

CALENDAR

February

- 2 Hang "Fabulous Fakes"
- 8 "Fabulous Fakes" Reception
2:00–4:00 pm
- 10 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 28 Pick up "Fabulous Fakes"
Work may also be removed
on Fri., Feb. 27 after Fourth
Friday or on Wed., Mar. 4
- 27 Fourth Friday 7:00-9:00 pm

March

- 3 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 4-8 AFA Student Scholarship
Exhibition
- 7 Deadline for "Transition"
Public Art Competition Drop
Off
- 8 AFA Student Scholarship
Exhibition Reception
2:00–4:00 pm
- 9 Hang "Transition" Public Art
Competition
- 15 "Transition" Public Art
Competition Reception
2:00–4:00 pm
- 18-21 Drop Off "Encounters"
- 21 "Transition" Pick Up
- 23 Hang "Encounters"
- 27 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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Members and Friends,

Naperville is an outstanding city. As someone who grew up in the open farmland of south Naperville, I still feel that small-town charm. It frequently startles and always impresses me when I think of our organization in terms of Naperville as the fourth or fifth largest city in the state of Illinois. It was a great place to grow up and it is an amazing place to live today.

One testament to a great city is its high respect for the arts. This will show a city's maturity, add to its assets and boosts its status. More valuable than these, is the awareness that art makes us better. Through art we celebrate our history, culture, diversity, creativity and civic awareness. What we do matters very much.

At NAL, veteran members and artists welcome and encourage emerging ones. Those who call NAL home welcome new friends and help them get involved in projects and volunteer opportunities. We share ideas, opinions, talents and creative energy. We work, socialize and show art side-by-side in our classroom and gallery. The sense of community here is strong and bonds us to those who share our

passion.

In March, we will reach out into the community for our 11th annual public art competition. We'll partner again with Loaves and Fishes, another of Naperville's essential organizations. When you visit their homepage, a slideshow highlighting the qualities of hope, service, dignity, compassion, and community will be seen along with information describing the valuable work they do. This organization recognizes the power of community as they live their mission to feed the hungry and empower lives. We are honored to work in tandem with this fine organization.

There are several ways to get involved and I invite you to participate. Enter a piece in the "Transitions" Public Art Competition, volunteer to assist with set up, join us at the reception on March 15, bring non-perishable food items for our food drive to support the valuable work of Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you for helping make NAL a vital part of our community.

My Best Regards,
 Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

Introduction to Goals for 2015: The board was asked to bring realistic and attainable goals for discussion. Suggestions include building upkeep and organization, expansion of committees, bylaw review, continuation of classroom remodeling, improved accounting methods, NAL class assessment, member recruitment and retention, and strategic plan adherence.

AFA Delegate: An enthusiastic Kathy Steere volunteered to take on this role. We welcome her!

NAL Calendar: We are currently using a paper calendar to track all NAL classes and activities while we continue to evaluate an electronic version.

Fundraising Auction: A small scale silent auction is being planned for Friday, April 24 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. More details to follow.

Web Transition: The site is being updated even though we do not have an official web master. A volunteer is doing an excellent job and we are hopeful that we will be able to come to an agreement.

Building & Maintenance: One quote for gutter repair was obtained and one or two more will be solicited.

Election: A slate of officers is being compiled and will appear in the March or April newsletter.

Education: Spring schedule is being completed and will be posted on the website soon.

Publicity: This is a trial period for posting our events on the Meet Up site. An evaluation period will follow.

Public Art Competition: Deadline was extended to Mar. 7. Event will be promoted.

AWARD WINNERS: SHORTCUTS

BEST OF SHOW

Neil Pradzinski
"Along the Way"

BEST THEME

Gary Brown
"Short Cut"

MERIT AWARDS

Susan R. Wilson
"Boat Waiting"

Barbara Colbert
"Heading Home"

Hedy Dawson
"On the Pond"

Theo Clark
"Genesis"

Mary Kodl Truesdale
"Peaceful Stroll in the Park"



Along the Way by Neil Pradzinski

Judged by: Irene Boutzarelos



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www.napervilleartleague.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 month's newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The paintings of **Jacqueline France** will be featured at the "Life's a Beach" One Artist Show at the LaGrange Art League, 122 Calendar Ave., LaGrange from Feb. 2 through Feb. 28. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm with an Artist's Reception scheduled for Fri., Feb. 13 from 7:00–9:00 pm.

Two photos by renowned Naperville fine arts photographer **Nolan McCants** will be part of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's Black Creativity Juried Exhibit running from Jan. 21 through Feb. 22, 2015.

The work of **Paula Kloczkowski Luberda** will be included in the "Breaking Criminal Traditions" exhibit at Schoenherr Gallery of North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville from Feb. 9 through April 6 with an opening reception on Fri., Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

Marlene Vitek received a 2nd Place Award at Elmhurst Art Guild's Winter Member Show held at Elmhurst Art Museum's the EAG Gallery, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst. More than 50 entries were included in the exhibit.

