

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 5 NAL Board meeting 6:30
- 16-17 **Riverwalk Fine Art Fair**
- 22 **Fourth Friday social event & Awards presentation**
- 23 Pick up "New York, New York"
- 27-30 Dist. 203 art educators guest show
- 29-30 Drop off "Steampunk Revolution"
- 30 Dist. 203 show reception (1 to 3 pm)

### OCTOBER

- 3 NAL Board meeting 6:30pm
- 4 "Steampunk Revolution" show opens
- 7 New member coffee
- 19 Member focus group 6:30 pm
- 21 Member focus group 1:00 pm
- 20-21 Pick up "Steampunk Rev."
- 25 Fiber Art Divas guest show
- 27 Fourth Friday social event

**NOTE: Holiday Show drop off is week of Nov 12**

#### 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](http://napervilleartleague.com) for fall classes for adults and children.**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Exciting news as we officially **welcome Erin Schneider, our new Executive Director**, to the Naperville Art League. Her confident leadership and dynamic creativity are a great match for our organization. As she brings a fresh perspective, we anticipate further growth and outreach into the community. Erin is at the Gallery most afternoons. Stop by and meet her. Read more about Erin in this newsletter.

As I sat in the city's Special Events Cultural Amenities (SECA) workshop Saturday I could see the **Riverwalk Fine Art Fair** artists' tents outside. By 10am, I could see visitors starting to arrive at the fair. I watched as the crowd grew. By the time it was my turn to answer questions about our 2018 fair (yes 2018 planning is underway), I was overflowing with excitement. SECA dollars were at



work right outside the window! Our art fair has received significant grants from SECA for several years and we are so grateful. That money helps us put on one of the best outdoor art fairs in the country. And what an art fair it was! Over 130 artists, about 75,000 visitors,

over 50 NAL volunteers, beautiful weather, and everyone enjoying the event. Kudos to Debbie Venezia for leading another successful art fair. The artists I spoke with join in applauding her efforts.

Which leads me to more good news to share: the Board has accepted a proposal from **Debbie Venezia to direct the 2018 RFAF**, with some additional help. Her role will help maintain the high caliber of the event.

More good news: **Kathy Szeszol** accepted the Director of Member Services role and is busy planning a new member event. Long-time member, **Barb Lipkin**, agreed to serve as Member-at-Large, a role that includes overseeing our by-laws, policies and procedures. Thanks for volunteering.

One more announcement: **Alison Philp** joined our staff as part-time Administrative Associate. Alison will be greeting visitors and callers, doing class registrations, maintaining databases, and a lot more. She has been an art teacher and has administrative experience. Alison will be at the Gallery Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. Welcome Alison!

We are going to celebrate at the **Fourth Friday, Sept. 22, 7 to 9 pm**. There will be music by "Two Cool", great refreshments, a door prize, plus it's "New York, New York" show award night. See you there!  
Linda VanderKolk

## BOARD NOTES

**Welcome Erin Schneider**, new Executive Director. Administrative Associate to be hired. **Board positions:** Welcome Kathy Szeszol as Director of Member Services and Barb Lipkin as Member-at-Large. Open position: Director of Marketing & Communications. **Alliance of Fine Art (AFA)** representative volunteer is needed.

**Off-Site Exhibit** program is showing a lot of activity with new sites identified.

**On-line surveys** will be sent in Sept and focus groups with members in October will provide input for strategic planning.

**Facility**—Furnace maintenance was completed. Roof inspection will be done.

**New member get-together** is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 7.

**Debbie Venezia** RFAF 2018 proposal accepted.



### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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: CARPE DIEM

### Best of Show:

Bob Zuranski "Hope"

*Medium—Calligraphy (shown)*

### Best Theme:

Lynn Zuk-Lloyd "Child and Goat"

