

NEWSLETTER

October 2014

CALENDAR

October

- 7 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 8-11 Pick Up "Rare Opportunity"
- 13 Hang Fiber Art Divas
- 15 Fiber Art Divas Opens
- 19 Fiber Art Divas Reception
2:00—4:00 pm
- 24 Join us for Fourth Friday
7:00—9:00 pm

November

- 4 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 8 Tear Down Fiber Art Divas
- 9 Gallery of Gifts Drop Off
9:00 am—5:00 pm
- 9-13 Gallery of Gifts Set Up
- 14 Gallery of Gifts Opening
6:00—8:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

See You on Our Fourth Fridays!

Reminder: Fourth Friday is taking a holiday and will return on January 23, 2015

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,

Welcome to Autumn, truly my favorite season. The feast for the senses leaves me perpetually tempted to play hooky from school and head out for a plein air day. There simply are not enough weekend days to satisfy. I hope you too enjoy this time of year and are able to maximize the warm sunny days we have left.

Riverwalk 2014 was outstanding. For my family, it's an "All Play" event. My husband Steve helped with set up and take down, my very talented mother plays for the DuPage Symphony and my daughters and granddaughter spend a lot of time on site supporting us: four generations celebrating the arts on Riverwalk weekend. I am a lucky girl. Additionally I find us fortunate as an organization as well because Riverwalk is the special event it is — so well respected in the arts community and so popular in our own neighborhood. This year there were new artists that gave the show a fresh look. We are still talking about Riverwalk, reviewing our experiences, reveling in the great feedback, and taking note of any tweaks for RFAF 2015. Yes, we are already planning for next year. Debbie started talking about and planning

weeks before RFAF 2014 actually happened.

Summer may have come to a close but we remain busy. This month, Dennis Chadra stepped down as webmaster, handed the reins to Steve Coffman as we look forward to a smooth transition. In addition, Maritza Bermudez has plans for a new members group and a Bylaw review committee is being created to keep us focused as an organization. New teachers have been recruited and new classes are being offered at NAL. There is one more Fourth Friday event for 2014 and several remaining exhibits including the always popular Fiber Divas event and the Teacher show. Look in the newsletter for all the upcoming activities and dates.

I remain grateful for the friendships and experiences gained as the President of NAL. I continue to be humbled by the gifts of time and talent given by my fellow board members. I encourage you to please reach out to me if I can better serve you or if you would like to become more involved.

Sincerely,
Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

Bylaws Revision – A committee is being formed to review and revise our standing 2012 bylaws. Target date for completion: year end.

Renovation – A grant will be submitted for Phase IV of the classroom renovation—a complete restructure of the which will include rack storage for chairs, storage for easels and much, much more. Classroom flooring will be put on hold until details are worked out with Phase IV.

Volunteer(s) Needed – Saturday staff will be facing some scheduling conflicts in the future and are looking for individuals to be trained as "permanent" subs who would be willing to be on call.

Halloween Décor – A "Frozen" theme is the focus for the front of the NFAC&G. Volunteers will be solicited to work on a snowball struc-

ture, on Fri., Oct. 24 at 3:00 pm. If last year's Minions are an indication, our location will receive attention from the community with families stopping by to take photos of their children.

Fourth Friday – Attendees will be invited to decorate pumpkins, participate in open mike, relax and enjoy. Costumes are encouraged. This is last fourth Friday for 2014.

Education – Eleven teachers are slated to instruct a variety of winter classes beginning in January. A downloadable version of the schedule soon be available on our website.

Exhibits – This year's student show was canceled as the short time frame did not allow for adequate planning and execution. More focus will be put on the event for next year. To fill in, the Fiber Art Diva show was extended until Nov. 8.

AWARD WINNERS: RARE OPPORTUNITY

BEST OF SHOW

Neil Pradzinski — "Life Among the Susans"

BEST THEME

Barbara Colbert — "Bagan Pagoda"

MERIT AWARDS

Patricia Melekus — "Funky Town Elephant"

Kip Pasta — "Outside the Gallery"

Mariusz Wartalowicz — "If Only It Could Last"

Joan Kalmanek — "Waterhole"

Dee Leppin — "Path to the Shore"

JUDGE

Denise Laurin-Donatelle



*"Life Among the Susans"
By Neil Pradzinski*

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Anne Hanley was awarded the 2-D Award of Excellence from the Geneva Fine Art Fair and First Place for Painting at the Lubeznik Lakefront Art Festival in Michigan City. She was also awarded a finalist for the 2014 NICHE Award from the Rosen group, NICHE Magazine and American Style Magazine, Philadelphia, PA.

Valerie Lorimer is excited to be part of the Dia Noche Designs family of artists. Check out her work at dianochedesigns.com (Search: Valerie Lorimer).

Dee Leppin received an honorable mention award for her pastel, "Denali" in the LaGrange

Art League's "America the Beautiful" exhibit.

Many congrats to the NAL members recognized in the DuPage Art League's September exhibit: a Special Merit award went to **Cynthia Boudreau** for "Fall Leaves Shawl," fiber; Merit Awards went to **Bill Baykan** for "Nature's Treasure," watercolor; **Sarah Ettinger** for "Route 34," acrylic; **Chris Hughes** for "Shady Tree," acrylic; and **Terry Musclove** for "Ponderosa Pines Ponder Lime," mixed.

