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JULY, 2010

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dearest NAL Members and Friends,

This past month members of the board, together with our Executive Director and the Executive Service Corp of Chicago, convened to discuss the results of the survey that was taken concerning the direction of NAL. Many proactive and positive steps were discussed with respect to governance, member services, education, and public relations. We are working hard to make our art center the best it can be for our members and the community.

With the show season well underway, art is ever present in the community! The NCC Schoenherr Gallery will host an opening for our members from 6-8pm on Friday, July 23rd. All are welcome to attend. I send my best wishes for great sales and wonderful weather to those doing outdoor shows this summer!

On a personal note, I just returned from a trip to Colorado with my family. We went on a hike where the trail head started 10 miles up a bumpy dirt road. When we pulled in (the first ten miles we went by van) we were met with a fantastic wood

carving of a gigantic cowboy. It had been carved out of a solid piece of wood and was covered in life-like painted clothes. Some of the paint had worn away as the cowboy was quite old and had been exposed to many a snowy winter. Seeing that larger than life carving brought me into a new state of mind. There were beautiful pines, a pristine lake, aspen groves swooping up mountain ridges and I was all excited about the cowboy carving! It's like taking a two year old to the best zoo in the world and all they notice are the ducks. Fortunately, my family has a special understanding for me at times like this when I get more excited about a cowboy carving than the majestic mountain range we had traveled so far to see. I knew you would all understand. Of course, I took endless photos of the aspens; they are my favorite tree.....but that funny, colorful cowboy!!!

Enjoy your summer,

Angela Graefenhain
President

BOARD NOTES

Strategic Plan: Everyone agreed that the Board retreat was successful. The results of the online member survey led us to the decision to form strategic plan working committees to focus on the areas of Governance, Education and Member Services. We plan to present an outline of progress at the Riverwalk Volunteer Thank You Dinner, Thurs., Sept. 23 at NAL.

Name Change? It was agreed that, at the next board meeting we would discuss the pros and cons of changing the name of our organization. This is in conjunction with the suggestions from the logo redesign

committee. This is not a new topic; it has come up several times in the past years. Stay tuned!

Auction Committee Formation: Everyone agreed that the Auction should have a comeback with a fresh start so that a rebirth, a Renaissance can occur.

Non-Profit Advertising: We discussed the possibility of advertising with the Naperville Chamber of Commerce and agreed to examine their advertising packages to include print ads and internet visibility.

CALENDAR

JULY

- 6 NAL Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.
- 14-17 Pick up for "He Does It in Public" and drop off for "Between the Lines"
- 19 Hang "Between the Lines"
- 19-20 Drop Off "Spontaneous" Entries at NCC
- 23 "Spontaneous" Exhibit opens at Schoenherr Gallery

AUGUST

- 2 NAL Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.
- 11-14 Pick up "Between the Lines" and Drop off "Vive la Différence"
- 16 Hang "Vive la Différence"
- 23 Pick Up "Spontaneous" Pieces at NCC

General Meetings will be on summer break until September when we host the Riverwalk volunteer dinner.

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

We are currently looking for someone to host monthly informal gatherings at local restaurants in an effort to create opportunities for members to meet and network. Responsibilities include date and location selection, taking care of reservations if needed, and greeting people as they arrive for the event. It's an easy and great way to get to know other NAL supporters. Please call 630-355-2530 if

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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: "HE DOES IT IN PUBLIC"

BEST OF SHOW

Charles A. Heinrich — "The Argument"

BEST THEME AWARD

Madeline Rowe — "The Protest"

MERIT AWARDS

Kim Roth — "I See You"

Susan Borghesi — "Up From the Depths"

Robert Koch — "Farmyard, Pike County"

Camella M. Parrilli — "Michael & Maddy"

Hedy Dawson — "Sunflower"

Correction: Last month, Chris Hughes was inadvertently omitted from our award winners' list.

Congratulations, Chris, for receiving a merit award for your acrylic, "Rug Weavers."

Judged by Stephanie Fleming



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to gourd artists **Dave and Rosie Claus** for receiving recognition at the following shows: Burr Ridge Spring Art Fest: Award Of Merit, Barrington Fine art festival-May: Best Of Show 3D Mixed Media, and Deerfield Festival Of The Fine Arts: First Place Award.

"Dreamy Aspens," one of **Abhi Ganju's** photographs, has been accepted for publication in a book entitled "Contemporary Photo Impressionism" by Sunbury Press. The book will be available in August.

Congratulations to the NAL artists who will be exhibiting their work in the "Spontaneous" exhibit at Schoenherr Gallery: Bill Bayken, Ron Beata, Mike Bessler, Katarina **Blazevic**, **Gary Brown**, **Susan Bruce**, **George C. Bruce**, **Marilyn Dale**, **Hedy Dawson**, **Laurie Pollpeter Eskenazi**, **Nancy Gelband**, **Angela Graefenhain**, **Charles Heinrich**, **Liz Hernandez**, **Chris Hughes**, **Sue Keller**, **Robert Koch**, **Maggie Kruser**, **Frank Lawrence**, **Laura Lein-Svencner**, **Dee Leppin**, **Maria Malayter**, **Maureen McKee**, **Helen McLuckie**, **Denise Moline**, **Kim Roth**, **Madeline Rowe**, **Goetz M. Schuppan**, **Brian Shanahan**, **Margaret Swedzikowski**, **Martha Tabis**, **Vallerie Turcotte**, **Ian Wallace**, and **Jane Wilcoxson**.

