

CALENDAR

October

- 6 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 7-10 Pick Up for "Celebrate Art"
- 14 Fiber Art Divas' Exhibit
Opens
- 18 Fiber Art Divas' Reception
2:00—4:00 pm
- 23 Fourth Friday 7:00—9:00 pm
- 24 Fiber Art Divas' Show Closes
- 28 District 203 Teachers' Show
Opens
- 31 Denise Havlan Fiber Work-
shop 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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

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

Weren't you in awe of the creativity at the recent Riverwalk Fine Art Fair? I spoke with many of the 130 talented artists and heard nothing but praise for our Executive Director, Debbie Venezia's skills in organizing the event. She puts heart and soul into the fair. Feedback from the Naperville community is also very positive. Kudos to Debbie and more than 60 NAL volunteers that helped ensure everything was top-notch.

I'm pleased to announce Ann Aleccia has agreed to be our Historian. She will be focusing on organizing our archives. A big thank you goes to Laura Rivas who served as class coordinator and brought in several new teachers.

Ours is a world where creativity and innovation are vital. We are challenged by a need for creative thought at every walk of life. We are inspired by it. I stumbled across an interesting article by Marvin Bartel, Emeritus Professor of Art, Goshen College, who wrote, "The world needs more and more compassionate creativity to solve difficult problems confronting us. Creative people do not have answers, but they habitually question the status quo and think about alternatives and improvements." Your

creative thoughts are welcome as we will soon begin a visioning process regarding NAL.

This month, NAL is hosting the work of 2 groups that foster creativity. Fiber Art Divas return mid-October with their 2015 show "Elements of Innovation." A main reason for the existence of this art group that meets monthly at NAL, is to experiment with and share new techniques. See the show Oct 14-24, attend Thursday night demos, and be sure to stop by the reception Sun., Oct. 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. You'll enjoy the special exhibits and free educational demos that day.

The second guest show is that of District 203 art educators, opening Oct. 28. See work from the personal studios of teachers that encourage creativity in our local school system. Bring your children and grandchildren.

We were born to be adventuresome, experimental, and creative. If you haven't taken an NAL class recently, maybe it's time to do so. I look forward to seeing what you're working on for the upcoming holiday sale. And, if you have ideas for the future of NAL, let me know. Think creatively!

Linda VanderKolk

BOARD NOTES

RFAF: Great weather, focused organization and hard working volunteers led to a successful event. Congratulations to NAL member George Ceffalio for his Best of Show award.

Building: Significant repairs to gutter area on the northeast side of building are needed. Estimates will be obtained. Repairs expected before winter.

Finances: Treasurer's report indicates a drop in class revenues. New class offerings will be heavily marketed. Grant opportunities will be explored.

Storage Closet Renovation Update: Additional funds are needed to supplement grant funds.

Insurance: An inventory will be conducted Nov. 1 to ensure our assets are recorded correctly. Volunteers are needed.

Historian Position: Welcome to Ann Aleccia, the new League Historian.

Open Position: We are seeking a Director of Development. The job description will be available in October.

New Member Coffee: 8 attendees joined board members in Sept. to learn about the League and offer their suggestions for improvement.

Gallery of Gifts Holiday Sale: Planning and participating artists signup is underway.

Extended Gallery Hours: NAL Gallery will be open until 7:00 pm on Thurs. evenings from mid-Oct to the end of the year. Volunteers are needed to staff the desk beginning in Nov.

Mission Statement: An update was discussed.

Arts DuPage: DuPage Foundation announced the launch of a county-wide arts council encompassing visual arts, music and theater.

AWARD WINNERS: CELEBRATE ART!

BEST OF SHOW

Loretta Hamilton – “The Age of Innocence”
(Pictured)

BEST THEME

Neil Pradzinski – “Walk in the Park”

BLICK AWARD

Nolan McCants – “Happy Feelings”

MERIT AWARDS

Sharon Spitzer – “Movement”

Kasia Szczesniewski – “First Snow”

Gary Wick – “Quiet Ripples”

Mary Kodl Truesdale – “Where It All Starts”

Maria Suarez – “Alterscape I”

JUDGE: Eryn Blaser





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!

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classes, art work & more!

Don't want to maintain
your own web site?

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For details
call 630.355.2530
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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

Congratulations to **George Ceffalio** for being named the Best in Show at NAL's 2015 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. Some of the best artists in the country were on site making the competition steep. Way to go, George!

Nancy Staszak won a third place ribbon for her piece, “City by the Lake” at the Fine Line Creative Art Center in Saint Charles.

Many congrats to the NAL members receiving recognition in “Abstraction, Distraction,” DuPage Art League's September exhibit: A Special Merit Award went to **Krystyna Kozyuk** for “Color Dance,” Acrylic; and Merit Awards went to **George Bruce** for “Grab the Foul and Run,” oil; and **Marita Valdizan** for “Purple,” jewelry.

