

NEWSLETTER

April 2015

CALENDAR

April

- 7 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 15-18 Pick up "Encounters"
No Drop Off
- 22-24 Celebrate Art! Exhibit
- 24 Celebrate Art!
Fundraising Event
7:00—9:00 pm
- 25 Drop off "Renewal"
- 27-30 RFAF Jury Week: No Classes
- 27 Hang "Renewal"

May

- 5 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 13-16 Pick up "Renewal" and Drop
Off "Best Guess"
- 18 Hang "Best Guess"
- 22 Fourth Friday
7:00—9:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

See You on Our Fourth Fridays!

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.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Friends,

From April 29 through May 16 the theme in our gallery will be Renewal. This is so appropriate: the pace of daily operations can be felt accelerating in both the Gallery and classroom. On April 27 Jury Week will begin and with that, our 30th Annual Riverwalk Fine Art Fair preparations will proceed to the next level. This is an exciting phase where our participants are selected by a panel of professional judges and the show begins to take shape.

There are many excellent things happening at Naperville Art League right now and I'd like to invite you to participate. First, be sure to bring friends and come to our Celebrate Art! Fourth Friday. It will be on April 24 at the NFAC&G. There will be music and refreshments along with the opportunity to bid on great art, win raffle baskets and be the recipient of a door prize or two. Good company, great conversations, laughter, music and great art. The evening will tie fun with our fundraising efforts and will bring artists and art lovers together for a good cause.

Also April is the month when new officers are elected. You will find included with this month's newsletter your ballot for board elections and the Bylaw review committee's proposed revisions. Please know that your vote is very important. All members have a voice and a vote and we encourage you to be involved. Please review the enclosed documents and return either your paper or electronic ballot on or before May 16.

If you haven't made it out to the AFA's Best of the Best exhibit you still have a little time and it's worth the trip. This show, comprising award winning work from 13 area art organizations, runs through the 24th at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook, IL. Many NAL artists received awards at the show, so check it out and get inspired.

Looking forward to seeing all of you as we Celebrate Art! on April 24!

My Best Regards,
Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

General Meeting: Board members will present their findings at the May board meeting. Individual reports will be compiled into a General Business Meeting document suitable for distribution and record keeping.

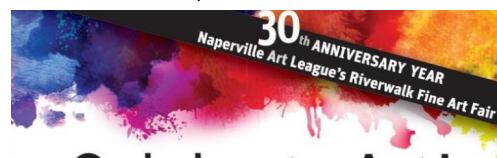
Saturday Staff Position: Kim Yench will be leaving her Saturday position at the end of April. Jeannice Gagnon was recruited and will begin working in May on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays. Ariana Poe will work on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays.

RFAF: We received 80 fewer RFAF applications this year than we did last year. Even though we are rated highly (including #3 in the Best in the West), trends indicate a downturn in exhibiting artists.

Board Nominations: The slate of officers outlined in last month's minutes has changed. The new ballot will be included in the April newsletter.

Bylaws Review: The committee submitted a report with recommendations to add 2 new

board positions (director of development, director of building and grounds) and to make some amendments to the board member-at-large position to eliminate conflicting information and redundancies. Proposed Bylaw changes will be included in the April newsletter along with the Officer Election Ballots. Plans include the set up of an electronic voting system so that members may cast their votes online. Members will be notified by email with instructions once the system is in place. Paper submission will be available for those who are more comfortable casting their vote as they have done in the past.



Celebrate Art!

Event to benefit classroom renovations

Open to the Public

Friday, April 24, 7-9pm

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For More Info Go to

www.napervilleartleague.com
And Click On Classes

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Keep up with the latest events,
classes, art work & more!

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Set up a gallery on ours.
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For details
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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 month's newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

AWARD WINNERS: ENCOUNTERS**BEST OF SHOW**

Ian Mitchell Wallace
"Dedit Caput"

BEST THEME

Maryna Danylovych
"Flower"

MERIT AWARDS

Mary Kodl Truesdale
"Molly"

Bill Baykan
"Close Encounters"

Joe Ross
"Sylvie"

Susanne Keller
"Equine Low"

Susan Wilson
"Boat Colors"



