

CALENDAR

May

- 5 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 13-16 Pick up "Renewal" and Drop
Off "Best Guess"
- 18 Hang "Best Guess"
- 22 Fourth Friday
7:00–9:00 pm

June

- 3-6 Pick Up "Best Guess"
- 9 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 13 Drop Off "Missing Piece"
One Day Only
- 11-14 People's Resource
Guest Show
- 15 Hang "Missing Piece"
- 26 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,

As my presidential duties comes to a close, I'm looking at some of the great work we've done in the past year as well as where we are. We continue to work for growth in instruction and education while keeping focus on what works. We sought new opportunities for the membership in the community by offering popular classes in a variety of media in various time-slots. We recognized the growing trend toward shorter time commitments and are responding to a world where social media is an effective way to communicate.

Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Meet-Up are all being used successfully to share who we are and to invite attention. We have also been able to respond to requests for high caliber artists and workshops. Acclaimed artists John Walker, Lisa Ober, and, Nolan McCants were all presenters at NAL.

We have been connecting with the community. We collaborated with Loaves and Fishes for the public art competition and welcomed Frank Tumino, an administrator at Little City, to share his exceptional documentary "Share My Kingdom," a film that showcases the artistic lives of three mentally disabled artists. We have a number of members that share their time and talent regularly with other non-profits such as WSDRA, Literacy DuPage and Little Friends. Whenever asked, I have created special art classes for groups with unique needs. We've also hosted many Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. We continue to collaborate with Indie bound, supporting other members in the organization. We were happy to welcome Nickel-A-Day Films to our gallery

and classroom where they filmed a portion of their soon-to-be released project.

Tending to what works is at least as important as finding new things to embrace. Fourth Fridays is always well attended – good music, refreshments, outstanding atmosphere and time for visiting with art friends and neighbors in a winning event. There are gallery shows that are worth repeating. Among these are: the Cats Guardians event in January, the annual public art competition, the Fiber Divas exhibit, our Holiday Show in November and December, and of course, our signature event – the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair in September.

Finally, a critically important feature in the life of a non-profit is fundraising. It is always on our minds and part of every board meeting. We have the support of membership and the city, we held an auction, and we had the opportunity to participate in shop and share events with Whole Foods, Colonial Restaurant and Standard Market. We were also invited to host of ice cream social for one of the summer concerts at the band shell.

This is certainly not all that we accomplished; each of us who has volunteered on the board and on committees works with dedication and focus to protect and live out our mission and our responsibilities to our members and the community. As I move to the Director of Education position please know that I am still always available and welcome your involvement.

With sincere appreciation,

Penny Coffman

BOARD NOTES

RFAF: Jury process was completed and applicants will be notified of their status by next week. The 2014 RFAF was voted #3 best art fair in West Suburban Living's Best of the West issue and the 2014 promotional poster received an honorable mention in Sunshine Artists' annual poster competition.

General Meeting: Board reports from this year's meeting will be published in an Annual Report which will be available to the membership in June.

Fundraisers: NAL hopes to host another Colonial Restaurant fundraiser in July to allow for promotion during summer camps. NAL was selected as an alternate host for the Municipal Marching Band's Ice Cream Social.

Parking Lot Sale: A chairman was nominated to run this summer's event. Members will be invited to participate. Details will follow.

Classroom Renovation: Flooring is complete.

IndieBound: NAL will support the next ad campaign.

AWARD WINNERS: RENEWAL

BEST OF SHOW

Joe Eddy Brown
"Howdy Doody at 90"

BEST THEME

Gary Schirmer
"Ring (Controlled Burn)"

MERIT AWARDS

Patricia Melekus
"Utopia Under the Sea"

Nolan W. McCants
"Parisian Graffiti"

Jennifer Wheeler-Peterson
"My Heart is Renewal"

Thomas Mahady
"Sitting Remember"

Judged by: Steven Lockwood



"Parisian Graffiti" by Nolan McCants



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ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays
6:30 pm–9:00 pm

\$5/session—discounts available

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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

CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE!

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classes, art work & more!

