

The Sketch Pad

The Newburyport Art Association Member Newsletter

November/December 2000

Board of Directors Elected, New Bylaws Adopted

At the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Newburyport Art Association on October 10, 2000 the membership elected the officers and Board of Directors for 2001 and adopted a complete revision to NAA's bylaws.

The completely rewritten bylaws are the first substantial change since NAA was founded in 1948. Under the new bylaws, the Board of Directors has been expanded from 6 directors to 12 directors, and each director now is elected to a three-year term. There are no term limits for directors under the bylaws. Officers serve one-year terms, and are eligible for re-election, except the President, who is limited to no more than three consecutive terms. The bylaws establish Executive and Finance Committees, and incorporate provisions updated to Massachusetts General Laws for corporation boards of directors.

The four officers were elected to one year-terms are; Jesse H. (Skip) Motes, President; Al Moskowitz, Vice President; Bob Orsillo, Treasurer; and Marge Recke, Secretary/Clerk.

Skip Motes will complete his third consecutive term in 2001, and is not eligible for re-election in 2002.

Directors elected were: Lindley Briggs (Exhibition); Kerin Foley (Exhibition), Kent Miller (House); Warren Moskowitz (Capital Programs); Marge Motes (Membership); Helen Powell (Corporate Fund-raising); Jodi Sammons (Photography/Youth); David Saums (Marketing), Harold (Bud) Smith (Finance); and Susan Spellman (Education).

Nomination of Carol S. Hershey to Board of Directors

Carol Hershey has been nominated as a director on the NAA Board of Directors and will be voted upon at the November Board meeting. Carol is a NAA member, a photographer and a Vice President with Aon Consulting of Newburyport, where she is an attorney responsible for development of pension plans for corporations. She received her undergraduate and law degrees from Boston University. On the NAA Board, she will focus on developing recommendations for fundraising events and

programs, and assist in establishing working committees to carry out the events or programs. She will provide assistance in writing grants.

Visit NAA at www.newburyportart.org

Come in and visit a while at <newburyportart.org>, the new NAA website. There you will find many useful features to keep you better abreast of NAA's many activities. There are the show and event calendars, calls for entries, class and workshop listings, registration forms, to name a few. Then there is "The Sketchpad", a history of NAA, Powow Poets readings, and that's not all. You will find images of winners, works along with the juror's comments. Featured artists will have their bio's and images of their work included in the exhibition pages.

New features are in the planning stages, such as offering an artist portfolio page. The page would include four images and room for an artist statement and resume. Artists could be found by speciality or name, and there would be links to an artist's own website. Announcements are planned in December with more information on fees and how to register.



Holiday Show is Right Around the Corner!

Have your work ready for the very active and popular NAA Holiday Show. Receiving of work is Sunday, November 19 (Noon to 6pm) and Monday, November 20 (10am to 5pm) at the Art Association. The show runs from November 24 until December 27, 2000.

The show features all media and crafts are always welcomed. Smaller, lower priced items sell best. (And they do sell – this is our biggest selling show!)

❄️ Gala Holiday ❄️ Reception-Party

December 1st, 7-9 p.m.

Come join your artist friends for our annual holiday party and opening reception for the holiday show. This is a POTLUCK party, so bring your favorite finger food to share! This is always a fun event... come join us for the festivities!

This is an open show and all work is accepted, but work must be for sale. NAA takes the usual 30% commission. Work that is sold can be replaced at no charge during the show – it's all included in the entry fee.

Here are the particulars:

Receiving: Sunday, November 19, 12-6 pm, and Monday, November 20, 10-5 pm.

Reception: See box above

Entry Fees:

Framed Work: 2 works for \$10, plus a bonus of 4 matted bin pieces (be sure to price each piece). Framed work must be wired and ready to hang.

Sculpture: \$5 per work, up to 2 items.

Crafts: Window & table space for craft items, ceramics, small sculpture, prints, books, small paintings (stands available). Approx. 142 sq. ft available. Price: \$1.00 per sq. ft. up to 10 sq. ft. Space is limited-first come first serve. You must tag your craft items with a colored sticker (in the same way Gift Shop items are marked) with the price and HOL # (your artist number will be assigned at receiving). You must leave an inventory listing with prices (this helps the staff help you get paid).

