



MARCH-APRIL 2013

Newsletter

President's Message

Lee Chalmer, President

During the past months since NFAL's Annual General Meeting in September, several changes have taken place. In particular, our new web site is now available and easily accessible. Current events are listed monthly and the galleries are available to all members. If you haven't already created your own gallery web page, please take advantage of this great opportunity and do so.

In addition to the gallery, NFAL's newsletters are online giving members a complete picture of current events and activities.

The executive along with several members are working hard to keep NFAL vibrant, moving forward and inviting to new members as well as our current membership.

Historical Material Needed

This April NFAL has been invited by the City of Ottawa to help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ben Franklin Place with a display of NFAL's history. Our archivist has been keeping a history of NFAL, but there are some early blank years. If you can help fill in the blanks, please send anything you might have to me at president@nepeanfinearts.com.

50th Anniversary

In 2014, NFAL will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. The executive is planning to create a book to mark this milestone. If you are a longtime member we would love to share your stories. Please send any thoughts, ideas and information to me at president@nepeanfinearts.com or Beth Shepherd at secretary@nepeanfinearts.com.

Spring Sale

This year, the annual Spring Sale will be held April 5-7. The organizing committee is working very hard to make this happen. This event is for you, our membership. Please support it and, even if you are not participating, help to make it a success any way you can.

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Secretary's Report

Beth Shepherd, Secretary

We are forming a nominating committee who will be tasked with recruiting a slate of candidates for NFAL Executive positions.

In accordance with our bylaws, we are forming a nominating committee who will be tasked with recruiting a slate of candidates for the NFAL Executive positions of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President.

We are also looking for someone to coordinate the celebrations for NFAL's 50th Anniversary. If you would like to be part of the nominating committee, or to be considered as a candidate for these leadership roles, please contact Beth Shepherd at secretary@nepeanfinearts.com.

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nepean Sportsplex on **Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** As a result of changes made to our program, the Executive will be presenting changes to the membership for approval at that time.

Membership Report

Carolyn Williams, Membership

NFAL now has 150 Members as of February 2013 and a few new very skilled volunteers!! I would like to announce our newest members who have joined since our last newsletter!!

- Ivano Cargnello
- Catherine Schissel
- Eman Husseini
- Danielle Caron
- Linda Loder
- Sue Shuker
- Joe Aragona
- Jane Cass
- Lesley Cameron
- Jen Daigle
- Trevor Shaw
- Rolph Storto

E-mail is the primary way that we contact you so ensure we have your correct e-mail address.

If any of your contact information changes, please let me know at membership@nepeanfinearts.com.

Name tags for new members will be available at the Spring Sale registration desk. If you have lost your name tag, replacements are available at a cost of \$6 each. Contact me to reorder at membership@nepeanfinearts.com.

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**The web site is your
first source of
information about
NFAL.**

Web Site Report

Diane Genier, Web Site Coordinator

Our new web site is complete, with the exception of some archival materials to be moved over from the old web site. On the web site, you will also find photos of past events and photos of the NFAL Gallery.

Please visit the web site at www.nepeanfinearts.com to keep up to date on NFAL activities. The Members' Area/News page is intended to be your first source of information about NFAL.

Consider using the online gallery to display your work (see the web site for more information).

Penny Perrotta is the newest member to join our online gallery. She found it easy to use: "Once I got the hang of it, it was easy as pie — not hard at all."

Visit Penny's new gallery on our web site at <http://nepeanfinearts.com/penny-perrotta/>.

As always, you may access the members' area using "nepean" as the user name and "nepean" as the password.

Gallery Report

Beth Shepherd, NFAL Gallery

The **NFAL Gallery** is located at the Walter Baker Sport Centre (Barrhaven), 2nd floor, 100 Malvern Drive, Ottawa ON, K2J 2G5. The space is provided by the City of Ottawa as part of its art program to help artists of all levels.

We had 17 artists exhibit in the January-February show:

- Dhanashri Bapat
- Jane Cass
- Kat McClure
- Penny Perrotta
- Olga Radushkevich
- Brian Seed
- Roz Tabachnick
- Mark Tushingam
- Carolyn Williams.
- Gail Brooker
- Diane Genier
- Erin Meester
- Galina Ponomarenko
- Monika Seidenbusch
- Beth Shepherd
- Amie Talbot
- Vera van Baaren

The photos on the next page show the feature wall with art by Brian Seed, Vera Van Baaren and Mark Tushingam, and additional photos of members works from the January-February Show.

