

CALENDAR

January

- 4 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 6 Cat Guardian Silent Auction
Preview
- 8-9 Drop Off "Fearless"
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- 11 Hang "Fearless"
- 14 Coffee with the President
7:00—8:30 pm
- 16 Coffee with the President
10:00—11:30 am
- 22 Fourth Friday Returns with
Demo by Marita Valdizan
7:00—9:00 pm
- 29-30 Pick Up "Fearless" and Drop
Off "Fabulous Fakes"

February

- 1 Hang "Fabulous Fakes"
- 2 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 26 Fourth Friday
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

You are invited!

To give your input for the future of the art league. Join me for "Coffee with the President" either Thurs., Jan. 14 at 7 to 8:30 pm or Sat., Jan. 16 at 10 to 11:30 am at our Fine Art Center & Gallery. The Board needs your thoughts and ideas as we update NAL's business plan, set goals and plan strategies. Tell us what's being done well, what can be improved upon, and your creative ideas about the future for NAL. Your input is needed.

We wrapped up a great year with the 2015 Gallery of Gifts holiday show. Artists, you outdid yourselves. The items were outstanding. I hope you help stock our gift shop area with your smaller items and cards throughout the year. A special thanks to all those who volunteered their time and energy. Our appreciation goes to the show's chairperson, Patricia Malekus, for coordinating all aspects of the show.

Thank you to members and friends for contributing to the league's end-of-year fundraising appeal. Over \$1,500 in donations will be designated primarily for classroom renovations and building repairs.

The new year brings new opportunities to display art. The next member show,

"Fearless," will open January 13. We look forward to Fabulous Fakes in February, followed by the annual public art competition themed "Broken Barriers," when we open our gallery to work by community artists. Share the contest entry information, available on the website, with artist friends. Each year we gain new members as a result of the competition.

Fourth Friday events resume January 22. Come enjoy music, appetizers and more. The events are open to the public. Show awards will be announced that evening and a door prize presented. Suggested donation is still only \$5.

A number of new classes are being offered this spring. Here's your opportunity to try something new or enhance current skills.

Finally, you'll see our "want ad" section of the newsletter has a number of postings this month. That's because we're growing and so are our needs. With your help, our all-volunteer art league reaches beyond its walls and art thrives.

As we kick off a new year, let's resolve to impact our community in new ways.

Linda VanderKolk
President

BOARD NOTES

Coffee with the President: Members are invited to contribute to NAL's future by discussing their thoughts and ideas at one of two casual meetings scheduled with the president on Jan. 14 and 16. In addition, an internet survey will be sent to the members in February for further definition on NAL's direction.

Budgets: Administrative work underway includes the formation of budgets for each area of interest. Board members are asked to submit a draft for review by the financial review committee.

On-Line Calendar: A volunteer is being sought to assist with the selection and set up of an electronic calendar to track all NAL activities.

NAL General Meeting: This annual meeting is tentatively planned for April.

Member Services: The next New Member Welcome Meeting will be held in March. Positive results came from the fall session as new mem-

bers were introduced to board members and learned about NAL while offering their goals and suggestions.

Gallery of Gifts: Sales exceeded \$2,800 with approximately 85% of sales coming from members and friends of members. Bookmarks, posters and social media were used in promotion. Video links on facebook drew significant interest.

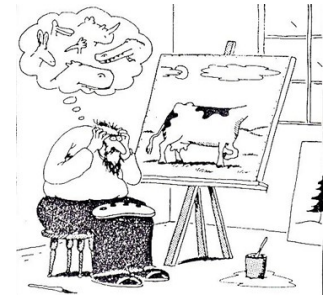
Public Art Competition: Promotions for "Broken Barriers," have begun and applications are have been posted on the NAL web site.

Best of the Best / AFA: The newly reformed AFA is now requiring that each member organization sends a delegate to its meetings in order to participate in the BofB. A volunteer is needed to represent NAL.

NAL Tee Shirts: Many shirts are still available in a variety of sizes and colors. Anyone interested can call or stop by the gallery.

RESOLVE TO LEARN!

