

# NEWSLETTER

December 2015

### Inspiring passion in the arts

#### CALENDAR

### December

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,6:30 pm
- 13 Gallery of Gifts Reception 1:00–4:00 pm
- 19 Gallery of Gifts Closing Gallery of Gifts Pick Up 4:00–6:00 pm
- 23 Gallery of Gifts Pick Up
- 24-25 Gallery Closed
- 30 Gallery of Gifts Pick Up
- 31 Gallery Closed

# **January**

- 4 NAL Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 6 Cat Guardian Silent Auction Preview
- 8-9 Drop Off "Fearless"
- 9 Cat Guardian Silent Auction
- 11 Hang "Fearless"
- 22 Fourth Friday Returns 7:00—9:00 pm

#### Mark Your Calendars!

Fourth Fridays Return January 22!

#### 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

Together we've had a wonderful year. We've seen an increase in NAL membership, more participants in our Gallery shows, enjoyed Fourth Fridays, a silent auction fundraiser event, and a hot but successful parking lot art sale. We again earned a spot in the Top 50 Art Fairs in the country with the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair, we recognized long-time member Hedy Dawson, and we are currently enjoying the Gallery of Gifts shopping experience.

I thank you for your involvement and support. With committees established and functioning in all areas, the workload is easier. That leads to even more willing volunteers.

I'm pleased to announce Louise Robertson is our new Director of Development. Louise brings experience in fundraising as well as leadership skills. She will be helping establish systems for fundraising, donor development, and community support. I'm confident next year will bring some innovative approaches.

Your input for the future of NAL is valuable. In January, we will hold focus group meetings, enjoy coffee and brainstorm ideas. This input will

be valuable in updating our strategic plan, a reference from which to base efforts and focus our resources.

Let's end this year artistically. There's still plenty of time to shop the Gallery of Gifts. Participating artists brought exceptional items. Invite friends to visit. A Sunday afternoon reception will be held on Dec. 13. Stop by for some treats and shopping. Remember, we have extended hours, with the Gallery open Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons through Dec. 19.

As I look back, perhaps most significant in 2015 are the friendships that have resulted from active participation by members. I see a growing camaraderie and hope you have experienced that as well. We all need to be sure to help make new members and our visitors feel welcome. Suggested New Year's resolution: Whenever you're at NAL, introduce yourself to someone you don't know.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Linda VanderKolk

# **EDUCATION TASK FORCE**

Goal: A 16 week initiative to increase class & workshop opportunities, find the best balance of classes and workshops, establish a marketing plan to showcase new instructors and upcoming classes, improve program brochures and fliers, and ensure great customer and instructor expe-

rience from start to finish. Interested? Contact Penny Coffman at fineartchick@gmail.com.

A successful initiative would benefit from a good sized group that can collaborate on courses of action and then divide the work and see quick results.

# **BOARD NOTES**

**Gallery of Gifts:** A reception will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and will include treats, shopping and a visit from Santa.

**The Board welcomes new directors:** Louise Robertson was approved as Director of Development. Chris Jacobson was approved as Director of Programs & Hospitality.

**Building repairs:** Roof, gutter and front door weatherstripping work is complete.

**High Marks:** The Riverwalk Fine Art Fair was placed in the Top 50 Art Fairs in the country as surveyed by artfaircalendar.com.

**Focus groups:** In January members will be invited to submit input to help define NAL's future.

Fourth Fridays: Gatherings to resume on Jan. 22.

Find the Grinch: NAL is participating in the IndieBound Naper-ville "Grow Your Heart 3 Sizes" program. Children of all ages are invited to find the Grinch cutout at 12 or more participating locations and become eligible to win prizes. For details see Posi-



tively Naperville. www.positivelynaperville.com/indiebound-grinch-mapor.

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## **ENCORE: GALLERY OF GIFTS RECEPTION!**



#### CHECK OUT OUR CLASSES!

All Ages / All Skill Levels Day & Evening

#### ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays 6:30 pm—9:00 pm \$5/session—discounts available

Grades K-5: Thursdays 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Grades 6-12: Thursdays 5:00 pm-6:30 pm \$20/class or \$96 for 6 classes

For More Info Go to www.napervilleartleague.com And Click On Classes

# CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

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

Don't want to maintain your own web site? Set up a gallery on ours. Need help? Let us know!

Already on our web site? Time to update your photos!

For details call 630.355.2530 www.napervilleartleague.com

#### **CONTACT US!**

If you have information you would like to appear in the NAL Newsletter, please submit via email 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.

# It was so much fun we decided to do it again!

On Sunday, Dec. 13 we will open our doors for another Gallery of Gifts reception.

Please come and join us between noon and 4:00 pm

Bring your friends and family

All are welcome to browse

our unique and gift-worthy art pieces.

Refreshments and surprises will abound!





# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The artwork of **George Bruce, Maureen McKee** and **Roberta Sieber** will be included in the Yellow House Artists Winter Show, "Festival In Color" at the Elmhurst Artists' Guild Gallery at the Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 Cottage Hill Ave. Elmhurst, IL 60126.

