

**CALENDAR**

**April**

- 7 PAC deadline at 4pm!!!  
Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 10-11 "Top Secret"-pick up
- 14 PAC-"Legato" opens
- 24 PAC reception 6-8pm

**May**

- 5 Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 15-16 PAC—pick up  
"Beaux Temps"—drop off
- 22 4th Friday 7-9pm

**June**

- 2 Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 19-20 "Beaux Temps"-pick up  
"Delulu"—drop off
- 26 4th Friday 7-9pm

**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.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

Keep up with the latest events, classes, art work & more!

Don't want to maintain your own website? Set up a gallery webpage on ours for \$25/year. Need help? Let us know!

Already on our website? Time to update your photos!

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# NEWSLETTER

April 2026

## NEWS

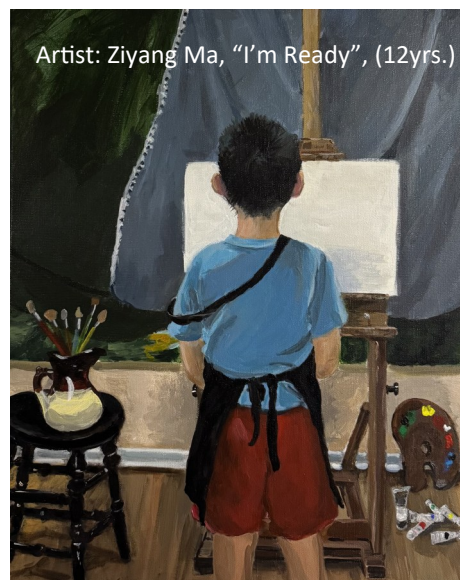
On **March 6, 2026**, **Sally Sharp** and **Beata Nowak** were guest speakers at the **Rotary Club of Naperville**.

They highlighted the mission of the Naperville Art League and shared the many positive initiatives taking place at the facility—from educational programs to exhibition opportunities that support and showcase local artists. Sally then addressed the Naperville Kiwanis Club on **March 9**, again sharing NAL's mission and community involvement.



NAL Board of Director's met on 3/3/26 via zoom. Minutes available upon request. April meeting set for 4/7/26.

Ballots for the 2026-2027 Board Election will go out May 1st. Any changes to By-Laws and/or current information, will be discussed and sent out to full membership prior to election. Remember to keep your membership current! If you have questions call the gallery (630.355.2530). Member suggestions are welcome.



Artist: Ziyang Ma, "I'm Ready", (12yrs.)

winners of the foundation's annual student competition who will represent Illinois in the International competition. Congratulations to all of the participants and winners for their outstanding work.

**These are the winners in the visual art category:**

Sanav Nagar, Sankarash Govada, Ziyang Ma, Vihaan Velivela, Harper McMillan, Casandra Lungu, Sophia Luo, Veda Sangeetrao, Saanvi Panda, Noor Lateef, Dehui Diana An, Kinsler Tien Nghiem, Claire Shen, Maya Meschi, Gabriel Vischer.

**These are the winners in the essay category:**

Sankarsh Govada, Sannvi Panda, Aarya Sobti, Roman Huston, Carmella Giacomini, Kendall Tai Nghiem.

Congratulations!

NAL hosted a reception on March 20, for the **Naperville Sister City Foundation's Young Artist Competition**, where the participants were selected as the

**41st Riverwalk Fine Art  
 Fair  
 will be Sept. 19 & 20  
 2026**

The mural on the south side of  
 our building, called *World's  
 Greatest Artists*, is part of  
 Naperville's Century Walk.  
 Informational brochures are  
 available at our Gallery.



**WELCOME NEW  
 MEMBERS IN  
 MARCH 2026**

- Diane Almendarez
- John Havemann
- Julie Havemann
- Cheryl Hejnal
- Mallory Maybe

**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), 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 newslet-  
 ter and are accepted on a first come, first  
 served basis as space is limited.

