



Inspiring passion in the arts

# NEWSLETTER

October 2022

## CALENDAR

### October

- 4 Board Meeting 6:30
- 7-8 Pick up "Anything Goes", drop off "Small Art"
- 28-29 Pick up "Small Art"

### November

- 1 FAD-guest show opens
- 1 Board Meeting 6:30
- 12 FAD-pick up
- 13-14 Holiday show-drop off
- 15-17 HS-set up
- 18 HS-opens, reception 6-8
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving!

### December

- 6 Board Meeting 6:30
- 23 HS ends
- 24-25 Merry Christmas
- 27-29 Clean up after HS

## 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.

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

Keep up with the latest events, classes, artwork & more!

Don't want to maintain your own website?

Set up your artist webpage on our website for **\$25/year**.

Need help? Let us know!

Already on our website? Time to update your photos!

For details call 630.355.2530  
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## PRESIDENT & RFAF NEWS

I want to send out a great thank you to Debbie Venezia for another wonderful RFAF and to all of our wonderful volunteers for their help in making RFAF a huge success this year. We are truly grateful for the amazing members we have.

I am excited to announce that on January 28th, 2023, NAL will collaborate with The Naper Settlement to display a member show. The member's only show will be a juried show and will hang at The Naper Settlement until Mid April. The theme of the show is "Inspiring Curiosity" and the deadline to submit artwork is November 15th. Each member can submit up to 3 pieces and will be notified of acceptance December 15th. An official email will be sent. Also, NAL is a members driven gallery, the board is reaching out to any and all of our members for any ideas or thoughts you may have to enhance the League. Please reach out to myself or send an email.

Thank you,

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President

### Riverwalk Fine Art Fair Recap

The Riverwalk Fine Art Fair (RFAF), NAL's signature event, returned to its full glory this year, much to the delight of the 110 artists and thousands of art fair-goers who welcomed them. Sunshine and seasonal temperatures contributed to the event's success, with participants citing easy setup and great sales as influencing factors. RFAF has earned the elite status of being a well-run, organized show, and over 50 volunteers were on site to ensure the reputation stays intact.

Artists, impressed with the personal attention they received, reported their delight. From the time they arrived, artists received support from helpful NAL representatives that were helpful, efficient, and courteous. Extra amenities like the artists' breakfast and bottled water were mentioned often, and all agreed that RFAF is an artist-focused fair. These elements play a role in the show's placement on Sunshine Artist's Top 100 Best Art Fairs in the Country, and NAL is proud of its ranking and the members that help make it possible.

Thank you to all that donated their time this year. Your service was invaluable and allowed us to maintain our history of integrity. Work has already started on the 2023 RFAF, so please mark your calendar for September 16 & 17 – we would love to have you join us again!

Debbie Venezia  
Director

## BOARD NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

### What is Development?

"Development" is critical to the financial health of the NAL, but what does it mean?

Development basically means continuing to develop a stream of financial resources to keep a non-profit like the Naperville Art League in business. Development funds can be requested and used to support the general operating costs of the Gallery and Studio, or they can support events, or programs, or special opportunities that the league deems appropriate.

Typically, these funds come as a result of grants the NAL submits to various funders. These funders can include local affiliates of larger companies (e.g. Walmart, Costco, Nicor), municipal

and civic organizations, national corporations, and private foundations.

The NAL currently has number of grant submissions pending, with more going in soon. It is an ongoing process that, between research and final decision, can take up to 4-6 months for the larger monetary awards.

The world of development and grantmaking is huge, and there are many resources to tap, so if any members happen to learn of a funding opportunity we may be eligible for, please pass it along.

Thank you.

Jeri Davis, Dir. of Development

**38th Riverwalk Fine  
 Art Fair  
 will be Sept. 16 & 17  
 2023**

The mural on the south side of our building, called *World's Greatest Artists*, is part of Naperville's Century Walk. Informational brochures are available at our Gallery.



**WELCOME NEW  
 MEMBERS IN  
 SEPTEMBER 2022**

- Lisa Kanellos
- Lynne Kornecki
- Suzanne Shafer-Wilson
- Jennifer Smith
- Jeanne Yargicoglu

**CONTACT US!**

If you have information you would like to appear in the NAL Newsletter, please submit via e-mail at [naperartleague@aol.com](mailto:naperartleague@aol.com), call 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.

