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Save the Date - June 23rd For an "Artful Feast"...

The NAA's 6th Annual Art Auction will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, and this year's Auction Committee has been hard at work planning a spectacular and special event for 2007.

Our 2007 Art Auction has been titled an "Artful Feast", which is quite appropriate as it will not only feature an impressive selection of 100 pieces of artwork, plus a few surprise non-art items, up for bid, but also a fabulous menu of fine food and unique wines.

The Art Auction is your art association's primary fundraiser for 2007, so save the date, plan to attend and please spread the word. We are looking forward to a very festive and successful Artful Feast!

Application Time for NAA's 2007 High School Scholarships

Thanks to the generous support of the Hemphill Family Foundation and the Ruthanne Artbeit Family, the NAA will be awarding a total of \$2,900 in scholarships to four local high school graduates.

There will be two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 and \$500 awarded to two Newburyport High School graduates, one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 awarded to an Amesbury High School graduate and one scholarship in the amount of \$400 awarded to a Triton Regional High School graduate.

If you know a senior attending one of these high schools who is off to college next year to pursue a degree in the visual arts, please encourage them to contact their art teacher or guidance office and pick up an NAA High School Scholarship application!



During the last weekend of April, Newburyport will celebrate "the written word" by hosting the 2nd Annual Literary Festival; in conjunction, The Newburyport Art Association opens an exhibition interpreting the written word in all visual media. NAA's artist members are challenged to Paint, photograph, sculpt, draw, print, or craft a work of art inspired by a piece of published literature. The artwork can communicate without illustrating, it may be an abstraction.

The published selection must be a line or a phrase from one of the following: The Classics, Mystery, Science Fiction, Poetry, or Children's Literature. Submissions must be titled with the phrase or sentence, including the book and the author. This will be printed as the gallery label. Please note that the Gallery Director has the curatorial discretion on content- *No profanity please.*

Receiving will be Monday, April 23rd, 11-7 pm. Artist members may submit One piece with a \$10 entry fee. The maximum size is 40"wide x 60" High. This measurement includes the frame (standard NAA framing requirements apply.) All artwork must be for sale. Pick-up work May 20th, 1-5 pm and May 21st, 11-5 pm.

The reception will be held on Saturday, April, 28th, 7-9pm. We hold great expectations for "The Painted Word" an exhibition of literature and fine art.

The 10th Annual Regional Juried Art Show May 25th - June 17th

2007 is a milestone for NAA and the show that has grown from a local art competition to a regional juried Exhibition. Open to members and non-members that attracts artists from the North Shore and beyond the region, 2006 brought more than 366 entries and every year the art surpasses in number and the level of competition.

To celebrate this special year NAA plans an exhibition and reception to remember. \$2000 in awards will be presented at the opening reception on Saturday, May 26th from 7-9pm. Receiving of the artwork will be Monday, May 21st, 11 - 7pm.

Artists may submit 2 works - in any media: \$12/piece for members, \$15/piece for non-members. The maximum size is 40"wide x 60"high. This measurement includes the frame and framing requirements apply. All artwork must be for sale.

Come experience the 10th Annual Regional Juried Art Show and you will see a selection of art in NAA's beautiful galleries that represent the finest artists in the area. Many thanks to the H. Patterson Hale, Jr. Charitable Foundation for their generous support.

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NAA Summer Gallery Hours: Monday - Saturday, 11-5 pm and Sunday, 1-5 pm (Beginning April 1st)

Calendar of Events April - June 2007

NAA's Hours: Monday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm, Sundays 1 - 5 pm

Featured Artist Series

April 5 to April 11
James Sandman
Media: Photography
Reception: Saturday, April 7, 7-9 pm

April 12 to April 18
Andrew Anderson-Bell
& Gordon Przybyla
Media: Figurative-Photography,
Drawing, & Paints
Reception: Friday, April 13, 7-9 pm

April 19 to April 25
Lee Rowan
Media: Oil & Pastel
Reception: Friday, April 20, 7-9 pm

April 26 to May 2
Margette Leanna
Media: Acrylic
Reception: Friday, April 27, 7-9 pm

