

## CALENDAR

### 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 Fourth Friday  
7:00–9:00 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"

### April

- 5 NAL Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm
- 8-9 Pick Up "Nostalgia"
- 12 Hang "Sister Cities' Student  
Exhibit"
- 15 Sister Cities' Reception  
7:00–9:00 pm
- 18 Hang Silent Auction
- 22 Silent Auction Fundraiser  
7:00–9:00 pm
- 22-23 Drop Off "Cherchez le  
Femme"
- 25 Hang "Cherchez le Femme"
- 25 RFAF Jury Week

### Mark Your Calendars!

What? Fourth Friday  
Is on the Third Friday?  
Yes, join us on March 18!

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March is shaping up to be a month of community involvement. Currently, our gallery is hosting the Alliance of Fine Art student scholarship competition. High school students' entries from the AFA's 13 member organizations will be on display through Sat. Mar. 5 with an awards reception on Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you know student artists, bring them to the gallery for inspiration.

Next up is the annual Public Art Competition which always draws a large crowd. We're happy to showcase the talent of members and non-members from Naperville and the surrounding areas. The exhibit will be on display from Mar. 9 through 17. Cash prizes will be awarded at 3:00 pm during the reception on Sun., Mar. 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please bring nonperishable food items for Loaves & Fishes Community Pantry as part of the week-long event.

We did it! Our membership passed the 200 mark, with 9 new members joining in the last month. Welcome! You're invited to get involved with our all-volunteer organization. There are many opportunities to join a committee or work on a project. That's a great way to get to know people. Call the gallery to learn more.

One such opportunity is to work on the annual Silent Auction fundraiser scheduled for Friday

evening, April 22. Funds will be used for the next phase of classroom renovations. Many of you may not know our building, specifically the classroom area, was once a church. Over the years we've remodeled and now we're working on the closet areas at the back of the room. A plan for more efficient storage space is in place and partially funded through a grant from Naperville's SECA Fund and appeals. By attending the auction, you and your friends will not only have a fun evening but also help reach the goal.

Our classroom facility was recently one of two sites for "Listen to Your Mother" auditions. The performance will be May 1 at the Athenaeum Theater in Chicago. Our logo and information will appear in the production's promotional material.

Finally, we have an opportunity for members and friends to make a difference in children's lives. A nonprofit organization called Off the Street Club in Chicago's inner city provides children a safe place to go after school. They play games and have mentors but have very limited art supplies. Join the NAL board as we collect new or partially used art supplies throughout the month of March. Bring your donations to the bin in the classroom. We look forward to pictures of the kiddos and their art.

Linda VanderKolk

## BOARD NOTES

**AFA Update:** NAL is hosting the AFA student exhibit. Scholarship Award Reception at NAL will be on Saturday, March 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Members are encouraged to attend.

**Sister Cities Student Art Exhibit:** Show will be hung on April 12 with an award Reception Friday, April 15 from 7:00-9:00 pm. NAL Board Members should be in attendance.

**Off The Street Club:** We were invited to participate in an incentive to gather art supplies to be used by inner city kids. The membership will be asked to support this.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Most board members will run for their present position with the exception of Director of Member Services and Secretary. Director of Programs & Hospitality has not committed.

**Renovation Project:** The original plan for the supply closet was scaled back to fit our \$6,000+ budget. Volunteers will be sought to help with demolition.

**6 x 6 x art:** so far, we have 23 people interested in participating. Details will be sent out to participants after March 20.

**Silent Auction fundraiser:** is scheduled April 22, 2016. Marketing plans are in the works.

**NAL at Schoenherr Gallery:** NAL will host the "Monsoon" exhibit from July 29 to Sept 4, 2016. The show will be juried and a limited number of pieces will be accepted. A \$20 hang fee will be charged.

**Help for Artists:** For a \$3 fee, members bringing in artwork with unacceptable hanging hardware will be able to purchase wire and d-rings.

## AWARD WINNERS: FABULOUS FAKES

### BEST OF SHOW

Ian Mitchell Wallace  
"Privatus Garrulitas"

### BEST THEME

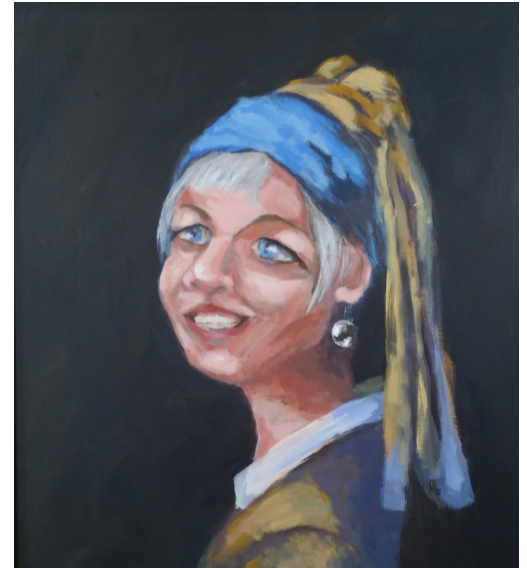
Portia Mandel  
"Renoir Seascape Beads"

### MERIT AWARDS

Marianne Lisson Kuhn  
"Out of the Box"  
Brian Shanahan  
"H.R. Giger Pufnstuf"  
Chris Hughes  
"Girl with Pearl Teeth" (Pictured)  
Neil Pradzinski  
"Delicate in Bloom"  
Maureen McKee  
"Declining Nude Modigliani"

### BLICK AWARD

Brand Bobosky  
"Chelsea's Mother"



Judge: Tony Armendariz

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/NEWS FOR MEMBERS

**Marlene Vitek** was awarded Best in Show for her entry, "Chicago Cityscape" at Elmhurst Artists' Guild Winter Members' show. Susan Janssen was recognized with an Honorable Mention for her piece, "Jan on the Heath" in that same exhibit.