**“TOP SECRET” - MEMBER EXHIBIT**

**Best of Show:**

Jennifer Hauser “Stripes”

**Best of Theme:**

Susan Borghesi “Chicken Little”

**Merit Awards:**

Maggie Wuts “Kingfisher”

Mary Jo Scharf “...Stays Under the Sea”

Barbara Lipkin “Red Mountain XIV.”

Pallavi Jain “Time Machine”

Robert Koch “Levingston Kitchen 1716”

**Judge: Ed Herbeck**



**MEMBER NEWS**

**Sally Sharp** warmly invites you to her  
 solo exhibition at the DuPage Art League  
 during the month of April.  
 A reception will be held on **April 19,  
 2026, from 2–4pm**. Please feel free to  
 bring your family and friends—it promis-  
 es to be a delightful experience for both  
 the eyes and the soul.



**Dorota Genser and Margaret  
 Swedzikowski** created the Wednesday  
 Open Studio 15 years ago. Thank you &  
 all volunteers for your dedication, and  
 keeping the doors open for fellow artists  
 at our facility.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

The **Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists  
 (CAVA)** is pleased to present our juried  
 Small Works Exhibit, from May 30 –  
 June 26, 2026.

It will be held at the Elmhurst Artists’  
 Guild Gallery, located inside the  
 Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage  
 Hill, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

**Entry fee: \$30.00**

**ELIGIBILITY:** This exhibit is open to  
 artists 50 years of age and older.

**You must also be a member of CAVA.**

## EXHIBIT NEWS

The newest exhibit themed “**Top Secret**” will be displayed in the gallery from March 24 through April 10.

Make sure to drop off your submission art for the **Public Art Competition** to the gallery **before April 7**. The theme that you must adhere to is “**Legato**”. **An Artist’s statement of 100 words or less and entry form must accompany your art.**

**Legato** is an Italian musical term meaning “**tied together**,” indicating that notes should be played or sung smoothly and connectedly, with no noticeable gaps or silence between them. It creates a fluid, singing, and cohesive, lyrical line, often indicated in sheet music by a

slur (a curved line) over notes.



## FEATURED TEACHER: CARMELO SCHIFANO



**Carmelo Schifano** is as colorful as the art he creates—an engaging storyteller, former Marine (1971–1973), and longtime teacher dedicated to inspiring students and demystifying the creative process. Over a 50-year career, he has worked

in many media, from acrylic and watercolor to woodworking, exploring subjects from military themes and racing cars to landscapes, figures, and flowers. Now focused primarily on award-winning watercolor, he is active in several national watercolor societies and serves as Historian for the Illinois Watercolor Society. Born in Sicily and raised in the U.S., he teaches widely around the Chicago area, encouraging artists to experiment, truly “see” their surroundings, and create without fear. -lk



### Thursday classes:

9:00 am—11:00 am basic levels  
11:00am—1:00pm intermediate

### CHECK OUT OUR ONGOING CLASSES!

**OIL PAINTING/ACRYLIC with Chris**  
Adults: Tuesdays (see calendar for dates)

10:00 am—12:00 pm  
3week class \$84

**OIL PAINTING/ACRYLIC with Chris**  
Adults: Tuesdays (see calendar for dates)

6:30—8:30 pm  
3week class \$84

### ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays  
6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
\$5/session—discounts available

**WATERCOLOR PAINTING with Carmelo**

Adults: Thursdays  
9:00 am—11:00 am basic levels  
11:00am—1:00pm intermediate  
4-sessions \$120

### NAL & NPD Classes

#### ADULTS

- Anyone Can Draw People with Karen
- Art Meditation with Michelle
- Collage with Laura
- Creative Flow with Victoria
- Drawing for Beginners with Jake
- Intuitive painting with Forouzan
- Landscapes Paintings with Karen
- Mosaic with Lisa
- Paint Like the Impressionists with Karen
- Where Color Lives with Gergana

#### CHILDREN

- Drawing Class with Cherie
- Elements of Arts with Rose
- Landscape Paintings for teens with Rose

We are constantly adding new adult and children classes. Please check out our website for a current class schedule.

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