

NEWSLETTER

September 2014

CALENDAR

September

- 2 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 3-6 Pick Up "American Classic"
& Drop Off "Rare
Opportunity"
- 8 Hang "Rare Opportunity"
- 10 RFAF Envelope Packing
- 19 RFAF Set Up
- 20-21 RFAF
- 25 Metal Crochet Jewelry Demo
with Marita Valdizan
6:30—7:30 pm
- 26 Join us for Fourth Friday
and Volunteer Thank You
Reception 7:00—9:00 pm

October

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

Mark Your Calendars!

See You on Our 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

Dear Members and Friends,

It's here! September has finally arrived and that means the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair: a wonderful weekend filled with high caliber art, volunteering with friends, and showing our city one of the very best art fairs available to them. Naperville Art League enjoys a reputation as host to one of finest shows in the country. We maintain this strong standing among critics, art fair attendees, and within the artist community.

After a full year of planning, we look forward to three incredible days of excitement. It can't happen without you, the members and friends that share your time and talents. On Friday, September 19, we will need for volunteers to help load the truck and set up the information booth. On both Saturday and Sunday there is

a need for many volunteers for a large variety of tasks. At the close of the show we need help with Info Booth breakdown, reloading the truck, and moving things back to 508 N. Center Street as well as an exit crew to assist with the departing artists.

Please do not think that we have a tried and true set of volunteers and that we don't need you. We do. Having enough volunteers is critical to our success. I invite you to think about the time you have to give and then call, email or come to the NFAC&G to sign up. Thank you. I look forward to seeing you at the fair.

Sincerely,
Penny Coffman
President

BOARD NOTES

AFA Delegate: We are in need of a volunteer to attend monthly AFA meetings and act a liaison to our league.

Building & Grounds: We are also looking for a person or persons to handle our the maintenance needs for building and grounds.

Bylaw Committee: A goal has been established to form a committee to review the current bylaws by the next board meeting.

Consider fundraising and building and grounds as board positions.

Website: Dennis Chadra is leaving his role as webmaster and new volunteers are preparing to take over. Maintenance will be examined as well as data collection, usage, etc. A committee will be formed to review display.

Classes: Lisa Ober's Pastel workshop has been postponed until April. An advertising plan will be devised to maximize exposure. The winter schedule is already in place. An after school program, where students could work on homework as well as art is in discussion.

Demos: NAL is looking to reinstate demo nights with events that "advertise" new classes. The first demo is scheduled for Thurs.,

Sept. 25, the day before September's Fourth Friday, where Marita Valdizan will introduce her crocheted jewelry. More demo opportunities will be suggested to teachers who may want to participate. A suggestion was made to host multiple demos simultaneously as part of our teacher exhibit and reception.

Riverwalk Fine Art Fair: The Daily Herald advertising insert is coming out next week and will be in the Herald as well as the Sun on Fri. Sept. 12. Volunteers are still needed to assist—members will be asked to come out in support of the event. Also, looking forward to 2015, we are searching for a committee to take charge of all aspects of the Info Booth—from stocking it with supplies, packing it on RFAF Friday, setting it up, running it, teardown and returning it to the NFAC&G on RFAF Sunday. It was suggested that the board members could "own" that responsibility. Otherwise, members will be approached to work on a committee to ensure the operation.

Publicity: NAL's Open Studio has been advertised on a Meet Up site on a trial basis. If successful, other NAL events will be promoted using this tool. In addition, there is an effort in place to post things on facebook and monitor hits.



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

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
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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.

AWARD WINNERS: AMERICAN CLASSIC

BEST OF SHOW

Neil Pradzinski — "Transparency"

BEST THEME

Bill Baykan — "In the Park—4th of July"

MERIT AWARDS

Kip Pasta — "Elapsed Time"

Barbara Colbert — "Alms Procession #1"

Lynda Ortega — "Gas Station"

Mariusz Wartalowicz — "Lament"

Roberta Sieber — "End of the Day"

JUDGE

Kimberley Mullarkey



"Transparency"
By Neil Pradzinski

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The DuPage Art League recognized the following NAL members' work in their August exhibit "Water, Water Everywhere:" a Special Merit award went to **Roberta Sieber** for "After the Rain," oil and wax, and Merit awards went to **Bill Baykan** for "Rain Maker," watercolor; **Dee Leppin** "Glacial Run-Off," pastel; **Valerie Lorimer** for "Koi Pond," mixed media.

When you go to the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair, please stop and say hello to fellow members:

Andria Burchett, George Ceffalio, Dave & Rosie Clause, Anne Hanley, Nancy Krahn, Laura Lein-Svencner and Susan R. Wilson.

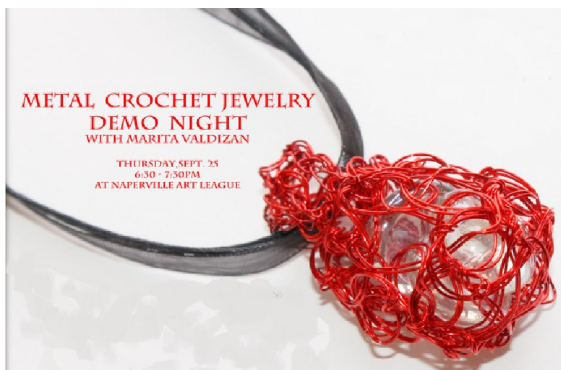
And, speaking of RFAF, if YOU would like to be a member in the news, why not sign up to be a volunteer for the event? Many positions are still open including Info Booth assistants, booth

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sitters, exit crew, artist reception hosts and hostesses, Friday gallery sitter, Friday set up and Sunday tear down. RFAF volunteers will be honored at the September Fourth Friday event and listed in the newsletter! We need you! It is really fun and you will be glad you did it!