Items sold can be replaced at no charge. Pickup of work is Friday, Dec. 29, 12-5 pm.

First call for Artists: Preview of 2001 Winter Shows

The 2001 season will open with the **Winter Respite Members Juried Shows**. The show format is changing. In 2001, the show will be divided into two parts to allow more work to be installed across all media. There will be \$500 in cash prizes for each show.

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NAA is opening three weeks earlier in 2001. The season opens January 12 with **Winter Respite, Part I** for painting in all media, pastel, mixed media and fine crafts. The show runs through February 8. Receiving takes place Sunday, January 7, noon - 4pm and Monday, January 8, 10am - 4pm and 5-7pm.

Winter Respite, Part II opens February 15: photography, drawing, printmaking, and sculpture/3D, and goes through March 15.

Hearing: November 14th on Tannery Expansion

Building will allow expansion of NAA gallery

The owner of The Tannery mall is seeking approval to expand The Tannery complex next door to the Art Association where the blue storage tanks were located. The lot is now used for parking.

David Hall, president of Hall and Moskow Corp., has filed a request with the City of Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals for a special permit for a two-story structure that would consist of two retail stores, an office for Hall and Moskow and two residential units on the second floor. The proposal also calls for a pedestrian walkway and an increase in parking spaces from 28 to 58.

The small wooden "Weigh Station" building, which dates from the 1890's, and was once part of the Theater of Newburyport, will be relocated from the west end of the lot to a space adjacent to the Art Assoc.'s building. An enclosed vestibule will link the building with the NAA building. The building will be refurbished into gallery space for NAA, with access through a new door on the west wall of the Art Association's building. NAA will lease the space.

NAA also proposes to complete plans under a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Newburyport to provide handicapped access into the first level of the Art Association building.

The Board of Appeals has set a hearing for November 14 at 7:15 at City Hall.

NAA Requests Your Support on Tannery Expansion

You can help support a plan that is important to NAA's future.

The relocation of the "Weigh Station" building adjacent to the NAA building will provide much needed gallery space and the space will be handicapped accessible. Furthermore, David Hall has been a good neighbor to us and to the community with the tasteful restoration of the Tannery buildings that has turned the south end of downtown Newburyport into a viable commercial center. NAA has been part of that development over the 30 years that NAA has owned and occupied its building.

You can help obtain zoning board approval of the plans.

You can write to Brian Clancy, Chairman, City of Newburyport Zoning Board of Appeals, Office of Planning and Development, City Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Or you can attend the public hearing on November 14 at City Hall at 7:15 and voice your support directly to the board.

In either case, all that is required is a statement of support to the proposed plan and a few points of why you are in support.

The plans are available for public review in the Planning and Development Office.

Member Seriously Injured in Accident

Richard Fyler, a long time NAA member, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident in August. Richard is self-employed and has lost his source of income. Friends that wish to contribute to help him through this difficult period can send checks payable to the Institution for Savings for the benefit of Richard Fyler, in care of Mark F. Welch, Vice President, Institution for Savings, 93 State Street, P.O. Box 520, Newburyport, MA 01950.

Watercolor Interest Group

The group is growing and having great fun. They will meet Monday, November 20, 7:15 pm at the Art Association with a presentation of slides from the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors for the year 2000 show. Call Marie Crone for additional information at 603-778-2681. All are welcome.



KUDOS!

