



Newsletter

NFAL History On Display

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The NFAL was invited to create an historical showcase of the League to add to the Ben Franklin Place 25th Anniversary celebration in Centerpointe. Cathy Dimitriou (left), Lee Chalmer (center) and Carolyn Williams created the showcase with items dating back to the early years of the League. The showcase includes a very large archival book with newspaper clippings, clippings on poster displays, and the Members' Night trophy. The display will remain at Ben Franklin Place until July.

President's Message

Lee Chalmer, President

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May's end brings NFAL to the end of another successful year.

One of the most important requirements for the success of any organization is good communication with its members. Thanks to NFAL's web site coordinators, information about NFAL and interaction with members has improved with the creation of NFAL's new website and its continuing growth. Easy access to the online gallery, newsletters, as well as news and events is a click away. The web site will continue to include other pertinent information, such as, storage of archives, job descriptions, directions for volunteers coordinating sales, and Members' Night, as well as a special members' only area.

Spring Sale Success



NFAL has just completed a successful Spring Sale. Although participants were fewer than for the Winter Sale, sales totaled over \$7,500 with 24 artists selling work over \$25. NFAL showed a small profit of \$300. Thanks to a great team of volunteers!

Fall Sale

Looking forward to NFAL's Fall/Winter Sale, the Ukrainian Hall has been booked for two days (Friday October 11 to Saturday October 12, 2013. Mark your calendar. More information will be coming!

Members' Night

Thanks to Jarrod Chambers and his team Members' Night planning is well underway. Registration closed on the April 26 with a total of 76 members registering this year. See you there Monday June 10.

Enjoy Your Summer

Have a wonderful summer painting. It's such a great time for outdoor shows and plein-air opportunities.

Secretary's Report

Beth Shepherd, Secretary

The Executive Nominating Committee is looking for qualified candidates to lead the organization in its 50th anniversary year and beyond.

Executive Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been struck and is hard at work searching for a slate of executives for YOUR organization. The committee consists of four busy people who are willing to take on this challenging job: Jarrod Chambers, David Farrar, Penney Perrotta and Sandy Woods. I will continue to work with them to find qualified candidates to lead the organization in its 50th anniversary year and beyond.

We are looking for:

- A new President to replace Lee Chalmer, our president for the last four years
- Two vice-presidents, to fill the currently vacant positions
- A new Treasurer. Diane Genier, who took the Treasurer's job as well as the web site coordinator position, has had to resign because of medical problems.

The first action of the Nominating Committee is to create job descriptions for the positions so people will know exactly what is expected of them. We are also searching for candidates both inside and outside of the NFAL membership. Please seriously consider taking one of the jobs, if approached or better still, volunteer.

If you know anyone who would be interested in leading a vibrant artist-run organization serving artists across the Ottawa-Gatineau region, please contact me at secretary@nepeanfinearts.com.

Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA)

The Province of Ontario, like the federal government and other provinces, has recently passed legislation to provide a modern, legal framework for how not-for-profit corporations are created, governed and dissolved. The aim of the legislation is to ensure greater transparency and accountability in how not-for-profit corporations in Ontario are run. ALL not-for-profit corporations are affected.

Although the act has passed, the legislation will not take effect until 2014. At that time specific regulations will come into effect and not-for-profit corporations will have three years to comply.

At this point we believe the biggest impact on NFAL is the requirement to revise the by-laws in accordance with the act, which includes ensuring clear accountabilities for director positions. Other changes relate to the annual review of financial results, listing of membership types in the bylaws, use of proxies in carrying out votes, numbers and tenures of directors, and the ability of directors to change

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bylaws effective immediately subject to later ratification by membership.

For more information about ONCA see the provincial web site http://www.sse.gov.on.ca/mcs/en/Pages/Not_For_Profit.aspx.

Going Digital in the Next Fiscal Year

To reduce costs and workload on volunteers, we are going digital in 2013-2014.

In the new year, newsletters will be e-mailed to members. Members without e-mails will be able to access the newsletter on the web site. We hope that all our members will sign up for an e-mail account and send their address to the NFAL Membership Coordinator, Carolyn Willaims, at membership@nepeanfinearts.com.

Membership Report

Carolyn Williams, Membership

Happy May and remember to go out for the Tulip Festival!

NFAL has three new members since our Spring Show. We now total 153 Members! We would like to welcome:

- Erika Farkas
- Shrikant Patel
- Melanie Zabloski

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.

Also, thanks to all the new volunteers as well as the leaving volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to our non-profit organization.

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Web Site Report

Diane Genier, Web Site Coordinator

Our new site is completely set up and operational.

Effective April 30, I will be resigning from my position as Website Administrator due to health reasons. Erika Farkas has agreed to take over the day-to-day management and administration of the site. Christiane Kingsley will be taking over the archival section of the site.

Our new site is completely set up and operational. Archived material from previous Members' Nights from the old web site will be moved to the new site in the next few months by Christiane.

To contact Erika concerning the web site or the Online Gallery, send an e-mail to: Website@nepeanfinearts.com.

Please visit the 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.

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

Treasurer's Report

Diane Genier, Treasurer

Over half of the participants at the Spring Show made sales.

The Spring Sale was a success!!

We had fewer registrants than usual but the estimated results indicate that we made just over \$300. Over half of the participants made sales.

The cheques for the artists who sold artwork at the Spring Sale have already been mailed out. If you sold artwork at the Spring Sale and have not received your cheque by May 10, please e-mail me at Treasurer@nepeanfinearts.com.



Gallery Report

Beth Shepherd, NFAL Gallery

We have 14 artists participating in the May-June Exhibition at the NFAL Gallery.