METAL CROCHET JEWELRY DEMO WITH MARITA VALDIZAN

THURS., SEPT. 25 6:30-7:30 PM

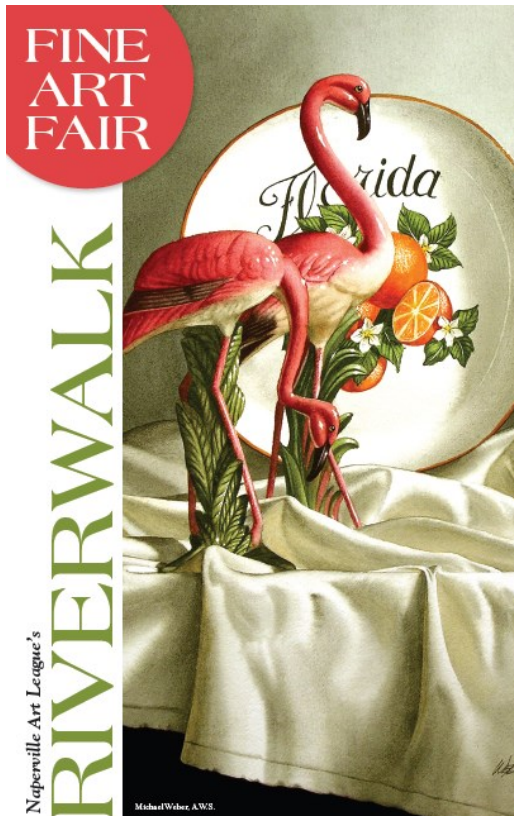
Jewelry Crochet will open up a whole new world of jewelry experimentation for you. You will discover that you can create a beautiful piece of hand-woven jewelry within a few minutes.

You don't need a large work space or any expensive tools. Come and see for yourself how enjoyable this jewelry making technique can be!

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Naperville's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair is just around the corner, Sept. 20-21. This is planned and hosted by NAL and is our main event. Last year, a reader survey conducted by ArtFairCalendar.com recognized RFAF as one of America's Best Juried Art Fairs, ranking 25th of the top 50 shows. "In these days of strip malls and cookie cutter chain stores, art fairs are undeniably the most interesting shopping venues," according to the site. Our event was further listed among the "must attend" art fairs. The event draws thousands of visitors to Naperville each year.

Countless sponsors, artists, program organizers, and volunteers work throughout the year to bring the highest level of talent to Naperville. Once again, our Executive Director, Debbie Venezia, has been in maximum effort mode ensuring the many details of the art fair are in place. Thanks, Debbie!



UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Rare Opportunity: Sept. 10–Oct 11
(drop off/pick up 9/3-6)
Fiber Art Divas Exhibit: Oct. 15–Oct. 25
NAL Students Show: Oct. 29–Nov. 2
Reception Nov. 2

Members, you are part of the tradition of quality as you volunteer to make this an award-winning event year in and year out. Volunteer slots are still available and you are encouraged to sign up. Also tell all your friends to visit and shop along Naperville's Riverwalk Sept. 20-21.

Shopping the Art Fair: My husband and I always make the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair an event. We plan several days ahead by looking through the show insert in the local newspaper. Reviewing the list of exhibitors, we're each drawn to our own art media – he marks photographers, I tag watercolor painters. Then we circle artists of any medium that impressed us in previous years. We enjoy seeing the list that includes artists from across the nation and globe. We thus map our path and anticipate an adventure.

RFAF offers a number of benefits. Foremost is that this is a juried show and art is original. Purposeful effort is made to ensure variety, providing opportunities to build an interesting collection. The atmosphere is conducive for conversations with artists to gain insight into their work. Ask questions, read artist bios, and get on their mailing lists. Buying direct from an artist can be an experience to remember.

Keep an open mind when shopping. An art fair is the perfect place to grow a little. Rather than shopping with only décor in mind, try shopping from the heart. Enjoy the adventure.

Our next themed show, Rare Opportunity, will run Sept. 10 to Oct. 11. This will be our last member themed show of the year. Check the list of exhibits for future shows and make a special note that the Gallery of Gifts holiday show will open Nov. 14. Members are encouraged to create items to sell. (Small items sell well; 2D wall art does not.)

A Holiday Show committee is being formed. We have the successes of recent years to build on and the opportunity to try some new ideas. Contact me at vkideas@aol.com by Sept. 12 to serve on the planning committee. See you at Riverwalk!

Linda VanderKolk

NAL Gallery of Gifts: Nov. 14 - Dec. 6
Reception Nov. 14
NAL Teachers Show : Dec. 10–Dec. 27

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Volunteer Thank You Reception
Fourth Friday
September 26, 7:00–9:00 pm

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