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January-February Gallery Feature Wall



More Photos from the January-February Exhibit



On March 2 we launched our second show of the year — a colourful display of paintings Celebrating Spring. This show runs until May 4. The NFAL artists with work on display are:

- Dianne I. Brown
- Dhanashri Bapat
- Ray Piesina
- Olga Radushkevich
- Brian Seed
- Roz Tabachnick
- Vivien Tytor
- Carolyn Williams
- Sandy Woods
- Jane Cass
- Penny Perrotta
- Galina Ponomarenko
- Val Roy
- Beth Shepherd
- Amie Talbot
- Vera van Baaren
- Bernice Wills
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The photo below shows the current feature wall with paintings by Galina Ponomarenko, Vera van Baaren, Beth Shepherd, Vivien Tytor and Brian Seed.



Eman Husseini, a new member and a graduate in art history with gallery experience, has agreed to help with the NFAL Gallery. You can meet her at the next hanging.

We have purchased additional hanging hardware to make the hanging easier and more secure.

We thank our regular contributors and welcome new contributors. It is a way to gain experience in preparing work for shows as well as a great opportunity to get your art into the community.

As a reminder, the dates for the hangings for the remainder of the year are repeated below. Please note that the theme is for the show, it does not mean that all works should be representative of the theme — just be inspired by the theme!

| Exhibition | Registration Date | Hanging Date | Take Down Date | Suggested Theme |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| May-June | April 27 | May 4 | July 6 | Celebrating Summer |
| July-August | June 29 | July 6 | September 14 | Vacation Adventures |
| Sept-Oct | September 7 | September 14 | November 2 | Celebrating Fall |
| Nov-Dec | October 26 | November 2 | January 11, 2014 | Celebrating Winter and Christmas |

NFAL Spring Sale

Penny Perrotta, Registrar

Come out to the Ukrainian Banquet Hall and support your fellow members.

After a slow start we were able to come up with a terrific committee to put on our Spring Sale. Many thanks to those who stepped forward. Members of the committee are:

- **Lee Chalmer** Coordinator
- **Vera Van Baaren** Assistant Coordinator in training for the Winter Sale
- **Penny Perrotta** Registrar
- **Soraya Silvestri** Assistant Registrar in training for the Winter Sale
- **Diane Genier** Budget/Financial
- **Gail Brooker** Plan and Checklist
- **Brian Seed** Grid Coordinator
- **Vivien Tytor** Publicity/Advertising

The sale will take place at the Ukrainian Hall on April 5–7. There will be an informal vernissage on Friday evening between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at no charge. Light snacks, coffee, juice and refreshments will be available and all members, family and friends are invited to attend.

When: Friday, April 5 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, April 6 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, April 7 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vernissage: Friday, April 5 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Ukrainian Banquet Hall 1000 Byron Ave, Ottawa

Sales Poster Winner

The winner of the NFAL Spring Sale Poster contest is Lou Serbanescu with *Peace* (see next page). The bike under the tree, cloaked in bright young foliage, is a reminder that winter will be over soon and we can look forward to leisurely bike rides and walks in the tranquil spring air. I hope you like this as much as I do. Lou will have first choice of booth location at the sale.

Thanks also go to others who submitted lovely images of spring:

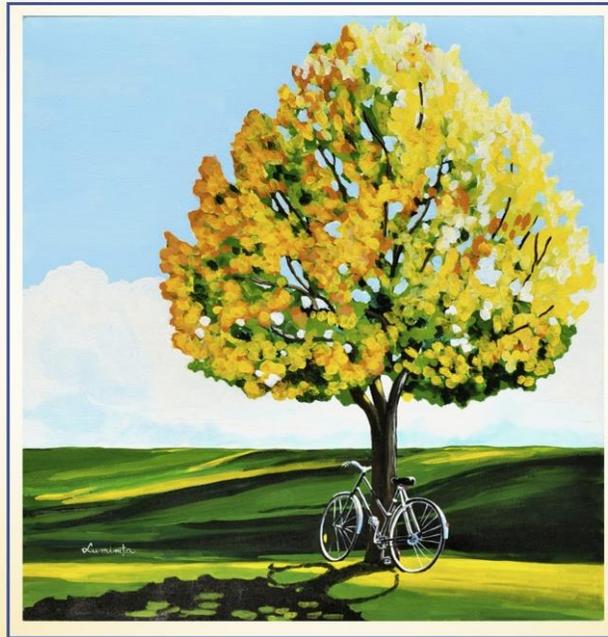
- Soraya Silvestri
- Linda Bordage
- Vivien Tytor
- Margaret Chwialkowska
- Vera van Baaren

Lou Serbanescu wins the Spring Sale poster contest with "Peace".