Congratulations to **Marilyn Polivka** for winning the Best of Show award for her oil, "Roses Medley" at the Hendersonville County, NC Art League's September Show.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

RIVERWALK FINE ART FAIR



A hearty round of applause to the dedicated volunteers who assisted during the 2014 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to Amanda Amundson, Jennifer Alvarez, LaSharon Bankhead, Maritza Bermudez, Susan Borghesi, Bob Bosanac, Cynthia Boudreau, Gary Brown, George Bruce, Ray

Campbell, Susan Chemler, Gary Chipman, Dave & Rosie Claus, Penny & Steve Coffman, Barbara Colbert, Marilyn Dale, Hedy Dawson, Bob & Irene Donato, Margie Ehler, Marie Gnesda, Roy Grundy, Glen Hoffman, Chris Hughes, Yoli Jarnagin, Rita Moon Kain, Jenia Karapetrova, Robert Karczewski, Brian Kissain, Paula Luberd, Patricia Melekus, Lynda Ortega, Carmella Parrilli, Marie Paul, Neil Pradzinski, Peg Redding, Alex, Ed & Laura Rivas, Brian Shanahan, Sally Sharp, Roberta Sieber, Don Sheldon, Carole Swedo, Lori Tucker, Marita Valdizan, Linda Vander Kolk, Kelsey Vassar, Kim Yench, Eileen Zanders, John Zorn and anyone else we may have inadvertently missed. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Alex, Ed and Laura Rivas, Sally Sharp and Roberta Sieber for their Sunday morning first response efforts at rescuing the NAL Info Booth that was blown down during the night.



CHECK OUT OUR CLASSES!

All Ages / All Skill Levels
Day & Evening

ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays
6:30 pm–9:00 pm

\$5/session—discounts available

Grades K–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

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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

Another wonderful Riverwalk Fine Art Fair! Wow! Once again, there were lots of positive comments from both visitors and artists. Thanks to Debbie Venezia for her work organizing the show and to all the super volunteers who helped pull it all together. Next year will be our 30th RFAF. That will be one to celebrate.

Fiber Art Divas show Oct. 15 to Nov. 8. Every year, this show draws a lot of visitors. Stop by the Gallery and see original art quilts, felted apparel and wall art, mixed media, fiber sculpture, and more. The group's reception will be Sunday, Oct. 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and will include demonstrations, The Fiber Shop, and refreshments. Plan to attend and be inspired.

Holiday Show. Plans are underway for our 2014 Gallery of Gifts holiday sale. Included in this newsletter is an insert detailing the artist guidelines. The more artists participating, the better the show, so join in (last year we had over 50 artists). We've made some noteworthy changes this year, so please read on. First, the opening date has been moved up a week. Opening reception will be Friday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. This is always a fun event so mark your calendars. Second, the show will run 3 weeks and close December 6. Having tracked sales in the past, the first weeks of the sale bring in the most traf-

FOURTH FRIDAY

It's scary, but Fri., Oct. 24 is the last fourth Friday Social of 2014! You won't want to miss this Halloween-themed event with special treats and some fun activities. Eric Dinse and Friends will provide the entertainment and we are encouraging all NAL musicians, singers or stand up comedians to share an Open Mic opportunity. Wine, beer, appetizers, goodies, activities, music, what could be a better way to get into a Halloween spirit? Please join us from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.



Costumes are encouraged but optional.

HELP WANTED: BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Openings for one or two new candidates for general maintenance positions within our organization. Applicants must be organized self starters and be willing to set their own flexible hours. Being handy is helpful but not required. This chairmanship position will go to a person with a keen eye for trouble spots, a knack for organizing tasks and scheduling volunteers and of course, heart

for NAL. The pay is on the same grade as that our beloved Board Members with regular bonuses of kudos, applause and genuine gratitude. Interested parties should contact Penny or Debbie for more details.

PS: While my request is light hearted the need is genuine and I truly hope you will call.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Fiber Art Divas Exhibit: Oct. 15–Nov. 8
NAL Gallery of Gifts: Nov. 14 - Dec. 6
Reception Nov. 14

NAL Teachers Show : Dec. 10–Dec. 27
January: Shortcuts
February: Fabulous Fakes

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Fourth Friday
October 24 7:00–9:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

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Naperville Art League 2014 Gallery of Gifts Holiday Sale Guidelines

Members – your opportunity. All NAL members are invited to bring work to sell at the annual “Gallery of Gifts” holiday show. To register as a participant, contact Debbie at naperartleague@aol.com or call the Gallery.

New this year

- We’ve moved the sale start date up a week. We hope this attracts more shoppers.
- We’ve shortened the event. Doing so will enhance the excitement and, hopefully, decisions to buy.
- Drop off is one day only. Sunday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dates

- Drop off: Sunday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. NOTE: This one-day drop off is a change from past years.
- Opening reception: Friday, Nov. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. (A fun party and opportunity to shop!)
- Show dates: Nov. 14 through Dec. 6
- Pickup art & show take down: Sunday, Dec. 7

Items to sell

Unique, original fine art and crafts. That might include ornaments, greeting cards, pottery, home décor, ceramics, mosaics, seasonal décor, sculpture, toys, wearable art, jewelry, framed art, hostess gifts, and more.

Guidelines

- Eligible items: All items must be original designs. No kits accepted. No food items.
- Framed art: 1 large or 2 medium or 4 small pieces. Must be framed or gallery-wrapped with wire hanger.
- Reproductions or Giclee prints: Up to 6 pieces, unframed, encased in a sleeve. No duplicates. Must be identified as prints.
- 3D art & gift items: Must be properly tagged and ready to sell.

Sales

- Inventory: As work is sold, you may replace it with new items.
- Pricing: Reasonably priced work is more likely to sell at this type of event. Most people shop for gifts.
- Commission: This is a special event so, according to by-laws, artist receives 75%, NAL 25% to cover advertising. Price accordingly.

Participation

Volunteers help make the event a success. Exhibiting artists are expected to volunteer. There will be opportunities to sign up before drop off. Non-exhibiting member volunteers are also welcome.