- * Debra Corbett will be showing her oil paintings at the Newton Public Library during the month of December.
- * Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord, sculptures are on display at the Thoreau Art Gallery, Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH.
- * Will Richard was featured in Maine Boats and Harbors, September 2000, in an article entitled "Eye on the Coast."
- * Bill Franson's Photographs from Holyland USA are on exhibit at the Newburyport Firehouse Center through November 6th.
- * Merry Beninato, Susan Kneeland and Robert Hahn are in an exhibit of 12 artists whose work is at The Alexander Fine Art Gallery, Haverhill, MA.
- * Robert Motes, sculpture in Stainless Steel, entitled "An Imagined Place" was at Chesterwood Sculpture Park Museum, Stockbridge, MA during the summer and fall and will be on exhibit in Troy, NY until April, 2001.
- * Wilda Gerideau-Squires has just relinquished her crown as Mrs. Essex County.
- * Michael Beaudoin is having a show of his wood block prints and monotypes at the gallery at the Carl Youngman Gallery at the Governor Dummer Academy, Rowley, MA from Nov. 17-Dec. 24.
- * Deborah Warren, Len Krisak and A.M. Juster, members of the Newburyport Art Association supported Powow River Poets, took four of eight top awards in this year's New England Poetry Club competition. The organization was founded in 1915 by Amy Lowell, Robert Frost and Conrad Aiken.

2001 Dues Information

NAA membership runs on a calendar year, and the dues notices for 2001 will be mailed in Dec. If you joined as a new member on or after Oct. 1, your dues carry through until year-end 2001.

The Sketch Pad

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2000 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PARTIAL LISTING)

President:	Skip Motes	463-3374
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Treasurer:	Bob Orsillo	603-942-8229
Secretary:	Susan Hammer	465-0736
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Board Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., unless otherwise announced.

Items for the SketchPad (prefer computer disk or e-mail although written or typed copy also accepted)
E-mail: srdesign@mediaone.net / mail: Sarah Raleigh, 14 Madison Street, Newburyport 01950
fax: 978-463-5246. **Deadline for submissions is 14th of the month for 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.



Nov. 2000 – March 2001: Exhibition & Events Calendar

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Nov. 2 - 8: FEATURED ARTIST SERIES

Sharyn Dahn: *Isles of Shoals and Beyond*.

Open: Daily 12 -5 pm. Reception: Fri., Nov. 2, 6-8 pm.

Nov. 8: CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF THE LOWER MERRIMACK VALLEY (CALM). Meeting-7 pm.

Nov. 9 - 15: FEATURED ARTIST SERIES

Robert Currier, photography: *Black and White and Infrared All Over*. Reception: Sat., Nov. 11, 7-9 pm.

Nov. 13: PHOTOGRAPHY INTEREST GROUP

Meeting 7:15 pm: *How to Market Your Fine Art Prints... Successfully!* Bob Orsillo will discuss marketing your fine art (of any kind) over the internet and through internet-based galleries. For questions contact Jodi Sammons, 978-388-0234 or Pat Bashford, 978-462-7083.

Nov. 15: POWOW RIVER POETS.

Reading-7:30 pm: Cesar Sanchez Beras, Dominican poet, reading w/ English translations of his work provided by Powow River Poets' Director, Rhina P. Espailat, a bilingual poet.

Nov. 24 - Dec. 27th: HOLIDAY SHOW Paintings, crafts, photography, sculpture - gifts for all ages, and books by our artists. Receiving: Sun., Nov. 19, 12-6 pm, and Mon., Nov. 20, 10 am-5 pm. Pickup work, Wed., Dec. 27, 12-5 pm.

GALA HOLIDAY SHOW RECEPTION/PARTY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7-9 pm.

Dec. 7 - Jan. 5: A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION OF ART. A collaborative exhibition between Merrimack Place and Newburyport Art Assoc. featuring over 100 works of art by NAA members & residents of Merrimack Place. Gala reception, Thurs., Dec. 7, 2000, 7-9 pm, at Merrimack Place, 85 Storey Avenue (Rte. 113) Newburyport, MA, exit 57 off I-95; tel. 978-462-7324.

Dec. 20: POWOW RIVER POETS. Reading-7:30 pm. Claire Keyes reads from her new book, "Rising and Falling," and Bill Coyle reads from his new work with translations from Swedish.

Dec. 28-Jan. 7: GALLERY CLOSED

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Jan. 12 - Feb. 10: MEMBERS WINTER JURIED SHOW-PART I: Painting, watercolor, pastel, mixed media, fine crafts. Juror: to be announced.