May 3 to May 9
San Skemp Crandall
Media: Oil
Reception: Friday, May 4, 7-9 pm

May 10 to May 19
Janet MacLeod & Susan Sanford
Media: Oil & Pastel
Reception: Friday, May 11, 7-9 pm

June 25 to July 4
Pam Giarrantana
Media: Oil
Reception: Friday, June 26, 7-9 pm

Informal Critique Sessions

Need some constructive criticism before you finish that painting? Come to an informal critique among friends. New members are welcome. This is a great way to meet other artists. Critique sessions meet on Monday's at 9 am

April 16
May 14
June 11

Lecture Series

The Edward Hopper Lecture
By Gershin Weisenburg
May 12th @ 2 pm
Newburyport Public Library

Member Shows

Painted Word (literary theme)
April 27 to May 20 All Media
Receiving: Mon., April 23, 11am- 7pm
Reception: Sat., April 28, 7 - 9 pm
Pick up Work: Sun., May 20, 1 - 5 pm and
Mon., May 21, 11am - 5 pm

**10th Anniversary Regional
Juried Art Show**
May 25 to June 17 All Media
Receiving: Mon., May 21, 11am - 7pm
Reception: Sat., May 26, 7 - 9 pm
Pick up Work not accepted:
Fri., May 25, 11am - 5 pm and Sat., May 26,
11am - 5 pm
Pick up Work accepted:
Sun., June 17, 1 - 5 pm and Mon., June 18,
11am - 5 pm

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NAA Art Auction

An Artful Feast
June 23
All Media
Preview: Sat., June 23, 5 - 7 pm
Auction: Sat., June 23, 7 - 9 pm
Pick up Work not sold:
Mon., June 25, 12 - 5 pm and Tues.,
June 26, 12 - 5pm

 INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS

Powow River Poets

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery
Contact: Michael Cantor,
mcantor@prodigy.net
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm
April 18th
May 9th
May 20th NAA Contest
Awards Day Reading
June 20th

Art Walk

Saturdays from 3 - 7 pm
April 28th
May 26th
July 21st

Interest Groups

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, 978-465-8769

NAA's New "Wings Exhibitions"

The Wings Program is a collaboration between local businesses and the Newburyport Art Association to offer artist members the opportunity to display their artwork beyond the NAA Galleries.

Currently, the Gallery Director refers the participating businesses to the links on our website and then if requested, provides art samples or portfolios of that artist's artwork for review. Once the artist(s) are selected, NAA schedules the show, offers supporting services, handles all sales, and oversees artist payment. NAA takes a 20% commission. The opportunity to exhibit outside a gallery opens visibility to a new audience and brings art into the community.

This program is just beginning and we are seeking a volunteer program director to coordinate these exhibits. This representative of the Art Association will be the liaison between the business and the artist. Applicants who have experience with promotion and hanging shows will be considered. Interested members can apply by emailing Carol Reynolds at creynolds@newburyportart.org.

April Wing's Exhibition-

Jeanette Steele Esposito
Chase & Lunt Insurance,
State Street, Newburyport, MA



Spring/Summer Education

Landscape Painting In Pastel w/ Andrew Anderson-Bell
Sunday, April 15th 10 AM to 4 PM

Real Fish Printmaking w/Gail Boucher
May 6th 9 AM - Noon

Plein Air Painting in Oils w/ Kevin Shea
4 - day workshop
June 25 - 28th 9 AM - 4 PM

**Taking Better Photos of Friends & Family
w/ Pearl Racette**
Monday Evenings: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
April 23 - June 4 (no class Memorial Day)

Plein Air Painting w/ Kevin Shea
Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
April 10 - May 29

Art Exploration for Teens w/ Sharon Price
Tuesday: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Ages 12 - 17 years
April 10 - May 29

To register contact Lully Schwartz; lschwartz@newburyportart.org

Kudos!

