

# NEWSLETTER

February 2014

## Inspiring passion in the arts

#### CALENDAR

## **February**

- Pick Up Color Wheel, Drop
   Off Fabulous Fakes
- 3 Hang Fabulous Fakes
- 4 NAL Board Meeting,6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 9 Fabulous Fakes Reception 2:00–4:00 pm
- 27 Art Demo: Introduction to Painting Portraits with John Walker 7:00—9:00 pm
- Join us for Fourth Friday 7:00—9:00 pm

### March

- Extended Deadline for Public Art Competition Drop Off
- 3 Hang Public Art Competition
- 4 NAL Board Meeting,6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 5-8 Pick Up Fabulous Fakes
- 9 Public Art Competition Reception 2:00—4:00 pm
- 12-15 Drop Off for Luck Be a Lady
- 15 Pick Up Public Art Competition
- 17 Hang Luck Be a Lady
- Join us for Fourth Friday 7:00—9:00 pm

#### Mark Your Calendars!

Fourth Fridays Are Back!

#### 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,

It may seem that winter has us frozen in time, but I assure you that at NAL the slower pace of winter is behind us and 2014 is picking up speed. The Fabulous Fakes reception was, well,.. Fabulous. There was great artwork, a sunny Sunday afternoon, and a chance to visit with friends. The public art competition, Grounds for Potential has a March 1st deadline with a reception on Sunday, March 9th.

With funds raised to cover the first stage of the remodel, we met this week with Steve Shiffler, our selected builder, to move ahead with the project. In this first phase, the sink room will get much needed improvements. Now, it's on to the permitting process, and getting the project underway.

The plans for our Casino Royale fundraiser on April 12th are well underway. On this exciting evening we'll try our luck with a little "Gaming for Good." Proceeds will be used for Phase Two of the classroom remodel. Bob Stolarczuk is our chairman and I invite you to call

him about a sponsorship opportunity or to make a donation of time and talent.

With our minds on classroom improvements this is an opportune time to take a full-scale look at education at NAL. We'll identify our areas of real strength and opportunities for growth. We are seeking members to make a short-term commitment to help evaluate, compare, and make recommendations. Please consider being involved with this valuable committee. Contact Bob or myself to share your interest.

I happily conclude this letter with a piece of very good news, after searching high and low we have found what we've been looking for, a generous and talented person to chair our building and grounds committee. Our friend, Ed Pifkin, was appointed as that committee chair at our February Board Meeting. Welcome Ed, we are very glad to have you!

Wishing everyone all the very best.

Regards, Penny Coffman

## **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!**



#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Register By March 1st & get 50 Extra Playing Chips! Call 630-355-2530 for details

You are invited to
NAL's Casino Night!
Raise the stakes to bring art to
the community!

SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2014

7:00-11:00 P.M.

508 N. Center St., Naperville, IL 60563

HELP US UPGRADE OUR

EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT
Join us for a night of drinks, food
& Las Vegas style entertainment
Amazing Raffles Prizes

ADDMISSION IS FREE!

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## AWARD WINNERS: COLOR WHEEL



#### **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 newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

#### **BEST OF SHOW**

Laura Lein-Svencner -

"Go Ahead Ask the Question" (Pictured)

#### BEST THEME

Roberta Sieber - "Arrivederci"

#### **MERIT AWARDS**

Mary Kodl Truesdale - "Reflections"

Gary Brown — "Zenith"

Susan R. Wilson — "Orange in the Country"  $\,$ 

Bill Sahagian — "Await the Wind"

 ${\bf Bilsana\ Glogovac-"The\ Color\ of\ Life"}$ 

JUDGE

John Walker



## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The following NAL members received recognition in DuPage Art League's January "HOT, HOT HOT" exhibit: Best of Show: Valerie Lorimer for "Cosmic Warmth," mixed media; Theme Award: Bill Baykan for "Tony," watercolor/charcoal; Merit Awards: Cynthia Boudreau for "So Cool To Be Hot," Nuno felting; Jacque France for "Beach Reader," oil; Dennis Franzen, Batman, clay.

Barbara Colbert, Laura Lein-Svencner, Maria Malayter, Janet Wickham and Jeannine Worthington are among the artists exhibiting in Aurora Public Art Commission's "Women 2014" exhibit at the David L. Pierce Art and History Center, 20 E. Downer Place, Aurora, Feb. 21 -

April 11 from noon to 4:00 pm. The public is invited to the opening reception on Fri., Feb. 21, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm featuring hors d'oeuvres and cash bar.

Congratulations to **George Shipperley** (one of the artists featured on our mural!) who is being inducted into the Fox Valley Arts Hall of Fame. This honor gives public recognition to artists associated with the Fox Valley who have achieved national or international acclaim.