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- Lee Chalmer
- Jane Cass
- Kat McClure
- Penny Perrotta
- Olga Radushkevich
- Erika Farkas
- Roz Tabachnick
- Raymond Piesina
- Frances Shea
- Rolph Storto
- Galina Ponomarenko
- Roy Whiddon
- Bernice Wills
- Vera van Baaren

The show is really lovely as you can see from the pictures on the next page. What a mix of media and styles. The work is really imaginative and expresses the beauty and promise of summer. Thank you to the participating artists. I encourage everyone to go and see it in person.

We would like to thank Jane Cass, who has been doing registration and has agreed to continue with this job. Kat McClure helped with taking down the previous show and she and Erika Farkas helped Beth hang the show. It was a big job and hopefully we will have more volunteers to help hang the next show.

For artists planning on showing at the gallery, please ensure that your work is securely framed and wired. The security hangers are quite hard on wire so try to use a heavy gauge wire. Also, please ensure your artwork has your name and contact info on the back as indicated in the registration form.

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
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

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.

May-June Gallery Wall at Walter Baker Sport Center



Forty Years Later

Penny Perrotta, Registrar

Meryl remembers that this was the first painting she ever sold, over 40 years ago.

Back in January, NFAL received an e-mail from a man who lives in Toronto who was looking for information about an artist from Ottawa. He knew the artist's name is Meryl Forrest because he has a painting done by her that his parents had purchased when they lived here. We contacted Meryl and put her in touch with this man, and they exchanged e-mails.

Meryl remembers that this was the first painting she ever sold, over 40 years ago to this couple from Qualicum who were friends of her neighbour. Their son sent her a picture of the painting which is called "Perkins Sur La Lac". He tells her the painting is in his office and that he looks at it every day.



NFAL Spring Sale

Even the Mayor stopped by for quick tour.

The Spring Sale was a big success this year. Even the Mayor stopped by for quick tour of the hall. Check out the photos on the next page from this year's sale.

NFAL Spring Sale Photos



Mayor Jim Watson with Lou Serbanescu at the Spring Sale.



The 49th Members' Night and Exhibition Awards Night will take place on June 10.

Events

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.

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.

Fall/Winter Sale Oct 11-12, 2013

Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to our survey. As a result, the Ukrainian Centre has been booked for the Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend. Even though many members will not be able to participate, we are confident we can have a successful shortened sale that weekend. So for all of you not in other sales or busy with out-of-town family commitments, please mark October 11- 12 on your calendar. For more information, contact Vera van Baaren, coordinator of the Fall/Winter Sale.

Member News

Leon Sowden

It is with sadness we announce that long-time NFAL member Leon (Lee) Sowden passed away at the Ottawa Heart Institute on February 17, 2013, age 85

From Heart to Stone Show

Café 111 Lisgar, in the Ottawa City Hall building, presents "*From Heart to Stone*", an art show by two local artists, Christiane Kingsley and Luminita Serbanescu.

Meet the artists on Thursday, May 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The show will run until the end of June, but please note that Café 111 Lisgar is open weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.

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Volunteer Corner

We have number of members who have taken up new positions since our last newsletter.

Communications Coordinator: Rachael Doran is NFAL's new Communications Coordinator, responsible for sending out the periodic Announcements e-mail and updating NFAL's Facebook page. Please send information you want communicated to members to Rachael at info@nepeanfinearts.com. An NFAL member since 2011, Rachael is a visual artist and art educator with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Ottawa. Her website is <http://rachaeldoran.com/MyArt/?cat=5>.

Web Site Coordinator: Erika Farkas is an Ottawa-based self-taught visual artist who found her true calling in the world of graphite and charcoal pencil art. Her drawings are highly realistic and detailed, consisting mainly of human and animal portraits and figures.

She grew up in Transylvania, Romania, and has called Canada her home since the late 1980s. Her educational background is technical, and her present career is in Information Technology at the City of Ottawa. Erika has taken over the administration of the NFAL web site, and she will keep the site up to date with the latest news, events, pictures, and other web-related information. She will also provide help, if necessary, with the setting up of individual online member galleries. She can be contacted by e-mail at: website@nepeanfinearts.com.

NFAL Gallery Coordinator: Born in Ottawa, Eman Husseini has moved and lived across the Middle East. Eman has a B.A. in Art History from Carleton University. Graphite, acrylic and watercolour are her mediums of choice. People continue to inspire her to create and push the boundaries of what is possible when you have an artistic spirit. You can see a sample of her work at: www.emanhusseini.webs.com. Eman is working with Beth Shepherd to "learn the ropes" at the gallery. Contact Eman at Nfalgallery@nepeanfinearts.com.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped with the Spring Sale, the gallery and other jobs that keep NFAL functioning.

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.

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.
Treasurer	Responsible for financial management of the organization and activities. Prepares and seeks approval for the annual operational budget. Reports on financial results on a quarterly and annual basis, or as requested by the executive. Attends Executive meetings and participates in the management of the organization. Oversees financial budgets and transactions related to NFAL sales. Issues payments for approved/budgeted for expenditures. Carries out banking, reports financial status and on the results of events.

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.

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!

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

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

Grids

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

That Juried Show

*they asked us all for an SASE
and a resume of our history
then we ran around with a few good slides
(does this determine where our future rides?)
we dropped off by with four great works
(we're thinking by now that all jurors are jerks)
originals they asked? .of course, they're not from kits'
(by now I'm half way outta my wits)
I pondered till my head was a spinner
what four paintings would all be a winner?
what, oh, what are they looking for
..abstract? composition? or something more?
my head's starting to sag on me
is it worth all this agony?
'pick up your paintings right at ten'
your work was 'fine' but do try again.
jurors – jurors what do they know
I think I'll try for that minstrel show!*

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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 September/October NFAL Newsletter is August 15, 2013

Please send submissions by e-mail to newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com