Paul Wainwright's photograph, *Box Pews, Danville Meeting House*, has been accepted into the San Diego Art Association's 49th International Awards Exhibition, juried by Dr. Norman Bryson, Professor of Art History at UC Berkeley. This photograph is from Paul's series *Colonial Meeting Houses of New England*. The show is at the San Diego Art Institute's Museum of the Living Artist in Balboa Park, San Diego



Robert Pyle was recently invited to join the Copley Society of art on Newbury Street in Boston after a juried application process. He exhibited two of his photographs in the New Members' Show 2007. His photograph "Downpatrick Head, County Mayo, Ireland," won First Prize at the Brush Art Gallery's Photo 2006 Black & White Classic Juried Photography Show.

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. We regret that Kudos is not a column to advertise art exhibits. Several artists will be highlighted every issue. Congratulations to all of our artists.

NAA REMINDERS...

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL- If you haven't already, **PLEASE RENEW** your NAA Membership for 2007.

LATE PICK-UPS- Thank you for picking up your artwork on time! The staff appreciates your cooperation. Remember, if you cannot pick-up your work on the pick-up date- avoid paying the \$20 late fee by making arrangements ahead of time if you have extenuating circumstances.

HAVE A QUESTION? Please read the call for entries, the Sketch Pad, and the website for information first, then call the gallery staff if you still have questions.

MEET YOUR NEW NAA BOARD PRESIDENT

The vote at the 2007 NAA Annual Awards Banquet & Meeting was unanimous... your new President of the Board of Directors is Monica Welsh!



For those NAA members who have not met Monica yet, she is from San Francisco where she attended the Academy of Art and the University of San Francisco. Upon completion of her studies she became a freelance designer for a number of west coast companies including Galoob Toys and Sego, and then a Senior Designer at the ad agency Goodby, Silverstein & Partners working for such clients as Nike, "Got Milk", The Wallstreet Journal, Bell Helmets and Adobe among others.

Many of Monica's projects received Clio awards and were featured in Creative Arts magazine.

Monica joined the NAA shortly after moving to Newburyport, founded and became the volunteer director of OpArt (our wonderful art outreach program offered to Opportunity Works associates), and was elected to the board of directors in 2004 where she has served on various committees.

In addition to her volunteer time at the NAA, Monica continues working as a freelance designer specializing in print advertising and commercial animation, participates weekly in a local knitting group, is a "Cheer Mom" for her daughter Molly, and enjoys the local arts scene with her husband Sean, who is a partner and creative director for an advertising agency in Cambridge.

Around the Gallery

Gallery Photos by Christian Anderson



NAA's freshly painted galleries.



The NAA Annual Awards Banquet & Meeting brought old members, new members and Board Members together for a fun and informative evening. Door prize drawing winners were Rhina Espaillat who received one free class, and Margette Leanna who won a free membership!

Youth Art News

The NAA is pleased to have three students from Amesbury, Newburyport & Triton Regional High School's participating in the intern program. Area Jr. & High School students are also enjoying NAA art class scholarships in sculpture, book illustration and art exploration for teens. Youth Artists may contact the office if they wish to apply for an NAA art class scholarship.

On Saturday, March 3, 2007, NAA's Artlink sponsored an art studio tour for teens in conjunction with the teaching exhibition "Working Art". On February 8th, our Young Budding Artist Show opened featuring the youngest artist ages 6 - 10. The 9th Budding Artist Show will feature art by area middle & high school students opening on April 6th. Congratulations to all youth artist who participated. Great Art!

Art Link is the Newburyport Art Association's ongoing community outreach "art enrichment" program working in cooperation with the region's public school system to promote the arts through: exhibitions for children grades 1-12, artist mentoring, after school art classes, scholarships, art supplies, and informational events.

* The Artlink program is made possible by the generous support of the Rogers Family Foundation, Hemphill Family Foundation, The Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank, T.D. Banknorth Charitable Foundation and the support of our membership.



In the Gallery

The Winter Juried Show became a 3-part show this year in order to provide our growing membership the opportunity to be selected into a juried exhibit, giving us the ability to display more work. We called it "The Blizzard of Art" in the hopes that there would be an onslaught of artwork at the gallery. 344 pieces of art were selected in the overall exhibit and over \$1000 in prizes were awarded.

