

CALENDAR

May

- 3 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 20-21 Pick Up "Cherchez la
Femme" & Drop Off
"Retrospect"
- 23 Hang "Retrospect"
- 27 Fourth Friday
7:00–9:00 pm

June

- 7 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 9 Municipal Concert Bake Sale
- 10-11 Pick Up "Retrospect" Drop
off "Pianissimo"
- 13 Hang "Pianissimo"
- 24 Fourth Friday
7:00–9:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Do your "to do's" get in the way of doing? When it comes to art, that's a yes for me. It's also a self-created frustration, which leads to the question: does one have to make art a full-time profession in order to achieve contentment? Take a look in our Gallery this month and you'll get a clue to the answer I found. Cherchez la Femme is a theme that brought out some of the best work by our members. A lovely show like this reminds me that viewing other people's art also brings a sense of contentment. As members of our art league, we celebrate and enjoy each other's work.

The recent silent auction provided an opportunity to take home art plus have a fun evening. Louise Robertson, our Director of Development, organized the event and introduced us to tombola, a fun version of a raffle. The event raised over \$1,600 for classroom renovations. Thanks to everyone who donated, attended, and served on the committee. The next fundraiser will be the Naperville Municipal Band Concert's Bake Sale on June 9. NAL members always have fun serving pie and other treats to the outdoor concert-goers. Rob Stolarczuk, Director of Marketing & Communications has volunteered to organize the event and will be asking for help. Watch for his

emails so you can join in the cause.

Eight NAL members will have work on display in the Alliance of Fine Arts' 2016 Best of the Best show. Held this year at the DuPage Art League, 218 W. Front St., Wheaton, from April 30 to May 31, this annual show features the past year's Best of Show winners from each of the 12 member AFA organizations. The reception and award ceremony will be on Sun., May 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This is the AFA's signature event. Hope to see you there!

It's time to cast your vote for the 2016-17 Board Members. The ballot is enclosed. All the board positions are held by volunteers who depend on their support system of volunteers who serve on committees, help with events, provide refreshments, and do much more.

As we enter the month of May, many of us remember learning to color or draw or sew or paint under the tutelage of our mothers. The works of art we created as children were indeed considered masterpieces by our moms. Ever wonder if they kept those? Happy Mother's Day.

Linda VanderKolk

BOARD NOTES

Art Donations: A big THANK YOU to all the members who contributed to NAL's "Off the Street Club" art supply collection incentive. All the supplies were well received and will be used by the inner city students that belong to the organization.

AFA Best of the Best Show. The exhibit is on display at DuPage Art League through May 31 with an award ceremony on May 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Silent Art Auction Fundraiser: The event raised approximately \$1,600 minus \$300 in expenses. Attendance was low but board members / NAL members purchased many art items.

RFAF: Jury was held last week –460 applications were reviewed and judged. Invitations for exhibitors and waitlisted artists will be sent out within the next few weeks.

Off Site Exhibit Program: Aloft Chicago City Center has been added to the current list of venues. Also, an artist sold a piece of work at Arbor Vitae, earning NAL \$75 in commission.

Education: An effort is being put forth to recruit quality educators and to offer more classes independent of the park district. Weekend workshops have proven to be successful. New in spring: Tole/decorative acrylic art. New for summer: workshops for Autistic students; projected for fall: colored pencil and Zentangle. Class promotion will be key.

May Fourth Friday: Volunteers will be needed to help with this events. A call for volunteers will be sent.

Board Election: Officer Slate for NAL will be in the May Newsletter. Awaiting a response from a potential candidate for secretary, looking for a candidate for member services.

AWARD WINNERS: NOSTALGIA

Best of Show: (Pictured)
Kasia Szczesniewski —“Journey”

Best Theme:
Roberta Sieber —“Clara”

Merit Awards:
Khrystyna Kozyuk — “Castle Storm”
Cynthia Boudreau — “Where’s Spring”
Sally Sharp — “Boyz in the Hood”
Geri Greenman — “Life’s Layers”
Bill Baykan — “Gentleman Golfer”

Blick Award:
Paula Shuck — “Grandpa’s Store”

Judged by Robert Lee Fritz



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Congratulations to **Tony Venezia**, professor of motion picture/television at College of DuPage, for his recent appointment as an Adobe Education Leader. He earned this role by using Adobe tools and applications in innovative ways to promote excellence in the classroom.

To celebrate his acceptance into the M.F.A. program of San Francisco Art Institute, the white walls of Archer Beach Haus, 3012 S. Archer Ave., Apt. 2, Chicago, will feature the work of **Ian Mitchell Wallace**. His exhibit, “The Sober Madness” will be on display Thurs., May 26 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Additionally, wine, live music, performance art and a short lecture on the contemporary Dionysian ideal and madness in art will be in the offerings.

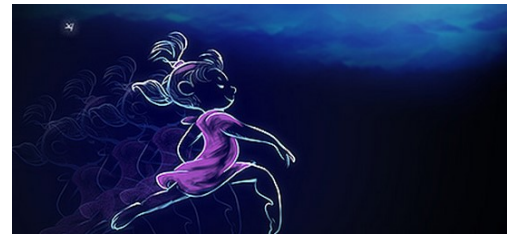
NAL’s Off Site Exhibit program continues to grow and the work of the following members can be found around town:

Cosette Kosiba at Arbor Vitae Java & Juice, 1120 E. Diehl Rd.; **Chris Hughes** at Elate Salon, 1823 Wehrli Rd.; **Terry Musclow** at Aloft Bolingbrook, 500 N. Janes Ave.; **Khrystyna Kozyuk** at the Lucky Penny Diner and Deli, 1224 W. Ogden Ave.. Thank you to **Phyllis Napolitano Krawczyk** for managing this incentive.

