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Members' Holiday Show & Sale of Art and Artisanry

November 17 - December 28

All Media



December Moon, Audrey Bechler

2007 Membership Campaign

If you have not already, you will be receiving your 2007 NAA Membership Form in the mail.

Please take the time to read the accompanying letter, and then carefully fill out the Membership Form. This will give you the opportunity to sign up for and receive future Call for Entries, Show Announcements and the Sketch Pad via email.

We look forward to receiving your completed 2007 Membership Form soon, and another wonderful year full of NAA shows, receptions, events, classes, workshops, parade trophies, and much much more!

It is hard to believe that receiving for the holiday show is just around the corner. On November 13th, between the hours of 11 am - 7 pm, the staff and volunteers will be busy taking in artwork. This is a non-juried show and is a favorite of our members. Artists may submit two 2-dimensional works at \$10 per piece. Think small and affordable little gems! For this show, maximum size: 18" x 24" (includes frame)

Artists that pre-registered and were assigned space for a \$25 table can bring in their 3-dimensional items that day as well. Please label and inventory items per instructions on the call for entry.

All artwork must be picked-up at the close of the show: Thursday, December 28th, 11-5pm and Friday, December 29th, 11 - 5pm.

It is very important that artists make arrangements with the office if unable to pick up on the scheduled receiving dates. We will be unable to store any works left behind as we will close the gallery for 2 weeks at the end of the show for renovations.

This popular show is traditionally a shopping destination for many of our patrons. It is also a great introduction to our galleries for first time visitors because of Newburyport "Invitation Nights" the first two Friday evenings in December when stores and galleries are open late for shopping. The NAA will be serving up free refreshments and holiday cheer from 6 - 9 p.m. during Invitation Nights!

*Opening Reception:
Friday, December 1st,
7 - 9 pm*

Calendar of Events November - December 2006

NAA's Hours: Mon. - Sat. 11 am - 5 PM, Sun. 1 - 5 PM

Featured Artist Shows

November 6 to November 12
Barbara Barclay
Reception: Friday, November 10

Invitation Nights

Held on the first two Fridays in December, Newburyport invites you to shop and enjoy their hospitality. Free refreshments and holiday cheer.

NAA Special Hours:

Friday, December 1, 6 - 9 PM

Friday, December 8, 6 - 9 PM

Powow River Poets

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery
Wednesday, November 15th: 7:30 pm
No reading in December
Contact: Michael Cantor,
mcantor@prodigy.net

Member Shows

Members' Holiday Show & Sale of Art and Artisanry

November 17 to December 28

All Media

Receiving:

Monday, November 13, 11am - 7pm

Installation:

Tuesday, November 14, 10am - 5pm

Reception:

Friday, December 1, 7 - 9 pm

Pick up Work:

Thursday, December 28, 11am - 5 pm and

Friday, December 29, 11am - 5pm

Critiquing Sessions

Informal Critiquing among fellow NAA members. Bring your artwork and your coffee! Sessions begin at 9:00am

November 6th

December 4th

Interest Workshops

Figure Drawing

Wednesdays: 7 - 9:30 pm

No Instructor

Drop in: \$6 members/\$8 non

Photography Interest Group

2nd Monday of the Month,

7 - 9 pm

Contact: Jay McCarthy, 978-499-9009

Printmaking Group

3rd Tuesday of the month, email for times to stranc@sstranc@comcast.net

Contact: Susan Jaworski-Stranc

Abstract & Experimental Group

2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 - 9 pm

Contact: NAA,

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Upcoming Workshop

"Landscape Painting In Pastel" With Andrew Anderson-Bell

Sunday, November 5th

10 am to 4 pm



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NAA Membership Reminder-

- ◆ NAA membership runs the calendar year - January through December.
- ◆ Renewals are sent in November and are due in January. Extra forms are available in the office.
- ◆ Lapsed members who rejoin late in the year must pay dues in January to continue as a member for the following year.
- ◆ Brand new members that join in the fall are given membership through the following year.
- ◆ Continued membership is one of the criteria to apply for a featured Artist show, so try not to let your membership lapse.

The NAA is a leading center for the visual arts on the North Shore. As part of our mission we are committed to exhibiting and promoting our artist members' work, as well as cultivating unique opportunities.

