

CALENDAR

April

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 12 Casino Royale Fundraiser
7:00—11:00 pm
- 16-19 Pick Up Luck Be A Lady and
Drop Off Repurpose
- 21 Hang Repurpose
- 25 Join us for Fourth Friday
7:00—9:00 pm
- 26 NAL Business Meeting
9:30—11:00 am
- 28 RFAF Jury Week

May

- 6 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 14-17 Pick Up Repurpose & Drop
Off It's My Passion
- 17-18 People's Resource Center
Show
- 19 Hang It's My Passion
- 23 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,

Are you feeling a lucky streak coming on? Final preparations are being made for Saturday Night's event and we are optimistic about your chances to make a difference and have a great time. The Casino Royale party and fundraiser will give us a chance to participate in a little gaming-for-good while we kick back, have some fun, and raise money for the continued renovations of our classroom space. Table games, raffles and a night out with good friends are waiting for you. For those unfamiliar with gaming, you can learn a new skill as the pros will be here waiting to teach you! Be sure to take advantage of a photo op with James Bond. You won't want to miss this. Bring some friends and come to Naperville Art League on Saturday April 12.

After the excitement of Casino Royale, we will gather on Saturday, April 26 for a morning meeting to talk about the business side of NAL. We are an incredible organization with rich history and an exciting future. We have an exceptionally hard working, devoted board

and Executive Director that I am proud of, grateful for, and hold in high esteem. I hope you'll join us all of for coffee at 9:30, and then stay from 10:00 – 11:00 am for reports. Copies of these reports will be available at the front desk upon request if you can't attend the meeting but I encourage you to join us for a richer exploration of the health of NAL.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Deb Kwiat, Teagen Sauer, and Whole Foods in Naperville for their 5% Day in partnership with Naperville Art League. We were warmly welcomed on April 2 and enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet the shoppers that stopped by to chat. Discovering several artists and possible students in the store gave us the chance to share information about our organization and our upcoming events. Thank you to members and friends that shopped, and to those who stopped by our tables by to say hello. It was a very successful day.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

- Public Art Competition: The "Grounds for Potential" show was well received. There were 43 entries. Photos were taken and are being sent to Loaves and Fishes to be made into cards.

- Indie Bound will hold its May 5 meeting at NAL with about 40 businesses represented.

- Classroom Renovation Phase I: Sink room will be almost complete on Wed. of this week, and the shelves will be restocked in time for the Casino Night event on Sat. Final approval of the job will be scheduled with the builder soon. SECA Grants should be announced April 15, and we have been recommended to receive money for flooring.

- Board meetings will now take place the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. An agenda will be posted on the website at least one week ahead.

- We were selected to host the Ice Cream Social again this year on July 10. We will look

for a chairperson to head up this endeavor. Food served must be "cooked in an approved kitchen," meaning no homemade items. Supplies and equipment from last year that can be used.

- Member Kim Yench was approved for the Saturday desk position and will be contacted to start on April 19.

- Board Election:- There are several candidates for some open board positions and too few for other positions. Overall response has been good and a final slate will be ready soon.

- Casino Royale: Many volunteers signed up to help with the event. We have a large selection of donated items, plus 6 posters and two standing figures for the raffle. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Guests will buy drink tickets and chips at the entry. There will be two gaming tables in the gallery and three in the classroom. So far 80 people have signed up on line, and many walk-ins are expected.

AWARD WINNERS: LUCK BE A LADY

BEST OF SHOW

Rita Moon Kain – “Celebrating the Luck”

BEST THEME

Paula Shuck – “Icon of Queens”

MERIT AWARDS

Robert Koch – “Luck Be a Lady”

Neil Pradzinski – “Lady Luck de Paris”

Mary Kodl Truesdale – “All About the Green”

Maureen McKee – “Heading for the Ascot Races”

Valerie Lorimer – “Luck Keeper”

JUDGE

Chuck Vladika



“Luck be a Lady” by Robert Koch



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

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For details
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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 newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Robert Koch received a merit award for his oil painting, "An Afternoon with Monet" in DuPage Art League's March exhibit, "Garden Party."

