

NEWSLETTER

June 2015

CALENDAR

June

- 3-6 Pick Up "Best Guess"
- 9 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 13 Drop Off "Missing Piece"
One Day Only
- 11-14 People's Resource
Guest Show
- 15 Hang "Missing Piece"
- 26 Fourth Friday
7:00—9:00 pm

July

- 7 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 15-18 Pick up "Missing Piece" and
Drop Off "Mirage"
- 20 Hang "Mirage"
- 24 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 property of NAL.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June marks the annual change in NAL's volunteer Board. Many thanks to former Board members. Penny Coffman, who served 3 years as NAL president and led the league with boldness and dedication, is moving into the role of Director of Education. Cynthia Boudreau, who started our popular Fourth Friday social events while serving as Director of Programs & Hospitality promises to continue to be an active member. Marilyn Dale, past Board Secretary is also the talent behind many of our ads and promotional items. Laura Rivas served part of the year as Director of Education and continues to help with education administration.

Welcome your new Board. It's an honor to be President of this growing organization. I've served as Director of Publicity and, most recently, Director of Exhibits. Bob Bosanac will continue as Treasurer: he has a real knack for making financial reports understandable. Penny Coffman will utilize her expertise as a teacher and strong leader as Director of Education. Welcome Patricia Melekus as Director of Exhibits. She's been on the exhibit committee for several months. Bob Stolarczuk is continuing in the publicity role, a position recently renamed Director of Marketing & Communications. Rachel Bryan is continuing as Director of Member Services. She's helped with Facebook and on-line volunteer sign-up systems. Long-time member Roy Grundy will serve as Board Secretary. Bob Zuranski, our facilities volunteer for several months, has agreed to

be Director of Building & Grounds, a new Board position. Filling the role of Director of Programs & Hospitality is Lori Tucker. Member-at-Large, an annually appointed advisory role, will be filled by Honorary Lifetime Member, Lela Luetger.

One position is open: Director of Development, a new position requiring fundraising skills. Please contact me to learn more.

Ongoing thanks to our employees. Debbie Venezia wears 2 hats: as Executive Director, she oversees the operations of NAL and promotes NAL to the community. As Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Executive Director, she ensures this NAL event remains one of the top art fairs in the country. Our Saturday receptionists, Ariana Poe and Jeannice Gagnon, capably handle the front desk, greet and assist visitors and promote NAL to artists and art lovers. Thanks to Cindy Boudreau and Kim Yench who held this role earlier in the year.

Looking forward, there are many ideas to explore and strategies to be defined. I strongly believe in teamwork, not only to accomplish goals but also as a means of growing and strengthening the organization. My hope is that each member participates in at least one project this year. Also, your suggestions are always welcome. The better we get, the better NAL serves the Naperville community.

Regards,

Linda VanderKolk

BOARD NOTES

The new, revised NAL Member Guide & Directory is available. Every member is encouraged to read it as important League procedures and exhibit rules are included.

The 2014 Annual report is available by contacting the Fine Art Center & Gallery.

Summer camp registrations are underway.

The class list for children and adults is available on the website.

Long-time member, Hedy Dawson, will be recognized with a one-woman show in August.

Celebrate Art! continues as the theme leading up to the 30th anniversary of our Riverwalk Fine Art Fair, Sept. 19-20.

A fundraiser at Colonial restaurant has been scheduled for Wed., July 22. Members will be asked to help publicize the event. Other fundraising opportunities are being sought.

Art Sale! in NAL's parking lot will be held Sat., Aug. 8. Space is limited so early sign-up by member sellers is recommended.

Open Board positions have been filled except for Director of Development. A team of volunteers for Fourth Friday events is being formed.

2015 Gallery of Gifts holiday show Chairperson(s) is sought. Interested persons should contact Debbie Venezia.

AWARD WINNERS: BEST GUESS

BEST OF SHOW

Ron Bork

"A Puzzling Sign"

BEST THEME

Nolan McCants

"Smoked Fish" (Pictured)

MERIT AWARDS

Rita Moon Kain

"Looks Like Ours"

Joan Kalmanek

"Through Glass Imperfectly"

Mariusz Wartalowicz

"Longing"

Gary Schirmer

"Figure in Green"

Cynthia Boudreau

"Stained Glass Ruana"

Judged by: Teresa Parker



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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

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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

Cynthia Boudreau created a chair for the Bridge Communities' "A Chair Affair" competition/exhibition/auction to benefit the homeless. Her piece titled "Lady Mary Crowley's Chair" is on display at Country Curtains, 233 S. Main St., Naperville through June 11. Please "vote" online for it at bridgecommunities.org.

