

CALENDAR

September

- 1 NAL Board Meeting,
6:30 pm
- 2-5 Drop Off "Celebrate Art!"
- 8 Hang "Celebrate Art!"
- 9 RFAF Envelope Packing Day
10:00 am
- 18 RFAF Set Up
- 19-20 Riverwalk Fine Art Fair
- 25 NAL Volunteer Appreciation
Night: 7:00—9:00 pm

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
- 23 Fourth Friday
7:00—9:00 pm
- 28 District 203 Teachers' Show
- 31 Denise Havlan Fiber Work-
shop 9:00 am—4:00 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

An estimated 76,000 visitors will come to Naperville to see our Riverwalk Fine Art Fair on Sept. 19 & 20. I too was surprised at the number. We are hosting one of the city's biggest events! If you haven't volunteered to help, please do so today by calling the gallery at 630.355.2530. You'll meet national and international artists whose original work has been juried into the show, get to know fellow art league members, and find out how wonderful our 76,000 guests are. We all share a common interest: art.

This year we celebrate the fair's 30th anniversary. At the September Fourth Friday we'll acknowledge our all-volunteer organization with a party. The NAL member show for September themed "Celebrate Art!" will add to the festivities.

It was fun digging through archives to learn about the fair's history. We're looking for a member to become Historian and help document NAL's story. Let Debbie or me know if you're interested.

Want to boost your art marketing? See the article, Headshot Portrait Photography Offer on page 3. Studies show buyers like to know

something about the artist when making a decision. This is an opportunity to build recognition.

AFA update: NAL is a long-standing member of the Alliance of Fine Art. The future direction of the organization is being considered by its 13 member groups. NAL remains supportive of AFA. For a copy of NAL's response, contact Debbie.

Thanks volunteers! A big thanks to Sue Keller who organized the August parking lot Art Sale. Feedback was very positive and it's very likely we'll do it again next year. Thanks also to those who helped transport Hedy Dawson's art to the gallery for the honorary one-person show. And I'm pleased to announce this year's Gallery of Gifts holiday show co-chairpersons are Patricia Melekus and Linda Kurcz. Thanks for volunteering!

Linda VanderKolk

T-shirts available!

There are a limited number of NAL Tee-shirts available for purchase. Call the Gallery for details. These would be great to wear to the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair.

BOARD NOTES

NAL Mission Statement: The board will review and update our current mission statement. Board members are asked to submit suggestions for a rewrite.

Labor Day Parade Update: NAL will join Indie Bound in marching in the parade. NAL signs will be created and mounted on their truck and NAL rack cards will be distributed to parade attendees.

Parking Lot Art Sale: Participants were surveyed and results were positive. A possible change of date could be in store for next year. Requests were made for better promotion and more signage. Thanks goes to Sue Keller for doing a wonderful job on organizing and giving attention to the details that made for a successful event!

RFAF: Banners are on display on Washington and Aurora Ave. Community Event sign will be posted Sept. 7. Ads are or will be appearing in publications including the Daily Herald, Naperville Magazine, West Suburban Living, Trib Local, NIFF program. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** A call for help will be sent to the membership.

NAL Tee-shirts: 14 T-Shirts out of the 33 ordered have been sold. Members will be invited to purchase the excess. A list of available sizes, styles and colors available at the gallery.

**NAL is seeking a
volunteer to serve as
League Historian**

If interested, contact Debbie

NAL HONORS LONG TIME MEMBER HEDY DAWSON

NAL members and friends came out to celebrate the art of Hedy Dawson at the August Fourth Friday. Attendees can attest to the ambiance and elegance of the one person show on display at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery as NAL honored one of its most prolific long time members.

Hedy joined the Naperville Art League in the 70s and has served on the board in many roles, taught numerous classes and participated in many capacities throughout her tenure. She has spent countless hours volunteering on committees including the holiday show, gallery exhibits, hospitality, gardening and maintenance and the annual auction. Hedy was recognized as a lifetime member over 25 years ago and continues to remain an active volunteer.

NAL thanks Hedy for her dedication and involvement over the years. She is an inspiration to all.



Hedy Dawson & her acrylic "Green River"



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Adults: Wednesdays
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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?

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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

Rosie and Dave Claus were recently recognized with an Award Of Excellence for their mixed media pieces at Batavia's Art In Your Eye Festival held Aug. 15 and 16. This is the 11th year for one of Batavia's signature summer events.