Receiving: Sun., Jan. 7, 12-4 pm & Mon., Jan. 8, 10-4 & 5-7 pm. Reception: Sun., Jan. 14, 3-5 pm. Pickup work not accepted: Mon., Jan. 15, 12-5 pm. Pickup work accepted: Sat., Feb. 10, 3-5 pm, and at Part II receiving.

Jan. 24: POWOW RIVER POETS. Reading-7:30 pm.

Feb. 15 - March 15: MEMBERS WINTER JURIED SHOW-PART II. Juror: Chris Enos. Drawing, printmaking, photography and sculpture. Receiving: Sun., Feb. 11, 12-4 pm & Mon., Feb. 12, 10-4 & 5-7 pm. Reception: Sun., Feb. 18, 3-5 pm. Pickup work not accepted: Mon., Feb. 19, 12-5 pm. Pickup work accepted: Thurs., March 15, 4-7 pm.

Feb. 21: POWOW RIVER POETS. Reading-7:30 pm.

March 18 - April 4: 3RD ANNUAL BUDDING ARTIST SHOW - Celebrating Children's Art Month. Art of middle school & high school students from the area. Receiving: Thurs., March. 15, 3-7 pm. Reception: Sun., March 18, 3-5 pm.

March 21: POWOW RIVER POETS. Reading-7:30 pm.

* * * Visit the Gallery Gift Shop... Original Works for Sale by NAA Artists. * * *

NAA Receives Two Community Awards

NAA was selected as the "Employer of the Year" by Greater Newburyport Opportunities, Inc. (Better known as Opportunity Works). The nonprofit organization provides employment and training for individuals with developmental disabilities. Opportunity Works provides NAA with housekeeping services and they assemble NAA mailings. Skip Motes, Marge Motes, and Elaine Lansky attended the annual dinner meeting at the Dalton House in Newburyport to receive the award.

Readers of the Merrimack Current newspaper voted NAA an honorable mention as the outstanding gallery in the area.

NAA Featured Artist Series

The 2001 Featured Artists Series is almost full. There is only one scheduled week (possibly two) available. Please contact Cynthia Cooper, the Featured Artist chairperson, for more information and to obtain the registration form (a copy was in last month's Sketchpad). Cynthia's phone number is 978-388-4836.

The NAA Featured Artist program is a popular way to mount your own solo or small group show in the NAA Sargent Gallery. You pay a gallery fee of \$150 for the gallery, and NAA receives only a 10% commission of the sale of your work. You are responsible for installing your show, the opening reception and gallery sitting coverage.

Your show will be featured in the media calendar listings released by NAA and in NAA printed and website calendars. Also, as a special new promotion, an image of your work, with your artist statement, will be included on the NAA website.

Powow River Poets Special Event

A Bilingual Poetry Reading will be sponsored by Powow River Poets and held at the NAA on Wed., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. Free & open to the public. Open Mic to follow featured reader. For more info call (978)462-9144; email: espmosk@juno.com

CESAR SANCHEZ BERAS, distinguished Dominican poet, high school teacher and journalist from Lawrence, has won numerous awards for his Spanish-language poetry and represented his native country in literary conferences abroad. He has read and lectured widely on Caribbean poetry in New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Boston and elsewhere in Mass., is active with Latino cultural groups in the area, was an organizer of the November 1999 Latino Arts Month program presented by Northern Essex Community College, and serves as Cultural Advisor to the Dominican Consul in Boston. This event will feature the poet reading from his own works in the original, with English translations composed and read by RHINA P. ESPAILLAT, Dominican-born bilingual author and director of the Powow River

Poets. Light refreshments will be served, and signed books by the featured poet will be available for purchase.

The Photography Corner

If you missed October's Photo Interest Group, you missed an opportunity to find out more about getting your work sold. The meeting was very well attended, the presentation by Bob Currier right on the mark, and discussion was hot n' heavy. Now that I used up my share of clichés, take note of the next meeting, November 13th when yet another set of ideas will come to light. This time those of you who are not photographers, also take note. The information may very well be important to you, too. Look in the calendar section for details.