"Dedit Caput" by Ian Wallace

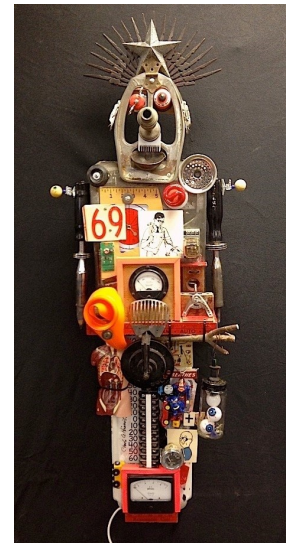
Judged by: Dale Popovich

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Thank you to all of the NAL members who participated in the "Transition" Public Art Competition. This year's show was amazing! We extend congratulations to the members recognized: Best of Show: **Gary Schirmer** for "Sliding Scale," Oil; Awards of Excellence: **Rachelle Barmann** for "In Transition: Shattered," Mixed; **Neil Pradzinski** for "The Coming Night," Pencil; **Kim Roth** for "Do Not Worry," Oil; Honorable Mentions: **Charles A. Heinrich** for "The Transition of a Heart," Mixed; **Chris Hughes** for "Chicken or Egg," Acrylic; **Kip Pasta** for "Three D Pollock," Wood; and **Naomi Venezia**, "Burning, Faded Love," Photography.

The work of NAL artists participating in our Outside Exhibit Program can be found in venues throughout Naperville. Look for **Jennifer Alvarez's** art in Sol Sana Salon, 710 E. Ogden, Ste. 600, **Dee Leppin's** pieces in Elate Salon, 1823 Wehrli Rd., and **Phyllis Napolitano Krawczyk's** work in Arbor Vitae, 1120 E. Diehl Rd. Please contact us if you are interested in being considered for future outside exhibits.

In DuPage Art League's March exhibit "Garden Party," the following NAL members were recognized: Best Theme Award went to **Cynthia Boudreau** for "The Perfect Garden Party Shawl," fiber; Special Merit Awards went to **Terry Musclove** for "Fog Trickle," mixed media, and to **Robert Koch** for "The Gardeners," watercolor; Merit Awards went to **Sally Sharp** for "Lovely Linda," mixed media, and to **Marlene Vitek** for "Tulips—Must be Spring," acrylic.



Congratulations to **Charles Heinrich** for receiving the Best of Show for his piece "Rambunctious Randy" at the AFA's Best of the Best Exhibit. **Joe Eddy Brown** and **Neil Pradzinski** were recipients of Honorable Mentions for "Charlie's Angel" and "Life Among the Susans" respectively. Thanks to all the NAL members represented at this prestigious event: **Rachelle Barmann,**

Barbara Colbert, Rita Moon Kain, Dianne Martia, Maureen McKee, Laura Lein-Svencner and Lynda Ortega.

The work of **Jeannine Worthington** was selected by show judge Sandra Schaffer for inclusion in the Illinois Watercolor Society's 31st National Exhibition 2015.

"Once Upon a Time," featuring **Joan Kalmanek's** images of Turkey, will be on display at DuPage Art League's Gallery II, 218 W. Front St., Wheaton, IL from Apr. 4 through Apr. 30 with an artist's reception on Sun., Apr. 12 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

April 24 – Celebrate Art! Event: Help kick off the 30th anniversary of our Riverwalk Fine Art Fair by attending the April 24 Celebrate Art! fundraiser at our Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There will be music, door prizes, raffle baskets, a silent art auction, great food/drink, some RFAF nostalgia, and more. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person and funds go toward classroom renovations. It is open to the public so bring your friends.

Drop off NOTE: Due to the above event, drop off for the next member show, *Renewal*, is one day only – Saturday, April 25.

RFAF: NAL's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair is an award-winning, 2-day art fair that draws thousands of visitors to Naperville's Riverwalk area each year. Planned, organized and run by our League, the juried show is recognized as one of the country's best art fairs. Watch for more *Celebrate Art! 30th Anniversary Year of Riverwalk Fine Art Fair* promotion leading up to the Sept. 19-20 art fair.

Public Art Competition a success: Last month, sixty area artists participated in this annual competition. The 2015 theme was *Transition*. The Gallery was filled with quality artwork making the judge's task difficult. Thanks to all who donated food items for Loaves & Fishes Community Services, our partner in the event. Extra thanks to Cindy Boudreau, Director of Programs & Hospitality. Her homemade treats and inviting food table were appreciated by the crowd of people at the reception.

New option for member shows: Visitors appreciate learning about art on display. For member shows, you can bring in a short, typed description (one 8.5 X 11 sheet) of your entry and add it to a new binder that will be on the counter for

visitors to use. It is okay to include a short artist's bio on the same page.

Parking lot sale: Remember last July when about a dozen NAL members participated in a parking lot art sale? The consensus was we should do it again and maybe hold more than one, coinciding with Naperville's Farmers Market. We need one or more people to take charge of this. Interested? Call the Art League.

Guest show line-up: In addition to our members' shows, we've lined up several guest shows. The People's Resource Center will again hold a show and fundraiser one week-end in June to benefit its work with people in need. The Fiber Art Divas group is planning something special for their annual show in Oct. And, we're pleased the District 203 Art Educators have agreed to come in November.