**“HEROES” - SEPTEMBER MEMBER SHOW**

**Best of Show:** Janet Person-Strack “Brotherhood Symbol”

**Best of Theme:** Mooneen Mourad “Angels Watch Over Us”

**Merit Awards:**

Lauren Finaldi-Green “Autotomous”

Cleo Manuel Krueger “Bamboo: Sustainable Hero”

Laura Lein-Svencner “Painted Pony-Cottonwood”

Margaret Zymali “Scent-imental”

Jennifer Hauser “Up Against the Wall”

**Judge: Steve Sherrell**



**MEMBERS NEWS**

The Naperville Farmer's Market (Fifth Street Station) included the NAL at special Farmers Market festivals this summer. We popped up a tent and exhibited information, art and RFAF posters in July, August and this past Saturday in September.

Those picking up their week's worth of produce stopped by to see what we were all about, viewed our class listings and learned that the Riverwalk Fine Art Fair was organized by us, the Naperville Art League.

Thank you to all the NAL artists that participated by volunteering their time and displaying art!

Photos: NAL Artist Susan Wilson painting Saturday.

A group of us in August, (Lori Tucker, Sylvia Wuensche-Wienands, Jennifer Hauser and Margie Fazio).



## CLASSES, EXHIBITS & EVENT NEWS

Thank you all the volunteers who helped this year's RFAF to be a success. NAL could not do it without you. Thank you!

**Image Transfer Collage Workshop (10/14-15).**



NAL will host a reception for Main & Luxe Magazine on October 6th, 6:30-8:30pm.

The current member exhibit "**Anything Goes**" is up at the gallery until 10/08. "**Small Art**" mem-

ber show will open on 10/11 until 10/29.

The frame sale and supply sale in the classroom now through the holidays (members 50% off)!!! Also, continue to accept/schedule volunteers to help at the desk, especially Saturdays.

November 1 through 12 the Fiber Art Divas will be our guest artists in the Gallery. This annual show is consistently one of the best-attended exhibits each year. The theme of the show is "Elements of Innovation" and an artists challenge is titled "Seasons". Invite your friends to see the show.

**Reminder** don't forget to be working on items for holiday show!!

**Sign up for Holiday Show help:**

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba4af2aa3ff2-holiday2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044ba4af2aa3ff2-holiday2)

Thank you.

## FEATURED TEACHER



**Laura Lein-Svencner** has spent most of her adult years immersed in her personal studies of drawing, printmaking, sculpture, papermaking and collage. As a professional artist, she creates art through a visual expression of moments she captures in her journals. Finding her passion in the medium of paper, Laura co-founded the Midwest Collage Society, an organization designed to provide exhibit opportunities and professional development to its members and actively participates in their exhibits and programs.

Known for her experience and expertise, Laura has become highly respected in the art arena. She has received many awards for her art, most recently in the 27th Annual Juried Exhibit with the National Collage Society. Her work has been published in books and magazines including Watercolor Artist Magazine, Painting in Mixed Media and Incite, Dreams

Realized and Mixed Media Artist and her collages can be found in galleries near and far. Currently Laura teaches her techniques of collage at several locations including the Naperville Art League.



As a natural leader, Laura's students are immediately drawn to her classes and workshops. Individuals interested in learning from her are encouraged to register early as her classes fill up quickly!

### CHECK OUT OUR ONGOING CLASSES!

All Ages / All Skill Levels  
Day & Evening

#### OIL PAINTING/ACRYLIC

Adults: Tuesdays (see calendar for dates)  
6:30—8:30 pm  
3week class \$84

#### OIL PAINTING/ACRYLIC

Adults: Wednesdays (see calendar for dates)  
10:00 am—12:00 pm  
3week class \$84

#### ONGOING OPEN STUDIO

Adults: Wednesdays  
6:30 pm—8:30 pm  
\$5/session—discounts available

#### WATERCOLOR/ACRYLIC

Adults: Thursdays  
11:00 am—1:00 pm all levels  
4-sessions \$120

#### KIDS & TEENS CLASSES

6-17 yrs.: Thursdays  
4:00 pm—5:00 pm  
\$20/class or \$98 for 6 classes

### NAL & NPJ Classes

#### ADULTS

- Photography Classes
- Video Editing Workshop
- Image Transfer Collage Workshop
- Mosaic Pumpkin, Skeleton Workshop

#### CHILDREN

- Drawing Class
- Elements of Arts
- ...and many -many more.

We are constantly adding new adult and children classes. Please check out our website for a class schedule.



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