

March 2015

CALENDAR

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"
- 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

April

- 7 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 15-18 Pick up "Encounters"
- 24 NAL Fundraiser
7:00-9:00 pm
- 25 Drop off "Renewal"
- 27 Hang "Renewal"

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

Dear Members and Friends,

As the days get longer you may find yourself with more time on your hands. Why not sign up for a class at the NFAC&G? Might I recommend you join me on April 11 and 12 at the Lisa Ober Workshop: Realistic Still Life in Pastel? As a master pastel artist, Lisa has geared this session for beginners through advanced artists, enabling them

to discover her unique still life technique, from the first sketch to the finished piece. For more information, check our website under Classes & Workshops. If pastel isn't your medium, check out our Spring Schedule Sneak Preview for a variety of other options.



I would like to take a moment to thank Cindy Boudreau for all she does for NAL and our Fine Art Center & Gallery. Many of you know her as the hostess of our Fourth Friday events and gallery openings. She also is an active board member and top selling exhibiting NAL artist. Additionally, she has spent the last few years working as one of our front desk Saturday staff employees, a role she has decided to vacate. This open position was quickly filled by Ariana Poe, an enthusiastic newer member who is frequently found at NAL events and exhibits. Let's all welcome her as she begins working the second and fourth Saturdays of the month on Mar. 14.

Finally, with so many things going on in March, I am hoping to see many of you at some of our events, perhaps the AFA Student Art Show reception on Sun., Mar. 8, the Transition Public Art Competition on Sun., Mar. 15 or the Fourth Friday on Mar. 27. NAL is here for you –come out and enjoy!

My Best Regards,
Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Info Booth: NAL's Board will take over the responsibility of running the Info Booth to include scheduling of volunteers, set up, etc. The goal is to assign one person to be the point person. Our thanks to Laura Rivas for her dedication in supervising the RFAF Info Booth for many years and for helping us with this transition.

Saturday Staff Position: Cindy has moved from Saturday desk person to being a substitute. A new person has been hired.

Annual Meeting: Plans are underway to host NAL's Annual Meeting on Tues., May 5 at 6:30 pm prior the board meeting. The membership will be invited to attend.

NAL Board Election: A Slate of Officers has been compiled and will be included in the April newsletter.

Web Transition: The board is looking to make a determination within the next 30 days regarding the web site administration.

Bylaws Update: A committee was formed to review NAL's current bylaws. An addition of two board positions was suggested. A request was made to change the Publicity position to Marketing and a new job description be created to include social media outlets.

NAL & Social Media: Since NAL is getting more involved with social media, a move will be made to design a social media policy to protect both NAL and its members.

AFA Student Scholarship Exhibit: NAL is hosting AFA's annual student show which will run from Wed., Mar. 4 through Sun., Mar. 8 with an award ceremony on Sun. from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

"Transition" Public Art Competition: The deadline was extended to Sat., Mar. 7. The show will be hung on Mon., Mar. 9 and will run through Sat., Mar. 21 with an award ceremony from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sun. Mar. 15.

AWARD WINNERS: FABULOUS FAKES

BEST OF SHOW

Neil Pradzinski
"A Hard Day's Night"

BEST THEME

Jennifer Wheeler-Peterson
"Self Portrait 'Bonito'"

MERIT AWARDS

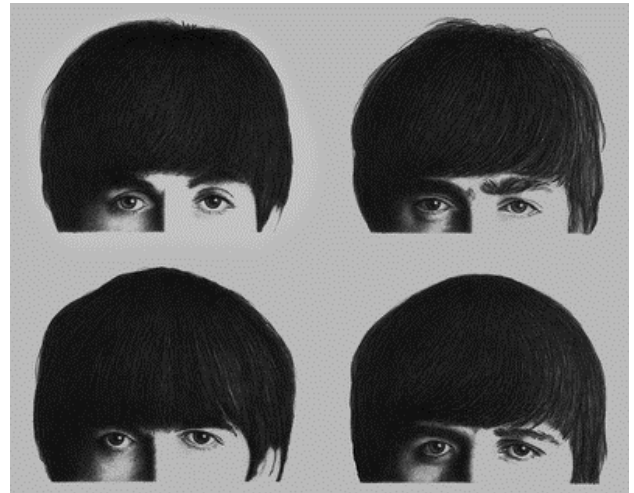
Cynthia Boudreau
"Madam Monet's Sunrise Shawl"

Terry Musclow
"Good to Go"

Portia Mandel
"Monet's Garden-Water Lilies"

Laura Rivas Woman Ray
"Libby Florence & Hughes' Portrait"

Valerie Lorimer
"The Tattooed Lady"



A Hard Day's Night by Neil Pradzinski

Judged by: Kate Pszotka

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Two of **Susanne Keller's** pieces are included in Women's Works 2015, the Northwest Area Arts Council's annual, international juried visual art exhibit for female artists. The show runs from Mar. 12 through Apr. 24 and is held at the historic Old Court House Arts Center, 101 N. Johnson St., Woodstock, Illinois.