The work of **Susan R. Wilson** will be featured at the “Land and Sea” exhibit at the Lisle Library, 777 Front St., Lisle. The show will run through Dec. 1.

“Collage Composed,” an exhibit featuring the work of **Laura Lein-Svencner**, will be on display at the Addison Center for the Arts, 213 N. Lombard, Door #4, Addison, IL through Nov. 7. Contact 630.458.4500 or www.addisoncenterforthearts.org for more details.

Arcadia Publishing asked author Jo Fredell Higgins to write a second history book on the city of Naperville that will feature people and

events 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.

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EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

The RFAF was a big successful event thanks to Debbie Venezia, our Executive Director, and our volunteers. We heard positive feedback from many of the thousands of art enthusiasts that attended the event. Personally, among many fantastic collections, my favorite was William Shearrow's vases sporting wonderful patterns created with horse hair and Sandra Grassi Nelipovich's uniquely amazing batik work.

The Fiber Art Divas are coming to show their original art at "Elements of Innovation" on Oct. 14-24. Hosted at the NFAC&G, the exhibit will feature wall art, quilts, fiber sculpture, wearable scarfs, clothes, and many distinctive works. The reception is Oct. 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and is free and open to all. Fiber demos and a one-day special guest show of art quilts by members of the Professional Art Quilt Associates will also be included. In addition, Naperville's Riverwalk Quilters' "Naper Settlement" small quilt challenge will be on display as well as an award-winning quilt created by the internationally-recognized art quilter Denise Havlan. Those inspired by her work are welcome to sign up for her workshop on Sat., Oct. 31. Normal Gallery hours will be extended until 8:00 pm on Thursdays to accommodate free demos by fiber artists. Following this show is an exhibit that comprises the work of the District 203 Art Educators that will be on display from Oct. 28 to Nov. 14.

Our anticipated Holiday show, "Gallery of Gifts," is coming from Nov. 20 through Dec. 19 with the opening reception on Fri., Nov. 20. The drop off date for your sellable art is one day only, Sun., Nov. 15 from noon to 4:00 pm. I encourage you to bring small ORIGINAL items. The items that sell the most are small gifts such as greeting cards, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, holiday ornaments, small paintings, home decor, seasonal decor, sculptures, mo-

saics, toys, wearable art, framed art, hostess gifts and photography.

To register as a participant, contact Debbie at naperartleague@aol.com or 630.355.2530.

Guidelines

- Eligible items: All items must be original designs. No kits accepted. No food items.
- Framed art: 1 large or 2 medium or 4 small pieces. Must be framed or gallery-wrapped with wire hanger.
- Reproductions or Giclee prints: Up to 6 pieces, unframed, encased in a sleeve. No duplicates. Must be identified as prints.
- 3D art & gift items: Must be properly tagged and ready to sell.

Sales

- Inventory: As work is sold, you may replace it with new items.
- Pricing: Reasonably priced work is more likely to sell at this type of event. Most people shop for gifts.
- Commission: This is a special event so, according to by-laws, artist receives 75%, NAL 25% to cover advertising. Price accordingly.

Participation

Volunteers help make the event a success. Exhibiting artists are expected to volunteer. There will be opportunities to sign up before drop off. Non-exhibiting member volunteers are also welcome.

Pick up

Participants may pick up their work on Sat., Dec. 19 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm and on Wednesdays Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 from noon to 4:00 pm.

I wish you a colorful October and stay haunted.

Patricia Melekus

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THANK YOU, RFAF VOLUNTEERS!

A hearty round of applause to the dedicated volunteers who assisted during the 2015 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to LaSheron Bankhead, Maritza Bermudez, Phyllis Betenia, Sue Borgheesi, Bob Bosanac, Cindy Boudreau, Christine Breier, Joe Eddy Brown, Rachel Bryan, Sharon Carter, Teresa Cash, Sue Chemler, Gary Chipman, Rosie & Dave Claus, Penny & Steve Coffman, Hedy Dawson, Irene & Bob Donato, Kay Ford, Jeannice Gagnon, Roy Grundy, Larry Gryzi-

ak, Ed & Pam Hart, Carol Hendrix, Cathy Hoffman, Chris Hughes, Kelly Kandra, Linda Kurcz, Barb Lipkin, Lela Luetger, Maureen McKee, Patricia Melekus, Kristen Murphy, Lynda Ortega, Marie Paul, Ariana Poe, Neil Pradzinski, Bruce Richardson, Laura & Ed Rivas, Sandy Schwartz, Brian Shanahan, Sally Sharp, Roberta Sieber, Bob Stolarczuk, Carole Swedo, Lori Tucker, Ray Upham, Marita Valdizan, Linda Vander Kolk, Marlene Vitek, Ian Wallace, Kim Yench, Eileen Zanders and Bob Zuranski.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

October: Fiber Art Divas

October: Dist. 203 Teachers' Exhibit

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)

Fourth Friday

Music by DJ Ian Wallace

Friday, October 23

7:00–9:00 pm



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