

## CALENDAR

### September

- 6 NAL Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm
- 7 RFAF Envelope Packing Day  
10:00 am—noon
- 16 RFAF Set Up
- 17-18 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair  
10:00 am—5:00 pm
- 22-24 Pick Up “Selfie”
- 23-24 Shikha Chakrabarti Exhibit
- 23 Fourth Friday  
7:00—9:00 pm
- 24 Drop off for “Let It Go”
- 26 Hang “Let It Go”

### October

- 4 NAL Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm
- 7-8 Pick Up “Let It Go”
- 10 Hang Fiber Art Divas’ Show
- 12 Fiber Art Divas’ Show Opens
- 28 Fourth Friday  
7:00—9:00 pm

### Mark Your Calendars!

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

Each year NAL’s Riverwalk Fine Art Fair generates a flurry of activity. As street banners are hung, postcards and posters are distributed, volunteers are lined up, and artist arrivals are anticipated, there’s increased movement within our organization. I’m seeing it again. We are exploring new marketing ideas, new class schedules are featuring more teachers, new ideas for social events are popping up, and more.

What is it about fine art that inspires and excites? Perhaps it’s the newness. We anticipate something we haven’t yet seen. The other day I was sorting through NAL’s storage area and came across the original photographic print of the Seurat live reenactment that was done as publicity for the first RFAF. It’s a bit faded but my instinct drove me to take it to Debbie and suggest we hang it up. By her look I knew that might not be the best idea. Her instinct told her NAL can’t keep looking back but has to grasp that inspiring newness I mentioned. I had to agree.

So here we are. Awaiting the most exciting event in the League’s calendar, Sept 17-18. If you’ve already volunteered, thank you. If you’re still thinking about it, jump in. You’ll feel the huge sense of pride when 80,000 attendees visit an event we host. With Debbie Venezia’s skillful

planning, we will again present a true work of art to the community— bigger and better than Seurat. It’ll be Saturday & Sunday at the Riverwalk.

By the way, here’s a suggestion: take a look at what’s hanging on your walls. When I did, I found at least one image that no longer inspires me. Maybe you also have a spot or two for something new yet to be discovered at the RFAF.

On to business: I am very pleased to announce Sally Sharp has accepted the Board position of Director of Member Services. She’ll creatively welcome new members and support existing members. We’re still looking for a Historian (non-Board position) so if you like to scrapbook, you might be the person.

Good news for members is we’ve added one more member Gallery show. Short notice, but we’ve made it easy for you to submit something. See the Exhibits and Events column.

A word to new teachers. Welcome! Returning teachers, thanks for being a part of the team! The fall class offerings are so enticing I encourage all members to take a look and tell your friends, too.

Enjoy the art fair, everyone!

Linda VanderKolk

## BOARD NOTES

**Crisis Plan:** In line with our strategic plan, the Board is currently working on crisis plans and policies and procedures.

**Holiday Show:** The closing date has been extended to Dec. 23 so the gallery remains open during the pre-holiday shopping season.

**The Parking Lot Sale:** Inclement weather may have affected attendance. Scheduling may have played a role: the sale was held the week before school began when a number of residents were on vacation. A discussion about making it a twice-yearly event ensued.

**Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict Movie Fund-raiser:** Ms. Guggenheim continued in her tradition of supporting the arts: the Ogden 6 screening of her biographical documentary played to near-sold-out audience of art league and film society members. Final numbers to be reported later this month. Plans are underway to host similar events in the future.

**NAL Info Booth at RFAF:** Look for balloons to mark the location of NAL’s information booth at the corner of Jackson & Webster.

**Halloween Décor:** The exterior and interior of the NAL building will take on a new look to reflect the holiday. Decorations will be up for the Fourth Friday event so come in costume if you dare!

**Demos and Donuts:** Education and Hospitality are teaming up for monthly events that will showcase the talents of our instructors. Tentatively scheduled to begin after the new year, programs will take place the mornings of the second Saturdays of the month. Watch for details.

**Teacher Compensation:** The Board voted to change teacher compensation. Existing teachers will be grandfathered in at the current rate until spring.

## AWARD WINNERS: SELFIE

**Best of Show:** (Pictured)

Kasia Szczesniewski —“Psychological Selfie”

**Best Theme:**

Suja Jacob —“One Last Selfie”

**Merit Awards:**

Katherine Marra — “Calor Capacitatum”

Rita Moon Kain — “Self Image”

Yaw Boateng —“Market Women”

Neil Pradzynski — “Train in the Distance”

Ariana Poe — “Couldn’t See Herself”

**Blick Award:**

Beth Hobby — “Cask of the Ancient Selfies”

Judged by Giselle Zangan



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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](mailto: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.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS/NEWS FOR MEMBERS

**Cosette Kosiba's** painting, "3M Resthouse, Bright Angel Trail" has been juried into "Pictured: The Nation's Most Spectacular National Parks" at the St. George Art Museum, St. George, UT ([www.sgartmuseum.org](http://www.sgartmuseum.org)). The exhibit opens Aug. 27 and runs through Dec. 31, 2016. An opening reception for artists is scheduled for Fri., Aug. 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 and will help to celebrate the National Park Service during their centennial.



