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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My Fellow Art Lovers:

After a few whirlwind weeks of special exhibits, your Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery is looking forward to the next members' show, "Are We There Yet," which will be installed by the time some of you receive this newsletter. If you still take the newsletter by snail mail, have you considered switching to the online version only? No pressure-- while I appreciate the tactile value of holding an actual piece of paper in one's hand, I know that subscriptions to the e-newsletter help us save on postage costs.

It's that time of year again. Escape your thoughts about taxes and focus on the NAL Board of Directors election. The 2010 ballot is inserted in this newsletter. Please cast your votes and return the ballot to us by the May Members' Meeting on May 20. Thank you to all who have accepted nominations for the Board positions!

Speaking of Members' Meetings, at the upcoming April 15 gathering, NAL member Ed Hart will present an overview of important aspects of the business side of art: the what, where and how of pricing and selling your art. Encouraging you to think about what you really want to do and where you want to go with your art, he

will expand on key subjects such as art fairs, web sites, galleries and network groups. Whether you have already entered into the world of the professional artist or are just thinking about taking those first steps, join us for this evening of learning and sharing tips about "The Business of Art."

Coming soon: On May 20, enjoy Maureen McKee's presentation "Oil Pastels, Painting and Drawing Simultaneously." A signature member of the Oil Pastel Society, Maureen will demonstrate the versatility of the oil pastel medium.

Special note: In the past, we have begun the meeting / demo at 7:30 p.m. after a brief social period. Starting April 15, we will begin the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30. Please come enjoy refreshments and conversation with your fellow NAL members. See you at the meetings!

Thank you to all the members who completed the strategic plan survey. We are eager to see the summary of the results and hope that we can use this information to move us into the future.

Laura Rivas
President

BOARD NOTES

Board Development-Strategic Planning: The consultants from Executive Service Corps (ESC) are completing the board interviews and are gathering member information through the online surveys. A summary of the responses will be presented to the advisory committee review (Maritza Bermudez, Laura Rivas, Anne Gary and Glenn Hoffman, Debbie Venezia). This will then be brought to the board.

General Meeting Declining Attendance: Our meetings have become poorly attended which is unfortunate. We invite

all members to take advantage of this valuable, informative service we provide. The presentations will now begin at 7:00 pm, doors open at 6:30.

The American Academy of Art Student Exhibit: For the second year, NAL will host the Academy of Art Graduating Student Exhibit from - May 15 through May 23rd. They will hang their images, host a reception and provide their own clean-up. We may need to call on NAL volunteers to work during off hours.

CALENDAR

APRIL

- 4 "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album" closes
- 10 RFAF Application Deadline
- 5 NAL Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.
- 5 Hang "Commotion"
- 7-10 Drop off "Are We There Yet?"
- 11 "Commotion Reception"
1:00—4:00 pm
- 12 Hang "Are We There Yet?"
- 15 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Ed Hart: The Business of Art
- 26-30 RFAF Jury

MAY

- 3 NAL Board Meeting
6:15 p.m.
- 12-15 Pick up for "Are We There Yet" and drop off for "Running with Scissors"
- 15-23 American Academy of Art
20 General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Maureen McKee: Oil Pastel
- 24 Hang "Running with Scissors"

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

will meet at Ballydoyle, 5157 Main St., Downers Grove on April 27 at 12:30 pm. Afterward, you can visit any or all of the following local businesses: bead store, yarn shop, gallery, art supplies and more! To RSVP, contact Lela Luetger at 630-357-8902 or splinx@aol.com.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the family of Virginia Ehrhart, Charter Member of the NAL.

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

"ANNE FRANK" REMEMBERED

The Naperville Fine Art Center and Gallery has never seen so much traffic! Well over 1,000 viewers came in to see "Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album" throughout the month of March. People came from near and far to see 70 rarely seen black and white photos of Anne Frank and her family taken by her father Otto before they went into hiding.

Much of our success is due to the participation of our dedicated volunteers. We couldn't have done a show like this without their help and want to sincerely thank everyone who contributed their time and talents:

Peggy and Ron Beata, Maritza Bermudez, Mike Bessler, Rich Bruno, Hedy Dawson, Steve Dingman, Stacey McMurphy Forand, Roy Grundy, Cathy Hoffman, Glen Hoffman, Lucy Hoy, Vaishali Katyarmal, Sue Keller, Zaki Knapen, Barb Lipkin, Lloyd and Maureen McKee, Don Myhan, Carol Nosich, Marilyn Polivka, Alex and Laura Rivas, Debbie Venezia, Eileen Zanders and anyone else who we may have inadvertently omitted.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

"Pastel Realism," an exhibit featuring the work of **Gary Wick** will be on display at the Athens Gallery at the Lemont Public Library, 50 E. Wend St., Lemont from Mar. 5 to Apr. 16.

