

## CALENDAR

### June

- 3 NAL Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm at M. Dale's
- 11-14 Pick Up "It's My Passion"  
and Drop Off "Sparse"
- 16 Hang "Sparse"
- 25 NAL Movie Night  
Share My Kingdom 7:00 pm
- 27 Join us for Fourth Friday  
7:00—9:00 pm

### July

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm at NFAC&G
- 9-12 Pick Up "Sparse" & Drop Off  
"Open Market"
- 10 Ice Cream Social  
at Central Park
- 14 Hang "Open Market"
- 19 Art Sale at NAL
- 25 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,

Welcome to summer. It is the time of year when many of you will be quite busy showing your art. Please know that we would like to support you and help get the word out. If you send brief, fully edited copy we will try to post your events through our social media outlets. Additionally, our facebook page is available as a place to share your news or ask questions.

I am happy to report that we once again have a full Board of Directors. Bob Bosanac has graciously returned to the board and is serving as our treasurer. Laura Rivas has also rejoined us, taking on the ambitious role as the Director of Education. Rachel Bryan, long time member and one of our fabulous installation artists (remember the Minions?) is picking up the reins and embracing the Director of Member Services position. These roles are

critical to our overall health as an organization and the year ahead will be outstanding.

Are you for ready a fun event that benefits NAL? Mark your calendar for July 10th. We have once again been awarded the opportunity to host the ice cream social during a summer concert in the park. Much help will be needed and all are encouraged to participate. Donate goods or join us that evening for a bit of work and a lot fun with your art friends. We'll throw in a free concert to sweeten the deal! Hosting the Ice Cream Social provides us community presence and needed funds. See the article in this newsletter for the details on how to sign up.

I wish you a happy & safe start to your summer.

Best regards,  
Penny Coffman

## NAL MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us on Wed., June 25 as we present "Share My Kingdom," a documentary that showcases the lives and art of three mentally disabled artists, Harold Jeffries, Wayne Mazurek and Luke Tauber. Viewers will see how, despite their great capacity for bringing beauty into the world through their artwork, these artists are marginalized and dismissed by the society that they live in. By frankly presenting their lives and work in all of its bizarreness, its sublime beauty and its mundane tedium, "Share My Kingdom" hopes to promote better understanding of the disabled and to generate enthusiasm for their art. Producer and Art Director Frank Tumino will host the program and be available for a post screening Q & A. *Illustration by Harold Jeffries*



## NAL WELCOMES THE NEW BOARD

June 1 marked the beginning of the new board year for NAL. We will say good-bye and thank you to **Michelle LeBlanc**, former Director of Education, as she leaves to pursue other endeavors. President **Penny Coffman**, Director of Programs and Hospitality **Cindy Boudreau**, Secretary **Marilyn Dale**, and Director of Exhibits **Linda Vander Kolk** maintain their

previous roles while **Bob Stolarczuk** moves from treasurer to Director of Publicity. Returning to the board are **Laura Rivas** as Director of Education and **Bob Bosanac** as Treasurer. We welcome **Rachel Bryan** to the board as Director of Member Services. Your commitment to NAL is an important element in our success as we move the organization into the future.

## AWARD WINNERS: IT'S MY PASSION

### BEST OF SHOW

Mariusz Wartalowicz — "A1 & a2"

(Pictured)

### BEST THEME

Bill Baykan — "Bourbon Street"

### MERIT AWARDS

Joan Kalmanek — "Sunny Faces"

Bill Sahagian — "Room for Two"

Patricia Mellekus — "Paso Doble"

Madeline Rowe — "Passion for Color"

Cynthia Boudreau — "Rebirth Jacket"

### JUDGE

Tom Schrey



## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The following NAL members received recognition in DuPage Art League's May exhibit "Food Glorious Food": Special Merit Award went to **Bill Baykan** for "Surf and Turf," watercolor/graphite; Merit Awards went to **Joan Kalmanek** for "Super La Familia," photography; **Valerie Lorimer** for "Happy Trio," mixed media; **Hedy Dawson** for "Red and Yellow Pears," oil pastel and **Maureen McKee** for "Red Transmutation," mixed media.

Congratulations to NAL members exhibiting in the Alliance of Fine Art's 2014 Best of the Best Show. They are **Gary Brown** for "Go Ahead, Make My Millenium," mixed media sculpture; **Charles Heinrich** "Sometimes I Feel the Weight of the World by the Pound," mixed media; **Susanne Keller** "The Garden," oil; **Laura Lein-Svencner** "Relationships," collage; **Valerie Lorimer** "Cosmic Warmth," mixed media and **Kim Yench** "Bird No Longer in Space," Bronze.

**Gordon France** won the Robert Kwas Memorial Award for his painting "White Sox Morning, 35th & Normal" and became a Signature Member at the recent Illinois Watercolor Society's 20th National Exhibition.

The work of **Janet Wickham** will be featured at the Gallery of Nature at Wasco Nursery and Garden Center, 41W781 Route 64, 1 1/5 miles west of Wasco, from Wed., June 4 through Wed., July 2, 2014 with an Artist's Reception on Sat., June 21, 2014 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Gallery hours are Mon.—Sat.: 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Sun.: 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

NAL members **Cynthia Boudreau, Marianne Lison Kuhn, Joe Mazzone, Cherie Matousek** and **Kim Yench** were selected to participate in Bridge Communities' "A Chair Affair" art extravaganza. This fundraising event features chairs, stools and benches transformed by local artists that are displayed in 27 storefronts throughout Naperville and will be auctioned off on June 12 at North Central College's Wentz Hall. Community members may vote for their favorite chair on [www.bridgecommunities.org](http://www.bridgecommunities.org) until June 11. All proceeds from the chairs will benefit homeless families in DuPage County assisted by Bridge Communities.