### Merit Awards:

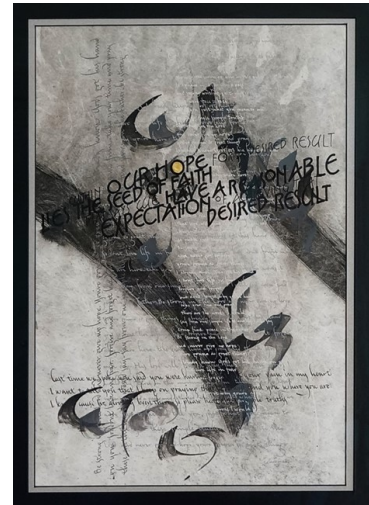
Beth Hobbe "Tempus Fugit"

Wanda Platt "Days Well Lived"

Neil Pradzinski "Upstairs"

Gary Shirmer "Carpe Pascum"

*Judged by Ton Schrey.*



## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/ NEWS FOR MEMBERS

NAL president, **Linda VanderKolk** was featured in the September *Naperville* magazine, discussing NAL and the RFAF. The work of **Nolan McCants** is now represented by the ACS Gallery in Chicago where his work is part of a dual exhibit. **Kirk Kerndl's** work will be on display as part of a two-man show at the Park Art Center in Villa Park Sept. 22 – Oct. 28 with a reception Sept 22, 6 to 9 pm. **Mooneen Mourad** will have a one-woman ceramics show at Clayspace in Lisle throughout October. Clayspace is a sponsor of NAL. **Cynthia Boudreau** will have a Textile Design show at the DuPage Art League throughout the month of October with opening reception Oct. 8 from 2 to 4 pm.

*Submit your news to [naperartleague@aol.com](mailto:naperartleague@aol.com).*

**NAL Off-Site Exhibit sites** are being added and now include Russell Martin, Kregers sausage, and more. Additional member artists are needed. Contact Ariana Poe or the NAL front desk for more information. This is a member benefit.

**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 and then conducting focus groups. The Board would appreciate your participation as we look to the future both short and long term. Focus groups will be Thursday, Oct. 19, 6:30 – 8 pm and Saturday, Oct. 21, 1-2:30 pm. Plan to attend one.

### BOARD MEMBERS

President:

Linda VanderKolk

Director of Marketing & Communications:  
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Director of Programs & Hospitality:  
Chris Jacobson

Director of Education: Sally Sharp

Director of Exhibits: Patricia Melekus

Director of Member Services:

Kathy Szeszol

Director of Building & Grounds:

Bob Zuranski

Director of Development: Chris Hughes

Secretary: Mooneen Mourad

Treasurer: Steve Coffman

Board Member-at-Large: Barb Lipkin

**Executive Director: Erin Schneider**  
RFAF Director: Debbie Venezia

## EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

The highly anticipated art fair, NAL's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair, was held September 16 & 17. As one artist said, "There is no other art fair like this one. It's great." Thanks Debbie Venezia and all the volunteers!

At the end of September, we will have a guest show in the Gallery by the art teachers of School District 203. Their art will be on display from Sept 27 to 30, with a reception open to the public on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3 pm.

Our next member show, "**Steampunk Revolution**", has drop off dates of 9/29 – 30. Remember, you can submit art that follows the theme or not. It's up to you.

Members interested in participating on our Off-Site Exhibit program should contact NAL's office. Have a Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious September! Happy birthday to Virgos and Libras.

Patricia Melekus



## FALL CLASSES

Sally Sharp, Director of Education, is leading our new **Portrait Drawing** Open Studio on Tuesday nights 6 to 9 pm. The **Figure Drawing** Open Studio attendance is up. Drop in Sunday mornings 9 to 12 if you're over 18. Open Studios **for children and teens** are on Thursdays after school. Sign up now for a one-day **Watercolor Portraits** workshop by Tony Arnedariz Saturday 9/30. Maurenn McKee's **Oil Pastel** class Tuesday mornings Oct 24 –

## ART FAIR POSTERS

RFAF posters from this year and previous years are available at the Gallery. Cost is \$15 plus tax for unframed; \$65 plus tax framed.

We also have street banners for sale. Wouldn't that add a fun touch to a tall space?! They're 99" X 31" and \$100.

FREE Century Walk 2017 guidebooks available at the Gallery featuring the 48 locations of public art.

## Member Benefit

Here's another benefit available to NAL members: **Gallery pages** on the NAL web site. To learn what that is, look at those that are posted.