Congratulations to the following NAL members who were recognized in DuPage Art League's Feb. exhibit "Well Aged": Best Theme Award– **Chris Hughes** for "My Father," acrylic; Special Merit Award– **Bill Baykan** for "Grandpa Carlos," watercolor; Merit Awards– **June Padovani** for "Rustic Bridge," acrylic; **Terry Musclow** for "Chip Dip," mixed media; and **Valerie Lorimer** for "The Wise Stag," mixed media. The show was judged by **Debbie Venezia**.

The Artwork of **Linda Roxe** will be on exhibit at the Hill Arboretum Apartments, 2040 Brown Ave., Evanston from Mar. 6 through Mar. 27 with an Opening Reception Mar. 6, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Regular gallery hours are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Mon. through Fri.

The work of **Barbara Colbert** will be on display as Women in Focus Chicago in

partnership with Chicago Photography Center celebrate International Women's Day with an exhibit themed "I Am Woman." An opening reception is planned for Sun., Mar. 8 at the Chicago Photography Center, 621 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The exhibit runs Mar. 8 to Apr. 10. For more info contact wifchicago@gmail.com.

Congratulations to **Joe Eddy Brown, Barbara Colbert, Charles A. Heinrich, Rita Moon Kain, Laura Lein-Svencner, Lynda Ortega and Neil Pradzinsky** who will be exhibiting in the AFA's Best of the Best 2015. This year's show will take place Mar. 10 to Apr. 24 at Mayslake Peabody Estate, 1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook, IL. Show hours are Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Sat. from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. An award reception is scheduled for Mon., Mar. 30 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The work of **Maryna Danylovych** is included in the Landscapes: America the Beautiful exhibit at Gallery 338, 338 S. Ardmore, Villa Park. The show runs through Apr. 15. For more info please email Lynda Ortega at Lyndaortega28@yahoo.com



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5:00 pm–6:30 pm

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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.

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Alliance of Fine Arts Student Scholarship Competition. Congratulations to students Emma Hirt from Lyons Township High School and Nicole Wroblewski from Downers Grove South High School for each winning a \$500 scholarship. It's been an honor to host this annual event at our Gallery. Nineteen submissions representing the 13 member AFA leagues are on display through March 8. A reception, open to the public, will be March 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Don't Miss! Public Art Competition "Transition" reception March 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This 11th annual show draws some of the best talent from the area, and many visitors to our Gallery. Two age categories of art will be on display – high school/college and adult category. Cash prizes for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence will be awarded to the winners. For the second year, we are partnering with Loaves & Fishes Community Services. You are invited to bring nonperishable food donations for Loaves & Fishes when you visit. The show runs March 11- 21.

The next member show is themed "Encounters." Drop off is March 18-21.

April 24 Friday Evening Fundraiser Event. Plans are underway for a fun evening that includes opportunities to bid on art, win gift basket door prizes, and much more. Mark your calendars and watch for more information. Funds raised will go toward new flooring and other renovations in the classroom. NOTE: Due to this event, drop off for the next show, *Renewal*, is one day only – Saturday, April 25.

Social Media. In an effort to build awareness of the League and all we do, we're expanding our presence in the realm of social media. You may have seen the monthly slide shows on our **website** featuring art that has been displayed in the Gallery. Isn't it great to see these? You can find Naperville Art League on **Facebook**. Be sure to Like us. **Meetup** is a site where people can

learn about our Open Studio events. Watch for NAL on **Pinterest** and other networks.

Because of all these additional promotional opportunities, a social media agreement for artists is being developed and will soon be on the website. The art sign-in form for Gallery display will encompass the agreement to use images in social media. Be sure to read it. We welcome and encourage your feedback and suggestions as we expand our presence in social media.



Did you know? This year is the 30th anniversary of Naperville Art League's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. Bruno Botorelli, developer of Riverwalk Apartments, Dr. Jonathan Croll, then president of the Naperville Art League and Dee Pasternak, League Publicity Chairman initiated the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair (RFAF) in 1986. In honor of the 100th anniversary of Georges Seurat's Sunday Afternoon in the Park, the committee staged a live reenactment of the work at Naperville's quarry (now Centennial Beach). The show has grown over the years and has earned the reputation of one of the best art fairs in the country. Get involved this year as a volunteer or attendee — mark your calendar for Sat. and Sun., Sept. 19-20.

Linda VanderKolk
Director of Exhibits

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

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

April: Renewal
May: Best Guess
June: Missing Piece

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, March 27
6:30–9:00 pm

Featuring Eric S. Dinse

BOARD MEMBERS

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