Congratulations to **Gordon France**, recipient of the third place award for his watercolor, "Tagged Out" at LaGrange Art League's "First Signs of Spring" exhibit.

Robert Koch also had paintings accepted in: Illinois Watercolor Society 30th National Exhibi-

tion at the Next Picture Show Gallery, 113 W. St., Dixon, IL, May 6–30; Louisiana Watercolor Society's 44th Annual International Exhibition at the Garden District Gallery, New Orleans, LA; Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 38th Annual National Exhibition, May 10–Aug. 10, Kenosha Public Museum, 550 1st Ave., Kenosha, WI; Norris Gallery at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center's Watercolor 2014 exhibition where his piece, "You've Got Mail" received an award of excellence.

JOIN US FOR OUR FUNDRAISER!

You are invited to

NAL's Casino Night!

Saturday April 12, 2014

7:00-11:00 P.M.

Call 630-355-2530 for details
or go to eventbrite.com, click on find events
& type in Casino Royale

Raise the stakes to bring art to the community!

508 N. Center St., Naperville, IL 60563

Help us upgrade our educational environment

Join us for a night of drinks, food

& Las Vegas style entertainment

Amazing Raffles Prizes

Admission is free!

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Recipe for Success: Take some creative planning, add a group of enthusiastic volunteers and dedicated leadership, combine with support from the Naperville community, mix in a good amount of fun, top it off with artistic talent, and the result is sure to be a successful event for Naperville Art League. Saturday night, April 12 will be our Casino Royale fundraiser. The "Luck Be a Lady" theme art is on the walls in the Gallery. The classroom will be transformed. James Bond has arrived and is eager for the party to begin. You can feel the anticipation! Funds raised will go toward classroom renovations. Be sure to attend the event and bring some friends.



Kudos to all the artists who participated in the annual Public Art Competition, themed "Grounds for Potential"! The work of over 40 talented artists included both 2D and 3D art. The reception/awards presentation was very well attend-

THEMES FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS

April: Repurpose
May: It's My Passion

NAL CLASSES

Intermediate & Advanced Watercolor-Adult
Instructor: Tony Armendariz \$115
Sat., April 19 – May 17 9:00 – 11:30 am
Register through NAL - 630.355.2530

Oil Painting with a Palette Knife- Adult
Instructor: Jane Swanson
Sat., Apr. 26 – May 17 1:00 – 3:00 pm
\$100 NAL Members / \$125 Non-Members
Register through NAL at 630.355.2530

Shibori Silk Dying Class-Adult
\$30 + \$15 Supply Fee
Instructor: Cynthia Boudreau
Fri., May 2 12:30 pm–3:00 pm
Register through NAL at 630.355.2530

ed. Our partnering with Loaves & Fishes food pantry has been beneficial for both organizations. Winning art will be seen again. Watch for details.

"Repurpose" is the next Gallery theme. Drop off is April 16 to 19 with the show opening Wednesday, April 23. The late May show theme is "It's My Passion." A member recently asked about themed exhibits. As a reminder, members are encouraged but not required to submit art reflective of the theme. Please don't hesitate to show your work. You may enter 2 pieces per show.

We continue to strive for increased awareness of all Naperville Art League offers. One good way to accomplish that is to have people to visit. If you use Facebook, suggest your friends visit the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery. If you have out-of-town guests, consider making the Gallery one of your destinations. We are part of the Naperville experience.

Linda VanderKolk

Thinking of our members . . .

Our heartfelt condolences to Betty, Sharon and the Robson family for the passing of our friend and long-time member, Rob. . .

. . . And to Irene Donato and her family for the loss of her husband, William.

June: Sparse

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Save the Date: Fourth Friday
April 25, 7:00 pm
Chill out with Eric Dinse!

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CASINO ROYALE

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