

## 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

## July

- 4 CLOSED
- 7 Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 17-18 “Delulu”—pick up  
“Tapestry”—drop off
- 24 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!

For details call 630.355.2530  
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# NEWSLETTER

May 2026

## NEWS

### Happy Mother's Day!

We are wishing all the moms out there a truly beautiful and meaningful day filled with warmth and appreciation. May your celebration be full of happiness, joy, and lots of love from those who cherish you most.

Thank you for your endless care, strength, and kindness that brighten our lives every day. Today is a special time to honor everything you do and all that you are. May you feel celebrated, valued, and deeply loved, not just today but always.

Enjoy every moment, create wonderful memories, and take time to relax and smile. You deserve it more than words can say.



### Board News from April 2026:

Thank you for the “Upgrade Appeal” donations, we really appreciate your contributions. So far we collected **\$2,030.00**. Thank you.

**-Exhibit:** PAC, Beaux Temps

**-Treasurer:** monthly profits/losses

**-Marketing:** PAC flyers distributed via email to surrounding galleries

**-Hospitality:** PAC was on 4th Friday

**-Member Services:** up to date: 205 members

**-Building & Grounds:** spring clean-up 04/26

**-Development:** some grant opportunities are on the horizon

**-RFAF:** deadline ended, judging proceeds

**-Art Around Town:** 5 venues are occupied

### BOARD MEMBERS

**President:** Sally Sharp  
**Director of Exhibits:** Rose Calkins  
**Treasurer:** Linda VanderKolk  
**Dir. of Marketing & Communications:** Jeri Davis  
**Director of Programs & Hospitality:** Olivia Warro  
**Director of Education:** Lynne Kornecki  
**Director of Member Services:** Jennifer Hauser  
**Director of Building & Grounds:** Dan McCullough  
**Director of Development:** Beata Nowak  
**Secretary:** OPEN  
**Board Member-at-Large:** Debbie Venezia

**RFAF Director:** Debbie Venezia  
**Art Around Town Coordinator:** Beata Nowak

**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  
 APRIL 2026**

Dana Bloede  
 Steven Evans  
 Rebecca Haworth  
 Audrina Vandenoever  
 Laurie Veneziano

**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.

**“LEGATO” - PUBLIC ART COMPETITION**

**Best of Show:**

Sanghwa Kim Lim “The Cross”

**Award of Excellence:**

Mary Lenert “Whispering Hills”

**Award of Excellence-Student Category:**

Aidan Melekus “Continuum”

**Honorable Mentions:**

Jan Schrader “Study in Teal”

Karen Raidy “Repose”

James Krauss “Strawberry Fields Forever”

Robert Yurgaitis “Garden Walk”

Miguel A. Cano “Resting Dancer”

Cherylyn Gnadl “Waterlily Dance”

Jennifer Hauser “Sleeping Monster”

Jillian Jasper “Council of Limerence”

Suja Jacob “He Sings Over Me”



**Judge: Jenna Herbeck**

**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**ART BEAT BUZZ SEEKS ARTISTS**

Did you know that Naperville Art League's  
**Director of Education, Lynne Kornecki**, is the  
 publisher of an online visual arts newsletter  
 serving the wider Chicago area weekly? Art  
 BEAT Buzz is in its seventh year of publica-  
 tion serving up visual arts news and events  
 along with spotlighting artists and their  
 work. It has a local, national, and internation-  
 al readership.

You, too, can be featured and it is completely  
 FREE. Simply email (see below) our office  
 with your request including 5 JPGs of your  
 work, an ARTIST STATEMENT along with a  
 BRIEF bio. If selected, you will be scheduled  
 for a 30-minute phone interview that focuses  
 on your art journey, goals, tips & techniques,  
 art education (if applicable), and where your  
 work can be purchased or seen.

Additionally, if you've won any awards or are  
 a featured artist anywhere, send us an an-  
 nouncement with those details to share with  
 our audience.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Email: [contact@artbeatbuzz.com](mailto:contact@artbeatbuzz.com)**



## EXHIBIT NEWS

Thank you for all the participants of the Public Art Competition who shared their beautiful art with the community. There were 60 entries and among them 1 student entry as well.

Our next member exhibit is called “**Beaux Temps**” which translates as “Pleasant Weather”. The drop off is on May 15-16, and will be on display until June 19.

We are preparing for a **yard sale in the parking lot in the summer**, if you have time, we would appreciate your help with this fun project. Stay tuned, more information will come.



## SALLY SHARP'S SOLO SHOW-APRIL 2026

A non-stop crowd filed steadily in-and-out of DuPage Art League, Sunday afternoon, April 18, from 2-4 PM for the artist reception honored Sally's month-long solo show in Gallery II in April.

Before any DuPage Art League member reaches this pinnacle, they must first qualify through a point system established by the organization. All works were available for sale with the artist donating back 25% to the gallery.

"This is absolutely amazing, and I feel so undeserving," Sally said modestly as scores of admirers asked her about her work.

Sally studied art at Northern Illinois University and has been dedicated to visual arts all her life. Currently, she is on the board of directors at Naperville Art League serving as president.

By supporting several local art leagues through these memberships, she enjoys participating in a variety of shows wherever she can.

This latest exhibit at DuPage Art League, 218 W. Front Street in Wheaton, IL, showcased her varied subject matter from figurative to landscape in cold wax and oil.



-LK & JS

### 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
- Creative Flow with Victoria
- Drawing for all levels with Jake
- Friday Fusion Collage with Laura
- Landscapes Paintings with Karen
- Mosaic with Lisa
- Paint Like the Impressionists with Karen
- Pet Portrait in Pastel with Karen
- Where Color Lives with Gergana

### CHILDREN

- Drawing Class with Cherie
- Elements of Arts with Rose
- Landscape Paintings in Acrylic 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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