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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 month's newsletter and are accepted on a first come, first served basis as space is limited.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The following NAL members received recognition in DuPage Art League's "Food for Thought" April exhibit: Best of Show was awarded to **Cynthia Boudreau** for her felted piece "Harvest Dreams;" Best Theme award went to **Bill Baykan** for "The Possibilities," watercolor & graphite; and Merit awards were earned by **Robert Koch** for "Still Life with Apples," oil; and **Khrystyna Kozyuk** for "Brain Exercises," acrylic.

And speaking of winners, **Cynthia Boudreau** was featured as an Unusual Aritsan in the May issue of West Suburban Living for her work in fibers and fabrics.

The work of **Cynthia Boudreau** and **Eric Dinse** is included in the "26 Days/26 Artists" exhibit which is now open at If These Walls Could Talk (ITWCT), 32 S. Stolp Ave. in downtown Aurora. In total, 26 local artists participated and each was given 4 hours to create his or her art LIVE on the front stage of the ITWCT gallery during 26 days in April. Their process was captured on video and can be seen at www.itwct.com/#!26-artists/c1o7i. The exhibit runs through June 3.

Marianne Lisson Kuhn is hosting a Plant and Garden Art Inspired sale on Fri. and Sat., May 8 and 9 from 9:00 until 6:00 pm in the garden of her home at 27W635 South Ln., Naperville. Locally grown plants suited to our climate and soil conditions as well as perennials, vegetables, herbs, ground covers, raspberries and vines will be featured. Nature inspired art and Limited Edition Naperville scenes will also be

available. Bring your friends! Call Marianne at 630-355-3454 or e-mail lissonart@yahoo.com with questions or directions.

Hollywood animator and College of DuPage instructor **Tony Venezia** was featured in an article recently in the Daily Herald. He will be playing host to Animation Night at COD's McAninich Arts Center, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn on Thurs., May 14 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

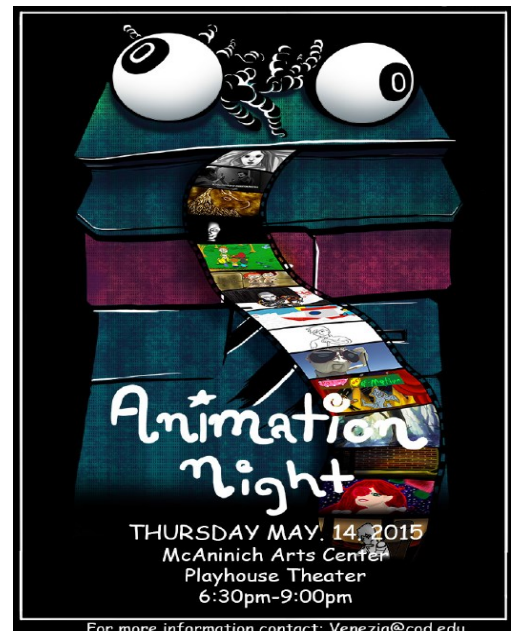


EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Exhibits & Events May 2015

Thanks for your role in a successful Celebrate Art! fundraiser, April 24. The event was well-attended and brought in nearly \$1,000 for classroom renovations.

Celebrate Art! is the ongoing theme leading up to this year's Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. It's our 30th anniversary of organizing and hosting the spectacular event. Ads, promotions, and more will include the theme.

4th Fridays from now through September will include an artful door prize and/or silent auction item. This is all part of our 30th anniversary year celebration of the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. Plan on attending the next 4th Friday on May 22.

Riverwalk Fine Art Fair update: jurying has taken place for the Sept. 19-20 art fair. The countdown has begun. Great news! Last year's art fair poster won Honorable Mention in *Sunshine Artist* magazine's national art fair poster competition. Past RFAF posters and street banners are available for sale through our Gallery.

The **Gallery** is currently full with 56 pieces of art inspired by the theme *Renewal*. While the Exhibit committee does its best to include all submitted art, here's a reminder from our Exhibit Rules: *because Gallery space is limited, members, especially those submitting 2 large pieces, may have a piece refused due to lack of wall space.* A full Gallery is a good problem to have, don't you think?