The following NAL members received recognition in the DuPage Art League August exhibit "Birds of a Feather": Special Merit Awards went

to **Gordon France** for "Chess Groupie," oil and to **Valerie Lorimer** for "King of the Crop," mixed media. **Chris Hughes** won a Merit Award for "Blue Heron," acrylic.

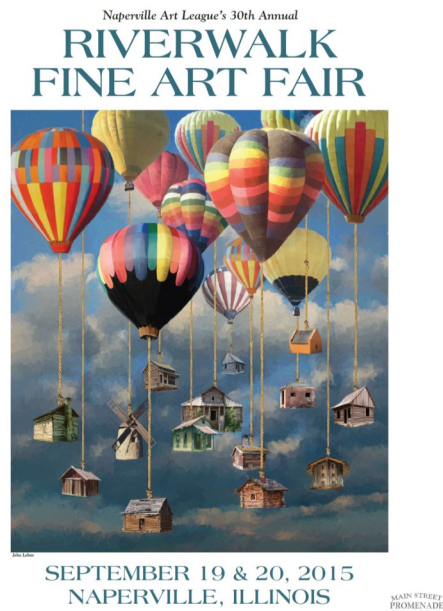
Terry Musclow was selected as the featured artists at the August Hill Winery in Utica, IL. His work will be on exhibit through the end of the year.



EXHIBIT & EVENT NEWS

The Riverwalk Fine Art Fair is celebrating its 30th anniversary. It was launched in 1986 by Bruno Botorelli, developer of Riverwalk Apartments, Dr. Jonathan Croll, then president of the Naperville Art League, and Dee Pasternak, League Publicity Chairman and continues to grow in popularity each year.

As always, we will have an enormous array of art creations that every age group will enjoy and we will see new faces among the returning artists. A wide variety of mediums will be represented, from ceramics, fiber, metal, painting, photography, to wood, sculpture, gourds, leather, plastic – there is such a wide range of hard working and creative minds behind these arts that you have to breathe in the artistry of each and every creation. It is a smorgasbord of art for everyone to enjoy.



Headshot Portrait Photography Offer

We're excited to offer a way to help your art marketing. On Sun., Oct. 4 you can have a professional "headshot" portrait photograph taken at a discounted price (\$65). "The NAL facility offers various locations that offer a pleasing, soft focus, artistic background", said Craig VanderKolk, photographer. Time slots are limited so call now to schedule a ½ hour appointment.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

October: Fiber Art Divas
 October: Dist. 203 Teachers' Exhibit
 November: Gallery of Gifts Holiday Show
 January: Fearless

Therefore we need your help as volunteers, because without your input there is no success. Call the gallery and ask about the volunteer positions available. I encourage you to sign up because it is not a chore, it is FUN to be around the fair.

A big thank you to Debbie Venezia, our Executive Director, for her effort to make RFAF such a successful event. Thank you, Debbie!!

The other big show coming up is the Holiday show—Gallery of Gifts, where we need members, not just as volunteers, but to create items to sell. The most successful items are reasonably priced and include small arts and crafts, jewelry, functional pottery, and useable creations. The show runs from Nov. 20 through Dec. 19, 2015.

Our upcoming member show, and the last one this year is "Celebrate Art!," with a the drop off date of Sept. 2 through Sept. 5. This show will run for 5 weeks.

The next Fourth Friday will be held on Sept. 25 and will be a recognition party for all NAL volunteers from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The suggested donation is \$5, and there will be a door prize. Mark your calendar for this event—it will be lots of fun!!!

I am wishing you a wonderful September and see you at RFAF.

Patricia Melekus
 Director of Exhibits

Hanging Reminder: If you submit a painting on unframed canvas, it must be a gallery wrap canvas, that is, no staples can be showing. Also, the top, bottom and sides of the canvas must be painted with either a solid color or an extension of the painting itself. Pieces not following this rule will be rejected by the hanging

You'll receive a high resolution digital image via email for use in social media, print, etc. A portion of the proceeds will benefit NAL. Non-NAL members are also welcome to schedule a portrait. We also encourage you to use the image in your new or revised Gallery page on NAL's website (only \$25), which can stand alone or link to your personal website. Remember, art buyers like to know something about the artist when making a decision.

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Information



Fourth Friday Celebrates All NAL Volunteers!

Music by Zack Tucker
 Friday, September 25
 7:00—9:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

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