

CALENDAR

November

- 3 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 14 Dist. 203 Teachers' Show
Closes
- 15 Drop Off "Gallery of Gifts"
- 16-19 Set Up "Gallery of Gifts"
- 20 Gallery of Gifts Opening
Reception 6:00–8:00 pm

December

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 19 Gallery of Gifts Closing
Gallery of Gifts Pick Up
4:00–6:00 pm
- 23 Gallery of Gifts Pick Up
- 24-25 Gallery Closed
- 30 Gallery of Gifts Pick Up
- 31 Gallery Closed

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

I'm eagerly anticipating this year's Gallery of Gifts holiday show and sale. Our Fine Art Center & Gallery will be transformed into a place to find beautiful, one-of-a-kind gifts. The opening reception Friday, Nov. 20 will be our first opportunity to shop. It's always a popular night! The show runs through most of December. Spread the word.

Watch for the Grinch campaign, planned by IndieBound Naperville. The kickoff will be the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Children who visit 12 or more participating businesses or organizations will become eligible for prizes. Details will be on-line and in Positively Naperville.

Many thanks to Lori Tucker who, due to other commitments, recently resigned as Director of Programs & Hospitality. She and her committee have done a super job hosting Fourth Friday events and other receptions. Chris Jacobson has agreed to take over the role. Thanks, Chris!

Note: There will be no Fourth Friday in November or December but it will resume in January. Instead we hope you will join us as we celebrate the opening of our Gallery of Gifts!

The Director of Development job description, a new volunteer board position, has been finalized and is available. We are looking for someone with fundraising experience. If you know of anyone, let Debbie or me know.

The Board agreed to do an end-of-year appeal again this year. It's an opportunity to make a tax-deductible monetary gift to Naperville Art League, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Information letters will go out in the next few weeks. Funds raised will be used for ongoing operations including facility repairs and classroom enhancements.

Thanks to members and friends for helping to make NAL a vital, growing organization. Some exciting times are on the horizon as NAL members will be asked to consider updates to the mission statement, participate in a visioning process, and help define our future direction. Watch for more information. As always, your input is encouraged, welcome and appreciated.

Linda VanderKolk
 President

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

Goal: A 16 week initiative to increase class & workshop opportunities, find the best balance of classes and workshops, establish a marketing plan to showcase new instructors and upcoming classes, improve program brochures and fliers, and ensure great customer and instructor experience from start to finish.

Interested? Contact Penny Coffman at fineartchick@gmail.com.

A successful initiative would benefit from a good sized group that can collaborate on courses of action and then divide the work and see quick results.

BOARD NOTES

Inventory: A review of NAL's insurance policy spurred a review of the building's contents. An up-to-date listing of all interior items along with photos is being compiled to ensure NAL's possessions are properly covered.

Director of Programs & Hospitality: NAL welcomes Chris Jacobson to the board. She volunteered to replace Lori Tucker who resigned due to other commitments

Director of Development: This new board position is being added to fill a need as indicated by the membership. (More details on page 3).

Fundraisers: NAL will invite members of the League and the community to respond to an end-of-year appeal. Plans for a fundraiser at the end of April are underway.

SECA: 2 Grant applications were submitted to the city: one for RFAF and the other for critical building repairs. Results will be available some time in April.

Education: An effort is in place to build our class offerings. Teachers will be needed for children and adult beginning, intermediate and advanced level classes. Those interested in teaching or serving on the Education committee should contact Penny Coffman

Gallery of Gifts: Volunteers are sought for the holiday show. A plea for food donations for show opening and closing clean-up will be sent to the membership. Participants are also needed: more work and more variety equals more sales! Let's make this a successful event!

NAL ANNOUNCES PUBLIC ART COMPETITION

For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Naperville Art League (NAL) is inviting individuals to enter an original work of art into their public art contest. This year's theme, "Broken Barriers," was inspired by the collaboration between the arts organization and fellow non-profit, Loaves and Fishes Community Services. By creating a partnership for the competition, both groups hope to reach a larger audience and raise awareness of their presence in the community.

Eligibility for participation in the competition is open to high school students, college students and adults. Entrants may submit pieces interpreting the theme in virtually any media. Pieces may be representational or abstract and must be original in design, concept and execution.

Cash awards will be given for Best of Show and Awards of Excellence. Applications and details on media, size and other requirements are available from the Naperville Art League by at www.napervilleartleague.com.

The works will be exhibited at the Naperville Art League's Fine Art Center & Gallery, 508 N. Center St. March 11 through March 21 with a spe-

cial reception and awards ceremony on Sunday, March 15 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. "This is one of our most popular shows," said Debbie Venezia, executive director of the league. "It is always amazing to see how the participants execute their interpretation of the theme."

Entries for "Broken Barriers" will be accepted at the Naperville Art League's Fine Art Center & Gallery any Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from noon until 4:00 pm or Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm through February 20, 2016. An entry form, available at the NFAC&G or at www.napervilleartleague.com, must be completed and affixed to the piece along with an artist's statement of 100 words or less explaining how the entry relates to the theme.

Details are available by calling 630.355.2530 or at www.napervilleartleague.com. There is an entry fee of \$10 for NAL members and \$15 for non-members.

For further information about the competition, the Naperville Art League, or its Fine Art Center Hours, contact Debbie Venezia at naperartleague@aol.com or call 630-355-2530.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

10-12 pieces of **Linn Eldred's** work will be on display at St. John's Lutheran Church, 215 S. Lincoln, Lombard on Sun., Nov. 15 at 2:00 pm.

