

CALENDAR

February

- 1 Hang "Fabulous Fakes"
- 2 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 26 Fourth Friday
7:00–9:00 pm
- 27 Pick Up "Fabulous Fakes"

March

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 2-5 AFA Student Exhibit
- 5 AFA Student Award
Ceremony
- 5 Last Drop Off Day for
"Broken Barriers"
- 7 Hang "Broken Barriers"
- 13 "Broken Barriers" Reception
2:00–4:00 pm
- 18-19 Drop Off "Nostalgia" & Pick
Up Public Art Competition
- 18-19 Ian Wallace Exhibit
- 19 Ian Wallace Reception
2:00-4:00 pm
- 21 Hang "Nostalgia"
- 25 Fourth Friday
7:00–9:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

Fourth Friday
February 26!

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

As artists, we see a constant evolution to our work. I look back at my art 5 years ago and it is different from what I'm doing now. I admit I am anxious yet excited about today's work. The same could be said about our organization.

In 2010, a survey of members helped determine direction of the league. Results have played a key role in what has been done since then. Now we find ourselves excited about what's ahead. Within the next month, NAL members will be asked to complete an online survey. It's one piece leading to an updated plan for the future. I invite you to complete the survey when it arrives and then eagerly look forward to the results.

One area we have grown in recent months is membership. We are approaching 200 members! Open Studios, RFAF, Fourth Fridays, and classes are among the things that have drawn people. The social connection is very meaningful and new fine art keeps our Gallery vibrant. Fabulous Fakes is the current member show, a must-see, and the Public Art Competition, themed Broken Barriers, is on the horizon with a deadline of Mar. 5. We are again partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Services on that event.

BOARD NOTES

Business Plan: 2 Coffees with the President were held: turn-out was small but member input is valuable. Plans for Phase Two include an online survey for the membership to define goals and direction.

Annual Meeting: A date was set for Tues., Apr. 5 6:30–7 pm prior to the Board Meeting. Membership is invited to attend.

AFA Representatives: Peter Marinelli and June Padovani volunteered to represent NAL at the AFA meetings.

Fundraising: Fundraising goals are being defined and include raising funds for building renovation, storage solutions, parking lot improvement and promotional incentives.

RFAF: Renewal by Anderson agreed to return as a sponsor. In addition, we were granted the use of 27 poles (total of 44 banners) from

We're reaching out to the community in other ways. The Alliance of Fine Arts, an organization of 13 Chicagoland art leagues, holds an annual Student Art Scholarship Contest for high school students. We will again host the show (Mar. 2 to 5) and award reception (Mar. 5). Thanks to members Peter Marinelli and June Padovani for volunteering to be our 2016 AFA representatives. AFA also plans the annual Best of the Best show, currently scheduled for May at DuPage Art League.

Naperville residents have probably heard of the Sister Cities Commission. One of their activities is participation in Young Artist & Author Showcase, a global student art contest. NAL is pleased to host the 2016 local competition show. Student entries will be on display in the Gallery from April 11 to 16. A reception, open to the public, will be Fri. evening, April 15. Area dignitaries are expected to attend. Plan to be there.

Special events draw visitors, build awareness, add names to our mailing list, attract people to our classes, and help encourage them to return to see our monthly member art shows and gift shop.

Think creatively!
Linda VanderKolk

Aug. 22 to Sept. 19. The RFAF Community Event Sign will be on display – one side for 2 weeks from Sept. 8 to Sept. 19.

Programs & Hospitality: A committee is being sought to assist with Fourth Fridays.

Marketing & Communications: Committee meetings have been successful with many good ideas stemming from them. Currently looking at setting a Paypal type system so that classes, donations and purchases can be made online.

Party Night: NAL members are invited to promote and attend a fundraiser with Granite City Restaurant on February 12, 2016 where 20% of the tab will be donated to NAL.

Silent Auction: Scheduled for the April 22 Fourth Friday, members will be contacted to help with donations and promotion.