Our condolences to **Rachel & Bill Bryan** on the passing of Rachel's father.

In DuPage Art League's May exhibit "City Rhythms," the following NAL members were recognized: Best Theme award went to **Janet Pearson Strack** for "Old Nice," oil, and merit awards went to **Bill Baykan** for "Metropolis,"

watercolor; **Cynthia Boudreau** for "Evening View from Navy Pier," fiber; **Joan Kalmanek** for "Repetition and Variation," photography; and **Terry Musclow** for "Fine Line Decision," mixed.

The Burning Bush Art Gallery, 216 N. Main St., Wheaton, presents "Eden," an interpretation of the precious garden by over 20 artists. NAL member participants include **Bill Austin**, **Natalia Dagenhart**, **Eric Dinse**, **Alice Christy Jacobson**, **Khrystyna Kozyuk**, **Maria Malayter**, **Patricia Melokus**, and **Gary Schirmer**. Hours are Sun.: 10:00 am–12:30 pm; Wed.: 6:00–7:00 pm; Mon–Fri.: 9:00 am–4:00 pm or by appt. at 708.705.8669. The exhibit runs through June 28.



EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

As you noticed, there were some changes in the Board Membership. Linda VanderKolk is now the NAL Board President, and I am taking over as the Director of Exhibits. My name is Patricia Melekus—originally from Slovakia I came to the United States in 2002. Throughout my childhood, I was involved with art and surrounded by artists and art lovers who inspired me greatly. As a member of the Atelier of Nonprofessional Artists led by the Slovak professional artist Julius Koller, I participated in several group exhibitions working in ceramics, oil, aquarelle, ink, pencil, chalk and wood.

In my new role I'm open to suggestions and ideas to keep NAL a vibrant and growing artists' community. Say hi to me at Fourth Fridays or any other NAL event. Thank you for accepting me into your circle of artists and art lovers. We have wonderful events coming up.

The People's Resource Center, an organization that promotes dignity and opportunities for DuPage County residents, will present an exhibit in our gallery from June 11–14. All are invited to see the artwork, some of which will be for sale. The reception is on June 14, 2:00–4:00 pm.

The next member show, "Missing Piece" will be a 5 week show starting June 17. The drop off is **one day ONLY, June 13.**

The Fourth Friday events will include an artistic door prize and/or a silent auction item, June 26 - September 25 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please bring your closest and dearest to celebrate art with refreshments, colorful snacks and music. A \$5.00 donation is suggested.

The NAL Parking Lot Sale is scheduled for August 8 and will be run by Sue Keller. Call the gallery or email naperartleague@aol.com to sign up.

Long-time member Hedy Dawson agreed to have a one-woman show Aug. 26 - Sept. 5. She and her art will be recognized at the Aug. 28 Fourth Friday. Hedy is a past president and an Honorary Lifetime Member of NAL as well as an award-winning artist.

Just a reminder, the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair is Sept. 19-20. We need your help, so please save the date.

Reminders and tips for monthly shows: protect your work when transporting it to avoid damage; every 2D piece needs to have a wire hanger; wall space is limited- if you bring two 2D pieces only one may be large.

Patricia Melekus
Director of Exhibits

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fourth Friday!

Friday, June 26
7:00–9:00 pm

ART SALE

We are organizing an annual art sale for any NAL members who would like to sell their work. The sale will take place in the NAL's parking lot and will be timed to coordinate with the local farmers market that allows for a lot of foot traffic. In case of rain, we'll move to the classroom facility. A 6-ft. table space fee would again be \$10. Some screens for hanging art will be avail-

able. In the past, this has been a fairly profitable venture for those artists involved. The art sale will be held Aug. 8 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Jewelry, ceramics and wearable fiber items sell well! If you would like to participate, call the gallery at 630.355.2530 or e-mail NAL at NAL@naperartleague@aol.com by June 15. Space is limited so act now!

HELP NEEDED!

Wanted: 2015 Holiday Show Chairperson (s)

Seeking motivated individual(s) to oversee NAL's Annual Holiday Show. There's a system in place with easy-to-follow steps. Most work happens before Thanksgiving. Meet new people. Volunteers

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

June: Missing Piece
July: Mirage

August: Hedy Dawson One-Woman Show
September: Celebrate Art!

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