The work of **Robert Koch** will be featured in the "Scenes I Have Seen" exhibition at the Addison Center for the Arts, 213 N. Lombard Rd. Door #4, Addison, IL on Nov. 9 through Dec. 12. An opening reception is scheduled for Fri., Nov. 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For more info go to www.addisoncenterforthearts.com or call 630.458.4500.

Gary Wick received a third place award at the LaGrange Art League's September exhibit for his pastel, "Down by the Lily Pads." **Dee Leppin** was awarded an honorable mention for her oil, "Dunes and Shadows" in that same show.

Congrats to these NAL members for earning recognition in DuPage Art League's October exhibit "Seasons": **Terry Musclow** won a Special Merit Award for "Mining Gold," mixed. Merit Awards went to **George Bruce** for "River's Reflection," watercolor; **Jacqueline France** for "Fresh," oil; **Gordon France** for "Spring Breeze," watercolor; and **June Padovani** for "Gusty Wind & the Autumn Dancer," watercolor pencil and ink pen. The Blick Award went to **Marita Valdzan** for "Pachamama," jewelry.

Current NAL members interested in applying to the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair may do now! As a member, your entry fee is waived. Contact Debbie for the special coupon code to be entered upon check out. Application is available through Zapplication.org. Look for Naperville Riverwalk Fine Art Fair.

BOARD MEMBERS

President
Linda VanderKolk
Director of Marketing & Communications:
Bob Stolarczuk
Director of Programs & Hospitality:
Chris Jacobson
Director of Education: Penny Coffman
Director of Exhibits: Patricia Melekus
Director of Member Services:
Rachel Bryan
Director of Building & Grounds:
Bob Zuranski
Director of Development: Open
Secretary: Roy Grundy
Treasurer: Bob Bosanac
Board Member at Large: Lela Luetger
Executive Director,
RFAF Executive Director,
Newsletter Editor:
Deborah Venezia



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

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!

Already on our web site?
Time to update your photos!

For details
call 630.355.2530
www.napervilleartleague.com

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.

EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

Every season has its beauty, many people love autumn because of its spectacular colors. We offer lots of classes that can improve your skills. Our dedicated teachers are waiting to help you capture this striking and colorful season for your personal gallery or as a holiday gift.

The District 203 Educator Guest Show exhibit is now on display in our gallery. Themed "Then and Now," this show reflects the artistic growth of the instructors from the time they were creating artwork as children to the present. It runs through Nov. 14 so you still have time to see it!

Our most anticipated holiday show, "Gallery of Gifts," starts on Fri., Nov. 20 and runs through Sat., Dec. 19. Participants are asked to drop off their work on Sun., Nov. 15 from noon until 5:00 pm. The best selling items are small, reasonably priced gift pieces such as pottery, jewelry, small pictures, ornaments, decorations and wearable art. Check out our Oct. newsletter online to find out more details.

All are welcome to attend our opening reception on Fri., Nov. 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We encourage you to sign up to help if you have time.

Patricia Melekus



WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

HELP WANTED: DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The NAL Board of Directors is seeking a Director of Development to foster the growth of the organization. Responsibilities will include:

- Developing and executing an annual fundraising plan
- Overseeing the organization of special fundraising events
- Creating and executing a strategy for a sustained base of annual individual donors
- Seeking out available grants, grant writing

and submission

- Developing presentation materials for fundraising
- Training volunteers to assist with donor solicitation
- Building relationships within the community to further the NAL's fundraising purpose

If you or anyone you know would be interested in this volunteer board position, please contact Debbie at the gallery.

MAKING HISTORY

Arcadia Publishing asked author Jo Fredell Higgins to write a second history book on the city of Naperville that will feature significant people and events that affected the area since 1960. Business, education, social events, landmarks, Woman's Club, Jaycee's are among the topics

to be featured. Mayor Chirico will pen the book's introduction. If you have info that you would like to submit for possible inclusion, contact Jo at poetrylady45@yahoo.com or 630-851-4401. An autumn 2016 release is planned.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

November: Gallery of Gifts Holiday Show
January: Cat Guardians' Fundraising Auction
January: Fearless
February: Fabulous Fakes

March: Public Art Competition
April: Nostalgia
May: Cherchez la Femme (Look for the Woman)

Gallery of Gifts

Opening Friday, November 20
6:00—8:00 pm
Runs through December 19



Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery
508 North Center Street
Naperville, IL 60563

Phone: 630-355-2530
Fax: 630-355-3071
naperartleague@aol.com
www.napervilleartleague.com



November 2015

SPONSORS OF THE NAPERVILLE ART LEAGUE

After Hours Film Society
Post Office Box 3534
Glen Ellyn, IL 60138-3534
630.534.528
Info@Afterhoursfilmsociety.com

Cadillac of Naperville
1507 West Ogden
Naperville, IL 60540
885.897.3855
www.napervillecadillac.com

Main Street Promenade
Main Street & Van Buren
Naperville, IL 60540
630.305.7171
www.mainstreetpromenade.com

Art & Frame Naperville
115 East Ogden #115
Naperville, IL 60563
630.355.0703
info@artandframenaperville.com

ClaySpace Ceramics Arts Center
740 Front Street
Lisle, IL 60532
630.393.2529
www.ClaySpace.net

Naperville Bank & Trust
555 Fort Hill Drive
Naperville, IL 60540
630.369.3555
www.banknaperville.com

**MAIN STREET
PROMENADE**



Cadillac of NAPERVILLE
CHICAGOLAND'S CADILLAC SUPERSTORE

**NAPERVILLE
BANK & TRUST®**

