

The Sketch Pad

The Newburyport Art Association Member Newsletter

July/August 2000

Awards for the NAA's 3rd Annual Regional Juried Art Show, June 8-July 9, 2000

Comments by George Nick, Juror and Nicholas Johnson, Juror for Photography

NAA accepted 119 pieces from the 289 entries for the 3rd Regional Juried Show. Congratulations to all. It was a pleasure to work with George Nick and Nicholas Johnson. They made all the selections represented in this show stating they had a very difficult time, but thought that the work represented was very strong, making the selections that much more difficult.

SAM SARGENT PRIZE FOR BEST OF SHOW, \$250, to Charles Shurcliff, Ipswich, for **DUNES AND FOREST, Watercolor.** Charles Shurcliff exhibits a great mastery of the full space and form in a color and tonality that explains the irregularities of a carefully observed world. His tools are as personal as the work is.

LAURA COOMBS HILLS PRIZE FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE, \$125, to Mary Scannell, Beverly, for **OCTOBER MORNING, Watercolor.** There is a full knowledge and description of the form, light and color. The overall bounce of the painting action brings a wonderful life to this scene.

MILDRED HARTSON PRIZE FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE, \$125, to Tom Harris, Salem, NH, for **SAND PATTERN #2,**

BURROW WASH, UT, 10/98, Black and White Silver Halide Print. Tom Harris's photograph is visually stunning. It is a beautifully constructed abstract in which the form transcends the subject matter. It is also the type of photography that requires a very high level of technique. It is expertly printed. One of the most difficult things to achieve in photography is to make a print which uses so many high values. It is very difficult to print something this light, and maintain that sense of a soft glowing field of light.

MARIAN RUDY AWARD FOR WATER-BASE MEDIA, \$75, to Marie Crone, Strathan, NH, for **SHOOT IN THE BREEZE, Watercolor.** The reconstruction of the tree is truly amazing. Marie Crone retains a great sense of structure with a superb sense of imaginative marks, making a happy invention.

AWARD FOR PAINTING, \$75, to Tom Svirsky, Newburyport, for **MOUNTAIN BROOK BROOKIES, Oil.** Strongly conceived and executed oil with great strength in the image. The tightness of form is tied with an exciting ability to organize two dimensionally.

AWARD OR SCULPTURE/3D, \$75m to Nancy, Redding, Andover, for **CLAY VESSEL, Pottery.** A supple form with many intriguing ports that are surprises and mysteries at the same time as being exotic, shaping and giving us hidden glances to enrich our experience.

AWARD FOR MIXED MEDIA/DRAWING/PRINTS, \$75m to Jane Maxwell, Newton, NH for #9, Mixed Media. An icon of tempered color and shapes presented in a tough, slick cover. A strong piece.

AWARD FOR PASTEL, \$75, to Skip Motes, Newburyport, for **SUNSET OVER LITTLE RIVER, Pastel and Ink Wash.** A strong organization that borders on the perfect. A full image that exhibits subtlety of color and tone that matches the idea of the order made.

AWARD FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, \$75, to Lorraine DeMotta, Chestnut Hill, for **UNTITLED, Photograph.** Lorraine DeMotta has produced a beautifully constructed photograph. It shows an extremely high level of technical skill and that skill serves the art wonderfully. The stillness of the rocks along with the motion of the waves, creates a sense of tension. She has also beautifully harmonized the values in this print.

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 Daniel Smith gift certificate, to Audrey Bechler, Waldoboro, ME, for **CHARLIE AT WORK, Acrylic.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 Daniel Smith gift certificate, to Jacob Towles, Haverhill for **RING'S ISLAND EAST, Oil.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 Daniel Smith gift certificate, to Bradford Sherman, New Market, NH, for **UNTITLED, Pastel.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 Daniel Smith gift certificate, to Peggy Stanioski, Newbury, for **POPPIES AND PEONIES, Oil.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 Daniel Smith gift certificate, to Margette Leanna, Newburyport, for **FALL BLUEBERRY FIELD, Acrylic.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 cash award to Mary Ann Bushwater, Dover, MA for **EUCALYPTUS, Silver Gelatin Print.**

HONORABLE MENTION, \$20 cash award, to Mary Johnson, Lynn, for **UNTITLED, Black and White Photograph.**

Preparations for 'A Sense of Place, Part I' Joint Exhibition at the Custom House Maritime Museum



Chris Enos, Curator of Photography, taking notes on the show.



David Rossetti, Kerin Foley & Elaine Lansky, "making decisions."

Important Reminder

RECEIVING FOR PART II of the Maritime and NAA "A Sense of Place" exhibit will be July 10, 10am-4pm and 5pm-7pm at the Custom House Museum. Oil acrylic, water based media, pastel, mixed media and fine crafts. Curated by Robert Scott Jackson on July 11.