The show runs from Dec. 6, 2015 through Jan. 15, 2016 with a free Artist's Reception on Fri., Dec. 11 from 7:00—9:00 pm.

The work of Robert Koch, AWS/NWS/IWS/KWS/LWS/MoWS/RRWS/SDWS/TWSA is included in a group show at Donna Pope Gallery & Studio, 185 N. York St., Elmhurst which runs through Dec. 31, 2015. Exhibit hours are Mon.-Fri., 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Also, his painting, "The Barns of Danada" was chosen for the Centennial Art Exhibit inspired by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and is on display at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W 31st St. Oak Brook through Dec. 9. Hours are Mon.-Fri., 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Sat., 9:00 am-1:00 pm with a reception on Dec. 9, 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Dee Leppin** and **Cosette Kosiba** will have paintings on exhibit at the LaGrange Library, 10 W. Cossitt Ave., LaGrange through the end of December. For more info call 708.215.3200.

**Gail Kroepel** received her Botanical Certificate from the Nature Artists' Guild of the Morton

Arboretum. She also exhibited her work, along with fellow NAL members **Gary Chipman**, **Linn Eldred**, and **Kathy Steere** at the Danada Fall Festival Nature Art Show in October. **Gary**, **Linn**, **Kathy** and **Sharon Malec** also exhibited their work at Wasco Nursery, 41W781 Rt. 64 in St.Charles.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

President Linda VanderKolk Director of Marketing & Communications: Bob Stolarczuk Director of Programs & Hospitality: Chris Jacobson Director of Education: Penny Coffman Director of Exhibits: Patricia Melekus Director of Member Services: Rachel Bryan Director of Building & Grounds: Bob Zuranski Director of Development: Louise Robertson Secretary: Roy Grundy Treasurer: Bob Bosanac Board Member at Large: Lela Luetger Executive Director, RFAF Executive Director. Newsletter Editor: Deborah Venezia

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# **EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS**

It was an amazing year full of changes and wonderful exhibits. I wish you all a successful, creative and inspiring new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Geseënde Kersfees en 'n gelukkige nuwe jaar Gëzuar Krishtlindjet e Vitin e Ri Честита Коледа! Шастлива Нова Година 3 Новым годам і Калядамі

#### 聖誕節和新年快樂 [圣诞节和新年快乐]

Sretan Božic i uspješna Nova godina Veselé vánoce a šťastný nový rok Glædelig jul og godt nytår Prettige Kerstdagen en een gelukkig nieuw jaar Häid Jõule ja õnnelikku uut aastat Hyvää joulua ja onnellista uutta vuotta Zalig kerstfeest en gelukkig Nieuwjaar Joyeux Noël et bonne année Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit Frohe Weihnachten und ein frohes neues Jahr Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένο το Νέο Έτος Καλά Χριστούγεννα και Ευτυχισμένη η Νέα

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau'oli Makahiki Ho חג

מולד שמח ושנה טובה

Χρονιά

क्रिसमस और नव वर्ष मंगलमय हो

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Жаратканнын туысымен Жана Жылыныз кутты болсын

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God jul og godt nyttår

Wesołych Świąt i szczęśliwego Nowego Roku Feliz Natal e próspero ano novo

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Alassëa Hristomerendë! Alassëa Vinvarië! Crăciun fericit și un an nou fericit

С Рождеством Христовым и С наступающим Новым Годом

Христос се роди и срећна Нова година Срећан Божић и срећна Нова година Воп

Natali e filici annu novu срекан Божик и Нова година Veselé vianoce a šťastný nový rok

Vesel Božič in srečno novo leto ¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo!

God jul och gott nytt år

Yeni yılınızı kutlar, sağlık ve başarılar dileriz Веселого Різдва і з Новим Роком

Chúc Giáng Sinh Vui Vẻ và Chúc Năm Mới Tốt

Nadolig llawen a blwyddyn newydd dda Natale hilare et annum faustum!

Patricia Melekus 😃

# NAL'S PUBLIC ART COMPETITION

Call for artists for the 13th annual Public Art Competition! Entrants may submit pieces interpreting the theme "Broken Barriers" in virtually any media. Pieces may be representational or abstract and must be original in design, concept and execution. Eligibility for participation is open to high school students, college students and adults. Cash awards will be given for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. Applications and details on media, size and

other requirements are available at the NFAC&G or www.napervilleartleague.com.

Entries will be accepted at the Naperville Art League's Fine Art Center & Gallery during regular gallery hours through February 20, 2016. .

There is an entry fee of \$10 for NAL members and \$15 for non-members. For further information, contact Debbie Venezia at naperartleague@aol.com or call 630-355-2530.

# UPCOMING EXHIBITS

December: Gallery of Gifts Holiday Show January: Cat Guardians' Fundraising Auction

January: Fearless

February: Fabulous Fakes

March: Public Art Competition

April: Nostalgia

May: Cherchez la Femme (Look for the Woman)

# **Gallery** of Gifts

WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS** 

Runs through December 19





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