Cynthia Boudreau received a special merit award for her fiber piece, “Stormy Sky Jacket” at DuPage Art League’s April exhibit, “Storm Warnings.” Other winners include **Bill Baykan**, “Gathering Storm”; **June Padovani**, “Horizon”; **Dee Leppin**, “Flags Flying in Door County”; and **Gary Chipman**, “The Shower has Passed,” each recognized with a merit award.

Animation students in College of DuPage’s Motion Picture/Television program will screen their work during the 6th annual Animation Night, a free event at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., May 19, in

the Playhouse Theatre at the McAninch Arts Center. A variety of techniques will be represented including traditional hand-drawn animation, sand animation and a “South Park” cut-outs-style.



Remember Mom with one-of-a-kind Mother's Day gifts found at the NFAC&G. Original work by NAL members including jewelry, scarves, ceramics, coloring books, soaps, greeting cards are among the items for sale. A new display of 6 X 6 X Art is worth noting.

BOARD MEMBERS

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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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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.

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

This month, NAL's board year comes to an end. I would personally like to thank everybody who helped me adjust to this position, especially the Executive Director, the Board Members and non-Board members, too. I met incredibly talented artists and had the honor of working with them on a daily and monthly basis. Thank you again, and I hope that the next board year will be even more successful than this one.

We had celebrated April with an awesome silent art auction that was exciting and fun. Thanks to Louise Robertson and Rachel Bryan for their hard work putting it all together and thank you to all the NAL members who donated all the wonderful gourmet cheeses and treats. Our attendees left with great art bargains and full stomachs.

Our member show "Cherchez la Femme" will run until May 20, with a 2 day pick up of May 20 and 21.. The next theme is "Retrospect" and will be on display until June 11. After that we look forward to our joint show with Burning Bush Gallery, 216 N. Main St., Wheaton. Members will be able to hang 1 or 2 pieces of work reflecting the theme "Pianissimo" (soft, small) at the NFAC&G and 1 or 2 pieces reflecting the theme "Fortissimo" (loud, large) at Burning Bush. Each gallery will have its own opening, so please come and join the fun!

OFFSITE EXHIBIT: MONSOON!

NAL has been invited to exhibit at North Central College's prestigious Schoenherr Gallery. Members interested in being considered for the "Monsoon" juried show will be asked to send digital images of their work to NCC for judges' review June 22–24. Accepted artists will be contacted and instructed to drop off pieces

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.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

May: Retrospect

June: Joint Show with Burning Bush Gallery
Pianissimo (NAL)
Fortissimo (BBG)

It is always great to see your fellow NAL friends. So why not come to socialize at our Fourth Friday on May 27? We will have a special surprise when the Alena Quintet provides the music for the evening. That along with our good food and fine drink will make you glad that you did not go away for the holiday weekend!



I wish you a very Happy Mother's Day, full of sunshine, beautiful memories, and lots of love.

May your May be Memorable!

Patricia Melekus 😊
Director of Exhibits

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

REMINDER
to all NAL Members:

NAL's membership year runs from June 1 to May 31. Please renew your membership soon!

**U R
Invited:**

**Fourth Friday
May 27
7-9 pm**

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There!**

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.

July: Sunday Afternoon
August: Selfie



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May 2016

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES ON MAY 31.
IT'S TIME TO RENEW!**

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 Name: _____
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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (w/ area code): Day: _____ Evening: _____
 Email address: _____
 Media or area of interest: _____

Please e-mail my monthly newsletter in PDF format Yes No

Type of Membership:

- \$50.00 Individual \$60.00 Family \$75.00 Contributing
 \$100.00 Supporting \$200.00 Patron/Corporate \$500.00 Sponsor
 \$25.00 Fee for Artist Gallery on NAL's Web Site

Please check all that apply:

- Practicing Artist Art Appreciator Student Patron

I am interested in:

- Taking classes/workshops Attending critiques Giving demonstrations Lecturing
 Teaching classes/workshops Conducting critiques Presenting Programs Other

NAL sustains its many functions through member's volunteer participation, your participation is critical to the ability to provide these resources to our members and the community. Please choose the area or areas where you could help.

I am interested in holding office:

- Now At a later date

- President Director/Publicity Director/ Hospitality & Programs Director/Education
 Treasurer Director/ Gallery Exhibits Director/Member Services Secretary

I am interested in working with the following Committees:

- Exhibits Social Fund Raising Grant Writing Clerical
 Public Relations Marketing Volunteer Coordinator Programs Classes

I have experience and want to work on: NAL Web Site, Social Media & Technical Advancement

I want to work on Special Events:

- Holiday Show Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Art Auction Special Exhibits

NAL's Fine Art Center & Gallery is an important link between our membership and the community. Every member is asked to provide occasional volunteer help in the Gallery. Please choose the area or areas where you could help.

I am available to staff the Gallery (check all that apply):

- Weekdays Saturdays Sunday Open House Mornings Afternoon Evenings

I could help (check all that apply):

- Install Exhibits Light Housekeeping Building Maintenance Yard Work Donate Refreshments

I am interested in commission work Yes No I work in the following media: _____



Officers Ballot 2016 – 2017

Vote for one candidate only for each office by placing a check in the appropriate box.

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Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this ballot and return by May 20 to:
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