AWARD WINNERS: FEARLESS

BEST OF SHOW

Linda Kurcz
"Endangered"

BEST THEME

Kevin Pranaitis
"See Me"

MERIT AWARDS

Gary Brown
"Fearless" (Pictured)
Chris Hughes
"Weathering the Storm"
Cynthia Boudreau
"Be Fearless"
Mary Kodl Truesdale
"Make My Day"
Kathy Steere
"Feather #17"

BLICK AWARD

Shalini Singh
"Colors of Krishna"



Judge: Ann Fines



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Adults: Wednesdays
6:30 pm–9:00 pm
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4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Grades 6–12: Thursdays

5:00 pm–6:30 pm

\$20/class or \$96 for 6 classes

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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/NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Linn Eldred will be showing three acrylic paintings and three colored pencil drawings of flowers at Gallery 200, 200 Main St., West Chicago from Feb. 4th through Mar. 3. The artist's reception will be on Fri., Feb. 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Congrats to the NAL members who were recognized in DuPage Art League's January exhibit "Vacation Snapshots." Special Merit Awards went to **Terry Musclow** for "Skedaddle," mixed; and **Roberta Sieber** for "Evening in Orvieto," oil. Merit Awards went to **Robert Koch** for "Hillside Cottage," watercolor; **George Bruce** for "A View from Como, Italy," watercolor; and **Sally Sharp** for "Doni & Jojo," oil pastel. The Blick Award went to **Joan Kalmanek** for "Making Art at the Tate Modern," photo.

Three NAL members are participating in the Outside Exhibit incentive established with local venues. Stop in and see the work of **Terry Musclow** at Elate Salon, 1823 Wehrli Rd., Naperville, **Chris Hughes** at Arbor Vitae Java & Juice, 1120 E. Diehl Rd. Naperville and **Khrystyna Kozyuk** at Aloft Hotel, 500 N Janes Ave., Bolingbrook. More venues are being sought to expand this program.

Reminder: Any current NAL member can apply to the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair for free! Applications are being accepted until Mar. 28 at zaplication.org. If interested, please call Debbie for the coupon code.

SAVE THE DATE:

NAL's Fundraising Silent Auction

Friday, April 22

Watch your email for information on donations and volunteer opportunities. Let's make this a success!

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EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

How time flies!! We are in February and winter is almost behind us. "Fabulous Fakes" kicks off our February exhibit and will be on display through the 27th. You can invite your friends and family to the Fourth Friday event on the 26th to compare the masterpieces with the original ones.

On Mon., Feb. 29, our Fine Art Center & Gallery will be transformed into an audition studio for a Chicago based production company as they search for actors and actresses to perform in "Listen to your Mother" at the Athenaeum Theatre on Sun., May 1 in Chicago.

We are also hosting the Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) student scholarship exhibition in the gallery from March 2 through March 5.

The drop off for the Public Art Competition (PAC) "Broken Barriers" has been extended to Sat., Mar. 5. We hope you will participate and show your work alongside that of outside artists. Remember to attach your artist's statement of 100 words or less explaining how your piece fits the theme. The reception will take place on Sun., Mar. 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. There is an entry

fee of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. GOOD LUCK!!

Pick up for the PAC and drop off for the next member show, Nostalgia, is on Fri. and Sat., Mar. 18 and 19, 2016.

I wish you a Fabulous February.

Patricia Melekus



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Naperville Art League

Friday, February 12th

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Present this flyer to your server and
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HELP WANTED!

Wanted: A few additional people on the Marketing & Communications committee. Writers, graphic designers, publicists, and someone to post on-line events are especially desired. Come help promote NAL and all we offer. Meetings are once a month. Contact Debbie.

Wanted: People interested in building our Education program and serving on the committee. Contact Debbie or Penny Coffman.

Wanted: 2 or 3 people to join the Member Services committee to help with new member welcome coffees to be held twice a year and one volunteer recognition event. Contact Debbie.

Wanted: Someone familiar with on-line calendars who can help establish a system for NAL classes and events. This is a short-term role. Contact Debbie.

BROKEN BARRIER DEADLINE MARCH 5!

Deadline Extended for the 13th annual Public Art Competition! Entrants may submit pieces interpreting the theme "Broken Barriers" in any media. Pieces must be original in design, concept and execution. Eligibility 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 www.napervilleartleague.com or the NFAC&G.

Entries will be accepted during regular gallery hours through Mar. 5, 2016. There is an entry fee of \$10 for NAL members and \$15 for non-members.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

February: Fabulous Fakes
March: Public Art Competition
March: Nostalgia
April: Cherchez la Femme (Look for the Woman)

May: Retrospect
June: Joint Show with Burning Bush Gallery
July: Sunday Afternoon
August: Selfie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fourth Friday February 26



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