**Maureen McKee's** oil painting, "Back Country Retreat," was selected to be included in the National Oil & Acrylic Painters Society Spring online show. For more information, please go to [www.noaps.org/html/t\\_oli\\_2014\\_spring.html](http://www.noaps.org/html/t_oli_2014_spring.html).

The work of **Lynda Ortega** is featured at Senator Tom Cullerton Headquarters, 338 Ardmore Ave. in Villa Park. For more info, call 630-903-6662 or go to [www.senatortomcullerton.com](http://www.senatortomcullerton.com).

**Get Social!** Mark your calendars for Thurs., July 10. We were selected once again to sponsor the Ice Cream Social in Central Park during the Municipal Band Concert and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to donate purchased pies or cash to cover supply expenses. Also needed are volunteers to help at the event. Last year was a blast — we will have even more fun this year! Watch your in-box for important updates.



### 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

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[www.napervilleartleague.com](http://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!

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Time to update your photos!

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

## EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

**July Art Sale Anyone?** Raise your hand if you're interested in participating in a July 19 art sale in NAL's parking lot. This would be a great opportunity to purge your studio and make room for new work. A 6-ft. table space would be \$10. The sale would run from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. If we don't get enough interest, we won't hold the event, so call or email the art league by June 15 if you're interested in renting a space.

**Current Gallery Show:** The theme, It's My Passion, certainly struck a chord. Over 40 artists participated in the current show. It's a great opportunity to see the talent we have right here in Naperville. The variety is wonderful, ranging from abstract to traditional. Let everyone know about the show and that it's an opportunity to purchase original art at reasonable prices.

**Next up: Sparse:** Let's fill up the Gallery again. There will be a lot of visitors coming through the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery over the summer. Let's impress them. Drop off is June 11-14. Looking ahead, July's theme is Open Market.

**Exhibit Rules Reminder:** \*All wall art must have secure picture wire affixed to the frame. Alligator hooks, string and other means of hanging your art are risky and don't give a professional impression.

\* NAL member artists may enter up to two pieces of 2- or 3-dimensional work per show.

\* All work exhibited must be for sale unless an exception has been determined, as in the annual Fabulous Fakes show.

\* No piece may be displayed more than once in a calendar year.

(See the member directory for a complete list of exhibit rules. Rules can also be found on our website, on the News Page — scroll all the way down and click on the link on the left).

**Grounds Improvements:** A great big thanks to Sheri Lee Butler for pulling weeds, removing dead bushes, and working to improve the appearance of the exterior of our facility!

Thanks to Mike VanderKolk, too. Anyone wishing to help with garden work call the gallery.

**Waldo to Return to Naperville July 1:** Where's Waldo? He'll be hidden in Naperville's independent businesses and organizations, including NAL, during the month of July. Finding Waldo in 16 locations will make one eligible to win prizes. Participating locations will be listed in Positively Naperville and on IndieBound Naperville's website.

**Pies, Ice Cream and Fun:** Here's a plug for the July 10 Municipal Band Ice Cream Social. NAL will host the event. All funds raised will go to NAL. Volunteers are needed to donate food and drink, work the event, and help in other ways. This was so much fun for those who helped last year, you really will enjoy volunteering. More details will follow.

**Best Deal in Town:** Membership in the Naperville Art League is the best deal in town for an artist or art enthusiast. "I wish I had known sooner about the art league" is something I said several years ago and have heard others say. If you have artist friends, encourage them to join.

Linda VanderKolk  
Director of Exhibits

## NAL CLASSES

### Perspectives in Watercolor Landscapes

Instructor: Carmelo Schifano  
Sun., June 29 9:30 am—4:00 pm  
Apply simple principles used for centuries to create pleasing compositions. Whether a beginner or advanced, you'll find these concepts easy to grasp. Discover how to make a definite impact on your creative illusion of depth. Bring your own resources and painting materials. I will have sample references for use for those who need it.

### Realistic Still Life in Pastel

Instructor: Lisa Ober, PSA

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 13 & 14 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
\$230 / \$200 for NAL Members Skill level: Beginner—advanced, drawing exp. helpful  
Lisa Ober hosts a color-filled workshop on how to create beautifully detailed still life paintings in soft pastel. Learn the step-by-step approach through her unique still life technique, from the first sketch to the finished piece using a photo reference (provided). Short demonstrations followed by plenty of class work time will ignite a passion for still life painting as you see your painting take shape.

## THEMES FOR UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Sparse: June 18 – July 12  
(drop off/pick up 6/11-14)  
Open Market: July 16 – Aug. 9  
(drop off/pick up 7/9-12)

American Classic: Aug. 13–Sept. 6  
(drop off/pick up 8/6-9)  
Rare Opportunity: Sept. 10–Oct 2  
(drop off/pick up 9/3-6)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fourth Friday  
June 25, 7:00 pm  
Featuring DJ Ian

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