The Sargent and Hartson Galleries provide wall space for a maximum of 110-120 works depending on size, and that can limit what a juror can accept; often having to put aside works that otherwise would be selected. By splitting the show into three parts we increased the number of works that could be shown by that same amount.

There were new members, new talent, and new experiences as this was the first juried show for some. Visitors to the gallery commented on both the quality of the artwork as well as the diversity. The juror, Mary Harding, of The George Marshall Store Gallery in York, ME made broad choices. She appreciated a range of media, a variety of styles and palettes. NAA had the benefit of her consistency by having her jury all three shows. She shared her knowledge with the volunteers. She was most impressed by the artists who saw their subject from a different perspective and was most critical of the use of colored mats and distracting frames.

Over all, the Blizzard of Art- all three parts, was a big success. Please visit the NAA website to view images of all the award winners. Congratulations!

Carol Reynolds
NAA Gallery Director

NAA Gift Shop News

The gift shop is in transition with a new crew of volunteers; selecting merchandise, logging in the work, labeling and recording price, as well as displaying our members fine art and crafts. If you would like to have your work considered for inclusion in the gift shop, the next review will be: May 9th. Please bring in your work between Saturday, April 28th and Tuesday, May 8th.

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Executive Director Notes



It goes without saying that 2007 has gotten off to a quick start at the NAA! Besides keeping up with our action packed show schedule the past 3 months, your staff, board and many volunteers have also been working on a number of key projects and initiatives.

Gallery & Office Makeover

If you have not stopped in to see the transformation that took place during our annual winter shut down yet, then you are for a surprise! The galleries have been freshly painted and the office got a long overdue makeover. A big heart-felt "thank you" goes out to all of the volunteers who gave hundreds of hours to accomplish one of our biggest NAA all-volunteer projects to date.

Annual Awards Banquet & Meeting

On January 16th over 55 members came to the NAA for our first Annual Awards Banquet, a new addition to our Annual Meeting. This year's award recipients honored at the banquet were: Gordon Przybyla, Lifetime Membership Award for his years of service. Connie Rossetti and Lisa Victoria received Outstanding Service Awards for their contributions as volunteers. Carol Reynolds was awarded an Outstanding Service Award for her work as our Gallery Director. And an Honorary Member Award was given to Mary Francis, director of the Hemphill Family Foundation, for her valuable, unsolicited support of our community outreach programs.

Thanks to everyone who brought delicious side dishes and deserts, and the main courses provided by the Starboard Galley, our first awards banquet was a huge success!

"Friends of the NAA" Campaign Launches in May

A Membership Committee has been formed to grow our non-artist memberships. This new member campaign - titled "Friends of the NAA" - is very important to our mission and growth as it will encourage existing patrons to become active members, attract new patrons, and create a new source of volunteers.

The "Friends of the NAA" campaign will launch the first week of May, and you can help! If you know a family member, friend or neighbor who enjoys the visual arts, we encourage you to introduce them to the NAA.

Thank you all for such a tremendous start to 2007 - your hard work has been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to working with everyone (our new members included) to maintain our positive momentum, and keep the NAA at the forefront of the visual arts in our great community.

Kindest regards,

Dean A. Wills
NAA Executive Director

NAA Education

Thanks to the growing support from NAA members, students and *area businesses, the Art Association is becoming known as the “center for visual arts education” in the greater Newburyport area. Artists and students are able to explore new mediums through classes like *Get Brave! Get Color!* Or continue studies in standards like “Plein Air Painting” and “Drawing from Scratch.”

The public viewed our first annual Faculty Show which highlighted 16 of our talented faculty members and their art. The exhibition was met with rave reviews- students were inspired to continue on with their courses and visitors were encouraged



Faculty Show 2007

to join one of the many classes offered at the NAA. Art studio classes are offered for artists of all levels in the NAA’s Hartson Gallery. Learn more about classes and workshops offered through the NAA at www.newburyportart.org.