Winter Class Schedule

Visit our website at www.newburyportart.org
for complete class descriptions

Get Brave! Get Color!
with **Lisa Reinke**
Tuesday Evenings: 7 - 9 PM
January 23 - February 27
Cost: \$130 members \$140 non

Oil Painting for All Levels
with **J.C. Aioldi**.
Wednesdays: 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
January 24 - February 28
Cost: \$135 members/\$145 non

Drawing From Scratch
with **Alan Bull**
Thursday: 10 AM - Noon
January 25 - March 1
Cost: \$130 members \$140 non

Illustrating Children's Books:
the Process
with **Susan Spellman**
Thursday: 6:30 PM - 8 PM
January 25 - March 1
Cost: \$120 members \$130 non

Life Sculpture - High & Low Relief
with **Marilyn Coon**
Thursday: 7:00 PM- 9:30 PM
January 25 - March 1
Cost: \$135 members \$140 non

Botanical Painting
Oils/Acrylic/Watercolor
with **Beverly Mitchell**
Fridays: 9:30 AM - Noon
January 26 - March 2
Cost: \$140 members/\$150 non

Watercolor with Bill Duke
Saturdays: 9:00 AM -1:00 PM
January 21 - February 24
Cost: \$180 members/\$190 non

Introduction to Printmaking
with **Barbara Nachmias-Kedesdy**
Thursdays: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
January 25 - February 15, 4 Weeks
Cost: \$90 members/non

Teen/Children's Series

Children's Drawing & Painting
with **Beverly Mitchell**
Wednesday: 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Ages 7 to 14 years
January 24 - February 28, 6 Weeks
Cost: \$95 members/ non



Registration for Continuing Students
will be held **November 1 & 2, 2006.**
Open Registration will be November 3,
2006 and will close the second week
in December.

Workshops

"Landscape Painting In Pastel"
With **Andrew Anderson-Bell**
Sunday, November 5th 10 AM to 4 PM
Cost: \$70 members/ \$75 non

Tuscany Painting Adventure
with **Kevin Shea**
September 21 - October 6, 2007

Kudos!

Robert Pyle's photograph *Chapel, Abbaye du Thoronet, Provence 1997* was selected for purchase for the collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, by Anne Wilkes Tucker, Curator of Photography.

Judith Monteferrante was awarded the Salmagundi Club's Harry Ballinger Memorial Award for her outstanding work "Snake River, Jackson Hole" in its Annual Graphics & Sculpture Exhibition on September 13th, 2006.

We welcome all NAA Members to submit their accomplishments: Awards, Scholarships, Juried Show Acceptances, Publication of Art and Invitations into Juried Societies or Art Organizations.

MEET YOUR NAA BOARD

Earlier this year Susan Hebenstreit joined our board of directors and quickly signed up to serve on our new Exhibition Committee, which includes Robert Pyle, Carol Reynolds and Ellen Skyler-Abbott.



In addition to being a long-time NAA member, Susan brings a wealth of experience to the NAA's board as she served as a Trustee for the Merrimac Library from 2000 - 2006 for the town of Merrimac, MA, and is active in the John Greenleaf Whittier Association.

We know many of you are familiar with Susan's work, her infectious laugh and energy, as well as her participation in the "Women in the Wild" painting group, but did you know Susan worked for Hewlett-Packard as a graphic designer, plus owned a stained glass studio?

It is also worth noting that Susan has studied with a variety of New England artists over the years, with a focus on watercolor and oil painting for which she has won numerous awards.

The NAA's Board of Directors is thrilled to have Susan on board!

2006 Annual Members' Fall Juried Show a Tremendous Success!

Over 100 artists, guests and patrons gathered at this year's Members' Fall Juried Show reception to view the 141 works selected by juror Susan Erony, applaud the show's award recipients and sample the wonderful fall spread put on by our reception committee. 302 entries from 193 artists were submitted for this year's show, which ran from September 22nd - October 22nd, with a dozen pieces sold and \$500 in awards handed out to nine artists. The Best of Show Award went to



The Mary Alice Arakelian Memorial Award for Best of Show was awarded to Sara Demrow-Dent (far right, above) of West Newbury for her oil, "Peony Journal Series II". She is joined by Kristin McDonald, Robin Cleveland, NAA Executive Director, Dean Wills and NAA Marketing Coordinator, Amy Conly

West Newbury's Sara Demrow-Dent for her work titled "Peony Journal Series II".

The show's juror, Susan Erony, Executive Director of seArts, comments about the show included, "I was impressed with the quality of the entries and the variety of approach. It is clear that the NAA is inclusive of non-traditional work, a situation that is not so common. I truly enjoyed the technical competence of much of the work - the serious engagements of so many artists with their materials. Though the exhibition contains a wide range of work, I hope that the level of quality will bridge differences in approach and point of view."



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Susan Erony,
September 23, 2006

Award winners were treated to a full house at the Opening Reception, (left) on September 23rd.