Linda VanderKolk



Open to the Public **Friday, April 24, 7-9pm**

Suggested \$10 donation at the door
Silent Auction | Refreshments | Music | Door Prizes

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Details & Gallery Hours
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AN INVITATION FROM COLBERT'S CUSTOM FRAMING

Join us on Friday, April 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm for wine and cheese and a fun, informative, behind-the-scenes tour of Colbert Custom Framing & Art Printing, where you will learn what we can do with your artwork (hard copy or digital images).

The Colberts will show you from start to finish how they can scan your original artwork in the on-site graphics studio (or take an image from your SD card or cell phone) through myriad Photoshop options, to printing with fade-resistant archival pigments on a variety of mediums, to completion with beautiful matting and framing.

Come learn how you can move "Beyond White Mats & Black Frames" to showcase your images as true works of art.

Use your business card to enter a drawing for a framed canvas giclée Photo Brush Creation.

Location: Colbert Custom Framing & Art Printing, 1283 S. Naper Blvd. (NW corner of 75th & Naper in Market Meadows Plaza), Naperville, IL 60540.

RSVP to Sue at 630-514-3971 or Sue@ColbertCF.com.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

April: *Renewal*
May: *Best Guess*

June: People's Resource Center Fundraiser
June: *Missing Piece*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Celebrate Art!

Friday, April 24
7:00–9:00 pm

Featuring DJ Ian Wallace

BOARD MEMBERS

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Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this ballot and return by May 16 to:
Naperville Art League, 508 North Center Street, Naperville, IL 60563
or fax to 630-355-3071

Changes to current bylaws to be approved by membership vote

Dear NAL member,

The Bylaws Review Committee has identified areas of our bylaws needing to be addressed at this time. The current bylaws contain some contradictory statements that should be reconciled. Additionally, to better accommodate growth and organizational development, the Committee recommends the addition of two Board of Directors positions and one standing committee. We feel these changes will better serve our membership and improve the governing of the organization.

Please take a moment to review this material and vote. Sign both pages. You can return the ballot electronically, by mail, or drop it off at the NAL office. Thank you.

The Bylaws Review Committee: Kay Ford, Gary Chipman, and Lela Luetger

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I agree to the addition of the following Board of Director positions to be included in the listing of executive officers in the bylaws.

- Director of Development, to be responsible for building and implementing a strategic funding plan to include events, donor programs, and grants.

yes [] no []

- Director of Building and Grounds, to coordinate and oversee the maintenance of the Fine Art Center and Gallery building and the surrounding grounds.

yes [] no []

I agree to the addition of one Standing Committee to be included in the bylaws.

- Historian, to be appointed by the president with approval of the board.

yes [] no []

(Job descriptions for these positions will be on file and can be viewed at the NAL office.)

Signature: _____

Changes will appear in italics and underlined.

#1: Change the title Director of Publicity to *Director of Marketing & Communications*

yes ☐ no ☐

This person will head a committee that oversees marketing, communications, publicity, community outreach, social media and public relations. The job description will be updated.

#2: Art.V, Section 1: Prior to or at the February Board Meeting *the Board shall appoint* a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to submit a slate of candidates for the executive offices to be filled at the annual June Board meeting.

Member-at-Large job description:

Form and lead a nominating committee to fill board positions each year. Supervise league voting procedures and elections.

Proposed change:

Art. V, Section 1: Prior to or at the February Board Meeting the *Member-at-Large shall form and lead* a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to submit a slate of candidates for the executive offices to be filled at the annual June Board meeting.

yes ☐ no ☐

#3: Art III, Section 1: The Board shall also include one Board Member-at -Large. This position should be filled by the immediate past president or when the immediate past president declines, it shall then be an active and knowledgeable league member *appointed by the board.*

Proposed change:

#3: Art III, Section 1: The Board shall also include one Board Member-at -Large, *appointed by the President and approved by the Board.* This position should be filled by the immediate past president or when the immediate past president declines, it shall then be an active and knowledgeable league member.

yes ☐ no ☐

#4: Member-at-Large job description

Lead annual bylaws review and recommend changes for consideration by the Board.

Art. IV, Section 3: General Responsibilities of the Directors:

d. To call for the formation of a Bylaws Revision Committee when revision or amendment of the Bylaws becomes necessary.

Proposed change:

Art. IV, Section 3: General Responsibilities of the Directors:

d. To periodically review the organizational structure, bylaws, policies, procedures, and functioning of the league, and the physical condition of the Fine Art Center and Gallery and its contents.

yes ☐ no ☐

Signature: _____