The galleries new look with taupe and cream colored walls has been well received. Thank you to the painting crews that worked hundreds of hours in 9 days to paint the 3 galleries. Also, if you haven't noticed, the staff is no longer confined to an office for two. The expansion of the space created efficient work stations for each of the staff. A special thank you to NAA members who helped and Board Members who were the backbone of this project: Skip Motes, Mindy Moore, Jeff Patulak, Helen Powell, John Raleigh, Al Moskowitz, Susan Spellman and husband Jay McGovern, Nancy Powers, Monica Welsh, Herb Crooks, Lisa Reinke, Laura Roberts, Richard Johnson, Marilyn Coon, Jan Roy, Robert Streeter, Linda Siwak and more...



DID YOU KNOW?

Your NAA Then...

Did you know that 10 years ago the NAA had 180 members, hosted a handful of shows each year in two galleries, offered a few classes, ran a very small gift shop, and had an annual operating budget of just over \$27,000 - all managed by a volunteer staff made up of exhibiting artist and board members?

And Now...

Today your art association:

- ◆ has over 800 active members
- ◆ organizes, promotes and hosts almost 45 juried, open, special interest and Featured Artist shows a year
- ◆ offers and manages a robust year-round class schedule
- ◆ runs two growing community outreach programs (ArtLink & OpArt)
- ◆ operates and manages three galleries, and expanded gift shop.

This commitment to serving our members and community while maintaining our wonderful building now requires 1 full-time and 4 part-time employees, a dedicated 16 member board, plus thousand of volunteers hours and an annual operating budget of over \$200,000.

Here is a quick overview of where our income comes from and what our operating costs are today:

Today's NAA Income:

- ◆ 23% Membership Dues
- ◆ 21% Show Fees & Sales
- ◆ 20% Annual Appeal
- ◆ 14% Education Class Fees
- ◆ 9% Annual Art Auction
- ◆ 7% Foundation Funding for Outreach Programs
- ◆ 6% Other Sources

Today's NAA Operating Costs:

- ◆ 49% Staff
- ◆ 13% Administrative Expenses
- ◆ 11% Education Programs
- ◆ 10% Show Expenses
- ◆ 9% Building Operation & Up-keep
- ◆ 4% Fundraising Initiatives
- ◆ 2% Outreach Program Expenses
- ◆ 2% Annual Auction Expenses

The Sketch Pad

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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.

A Special Thank You...

A special thank you to Helen Powell, Mindy Moore & Bob Currier. With the election of new officers to the NAA'S Board of Directors in January came the "stepping down" of officers who have finished their terms. And, stepping down from the helm of the NAA, were our Co-Presidents Helen Powell and Mindy Moore, and Vice President Bob Currier.

During their terms in office these dedicated NAA members volunteered hundreds of hours on committees, as well as in the galleries and kitchen overseeing the continued growth and health of our association. We were fortunate to have these three wonderful individuals serve as leaders of the NAA over the past few years, and will continue to benefit from their leadership as they are now serving on the board as directors, as well as heading up a number of committees.

When you see, Helen, Mindy or Bob, please take a minute to thank them.

NAA Business Partners

Corporate Gold Circle (gifts of \$25,000+)
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NAA Photo Interest Group Takes Flight with 2007 Eagle Festival

As a part of the NAA's commitment to fulfill our mission of exhibiting and promotion our members' work, our Photo Interest Group held a show at Historic New England's Spencer-Pierce-Little Farm on February 17th & 18th as part of the 2007 Merrimack River Eagle Festival.



The show, "Wonders of Wildlife", featured an excellent exhibit of wildlife photography by members Dianne DeLucia, Eva Timothy, Alan Ward, Bill McAdams, Pat Bashford, Will Tangorra, Paula Renda and Paul Mozell. And, by all accounts the show was well attended and hailed as a great opportunity by the participating NAA members.

We want to thank our Photo Interest Group's leader Jay McCarthy for organizing this show, Bethany Groff the executive director at Historic New England's S-PL Farm for the wonderful exhibition space and staff support, and Melissa Vokey from the Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center and the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge for the invitation to be a part of this wonderful festival.