Frank Lawrence was juried into the Bolingbrook Promenade Art Fair in June 12-13 and will also be exhibiting at Arbor Vitae, 1120 E. Diehl Rd. through May 3. **Jill Lawrence** will be exhibiting at Downers Grove Fine Arts Festival, North Shore Festival Old Orchard and Cantigny Fine Art Festival.

You are invited to "Slicks and Sticks," an exhibit in oil and watercolor by **Gordon and Jacqueline France** at Elmhurst Art Guild Gallery, 150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst from April 18—May 28 with an artists' reception on Fri., April 22, 7:00—9:00 pm. For more info, call 630.279.1009.

Susan Wilson won a 3rd place award for her painting, "Blue Mist In Spring" at the Downers Grove Artists' Guild's March Gallery Show.

Zaki received an award of distinction for his piece, "Steel Man" at the Whimsy Exhibit at Norris Gallery in St. Charles.

"Vibrant Moods: Visions from Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Award Winning Artists" was on display at Schoenherr Gallery, 171 E. Chicago

Ave., Naperville and features the work of NAL members and RFAF winners **Pamela Hart, Robert Koch and Michael McKee**. Through Apr. 9.

Robert Koch was juried into the Norris Gallery's "Watercolor 2010" exhibition with 4 paintings. The show, located at the Dellora A. Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Rd., St. Charles, runs through May 1.

The work of **Jerry Strub** work is now permanently represented by www.artemisiastyle.com.

Marilyn Polivka has been commissioned to illustrate a book of children's poems written by Joyce Harris Thacker entitled "Remember When," published by Publish America.

Donna Nevels' photo, "Sorrow for Our Mothers" was accepted for the "Image Attitude Impression" show at the Union Street Gallery, 1527 Otto Blvd., Chicago Hts. (runs through Apr. 9). For info call 708.754.2601 or go to www.unionstreetgallery.org. She's also displaying her piece, "Ethereal" at the CAC's annual Chicago Art Open show at the River East Arts Center. The preview party is Apr. 20 from 6-9pm (admission will be charged). The opening reception is Sat., Apr. 24 from 12-5, admission is free. Runs through May 7.

ZAKI'S CORNER



Dear Art Lovers:

As you maybe know, my time as Fine Art Director is almost over. Not only will I step down in this function, but I will not be able to fill

another position in the board as I will move to Florida to continue my artistic aspirations. However it was great to have fulfilled this position to my best abilities. And what a better end with the last year excitement. The Anna Frank show was certainly way over our expectations. We strongly believed that it would have a valuable meaning. However, that the flow to our gallery became a steady stream, with visitors out of state, schools, and people who shared emotions of loved ones in the same situation. It made our position as an art center in the community something to be proud of.

I certainly witnessed that the quality of our monthly exhibitions brought new spirits and visions to what art could emphasize, a passion, a view, daring, stunning.

Naperville in all, is different then most places. The Riverwalk Fine Art Fair has through the years left a footprint. Maybe not the cause to other related actions. Such as the Century

Walk, who was prepared to add our gallery with a mural on the outside of the building. Again something to pay attention to our little art community. The statue of Dick Tracy soon to be added on the premises of the Riverwalk by the Century Walk. Dick Tracy's reflections will paint his image on the waters of the river. It will certainly improve the high quality of the Art Fair to outsiders. I'm grateful that some Naperville people have the vision of greatness. A great nation stands behind his art and culture. A difficult position in hard times. But still a place for those with strong beliefs.

The our open competition "Commotion" looks exciting and offers outsiders to discover our art league and its creativity.

Changes are in the make, with your input. That is what the strategic planning is all about. A poll will determine which path we should follow to be strong and alive.

It was an honor to have tried to serve the league in their best interest.

Best regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Zaki Knapen in black ink.

THEMES FOR UPCOMING GALLERY EXHIBITS

May "Running with Scissors"

June "He Does It in Public"

FYI

Art collectors and enthusiasts are in for a rare treat. The first ever festival to showcase African American heritage in art, history, dance, and gospel music is coming to Naperville. Presented by the African American Leadership Roundtable and partially funded by a grant from the City of Naperville, the African American Heritage Festival will take place on April 16-17, 2010 at the Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center on the campus of North Central College, 171 E. Chicago Avenue.

A historic cultural event, this Festival is proud to feature art from the William H. Bigham Galleries, the #1 African Art exhibitor in the western suburbs. On display will be a sampling of items including elegant custom designed jew-

elry; contemporary mixed media oil paintings; African bronze, stone, and wood sculptures; and home accents from Bigham Interiors in the Schoenherr Gallery. The festival kicks off on Friday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. with the grand opening of the art exhibit which is free and open to the public. The exhibit will run from April 16 through May 7, 2010 and will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday to Friday; 10a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday and Saturday; and Noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. To learn more visit www.BIGHAMGALLERIES.com. For all the information on the events of the African American Heritage Festival, be sure to visit, www.napervilleaahf2010.com.

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