The NAA would like to thank Mike Strem, and Strem Chemicals, Inc. for their generous support of this show, and all of the members who volunteered to receive, assist the juror, hang and sit the show.



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Young Artists Need Your Help!

We are calling on all NAA artist members to help with contributions for our education outreach program, ArtLink. The Newburyport public school's art teachers are looking for working 35mm cameras for their photography classes, as well as 8x10, 9x12 and 16x20 plexi-cube picture frames for their student's work. If you have a camera or picture frames to donate, please call the NAA Gallery office at 978.465.8769.

Together, we can grow the arts!



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Notes From the Director



I can't believe it has been one year since I came on board as the executive director of your art association. Thanks to a committed board and dedicated staff who helped me get up to speed on everything NAA, I am confident in saying we have made significant strides during the past 12 months to better serve your membership needs while meeting and fulfilling our mission.

One of the primary needs I have heard from you, the member, has been related to space. Whether it is the number of pieces we can hang in a juried or open show, the amount of shows we can hold in one calendar year, or the size and number of classes, workshops and interest groups we are able to accommodate, it all comes down to the issue of "space".

Over the past year the board and staff has worked hard to improve and maximize our existing gallery space, as well as explore local exhibition and class/workshop space opportunities, and they have been doing a superb job at it! The results of their efforts have helped identify some exciting opportunities, and I am happy to report that we have entered the discussion phase with a select few local businesses and organizations regarding the collaborative use of their space.

I look forward to sharing any and all news with you as these opportunities materialize. Until then, thank you very much for all your help and support this past year. It is an absolute pleasure to work with and for you.

Kindest regards,

Dean A. Wills
Executive Director

Sensations for the Seasons 2007 Exhibitions

The Newburyport Art Association is pleased to announce its schedule of exhibitions for 2007. The first set of exhibitions, titled "A Blizzard of Art," is juried and will come in three parts - ice, snow, and sleet - to go along with the weather. This three-part exhibition replaces the traditional two-part Winter I and Winter II exhibitions.

And to shake things up more, these exhibitions will be open to all media. But to provide better opportunities for all of our members to participate in a juried exhibition this winter, this three-part exhibition will be divided up by members' last names. These shows are scheduled for January 12 to April 1, 2007. So watch carefully for the Call for Entry for these "Blizzard of Art" exhibitions.

The first open show, scheduled for April 27 to May 20, has a literary theme (tentatively titled "Painted Word") to coincide with the Newburyport-wide Literary Arts Festival, scheduled to occur on April 27, 2007.

NAA is excited to be celebrating its 10th Anniversary Regional Juried Art Show from May 25 to June 17, 2007. This show has grown every year to become one of the most successful juried exhibitions for our organization and the greater North of Boston region.

The NAA Fine Art Auction gala is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2007, from 7 pm to 9 pm. The auction committee is hard at work developing ideas for NAA's premier fund-raising event, so mark your calendar and plan on attending and bidding high.

The 10th Annual Photography & Sculpture Juried Show, scheduled for August 24 to September 16, will be expanded this year to include such additional media as Fine Crafts, Mixed Media, and Printmaking, as well as Photography and Sculpture. This is tentative; so stay tuned for more details to follow.

The Fall Members' Juried Show is scheduled for September 21 to October 14, 2007. The media for this show are tentatively Painting, Drawing, Watercolors, etc. Our aim is to divide the media of these Fall Shows into a more equal distribution of membership media to provide better opportunities for members to participate in a juried show.

The Fall Open show is titled "Pigment of the Imagination," so start thinking about creating work with this theme of imagination, whimsies, and fantasy. This exhibition is scheduled for October 19 to November 11, 2007, to coincide with Halloween.

NAA's premier Holiday Show is scheduled for November 16 to December 27, with a tentative title of "Sleighs of Gifts." This will be your chance to display and sell your artwork and gifts for the end-of-year holidays.

More details of these exhibitions will be provided in future issues of the Sketch Pad and on the NAA's web site, so stay tuned for an exciting year of art at the Newburyport Art Association.

Bob Pyle, Exhibitions Chairman
Carol Reynolds, Gallery Director
& The NAA Exhibition
Committee

Thank You Andrea!

After six years our valuable gallery associate, Andrea Alukonis, recently announced that she has put her house on the block, and will be leaving Newburyport to join her daughter and son-in-law in a new "equestrian venture" in New Hampshire.



Although she fully intends to remain an active member of the NAA, Andrea's move will make her daily commute to the NAA impossible. So it was with great sadness that we accepted her resignation.