The charity we are supporting at this sale is H'Art of Ottawa. It is a unique and innovative art studio where self-expression and a sense of place are encouraged and celebrated for people with developmental disabilities. Through the common language of art and self-expression, the artists of H'Art contribute to the community and the cultural life of Ottawa. They will have a display set up in the lobby and we are encouraging voluntary contributions. Visit them online at <http://hartofottawa.ca>.

NEPEAN FINE ARTS LEAGUE SPRING ART SALE

WEEKEND OF APRIL 5-7, 2013



The winner of the poster photo contest is *Peace*, by Lou Serbanescu



The NFAL Spring Art Sale will be held at the Ukrainian Hall at 1000 Byron Avenue, Ottawa on Friday April 5th from 6 pm to 9 pm, Saturday April 6th from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday April 7th from 10 am to 4 pm.

Featuring guitarist Spencer Scharf

Contact springsale@nepeanfinearts.com
Or see NFAL's website at www.nepeanfinearts.com

Events

Call for Gallery Submissions

The cut-off for submissions for the May-June exhibit at the Nepean Gallery, Walter Baker Sports Centre in Barrhaven is April 27. Hanging is May 4 and takedown is July 6.

The theme is Celebrating Summer. Details are available on the members area of our web site: www.nepeanfinearts.com.

Help Wanted

Urgent! Seeking pre-1990 NFAL memorabilia for a special NFAL display and people to help with design and set-up.

We have been invited to display NFAL's colourful history as part of the 25th Anniversary of Ben Franklin Place in May. A gallery display case will be available for NFAL memorabilia from April 23 to July 25. Please let us know if you have pictures, posters, newspaper articles or whatever might bring our past to light at info@nepeanfinearts.com.

NFAL Members' Night and Exhibition 2013

The Nepean Fine Arts League runs a Members' Night and Exhibition every year at the Atrium and Centrepointe Theatre Galleries. This year is the 49th year this event will take place. The exhibit will run from May 24 to June 26. The Members' Night Awards night will be on June 10.

The registrar for the event is Penny Perrotta. This time Penny would like an assistant to work with her, learn about the process, and then take over as registrar for the 2014 exhibit.

In addition, we need someone to take responsibility for the Biography Book which holds all the participants' biographies and is on display in the Atrium Gallery during the exhibit.

If you are interested in either or both of these volunteer positions, please contact Penny directly at pennyperrotta@yahoo.com or 613-592-4348.

As always, we need a committee of people to work on the event. We will definitely need someone to coordinate the drop off and pick up of paintings and would like to hear from anyone else who would like to be on the committee. If any of the volunteers who were involved last year are willing to remain on the committee, please contact Penny.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 24, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Nepean Sportsplex.

**Wanted: NFAL
memorabilia for a
special NFAL
display.**

**Assistant needed
for Registrar duties
and Biography
Book.**

Member News

Go Figure

Norman Pirollo will be exhibiting in Go Figure!, a City of Ottawa solo show at the Atrium Gallery from March 22 to April 22, 2013.

Watercolour Courses

Dhanashri Athavale-Bapat is offering watercolour courses in two locations starting in January.

Art Classes

Galina Ponomarenko and Olga Radushkevic are offering art classes in drawing, painting, sculpting and batik for all ages and skill levels.

More on Our Web Site

Visit our web site for details on these and other member events.: www.nepeanfinearts.com. Log in to the **Member Pages** with the user name “nepean”, password “nepean”. Then choose **News**.

If you have an event you would like posted in the newsletter, send a short description of the event to the editor at: newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com.