The **next member show** is themed *Best Guess*. This will be a 3-week show with awards presented at the May 22 Fourth Friday event, 7:00 to

9:00 pm.

June 11-14 People's Resource Center guest show will be in our Gallery, featuring work by PRC clients. Reception is on June 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.. PRC brings neighbors together to respond to hunger and poverty, promote dignity and justice, and create a future of hope and opportunity for residents of DuPage County. Nearly 32,000 people rely on PRC for help each year. Over 2,000 volunteers help others connect with resources. One of many services, PRC's art program has helped clients learn skills that build self-confidence or generate income. The show will include work by PRC participants and volunteers who attend the Wheaton and Westmont locations. See paintings, drawings, mixed media pieces and ceramics. Some will be for sale with proceeds going directly to the artists. PRC will be accepting **donations of new or slightly used art supplies** at the event.

Summer camp sign up is underway at napervilleparks.org. These are enriching experiences for children. Check out the new classes for adults, too. Watch the web site for class listings!

Gift Shop: With summer camps come a lot of summer (parent) shoppers. New inventory by NAL members is welcome.

The Parking lot **Art Sale!** returns. Thanks to Jenia Karapetrova for volunteering to organize a summer Saturday sale event for NAL member artists. Watch for more information.

Linda VanderKolk
Director of Exhibits

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fourth Friday!

Friday, May 22
7:00–9:00 pm

Featuring Eric Dinse

IT'S NAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

All NAL members need to renew their membership by June 1 in order to participate in gallery and outside exhibits and receive NAL newsletters. Please take a moment to complete the membership application included in this newsletter and submit it

along with your payment. Your support will help to ensure the stability of NAL and its activities and will keep you informed of the latest news in the world of art. We could not do what we do without you so please renew right away!

Wanted: 2015 Holiday Show Chairperson (s)

Seeking motivated individual(s) to oversee NAL's Annual Holiday Show. There's a system in place with easy-to-follow steps. Most work happens before Thanksgiving. Meet new people. Volunteers are always eager to help. Contact naperartleague.com.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

May: Best Guess
June: People's Resource Center Fundraiser

June: Missing Piece
July: Mirage

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Newsletter

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES ON MAY 31.
IT'S TIME TO RENEW!**

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 Phone (w/ area code): Day: _____ Evening: _____
 Email address: _____
 Media or area of interest: _____

Please e-mail my monthly newsletter in PDF format Yes No

Type of Membership:

- \$50.00 Individual \$60.00 Family \$75.00 Contributing
 \$100.00 Supporting \$200.00 Patron/Corporate \$500.00 Sponsor
 \$25.00 Fee for Artist Gallery on NAL's Web Site

Please check all that apply:

- Practicing Artist Art Appreciator Student Patron

I am interested in:

- Taking classes/workshops Attending critiques Giving demonstrations Lecturing
 Teaching classes/workshops Conducting critiques Presenting Programs Other

NAL sustains its many functions through member's volunteer participation, your participation is critical to the ability to provide these resources to our members and the community. Please choose the area or areas where you could help.

I am interested in holding office:

- Now At a later date

- President Director/Publicity Director/ Hospitality & Programs Director/Education
 Treasurer Director/ Gallery Exhibits Director/Member Services Secretary

I am interested in working with the following Committees:

- Exhibits Social Fund Raising Grant Writing Clerical
 Public Relations Marketing Volunteer Coordinator Programs Classes

I have experience and want to work on: NAL Web Site, Social Media & Technical Advancement

I want to work on Special Events:

- Holiday Show Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Art Auction Special Exhibits

NAL's Fine Art Center & Gallery is an important link between our membership and the community. Every member is asked to provide occasional volunteer help in the Gallery. Please choose the area or areas where you could help.

I am available to staff the Gallery (check all that apply):

- Weekdays Saturdays Sunday Open House Mornings Afternoon Evenings

I could help (check all that apply):

- Install Exhibits Light Housekeeping Building Maintenance Yard Work Donate Refreshments

I am interested in commission work Yes No I work in the following media: _____