**Susan R. Wilson** will be exhibiting 3 of her oil stick paintings in an Invitational Winter Show at Ebel Gentile Interiors, 46 W. Geneva Street, Williams Bay, WI from Feb. 20 to Mar. 27. An opening reception for this winter-themed group show is scheduled for Feb. 20 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

**Laura Lein-Svencner's** artwork has been transferred to fabric and is now a part of Dolcezza's Spring 2016 Simply Art Series from Montreal Canada's clothing design company, Michael Phillips Ltd. The first fashions from this line are now arriving at Lola's Boutique, 686 Roosevelt Rd., Glen Ellyn, IL, 630-858-5652, [www.shoplolastyle.com](http://www.shoplolastyle.com).

The work of **Gail L. Kroepel**, PhD is featured in "Contemplative Spaces," an exhibit at the Oak Park Conservatory, 615 Garfield St, Oak Park, IL from March through April, 2016. For more info contact 708-725-2400 or [www.oakparkconservatory.org](http://www.oakparkconservatory.org).

In DuPage Art League's Feb. exhibit, **Khrystyna Kozyuk** won Best of Show for "Music of the Moment," acrylic; Special Merit Awards went to **Sally Sharp** for "Male Model," oil stick and **Chris**

**Jacobson** for "Book Bird," collage. Merit Awards went to **Marita Valdizan** for "Hope," mixed; **Valerie Lorimer** for "The Secret Visitor," mixed; **Joan Kalmanek** for "Fish in Mixed Metals," photo; **Chris Hughes** for "Geese," acrylic; **Doris Bettin** for "Bailey," pastel; **Roberta Sieber** won the Blick Award for "Funky Chickens," oil pastel. Congratulations to all the NAL member winners for their recognition at DPAL!

## BOARD MEMBERS

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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](mailto: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

Hello SPRING!!!

The best part is, that officially we are slowly reaching spring and we can forget winter, that's because it's really coming!!!

We are kicking off the second day of March with the Alliance of Fine Art's Student Scholarship Competition which ends on Sat., Mar. 5. You are kindly invited to their reception from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

The Public Art Competition "Broken Barriers" takes place from Mar. 9 through Mar. 17, with an award reception on Sun., Mar. 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Bring your family and friends and celebrate together.

Ian Mitchell Wallace will have his own exhibit f Mar. 18 & 19 so come and explore his talent with him. His reception will be on Sat., Mar. 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

We thought this is not busy enough—the 18th of March! Add a Fourth Friday to it and you will have a PARTY!!!! Come from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

and you will meet a lot of friends and mingle with good company.

The member show will continue with a drop off of "Nostalgia" on, why not, Mar. 18 & 19, and it will be displayed from Mar. 23 through Apr. 8. Don't forget, you will have two days to pick up your art (Apr. 8 & 9).

We are preparing some exciting new events, so stay tuned and also stay warm, because spring is tricky.

Here is something to think about: In June we will work with the Burning Bush Gallery in a joint show. Members will be able to show their work at both locations at the same time. Work reflecting the theme "Pianissimo" (soft or quiet) will be on display in our gallery. If your piece is "Fortissimo" (very loud), you can drop it off at the Burning Bush. Watch for dates and details.

I wish you a bouncy spring and hope to see you at our events.

Patricia Melekus



## OFFSITE EXHIBIT: MONSOON!

NAL has been invited once again to exhibit at North Central College's prestigious Schoenherr Gallery. Members interested in being considered for the "Monsoon" juried show will be asked to submit digital images of their entry for judges' review. Accepted artists will be contacted and instructed when to drop off their piece Mon.,

July 25, 5:00-7:00pm or Tues., July 26, 11:00-1:00 pm. A statement of 100 words maximum must accompany the work and describe how the art represents the theme. A \$20 hang fee will be charged. More specific details will follow soon. Stay tuned!

## HELP WANTED!

**Wanted:** 2 or 3 people to help with the Fourth Friday set up. This monthly social event has proven to be very successful and entertaining. Get to know your fellows artist while helping out and having fun! Contact Debbie 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:** 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 and volunteer recognition events. 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.

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

March: Public Art Competition

March: Nostalgia

April: Cherchez la Femme (Look for the Woman)

May: Retrospect

June: Joint Show with Burning Bush Gallery

Pianissimo (NAL)—Fortissimo (BBG)

July: Sunday Afternoon

August: Selfie

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

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