Again, kudos to Bob for providing us with some solid ideas and for taking time out of his busy schedule to accommodate us.

And let's all look forward to the December meeting on Dec. 11 for a Christmas party. Details to come! Cheers,

— Pat and Jodi

Have You Moved? Changed your phone number? Have a new e-mail address? Please let NAA know by mailing the information to the office (NAA, Box 28, Newburyport, MA 01950), by e-mailing: naa@newburyportart.org, or calling the office (978-465-8769).



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Upcoming NAA Shows:

Nov. 2 - 8: **Featured Artist Show:** Sharyn Dahn

Nov. 24 - Dec. 27th: **NAA HOLIDAY SHOW**

*** *Annual Holiday Party* ***

Bring Potluck Appetizers. Fri., Dec. 1st, 7-9 pm.

Dec. 7 - Jan. 5: **A Holiday Celebration of Art**

A collaborative exhibition between
Merrimack Place and NAA. See calendar
inside for more info.

NAA is a non-profit organization.

NAA Classes, Workshops & Interest Groups

Please call NAA at 978-465-8769 to register
for all WORKSHOPS or CLASSES.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

Saturday Morning Craft Workshop
with Sarah Raleigh for children ages 6-12.
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Each class will focus on a
different craft. Focus on making holiday
gifts & cards: Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2. Cost \$45
for 3 weeks, or \$16 per individual session.
Most supplies included.

Photography for Children with M.J.
Benson. Tuesdays. Call NAA for more info.,
978-465-8769.

ADULT CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

• Watercolor Classes

Call Dorothy Givner at 978-463-3088 for
more information. Dorothy has been a
watercolorist for over 20 years and trained
with John Hatch and Kay Kandra.

• Photography Interest Group

Meets second Monday evening of every
month at 7:15 p.m. Contact Pat Bashford,
978-462-7083.

• Figure Drawing Workshop

Ongoing sessions, Wed. eves, 7-9:30 p.m.
Cost each session: \$5 members, \$6 non-
members. Live model. No instruction.
Contact Gordon Przybyla, 978-465-5721.

• Sculpture Group

Ongoing sessions, Thurs. evenings, 7-9:30
p.m. Cost \$45 for 7 sessions. No instruc-
tion. Live model. Contact Al Moskowitz,
978-462-9144.

• New! Watercolor Interest Group

Contact Marie Crone for additional
information at 603-778-2681. Next
meeting Monday, Nov. 20 at 7:15 pm.

• Powow River Poets: Meets monthly on Wed. eves, 7:30 p.m. Contact Rhina Espaillat, 978-462-9144.

• Creative Writing, with Ainé Greaney:

Oct. 7, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Travel Writing
and other non-fiction essays.
Nov. 1: Writing Workshop.

Nov. 4, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Intermediate
Fiction / Short Stories. Call Ainé for
more information, 978-463-3599.

• Basic Photo Scanning & Re-Touching Workshop with Sarah Raleigh. Thurs.

Nov. 9, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (*full*) Learn
how to scan your old (or new) photos into
the computer, adjust contrast levels,
remove bad spots, sharpen and make look

like new in PhotoShop. Then print out
your new photo. Limit: 4. More sessions
to be announced.

• Thursday Morning Art Classes, with Sue Simon. 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m. drawing from clothed model. Will resume in January. Call the NAA at 978-465-8769 for more information.

• "Big, Loose & Easy Florals" Workshop with Dustin Knight. Nov. 12th, 10-3. A fun relaxed workshop exploring the wet in wet watercolor painting as well as nega- tive painting and glazing techniques to create joyous fresh floral paintings. Call NAA for details.

• Experimental Abstract Water Media Workshop with Gerry Willging, Dec. 10. Time: 2-3 hours. Different techniques using acrylic and watercolor paint, guide- lines to learn abstarct, non-objective painting. Call NAA for more info.

More classes coming this winter.

Call the NAA for more info:

Children's classes in Cartooning,
Drawing and Painting

Adults classes in Basic Design

More workshops and classes TBA