Joan Kalmanek won a Special Merit Award for her photograph "Light in the Forest" at DuPage Art League's January exhibit "All That Glitters."

George Bruce is exhibiting his work at DuPage Art League's Gallery II, 218 W. Front St.,

Wheaton from Feb. 4 to Mar. 4. The exhibit will show his work from objective to non-objective in multi-mediums; watercolor and oil pastel in conjunction with watercolor and acrylic inks.

Dwight and Ruth Yackley, owners of BBM Incorporated announce the unveiling of two 16' high suspended sculptures hung in the atriums at the Main Street Promenade, 55 S. Main Street, Naperville, created by sculptor **Steve Jones**. The indoor pieces bring a touch of modernism to Naperville's eclectic mix of publicly viewed art. The sculptures feature gracefully connected, uplifting geometric shapes, fabricated to reflect the materials, architectural design, and arches within the building itself.

Member **Kathy Steere** stepped up to our employment ad and is now our Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) delegate. She will act as a liaison between the organizations and keep communication flowing that will be beneficial to both. Thank you, Kathy, for volunteering for this endeavor!

Phyllis Napolitano Krawczyk has agreed to take charge of NAL's Outside Exhibits. Watch the newsletter for future announcements regarding artist recruitment, participating locations and more! Phyllis has been involved with NAL for many years and we are happy to see that she has taken an active role in raising NAL's visibility in the community.

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Fabulous Fakes: Reception was held Sun., Feb. 8. Thanks to all who came out to see this year's masterpieces done with a twist. Winners were announced at the event and will appear in the March newsletter. This show runs through Feb. 27. Note: Art pickup is one day only: Sat., Feb. 28 (or at February's Fourth Friday, Feb. 27 after 9:00 pm).

Fourth Friday: Come and see us on Feb. 27. It'll be a great time to socialize. Those who attended the January Mardis Gras themed event can testify it's a fun thing to do. Thanks to Rachel Bryan and Lela Luetger for organizing the January event.

Alliance of Fine Art student scholarship exhibition: NAL has the privilege of hosting the 2015 AFA event Mar. 4 to 8. Each of the 13 member art leagues can submit 2 pieces of work from 2 different high school student artists. The work will be hung in our Gallery for the public to view prior to the Award Reception Sun., Mar. 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Besides getting scholarships, the 2 winners will be able to display their work at AFA's Best of the Best show later in the Spring.

"Transition" Public Art Competition: The submission deadline for the 11th annual event has been extended to Mar. 7 at 4:00 pm. There are 2 categories: high school/college student and adult. All entries must be the artist's personal, original artistic interpretation of the theme. Pieces may be representational or abstract, and must be original in concept, design and execution. Any media or mixed media may be used. Cash prizes will be awarded. For size limits, other rules and the submission form, see NAL's website. The show runs Mar. 11 to 21. Reception and Award Ceremony will be Mar. 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Donations of nonperishable food items for Loaves & Fishes are invited throughout this show. Notecards featuring the 2014 Public Art Competition winning art are available for purchase at the Gallery. \$10 for a set of 10 cards.

HELP WANTED

Seeking motivated individuals to serve on NAL's Board of Directors. Ideal candidates must have the desire to work with a dedicated group and be willing to participate in creative concepts and the forward growth of the organization. Business or

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

March: AFA Student Exhibit
March: "Transition" Public Art Competition

April Art Auction: Plans are underway for a late-April special fundraiser event. Watch for more information.

Gift shop: Small gift items and greeting cards made by members are being accepted for sale in the Gallery's Gift Shop. Artist receives 80%; NAL 20% of the sale. Log in your inventory at the front desk. Visitors, including those dropping off/picking up NAL students enjoy browsing the gift items. Seasonal work is welcome.

Holiday Show report: Sales were down from last year, but 2nd highest in the past 5 years. Total sales were \$2,209. NAL's portion after expenses was \$206. The 50 participating member artists provided an excellent variety of items. Best-selling items were jewelry, cards, and home décor. The average sale ranged between \$20 and \$50 and represented purchases of one or more items. Our busiest days were the opening reception and Saturdays. Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped!

Members' Show Reminder: Each member show is judged by an independent judge commissioned by NAL. Standard awards are 1 Best of Show (\$50), 1 Theme Award (\$25) and 5 Merit Award ribbons. You may enter up to 2 original pieces per member show. Entries may not be more than 2 years old.

See you at the upcoming receptions,

Linda VanderKolk
Director of Exhibits



marketing background and a sense of humor is a plus. Must be able to attend monthly evening meetings and have the flexibility to oversee various projects. Interested parties may call the gallery for more details.

March: Encounters
April: Renewal

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please help us with our member recruitment! If you have friends or family members that are artists or art appreciators, why not entice them to join the Naperville Art League? Our offerings are vast and their support will help us to become a bolder presence in the community.



Fourth Friday

Friday, February 27
6:30–9:00 pm

Featuring DJ Ian Wallace

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