We realize that many, if not all of you have had the chance to meet and/or sit the gallery with Andrea. If you never did, then you missed her wonderful knowledge of the arts, engaging manner, dedication to the NAA, and special relationship with many of our patrons.

Thank you Andrea! We will miss you and wish you nothing but the best in your new venture and town.

Outstanding Volunteer

Jeannie is the kind of volunteer every organization dreams about. When asked to help with the Yankee Homecoming Float she said she would give as much time as her schedule would allow. By the time the float was completed, not only had she contributed to the parade float concept, she had provided materials, cut foam core, constructed frames AND walked in the parade as the Mona Lisa that she painted.

Thank you Jeannie!

Jeannie Dunnigan works in a multiple of mediums and a wide range of subject matter.



Jeannie Dunnigan with her painting "Indulge"

OpArt at the Firehouse

Due to popular demand, and a generous collaborative effort with the Firehouse Center for the Arts, OpArt's "Power of Color" 2006 Show was on exhibit from August 30th through October 31st in both the 1st and 2nd floor galleries of the Firehouse.

This current edition of the "Power of Color" 2006 featured over 70 pieces created by the eight OpArt artists. And, a well attended reception was put on and co-hosted by our OpArt Program director, Monica Welsh, and her OpArt volunteer team of Richard Johnson and Alex Richard. Also hosting the reception was Greg Smith, the Firehouse's new executive director.

Thanks to Monica's, Richard's and Alex's continued commitment to this important NAA outreach program, and the generous support of the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, OpArt's amazing artists have been given the tools and instruction to create exciting paintings and mixed media pieces and to sell them.

Since OpArt evolved in 2005, the OpArt artists have sold over \$2,300 worth of works and have earned over \$1,800 in commissions with the balance being rolled back into the program.

In addition to the excitement caused by OpArt's "Power of Color" 2006 being exhibited at the Firehouse, news was received during the show that the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank would provide the funding for continued support and further development of our OpArt program!

Thank you Monica, Richard and Alex for all of your time and energy. Thank you Greg Smith and Firehouse staff for hanging and hosting this show. And, thank you Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank for giving the OpArt artists the chance to learn, grow and shine!

OpArt is an NAA outreach program in collaboration with Opportunity Works. This program has realized great growth and success this year for the artists. We have grown into a weekly art class with eight artists on-site at Opportunity Works. We are looking for NAA members to help with these important classes. Class time spent with the artists is fun and quite satisfying. If you are looking for a great feel-good experience volunteering with us please contact Monica Welsh at 978.463.3392 or you can call the NAA's volunteer coordinator. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Board Meetings – are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

Submissions to the Sketch Pad – Email to: naa@newburyportart.org. Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month, for the following month's issue.

NAA Mission Statement – The NAA is a community of artists devoted to supporting, encouraging and motivating all artists. Our mission is to provide: Education in the visual arts for both children and adults, in-house and outreach programs to enhance awareness and appreciation of the Arts, promotion of artists through exhibition and media exposure, financial security for our historical association and a building which serves as a place for local artists to promote their art in a community setting.

Gift Shop

Call for Art & Fine Crafts -

The Gift Shop is stocking for the Holidays!

We invite artists to bring in 3-5 pieces to be considered for the gift shop. Items will be reviewed on an ongoing basis leading up to the Holidays. As always, seasonal cards, original ornaments and other fine crafts are desired. Also of interest are small (8"x 10") gift paintings.

Gift Shop Review forms will be available for itemizing and pricing upon work being submitted.

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Annual Appeal Up-date

Thanks to the many gifts we have received since the last issue of the Sketch Pad, we are almost three-quarters of the way to our goal of raising \$25,000 for our 2006 Annual Appeal!

For those of you who have not had a chance to give a gift yet, there is still time as we are receiving gifts for the 2006 Annual Appeal through the end of December. Any amount you can give is greatly appreciated as it helps with the day to day operation and up-keep of your art association.

If you lost the Reply Form and Return Envelope mailed out in June, don't worry, all you need to do is:

- ◆ Make your check out to the NAA.
- ◆ Note on the check "2006 Annual Appeal"
- ◆ Send it to 65 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 attention Annual Appeal.
- ◆ Or, if you prefer to put your gift on your Visa or Master Card, you may either call us, or stop by the office and speak with any of the staff members.

Again, a big thank you goes out to all of you who have given, or intend to give to our 2006 Annual Appeal.

Special Thanks-

Special Thanks to Arrowhead Farm in Newburyport for supplying us with pumpkins for our Pumpkin Carving Workshop. They were displayed that evening during our ABRACADABRA Reception on October 28th