Thank You

Thanks to all who assisted with the regional show. It takes a lot of work and time to put on a show of this size and without the assistance of our wonder volunteers it would have been impossible. The show is a great success, and we hope that everyone can stop in to see the exhibit which will run until July 9th. Thanks to receiving helpers for Saturday and Sunday: Carol Reynolds, Connie Rossetti, Joan Strauss, John Sheedy, Sue Hammer, Margaret Wall, Marie Crone, Harold Smith, Janice Stacy, Monique Duhaime, Doris McDonald, David Kessling, Silvana and James Siudut, Judy Metcalfe, Robert Streeter, Peggy Stanioski, Diane McLeod Packer, and Skip and Marge Motes. Also, thanks to those who helped on Jury day. Having two jurors come in to work and to make all the selections for the show was great fun with lots of work and recording. Everyone who assists in this process learns about the work that is selected and the reasons why certain works are not chosen for shows. Thank you to Margette Leanna, Kent Miller, Marge Motes, Nancy Oleson and her daughters Molly and Rachel, Bonnie Radke, Meridith Mulcahy (a volunteer senior this year from Syracuse studying Art History) and Skip Motes. Special thanks for hanging the show and meeting its challenges go to Elaine Lansky and her crew – Lully Schwartz, Mary Pacheco, Kerin Foley, Meridith Mulcahy, Bill Travis, Carolyn Reedy, Jim Simpson and Jim Lambert. Many of these people helped with the exhibit at the Maritime Museum and met the challenge of high ceilings. Leslie Dondero brought the scaffolding. Assisted by her helper and the high wire work of David Rossetti and others, the job was accomplished.

July 29-30, 19th Annual Art on Bartlett Mall

Don't miss Art on Bartlett Mall, the annual outdoor art show of painting and photography. Takes place the first weekend of Yankee Homecoming week, Newburyport.

'The Atlantis' Art Cruise

Located behind NAA, Gail and Norm Bucher are the captains of *The Atlantis*. Cruise along the Merrimac River, Plum Island, Cranes Beach, Rye Harbor, the Isles of Shoals, and stop to work on your art. Cost: \$50 an hour for 1 to 6 people. If interested call 978-463-7765 or e-mail: atlantis@ma.ultranet.com

Would you be interested in taking the boat out of Portsmouth, NH for an outing to the Isles of Shoals in August? If so, call NAA on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday and leave your name with Elaine.

K U D O S !

- * Alexandra Vernon is currently showing her work at Alpers Fine Art in Andover.
- * Debra Ball, Bill Franson and Doug Garrabrants were in the Photo Salon put on by Cameleon in Newburyport.
- * Lully Schwartz will be exhibiting at the Provident Bank in Amesbury in June and July.
- * NAA members involved in the Maudslay Sculpture Walk this year are Cameron Sesto, Diane McLeod Packer, Gordon Przbyla and Chuck Mead.
- * Robert Motes has a new stainless steel sculpture in the CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE 2000 at the Chesterwood Museum, Stockbridge. The exhibit was curated by Donald Kuspit. The work represents work of members of The Sculptors Guild, New York, NY. The exhibit runs from July 1 through October 10, 2000. Robert was also invited to display another of his new works in the Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey during the summer of 2000.
- * Kevin and Susan Psaros will be exhibiting their color photography at First and Ocean Bank, 51 State Street in Newburyport through July 31.
- * Congratulations to the following photographers who have their work published in "Greater Newburyport, A Photographic Portrait." Our own Kevin and Susan Psaros won 2nd prize for their photograph "A Day at the Beach." Also look for the photographs of Mark Brophy, Dana Davis, Peter Grimshaw, Michael Pepe, Kevin and Susan Psaros, Jodi Sammons, Eric Smith, and Lee Yeomans. The book is currently available for sale in the NAA gift shop.
- * Liz Buckley is part of "Photography Atelier 2000," with eight other women photographers, at the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University. The exhibit is the culmination of a semester long portfolio making workshop at Radcliffe Seminars. Harvard. The show is diverse and often stunning, including some striking digital work. The Schlesinger Library is a women's history research library. The exhibit runs through the end of July (M-F, 9-5).

Don't miss the Garden Party for the *'Great Newburyport Photographic Book'* at Jabberwocky Bookshop, the Tannery, Newburyport, July 14, 7-9 pm. This new book includes photos by NAA members.

NAA Hosts Art Link Program

NAA hosted a show of student art work this spring. The exhibit represented work from all of the schools in the Newburyport school system; part of the Art Link program. Kathleen A. Smith, Superintendent of Schools says, "The Newburyport Art Association's involvement with the Newburyport Public Schools is of great value to us. Having Sue Spellman leading the Art Link group has given us access to many important community resources. I am astounded at the willingness of community organizations such as yours to offer us time and space for the precious art of our students."