If your new year's resolution included expanding your artistic horizons, why not sign up for a class at NAL? Beginning to advanced classes and workshops for adults and children are in the offerings. Shibori Silk Dyeing, Mosaics, Watercolor, Custom Journaling, Drawing, Adult Portrait in Pastel and more are on our winter schedule. Check out our web site for descriptions and details on registration.



The Curse of Artist's Block



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

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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 work of **Ian Wallace** will be on display at Oesterle Library Gallery, 320 E. School St. through Jan. 28.

"Whether it is a conceptual idea, word or beautiful subject, Ian transfers what images take over his attention into painting." Gallery Hours are Mon. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Tue.–Fri. 10:00 am–9:00pm, Sat. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Sun. Noon–5:00 pm.



"A Lifetime of Amusement: 40 Years of a Journey," a retrospective look at the work of **Charles A. Heinrich** continues at Schoenherr Gallery, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville through Jan. 31. Charles is a graduate of The Art Institute of Chicago and worked as both a set designer and

builder for the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. He later opened his own gallery in Chicago called, "OH BOY." These influences have inspired and helped mold his artistry. Gallery Hours are Mon. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Tue.–Fri. 10:00 am–9:00pm, Sat. 10:00 am–6:00 pm, Sun. Noon–5:00 pm.

Three NAL members took awards at the NUHS "Open" Fine Art Show sponsored by the Lombard Arts Coalition. **Neil Pradzinski** took First Place for "New Morning," **Gary Schirmer** earned Second Place for "Sliding Scale" and an honorable mention was given to **Susan Janssen** for "Jane on the Heath."

Laura Lein-Svencner is featured in Somerset Studio's Magazine, The Art of Paper and Mixed Media, Artist Profile section of the Jan/Feb 2016 issue. This issue will be available at the newsstand by Jan 1.

Marilyn Polivka received a Best of Show award in November for her piece, "Berinice" at the Art League of Hendersonville, NC.

Attention All Members! Riverwalk Fine Art Fair applications are now available at www.zapplication.org. Members interested in applying are exempt from the jury fee! Call Debbie for further details.

Marita Valdizan will host a metal crochet demonstration at our Fourth Friday on January 22 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to find out more about this fine craft. Those who are inspired can sign up for Marita's Metal Crochet Workshop on Sat., Jan. 30 10:00 am–noon at the NFAC&G.

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EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Happy New Year to everybody! 2015 was amazing, and I hope that 2016 will be even better.

Once again we are hosting the Cat Guardians annual Hope fundraising auction on Jan. 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The artwork is stellar so why not come out and support this worthy event? Proceeds will support the no-kill cat shelter that specializes in finding homes for hard-to-place felines.

We have changed our drop off procedure for 2016. Instead allowing 4 days as we have done previously, we will switch to a 2-day drop off period on Fridays and Saturdays. Please bring your Fearless pieces in on Jan. 8 or Jan. 9. The show will be hung on Jan. 11 and will be a three week show starting on Jan. 13. The pick-up for

Fearless and the drop off for Fabulous Fakes will be on Friday and Saturday Jan. 29 and 30.

Fourth Friday is scheduled for January 22 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come and toast the new year with your friends at NAL!

Have a pleasant January and see you when I see you.

Patricia Melekus 😊

New Year / New Rules!

The exhibit drop off and pick up period has been changed to 2 days only: on Friday and Saturday of pick up week. We have done this so that we can keep our exhibits intact longer for the benefit of our visitors.

HELP WANTED!

Wanted

One or two people to attend Alliance of Fine Art (AFA) meetings as representatives from NAL. The role involves helping with the Best of the Best art show/competition in May. Next meeting is Feb. 2 in Westmont. AFA is an alliance of 13 Chicagoland art leagues/guilds. Contact Debbie Venezia if interested.

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

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

Wanted

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

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.

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 require-

ments 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

January: Cat Guardians' Fundraising Auction
January: Fearless
February: Fabulous Fakes

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fourth Friday January 22!

Join us as Marita Valdizan demonstrates the art of Metal Crochet Jewelry at 7:00 pm





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