

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 7 NAL Board meeting 6:30pm
 17 *Gallery of Gifts* Opening
 No Fourth Friday

DECEMBER

- 5 NAL Board meeting 6:30pm
 23 Last day of *Gallery of Gifts*
 27-29 Pick up holiday show items
 No Fourth Friday



Santa's Eyes by Kathy Cox

JANUARY

- 2 NAL Board meeting 6:30
 5-6 Drop off *Lightbulb Moment*
 6 Cat Guardians reception
 9-27 *Lightbulb Moment* show
 26 Fourth Friday 7 to 9 pm
 27 Pick up/Drop off *Sounds*

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.

Go to napervilleartleague.com for classes for adults and children.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The doors are open for **Gallery of Gifts**. It's our annual holiday sale of member art. Over 40 participants have filled the Gallery and part of the classroom with a wonderful variety of items including paintings, ceramics, jewelry, wearable art, ornaments, cards, and much more. Some of our members have published books and those are available in the show as well. What a talented bunch!

Help promote. The show runs through December 23. If every member brings 5 friends, we'll have 1000 shoppers. Add to that those who respond to our ads, mailings, posters, internet marketing and handouts. We're looking forward to a successful show.

The **calendar for 2018** shows has been developed. Be sure to read the Exhibits column in this newsletter. It's an honor to host the Cat Guardians fundraiser again in January. We are also honored to host the Professional Art Quilt Alliance monthly meetings in our classroom beginning in January. This group includes many award-winning artists, several of national and international fame.

Have you seen the **back wall** of our building? We were approached by an organization representing JR, a French street artist and TED talk winner, who travels the world doing these and other art exhibits. One intent is to build a sense of community. Take a few minutes to view all the faces, many of whom are NAL members, and you'll most likely

BOARD NOTES

Membership: 198

Open: Director of Marketing & Communications **Filled:** Peter Marinelli to serve as Alliance of Fine Art representative

Strategic Plan update: Input to be gathered by the end of November.

Directory. 2017-18 Directory sent via email blast to members. A limited quantity of print version is available at the Gallery.



leave with a smile. The art will wear off over time so enjoy it. Details about the project are available.

Some great news! Thanks to the work of our Executive Director, Erin Schneider, NAL was awarded a Google Grant for Non-profits, to be used for promotion. This ties in with website improvements that are underway. Watch for some new promotional activity on the internet in future months.

There are many things for which to be thankful. You are on my list. Your friendship, volunteer efforts and sense of teamwork make this organization special. Happy Thanksgiving!

Linda VanderKolk

Note that there will be no Fourth Friday in November or December due to the holiday show. Fourth Fridays resume in January.

Web revision team formed.

Classroom closet shelving pending \$750 funding.

Makers Fair at 95th St. Library. Thanks to Erin Schneider and Marita Valdizon for staffing the NAL table and discussing classes.

Fundraiser. Exploring options.

End of Year appeal. To be conducted.



CHECK OUT OUR CLASSES!

All Ages / All Skill Levels
Day & Evening

FIGURE DRAWING

Adults: Sundays \$15
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 \$98 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 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: STEAMPUNK REVOLUTION

Best of Show: *(shown)*

Chris Hodge, Conformity & Compliance

Best Theme:

Laura Lein-Svencner, Winged Messenger

Merit Awards:

Beth Hobby, Steampunk Device

Lucas Leonard, Untilted Composition #6758

Neil Pradzinski, Prairie Maze

Susie Myers, Crossroads

Robert Yurgatis, Flower Shapes

Judged by Frank Tumino



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/ NEWS FOR MEMBERS

The following members have recently published books featuring their art: **Sylvia Wueusche-Wienands**, *Words in Color*, a collection of images and poetry; **Mike MacDonald**, *My Journey into the Wilds of Chicago*, an elegant photographic portrayal of Chicagoland's prairies, savannas, and nature preserves with accompanying text; **Don Castro**, *Coloring Book*; **Barb Lipkin**, *Painting Lives*. These and books by other NAL members are available at the NAL Gallery of Gifts show.

We'd like to share your news. Submit your information to the art league.

On Tuesday, Nov. 21 IndieBound Naperville, of which NAL is a member, will be the subject of a special proclamation to be read at the Naperville City Council meeting. Small business Saturday is Nov. 25.

