

CALENDAR

May

- 2 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 5-6 Pick Up "Chasing the Sun"
and Drop Off "Mysterious"
- 10 "Mysterious" Opens
- 13 Demos & Donuts:
Barb Lipkin
& Nancy D'Agostino
- 27 Fourth Friday 7:00—9:00 pm

June

- 2 Schoenherr Gallery Offsite
Show Opening Reception
6:00-8:00 pm
- 2-3 Pick Up "Mysterious" and
Drop Off "Je Ne Sais Quoi"
- 6 NAL Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 7 "Je Ne Sais Quoi" Opens
- 10 Demos & Donuts:
10:30 am—Noon
- 23 Fourth Friday 7:00—9:00 pm

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

Fond farewell. A crowd of people gathered at April's Fourth Friday event to wish Debbie Venezia farewell. Debbie is the new Director of ArtsDuPage, a non-profit organization that is an initiative of the DuPage Foundation. Look at their website, ArtsDuPage.org and you'll find an opportunity to promote your work. Debbie tells us to watch for upcoming seminars and more.



Interim plan. Gallery hours remain the same and all operations are continuing. The Executive Director position will be posted soon. The Board plans to add a part-time administrative person to staff. Debbie has agreed to manage the remainder of this year's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair on a contract basis. That RFAF position will be posted early summer. NAL volunteers are shadowing the process as backup.

Please vote. In this newsletter is the Board of Directors elections ballot for 2017-2018. Please vote and return your ballot within the next week via email, mail or fax. Of course, you may write in candidates as well. Board positions are volunteer roles.

Re-up. Also enclosed is your membership registration/renewal form, due June 1. Memberships will be effective June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. Remember, only paid members can exhibit their art.

Summer class list is available. It's going to be a busy summer at NAL! Sign up now for workshops, classes and camps. Here are a few to note: Friday, June 16 award-winning artist and teacher, Heidi Parkes, presents *Elements of Art, Design and Post-Modern Principles*; Maureen McKee will do an *Oil Pastel* workshop June 25, July 9 & 16; Laura Lein-Svencner's *3D Floating Collage* will be July 13-15; and Tony Armendariz returns July 29-30 with a *Watercolor Portraits* class focusing on new color palettes.

We're in a state of transition in many areas, and that's a good thing. Change leads to more involvement, new ideas and approaches, and some adventure. NAL roots remain solid and friendships strong.

See you at May's Fourth Friday!

Linda VanderKolk

BOARD NOTES

Photography of Doris Ulmann show, drew many new visitors.

NAL Annual meeting was held Tuesday, May 9. A copy of the report can be emailed upon request.

Membership Renewals are due June 1.

Floor replacement complete. Grant application for closet shelving declined.

RFAF jury process is complete. SECA grant was received. Fair dates: Sept. 16-17.

NAL Executive Director job will be posted. Administrative Associate job posting to follow.

Board elections are underway.

Archives coordinator. Thanks to Mooneen Mourad for volunteering!

RFAF Info booth coordinator. Thanks to Lori Tucker for volunteering!



CHECK OUT OUR CLASSES!

All Ages / All Skill Levels
Day & Evening

FIGURE DRAWING

Adults: Sundays
9:00 am—Noon

ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays
6:30 pm—9:00 pm
\$5/session—discounts available

Grades 2—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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

Keep up with the latest events,
classes, art work & more!

Don't want to maintain
your own web site?

Set up a gallery on ours.
Need help? Let us know!

Already on our web site?
Time to update your photos!

For details
call 630.355.2530
www.napervilleartleague.com

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.

AWARD WINNERS: CHASING THE SUN

Best of Show:

Larry Lato – “Guiding Light” (*shown*)

Best Theme:

John Wiet – “Stormy Waters”

Merit Awards:

Joan Kalmanek – “Holy Family Vacation”

Kirk Kerndl – “Winter Sun”

Patricia Melekus – “Chasing the Sun”

Janet Pearson-Strack – “Afternoon, Old Nice”

Neil Pradzinski – “Sunny Side Up”



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Cynthia Boudreau won Best Theme for her photograph “South India Blessed Rain” at DuPage Art League’s April Exhibit. Special merit award went to **Chris Hughes** for his acrylic “Big Splash”, and Merit awards to **Joan Kalmanek** for “A Rainy Day” photo, **Valerie Lorimer** for “She Summoned the Rain”, mixed. **Sally Sharp** for “Incoming”, oil/cold wax; and **Marita Valdizan** for “Rain Keeps Falling on Mouse Head”, mixed.

