frank exhibition is on our doorsteps. A display of pictures from Anne Frank taken by her father. The show runs from Fri., March 5 through Fri. April 2. The reception is Fri. Mar. 5 from 6 pm-8 pm. The gallery can be visited on Monday through Friday, 10:00 am- 4:00 pm for this occasion.

Do not forget our open competition, "Commotion." Entries must be received on Saturday, March 13 by 4:00 pm. In this exhibition, you have to follow the theme. Moreover you have to explain in your artist's statement the theme to your piece.

I will give a side comment on that, because I have seen artwork from previous exhibits renamed with a new artist's statement and submitted to fit the theme. This is proof of lack of creativity. The competition which is open to the public and not only for our members should give a boost of challenge.

Coming Mar. 5—Apr. 9, the North Central College Schoenherr Gallery host an exhibit of works by Pam Hart, Robert Koch and Michael McKee, NAL artists who won the awards in the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair to show. Will we see you there? The reception is Fri., March 12 from 6:00—8:00 pm.

A stylized, handwritten signature of the word "ZAKI" in a bold, black, brush-stroke font.

THEMES FOR UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBITS

March	"Anne Frank, a Private Photo Album"	April	"Are We There Yet"
April	"Commotion" Public Art Competition	May	"Running with Scissors"
		June	"He Does It in Public"

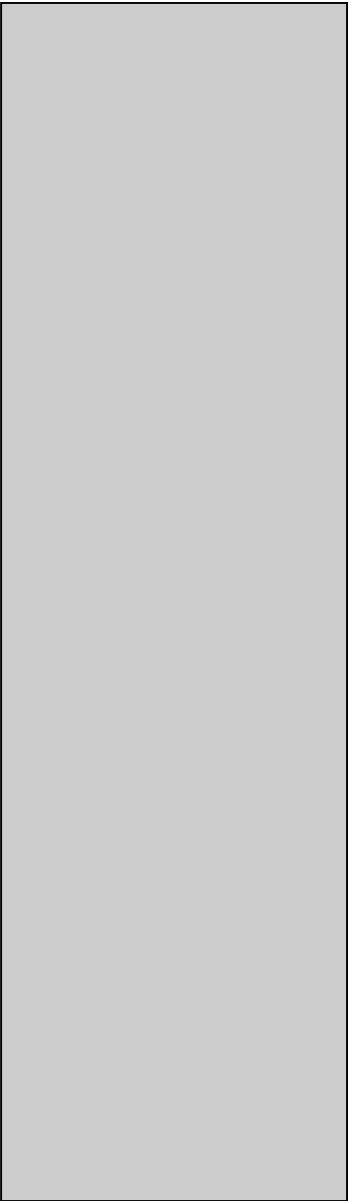
FYI

The DuPage Symphony Orchestra (DSO) welcomes the winners of the Naperville Woman's Club's Young Artist Contest on March 20 at Wentz Hall, 131 E. Chicago Ave. These finest young artists will be displaying and discussing their artwork in the lobby during a performance entitled "At the Foothills of Spring" featuring the winner of DSO's Young Artist Competition. Tickets are available through the North Central College Box office, 630.637.SHOW (7469) or <http://tickets.noctrl.edu> and scrolling down to the DSO performance listing. The Woman's Club has been hosting their contest for high school students since 1970 and winners compete for recognition, ribbons, cash awards, and scholarship opportunities. The DuPage Symphony is proud to expand the acclaim for area youth artists by including the visual arts

with its Young Artist award winner recognition. Visit www.dupagesymphony.org for more information about the orchestra, other performances, and the Young Artist competition.

Have you heard the "Commotion?" NAL is hosting its 6th annual public art competition. Our theme this year is "Commotion." Let your imagination run wild! All submissions will be displayed in our gallery from April 7—April 11 with an awards reception on Sun., April 11 where cash prizes will be presented. Deadline is Sat., March 13 at 4:00. For details and entry forms, check our web site at www.napervilleartleague.com. Entry forms are also available at the Naperville Fine Art Center and Gallery, 508 N. Center Street, 630-355-2530.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



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ANNE FRANK: A PRIVATE PHOTO ALBUM



On March 6, 2010, the Naperville Fine Art Center and Gallery will open "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album," an exhibit of rarely seen photographs from the Frank family photo albums. As an amateur photographer, Otto Frank had a single theme: the life and times of his daughters Anne and Margot. Nothing we see in Otto Frank's photos reveals the horrors that Anne and her family will later have to endure. What we now know about the fate of Anne Frank affects our perception of her book, "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl." Equally so, it is now impossible to view the photos that portray her life with an impartial eye.

The exhibit consists of 70 black-and-white photographs, all reproductions from the Frank family photo albums. The exhibit had its world premier, opening to rave reviews in New York at the Kraushaar Galleries in 2004, to commemorate Anne Frank's 75th birthday.

"We feel very fortunate to be able to bring this special exhibit to the community," said Deborah Venezia, executive director of the Naperville Art League. "Most of us are familiar with the circumstances surrounding the Frank family when they were forced into hiding. Now we have the opportunity to peer into the happier lives that preceded their confinement. But will the contrast between this normalcy and what we know to be their tragic outcome haunt us?"

The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, March 6 through Friday, April 2, 2010.

Naperville Fine Art Center and Gallery

508 North Center Street

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Gallery Hours:

Monday – Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday Noon – 4:00 pm

Appointments also available for groups. Call 630-355-2530 for more info.

A fundraising reception will be held on Friday, March 5, 2010 from 6 to 8 pm at the Naperville Fine Art Center and Gallery located at 508 North Center Street, Naperville, one block east of Washington at the intersection of 5th and Center. Refreshments will be served. \$10 Donation will be collected at the door for this event.

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