Our **Off-Site Exhibits** program needs a few more member artists. Contact the art league or Ariana Poe, coordinator. See NAL member art in the following locations:

Arbor Vitae ; Elate Salon ; Ellman's Music Center ; Kreger's Brat & Sausage Haus; S & R Monogramming, Inc ; Russell Martin Carpet ;The Lucky Penny Diner & Deli .

Arts Dupage.org offers many opportunities for artists as well as information on events throughout the county.

Member input sought. We are updating our strategic plan and member input is critical. We will be sending a few easy-to-complete member surveys on line. The Board appreciates your participation .

BOARD MEMBERS

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EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Happy November, artists! Our annual Gallery of Gifts holiday sale is here. The variety of beautiful items is awesome. What a great place to shop. Members, we still need a few volunteers for staffing the sales desk and show take down, so if you can help, call the front desk. Participants should plan on picking up their remaining items Dec. 26 to 28 during regular hours.

The first week in January, Cat Guardians will be accepting donations of cat-related art for their annual silent auction fundraiser to be held at NAL.

View the calendar of events for all of 2018 on our website under Classes -> Calendarwiz. Here's a look at up-coming themes. (We reserve the right to change dates, themes, and classes.)

January –Lightbulb Moment

February – Sounds

Late February —Fabulous Fakes AND/OR Double Vision*
March – Nuances

*A note about February's show. Traditionally we invite members to imitate existing art, perhaps with a twist and create a "Fabulous Fake". You may do that. AND/OR you may use the "Double Vision" theme to team up with someone. We envision each person of the team starting a piece then passing it to the partner to complete. The originator owns the final piece. (Of course, you may work on a single piece together or do your own "Double Vision" themed piece.)

Happy birthday to Scorpio and Sagittarius artists, and Happy Culture Day, Veteran's Day, Remembrance Day and Thanksgiving Day!

Patricia Melekus
Director of Exhibits



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

.Social event:

There will be no Fourth Friday events in November or December due to the holiday show.

Plan to come January 26, 7:00—9:00 pm.



JR art project on NAL's back wall. Stop by and see it.

CAN YOU FIND THE GRINCH?

The Grinch is returning to Naperville and hiding out in IndieBound businesses throughout the community. The "Grow Your Heart Three Sizes" promotion involves starting at Anderson's Bookshop where children receive a "bingo type" card. Each time a Grinch image is found in a business, the child earns a stamp or signature on the card as proof. Find 12

Grinches, return the card to Anderson's and be eligible for the final raffle of prizes. There will be a free kick-off story time with the Grinch himself on Sunday, December 3 at 2 pm at Anderson's Bookshop. The end of the Grinch hunt will be on Christmas Eve.



MEMBER BENEFIT

There is no jury fee for NAL members who apply for a booth at our annual Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. Application deadline is March 26, 2018. To apply, go to Zapplication.org and then to the Naperville Riverwalk Fine Art Fair listing. You'll find all the details.

The art fair is Sept. 15 & 16, 2018 and is expected to draw over 70,000 visitors. Join Naperville Art League by calling 630-355-2530.

Winter Classes

Classes are ongoing. NAL's winter schedule for January through March will be available by the end of November. Classes offered through the Naperville Park District will be in the Park District's Program Guide scheduled to be delivered to homes Nov. 30.

New Gallery hours well-received.

The feedback on our new hours has been very positive. The Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery is open:

**Tuesday through Friday
10am to 5pm; Saturdays
10am to 4pm.**

During the holiday show we are also open Thursdays until 7pm and Sundays noon to 4pm.



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Your input is sought.

Please take a minute to provide your thoughts about the Naperville Art League. Return this by November 30, 2017 to:

Naperville Art League
508 N. Center St
Naperville, IL 60563

Or to ... naperartleague@aol.com
Subject: survey



I am a member ____
I am not currently a member ____

What I like most about Naperville Art League is:

I think the following could be improved:

In the future, I'd like to see Naperville Art League:

Naperville Art League's challenges include:

The City of Naperville is considering how best to develop property along the north side of the railroad tracks, across the street from our facility and further east. The local community, including Naperville Art League, has been invited to provide input in the process. Share your thoughts.

Name & email optional _____

Information will be used in our strategic planning process. Your input is valuable. Thank you!