Congratulations to **Debbie Venezia**, the new Director of Arts DuPage. Check out the website at artsdupage.org.

At the 80th Annual Exhibition of Painting & Sculpture presented by the Polish Club of Chicago, **Margaret Swedzikowski** won 3rd Place and **Kasia Szczesniewski** a Merit Award.



Artist and children’s author **Louise Elizabeth Robertson** has been nominated a Perth Pioneer in recognition of her contribution to the cultural reputation of Perth, UK.

RFAF 2016 poster was Runner-Up for Most Whimsical poster. *Sunshine Artist* magazine.

FREE Donuts, Demos & Mini-Classes May 13, 10:30 to noon in the classroom featuring **Barb Lipkin & Nancy D’Agostino**.

BOARD MEMBERS

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RFAF Executive Director: Deborah Venezia

Executive Director: Open

Newsletter Editor: Open

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

As you already know, our Executive Director, Debbie Venezia is leaving our organization after 15 years of hard work and dedication. We will miss her laugh, positive attitude and kindness to all artists she has influenced with her inexhaustible energy and love.

In March, I promised that we would start a new approach to boost your art presence by launching NAL's version of **MontmARTre**. It is coming to realization. If the weather will be pleasant, we will start this worldwide popular event around the gallery. Bring your palettes, materials and paint to create with us outside in the sun on Sat., May 20. We hope that the temperature will be warm enough and the sky sunny. The gallery has tables, chairs and easels if you wish to use them. Feel free to bring your families, friends, and create a fun atmosphere every Saturday until September. The gallery will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, stop by anytime and create what your heart desires.

North Central College Schoenherr Gallery special NAL juried exhibit is coming June 2 – July 9 with

an opening reception Fri., June 2 from 6-8 pm. Stay tuned for more exciting events!

In July, we are collaborating with Burning Bush Gallery (BBG) to have a joint exhibit, don't forget to submit your masterpieces to either or both galleries. NAL's theme is: *Illumination*, BBG's theme is: *Enigma*. Happy creating!

Be sure to visit our current member show titled Mysterious. Fourth Friday will be awards night.

Happy Birthday to our May born artists, happy May Day, Early May Bank Holiday, Constitution Day, National Day of Prayer, Greenery Day, Cinco de Mayo, Children's Day, National Teacher Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Victoria Day, Spring Bank Holiday, and Memorial Day Observance.

I would like to wish you a gorgeous May, filled with love and happiness, may your May be aMAYzing!!!

Patricia Melekus



DEPARTING WORDS

I knew saying goodbye would be difficult, especially when I was bidding farewell to some of the most creative, kind, and passionate artists and art lovers in the community. In the past 15 years, I have come to know each of you, enjoyed your talents, met your families, and shared in your successes and losses. We have laughed together, cried together and worked together, while making great progress in all things art. We saw each other regularly as many of you would drop off your work, attend a class or just say hello. Visits were always appreciated and relationships were forged.

Now, as I move on to a new position, I'd like to thank all of you for your friendship over the years and for the outpouring of generosity expressed during my final days as the executive director.

Your wonderful gifts will always remind me of the joy I experienced with my NAL family. My memories are precious and I plan to stay involved with the league so that we can create many more...

Deborah Venezia
Former Executive Director

TEACHER FEATURE

A new Portrait Drawing session will begin Tuesday, May 16. from 6:30 to 9pm. Lucas Leonard, who leads the Sunday Figure Drawing sessions, will be the instructor. Drop in.

Speaking of Portraits, June Padovani will teach an adult class July 5-7 and a class for teens July 17-21.

Intro to Cartooning children's classes by professional cartoonist Roger Schillerstrom explore drawing people and animals.

There are lots more summer classes. Go to our website. To learn about them.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

May: Mysterious
May: Je Ne Sais Quoi
June: Schoenherr Gallery Offsite Show

June: Joint Show with Burning Bush Gallery
NAL: Illumination
BBG: Enigma

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New member list is being compiled.

Join the Naperville Art League by calling 630-355-2530 or visiting our Gallery.

Members: It's time to renew your membership.



Join Us for Fourth Friday
May 26 7:00—9:00 pm



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☐ Alice Christy Jacobson

Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this ballot and return by May 20 to:
Naperville Art League, 508 North Center Street, Naperville, IL 60563
or fax to 630-355-3071



Membership Renewal

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Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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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: _____