The fee is \$25/yr to include a bio and images of your work. People go there to search for art and the Gallery staff refer people to the website tab. You can also have it set up to link to your personal web page. Thanks to member volunteer Neil Pradzinski who puts the information on our website.

If you have a site already, be sure to keep it updated. You should be submitting new art on a regular basis. This is a very easy way to have a web presence.

If you're not a NAL member and would like to be, contact us at 630-355-2530.

Nov 14. . There's a popular **Mosaic Pumpkins** class Oct 8 just in time for Fall decorating. **Metal crochet, Oil Painting, Silk Dyeing, Felting**, and lots more can be seen when you pick up a copy of the schedule at the Gallery or view it on line. We're adding classes all the time.

BTW. Class lists were very popular with visitors to the RFAF Info Booth. Sign up now.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Steampunk Revolution

A mix of 19th century steam-powered machinery + science fantasy + technology + aesthetic design + a touch of adventure. (Jules Verne would understand.)

**Take a class.** All classes are open to the public. Tell someone.

Social event:

**Join Us for Fourth Friday**  
**Sept. 22 7:00—9:00 pm**  
**at our Naperville Fine Art**  
**Center & Gallery. Music**  
**provided by "Two Cool" .**



Brian Killan & Joe Eddy Brown

**Holiday show** opens Nov. 17.  
Members can submit small giftable items for sale.



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**Please join us!**  
**We have lots to celebrate**  
**at the Sept. 22 Fourth Friday!**

### **Meet Erin Schneider, new Executive Director**

Erin holds a degree in Public and Non-profit Administration plus degrees in Community Development and Planning, and Public Personnel Management from Michigan's Grand Valley State University. For 19 years, she has helped non-profits with fundraising, marketing, program development, non-profit creation, and more. Erin is responsible for NAL's daily operations, including staff and events, and serves as the main spokesperson for the organization, representing the League in professional and business capacities. Erin, her husband, Bill, and their daughter are Naperville residents. Her 17-yr old son attends school in Michigan.



Erin has a lot of ideas for our organization. She's been meeting individually with Board members, exploring grant opportunities, making plans to increase our social media presence, and more while learning about NAL. Her enthusiasm is contagious.

### **RFAF Volunteers, Thank You!**

Below is a list of people who helped with the 2017 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. If we inadvertently missed your name please know that you are very much appreciated. Special Thanks to RFAF Director, Debbie Venezia, described by one artist as "the glue that holds the show together." Also special thanks to Lori Tucker, Info Booth Coordinator and Sally Sharp, Teachers Tent Coordinator for all they did.

La Sheron Bankhead, Maritza Bermudez, Bob Bosanac, Joe Eddy Brown, Chris Breier, Gary Chipman, Christine Cintula, Penny Coffman, Patsy Davis, Sherry DeFillippo, Irene & Bob Donato, Karen Doyle, Jacque France, Leslie Garon, Katharine Gilbert, Marie Gnesda, Larry Gryziak, Yvonne Hammond, Glen Hoffman, Chris Hughes, Chris Jacobson, Susan Janssen, Rita Moon Kain, Joan Kalmanek, Sue Keller, Laura Lein-Svencner, Barbara Lipkin, Nolan McCants, Maureen McKee, Patricia Melekus, Suzy Myers, June & Bruno Padovani, Riddhi Patel, Aarthi Ramalingam, Laura & Ed Rivas, Sharon Robson, Kitty Savage, Erin Schneider, Brian Shanahan, Sally Sharp, Kathy Szeszol, Lisa Tolbert, Lori Tucker, Nancy Turner, Marita Valdizan, Linda & Craig VanderKolk, Mike Venezia, Jim Walsh, Barb Wendel, and Eileen Zanders.

### **Congratulations to Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Winners**

**Best of show:** William Cowherd

**Awards of Excellence:** Julie Berndt, Kent Epler, Michael George, Laurel Peterson Gregory, Nancy Krahn, Michael Madzo, Tim Peters, Tom Radca, Michael Thompson, Mark Wagar

**Merit Awards:** Karen Gelbard, Pamela Hamilton, John Leben, Glenn Woods, Nestor Yulfo