Naperville can rest easier thanks to efforts of crime-stopper **Aidan Melekus**. His Spidey senses told him something was amiss when he noticed a 2 year-old boy wandering alone on 5th Avenue towards Washington St. A quick call to 911 brought rescuers who were able to locate the tot's mother two blocks away. The family was reunited and a tragedy was averted.

**Kasia Szczesniewski's** black and white mixed-media works will be exhibited at the Amsterdam Whitney Gallery, New York. Opening reception will be on Sept. 10. The show runs from Aug. 26 through Sept. 27. Check it out at [www.amsterdamwhitneygallery.com](http://www.amsterdamwhitneygallery.com) or at [www.kasiaartstudio.com](http://www.kasiaartstudio.com).

Fiber Art Divas will once again display their handiworks in the NFAC&G. Discover the versatility of fabric and the expressive personality of wool and yarn. The show will run from Oct. 12 through Nov. 5.

### BOARD MEMBERS

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Deborah Venezia

## EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Now that the Rio Olympics finished, it's time to celebrate our "Olympics"-- the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. This prestigious celebrated art fair takes place on Sat. & Sun., Sept. 17 & 18 and we are asking for your helping hands. Debbie will have a list of volunteer positions: feel free to call her to sign up at 630-355-2530.

Our member show "Selfie" will end on Thurs., Sept. 22. Artists who have work in the show may pick it up on Thurs., Sept. 22 through Sat., Sept. 24.

There will be a special one-person show on Fri., Sept. 23 and Sat., Sept. 24 featuring the work of Shikha Chakrabarti and it will coincide with our fabulous 4th Friday event. I hope you can come and enjoy the exhibit!

We will "Let It Go" with a bonus member exhibit Sept. 28-Oct. 7 and you are very welcome to bring in your wildest creations.

We are looking for a chairperson for the Holiday Show. Some of the responsibilities of this position include:

Coordination of volunteers to include setting timelines of the volunteers' job distribution

- Display set-up
- open the gallery on Sundays
- budget distribution
- back up plans in the case of volunteer cancelation.

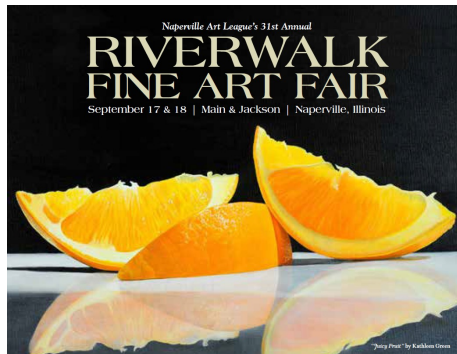
May your Indian summer be filled with warm and colorful memories and see you at the RFAF!

Patricia Melekus  
Director of Exhibits



## BONUS EXHIBIT FOR MEMBERS!

Due to a change in our exhibit line, you will get one more opportunity to show your work at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery! All members are invited to "Let It Go" and participate in a show where we pull the plug on the rules (well, some of them, anyway. Pieces need to be original and suitably framed but may be older than two years). There will be a one-day drop off on Sat., Sept. 24 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, the show will be hung on Mon., Sept. 26 and on display until Oct. 7. Members may pick up their work on Fri., Oct 7 and Sat., Oct. 8.



## HELP WANTED!

**Wanted:** 2 or 3 people to help with the Fourth Friday set up and clean up. Get to know your fellow artists while helping out and having fun! Also needed are volunteers to bring appetizers and desserts (can be dropped off ahead of time if necessary).

**Wanted:** A few additional people on the Marketing & Communications committee. Writers, graphic designers, publicists, and someone to post on-line events are especially desired.

**Wanted:** People interested in building our Education program and serving on the committee to help plan and organize an important piece of NAL's mission.

**Wanted:** 2 or 3 people to help with new member welcome coffees and volunteer recognition events.

Contact Debbie if you are interested in any of these positions.

## UPCOMING EXHIBITS

September: Let It Go  
October: Fiber Art Divas' Exhibit  
November: Holiday Show  
January: Cat Guardians  
January: 80 Days Around the World  
February: Fabulous Fakes

March: Public Art Competition  
March: Chasing the Sun  
April: Auction  
April: Mysterious  
May: Je Ne Sais Quoi

WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

U R Invited:

Fourth  
Friday  
Sept. 26  
7-9 pm

C U There!



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