Oil canvas artist **Janet Wickham** was quoted in an article in the Geneva Republican newspaper in their feature on the upcoming Geneva Fine Arts Festival, July 24 and 25. Other participating NAL members include **Sheila Bruns**, **George Ceffalio**, **Rosie & Dave Claus**, **Pam Hart**, and **Laura Lein-Svencner**.

Receiving recognition for DuPage Art League's "Celebrations" exhibit were **Hedy Dawson**, ("Floral Fantasy," Acrylic) and **Sarah Ettinger**, ("Celebration of Spring," Acrylic) in the category of Special Merit Awards and **Zaki Knapen**, ("Spirit of Soccer," Bronze Sculpture) in Merit.

Laura Lein-Svencner's artwork and techniques are featured in a new collage book from the National Collage Society, "Creating Collage in All Dimensions," by Gretchen Biermaum, downloadable at <http://www.nationalcollage.com/bookstore/book2.html>.

John Nixdorf is looking to donate about a dozen Newsweek Great Art Museums of the World books and a bin of assorted high fire enameling copper enameling supplies (glass, not plastic). If you would like them, please contact John Nixdorf on his cell: 630-272-3735, or by email at jnixdorf@sbcglobal.net.

EXHIBIT NEWS

Dear Fellow Artists:

It's a pleasure to be back in the thick of exhibit installations. Our current NAL member show "He Does It in Public" is worth a trip to our Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery to see the exciting and inspiring variation in work. As always, we are happy to notice brand new members jumping right in to exhibit with the "regulars." Thanks, Maritza Bermudez, Pete Bodigor, Hedy Dawson and Marilyn Polivka for hanging the display and helping to make our Gallery look great. Congratulations to this month's award winners!

Congratulations also to our members whose work was selected to appear in the "Spontaneous" exhibit at North Central College's Schoenherr Gallery. To all who submitted entries, thank you for making the effort to participate and for adhering to the instructions and guidelines regarding size and drop-off/pick-up dates. The jury process went smoothly. We look forward to NCC offering future opportunities to showcase NAL member art at their venue. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening reception for "Spontaneous" on Friday, July 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Schoenherr Gallery is in the Wentz Concert & Fine Arts Center, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville. We look forward to NCC offering future opportunities

to showcase NAL member art at their venue.

A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: It's never too early to begin planning a NAL event, and our traditional Holiday Show is a significant one. We are looking for someone or a couple of someones to step forward to chair the organization and execution of this annual exhibit and sale. Many members enjoy this chance to display and sell smaller, fine-craft, gift items, and many members participate in some way every year. So how about it? Perhaps someone with experience in the event will take the helm? Much of the groundwork is there for you: guidelines for submissions; drop-off and inventory procedures; equipment and decorations for installing the show; plenty of volunteers willing to help you. Past chairpersons are available to give you advice, as well. The show will tentatively open Friday, Nov. 12 with the bulk of the prep activity occurring a couple weeks prior to that.

In order to keep this event going and growing, we need YOU to help steer it. Let's see you flex your organization and delegation muscles! Please call me (I'm in the directory!) for further info.

Laura Rivas

THEMES FOR UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBITS

July: Between The Lines
August: Vive la Différence
September: Artist's Escape
*** Holiday Show***
January: Striking!

February: Fabulous Fakes
March: Fresh Perspective
April: Good Company
May: Backward Forward
June: Structures of Life

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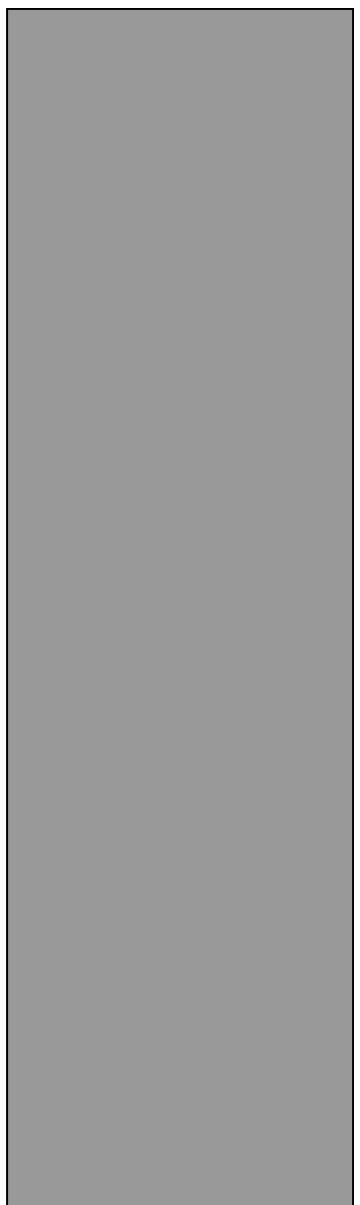
Midwest Collage Society "MCS" presents "Paper, Process and Perception" June 7th through July 30th 2010 at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Art Center, 1040 Dunham Road, St. Charles, IL. Opening Reception: Friday, July 9th, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. For more info, check out www.norrisculturalarts.com or call 630-584-7200.

Burning Bush Art Gallery-Call for Artists

Working with themes of spiritual, theological, sociological or ecclesiastical significance, Burn-

ing Bush is looking for artists who wrestle with these themes, who desire to express their ideas, and whose work invites the viewer to be a participant in the conversation. For more information, contact Bill Austin (630-682-1656 or bau5142277@aol.com), Tony Asta (708-705-8669 or tonyasta@ameritech.net), or Rachel Tillman (773-960-5903 or Rachel.tillman@gmail.com). Located next to Gary United Methodist Church at 216 N. Main St., Wheaton, IL, 630-668-3100.

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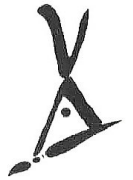
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