Volunteer Corner

Newsletter Editor

We are pleased to welcome Joe Aragona, who has taken on the Newsletter Editor responsibilities. Thanks to Penny Perrotta who has filled in as editor over the last several months.

We would also like to welcome Eman Husseini, who will be helping with the NFAL Gallery.

Communications Coordinator

We would like to thank Cynthia Graham who has been our Communications Coordinator during the last two years. Beth Shepherd is filling in until a new volunteer is found.

Volunteers Wanted!

We would like to thank all our volunteers and remind members that all NFAL’s operations are carried out by busy people like you who have taken on jobs on your behalf. And please help out where you can. As mom used to say, many hands make light work.

**NFAL’s operations
are carried out by
volunteers.**

**Please help out
where you can.**

Please check out the position duties and determine whether you can help out. By volunteering, you can help make NFAL the best and most progressive artist-run organization in the City!

| Position | Duties |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| President | Serves on the Executive. Provides leadership and guidance. Chairs meetings. Writes President's Report for the newsletter and AGM. Keeps up-to-date on all projects. Approves minutes. Is an approver of and has signing authority for banking and official documents. Represents NFAL on all official occasions. Can only serve two, two-year terms. Serves as past-president during full tenure of new president. |
| First Vice-President | Serves on the Executive. Provides backup for the president. Attends executive meetings and participates in the management of the organization. Responsible for public relations and oversight of communications. Leads/carries out special projects or events, as determined by the executive. Is a signing authority. Assumes presidency at the end of the president's term. |
| Second Vice-President | Serves on the executive. Coordinates non-executive positions. Responsible for oversight of the NFAL Gallery and liaison with the City of Ottawa. Attends Executive meetings and participates in the management of the organization. Leads/carries out special projects or events, as determined by the executive. |
| Communications Coordinator | Responsible for internal and external communications (excluding advertizing and public relations). Distributes NFAL information (e.g., newsletters, registration forms, etc.) to members as directed by the Executive. Prepares and distributes e-mail bulletins of upcoming events and announcements to members. Manages an external contact list and sends out general announcements about NFAL's upcoming events. Manages e-mail arriving at info@nepeanfinearts.com (until terminated). Manages updates to NFAL Facebook page. Coordinates with newsletter and web site editors to ensure accurate, up-to-date information to members. |

NFAL ON FACEBOOK

On our Facebook page, you can check our events, browse pictures, and link to art related activities, suppliers and more.

If you are logged into your Facebook account just put "NepeanFineArts" in your search bar and you will find the page.

You can also find us by copying and pasting the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/NepeanFineArts>

When you find our pageLIKE US! Click the like button and help us grow! Once we reach a certain number of LIKES, the page will have its own Facebook Account.

Post comments, events, links to your web sites, pictures and anything art related on the NFAL Facebook page.

Feel free to post comments, events, links to your web sites, pictures and anything art related!!! But please keep in mind this is a public page for artists of all ages and we reserve the right to remove any posts or links NFAL deems inappropriate. Please also be careful not to infringe on any copyrights!

Grids

**We have grids
available for rent at
\$2 per grid per day.**

NFAL owns approximately 250 grids measuring 2' x 6'. We use these during our sales to make up the booths for each artist to display their works. When the club is not using them, they are rented out to individuals or groups at a cost of \$2 per grid per day.

If you or your group are interested in booking these, please send enquiries to info@nepeanfinearts.com or contact our grid coordinator Rena Pezoulas directly at 613-440-0117.

NFAL 50th Anniversary

Did you know NFAL will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2014? If you have any ideas on ways of celebrating, please forward them to the editor at: newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com.

A Poem by Norma Dixon

March, 2013

*March may call for winds of change
rain or early signs of spring
blowing winds across sodden fields
and a lovely meadow lark may sing
winter wardrobes we now can drop
if that weatherman treats us right
even if we have to get the old 'wellingtons'
out
we soon place them way out of sight
and we'll wear green on seventeen
thinking Easter's right on number 31
the Cross upon our solemn minds
Remembering His suffering had begun
Winds of our own change to hopefully
search lessons from Our Holy One.*

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The user name is “**nepean**” and the password is “**nepean.**”

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NFAL Newsletter Submissions

Remember members are invited to send in their contributions early for inclusion. The deadline for the May/June NFAL Newsletter is April 15, 2013

Please send submissions by email to newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com