Thanks to **Naperville Bank and Trust, Laura Rivas** was featured as the Volunteer of the
Month in February's Positively Naperville publication.

## 10TH ANNUAL PUBLIC ART COMPETITION

The call for artists is now for NAL's Public Art Competition. This year, NAL is partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry for our competition open to anyone high school age and above. All art must be the artist's personal, original interpretation of the theme, "Grounds for Potential." Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. Merit awards receive ribbons. Art (with permission) may be published in Loaves & Fishes 2015 calendar with all proceeds going to Loaves & Fishes.

Award reception will be held Sun., Mar. 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery, 508 N. Center St, Naperville. Exhibit runs Mar. 7 - Mar. 15. An entry form is available at the Gallery or online at napervilleartleague.com. Here are some key points:

- NAL membership is not required to particinate.
- Work must be original and made within the last 3 yrs.
- Entry form and artist's statement explaining how the piece relates to the theme (max. 100 words) must accompany art.
- 2D or 3D art in any media is acceptable.
- Maximum size for 2D is 36" x 48" for outside frame edges. Must have a wire hanger.
- Maximum size for 3D is 48" high by 36" wide, weighing no more than 100 lbs. Must be free-standing and ready to display.
- Entry fee \$15; \$10 for NAL members.
- NAL reserves the right to refuse any piece.
- Extended entry deadline is March 1.

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## **EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS**

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A lot is happening in the area of Exhibits. Here are highlights I invite you to make note of...

Fabulous Fakes exhibit is underway. Stop by the Gallery to see over 30 wonderful pieces done in a variety of media. To join in the fun, take a "Match the Art" sheet at the front counter and see if you can match the art with the inspiration. This might be a fun thing to do with a friend or student. The show runs through March 1. Pick up is Wednesday - Saturday, March 5 - 8.

Public Art Competition deadline extended to March 1. The show will run from March 7 to 15, with the Awards Reception on Sunday, March 9 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Cash prizes will be awarded for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. Encourage artists you know to enter the competition and refer them to the NAL website for information and entry rules. The competition is open to anyone, non-members and members, high school age and above.

Luck Be a Lady is the member Gallery art theme that coincides with NAL's upcoming "Casino Royale" event. In addition to monthly visitors, the exhibit will be viewed by attendees at the Saturday, April 12 fun night. Let's fill the Gallery walls! Drop off is March 12 - 15.

**Greeting Cards sought.** There'll soon be a card rack in the gift area of the Gallery. We anticipate visitors/shoppers will enjoy this addition. Members can help initially stock it by making and

donating one standard-size greeting card. Vertical format preferred. All money from those initial cards will go to NAL. After that first one, any cards you bring will be standard sales. Give your card donations to the person at the front desk. Thanks!

**Gift items sought.** Help expand gift shop inventory by bringing in your small, original art items. 3D items, affordably priced work well. Guidelines available.

**Volunteer needs.** Interested in serving on a Gift Shop committee? Let us know. Interested in helping coordinate off-site exhibits? Let us know. Want to help with 2014 holiday show planning? Let us know. These are among the many opportunities for volunteer help.

See you at the Gallery! Linda VanderKolk



Save the Date: Fourth Friday February 28, 7:00 pm Mix it up with DJ lan!

### THEMES FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS

March: Art Competition—Grounds for Potential

March: Luck Be a Lady April: Repurpose May: It's My Passion June: Sparse

## **NAL CLASSES**

#### Introduction to Painting Portraits in Acrylic

Working from your own photos, you will learn how to paint a portrait using acrylic paint and medium. The class will kick off with a 1 evening demonstration during which John Walker will discuss his working method, the materials to be used in class and how to select the right photo for your work. Topics will include essential elements for a successful portrait, color mixing and technique. Beginning painters welcome but some experience with acrylics is a plus. Instructor: John Walker Tuition: \$100 Thurs., Feb 27 - March 27, 7:00-9:00 pm 1 evening informational demonstration, open to the public, followed by 4 class sessions

## One-Day Watercolor Workshop : MORE Urban Textures

Learn to paint textures with Tony Armendariz. Using supplied photos, you will create an architectural scene from Italy focusing on bricks, plaster, wood, rust and metal. Students will benefit from one on one instruction and the final critique. Please check our web site for list of supplies.

Instructor: Tony Armendariz Tuition: \$90

Fri., Feb. 28

Times: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**BOARD MEMBERS** President: Penny Coffman Director of Publicity: Open Directory of Programs & Hospitality: Cynthia Boudreau Director of Education: Michelle LeBlanc Director of Exhibits: Linda VanderKolk Director of Member Services: Open Secretary: Marilyn Dale Treasurer: Bob Stolarczuk Board Member at Large: Lela Luetger

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