Fall Show Juror

Raymond Liddell will be the juror for the NAA Fall Juried Show. Watch your mail for CALL FOR ENTRIES.

Cool News

We are happy to announce that air conditioners are being installed in the gallery and upstairs classroom as part of our Project 2000 Program. Again we thank all those members and non-members who contributed to the Annual Appeal to make this possible. Special thanks to Al Moskowitz and Kent Miller for the installation. Come visit the gallery and enjoy the art and the COOL TEMPERATURES.

The Sketch Pad

The Sketch Pad is the newsletter of The Newburyport Art Association, Inc. 65 Water Street, P.O. Box 28 Newburyport, MA 01950 (978) 465-8769

2000 BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PARTIAL LISTING)

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Board Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, unless otherwise announced.

Items for the SketchPad (prefer computer disk or e-mail although written or typed copy also accepted) E-mail: smdesign@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.

Featured Artist Presentations

Featured Artist, Will Richard, will speak at his opening reception on July 14. Will has spent much of his life experiencing the forests, mountains, and waters of northern New England and Canada. His talk will explain his approach to photographing these environments and the philosophical principles he uses to observe nature.

Then on Sunday, July 16, Will Richard will present a slide show titled "Developing the International Appalachian Trail: One Trail, Two Countries," tracing the development of the trail through Maine, New Brunswick, and Quebec. The first IAT calendar produced for 2001 by Will Richard Photography will be on sale during the exhibit.

Scholarship Winner

Megan Lund is the NAA Scholarship Winner (\$250) from Newburyport High School. Mary Larnard, principal of the high school, says: "Megan will be attending Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill, majoring in art. She will then go on to an art school. She is a very talented young lady." We at NAA wish her well on all her endeavors. Congratulations, Megan!

Grant from Civic League

A grant of \$3000 was received from the Newburyport Civic League. The money will go toward the second phase of providing handicapped access to the NAA building.

The Newburyport Civic League has been a long standing supporter of the NAA, and provided capital funds for original refurbishment of the building on Water Street in 1968.

Gift Shop News

The Gift Shop is doing well in its new location.

We are presently accepting new artists' work and are especially interested in ceramics, pottery and other 3-D work. The space is limited, so the size must be no larger than 12" in any direction.

If you are interested in submitting work to be reviewed by the Gift Shop committee, please leave samples of your work, or photographs, with name, address, phone no., your email address and price list, in the NAA office or kitchen area. Work will be reviewed on Tuesdays in July.

The commission on gift shop sales is 30%. Call Sharyn Dahn at 465-6310 or email: edahn@mediaone.net if you have questions.

CHANGED E-MAIL? Please inform NAA of your new email address. MOVING? Please let us know your new address asap. Bulk mailings are not forwarded.



Exhibition Calendar

JUNE 8 - JULY 9: THIRD REGIONAL JURIED ART SHOW

Open to all artists in painting, photography, drawing, print making, sculpture, and mixed media. Juried by George Nick and Nick Johnson. Reception: Saturday, June 10, 7-9 pm.

JULY 11 - 19: NAA FEATURED ARTIST SERIES: WILL RICHARD

Field Photography in Maine and Atlantic Canada. Open daily: 12-5 pm.

Reception: Friday, July 14, 6-8 pm. Sunday, July 16: slide presentation, 7-9 pm.

JUNE 21: POWOW RIVER POETS READING, 7:30 pm

JULY 14 - SEPT. 4: A SENSE OF PLACE - PART II

Collaborative art exhibition between the Newburyport Art Association and the Newburyport Maritime Society at the Custom House Maritime Museum. Supported in part by the Mass. Cultural Council through the Newburyport Cultural Council. Oil, acrylic, water based media, pastel, mixed media and fine crafts. Reception: Fri., July 14, 7-9 pm.

JULY 19: POWOW RIVER POETS READING, 7:30 pm

JULY 20 - 26: NAA FEATURED ARTIST SERIES

David Saums: *City, Shore, to the Mountains: A Photographic Perspective.*

Open daily: 12-8:30 pm Reception: Saturday, July 22, 6 pm.

JULY 27 - AUG. 2: FEATURED ARTIST SERIES

Donna Marion Titus: *Isles of Shoals Paintings*

Open daily: 12-5 Reception: Friday, July 28, 7-9 pm.

JULY 29 - 30: 19TH NAA ART ON BARTLETT MALL

Bartlett Mall, Newburyport. An outdoor show of painting and photography.

AUGUST 3 - 9: NAA FEATURED ARTIST SERIES: SUE HAMMER & BARBARA NACHMIAS

KEDES DY: *Missing Pieces and Threads of Grass.* Photography by Hammer and colored pencil and stitchery by Kedesdy. Reception: Friday, August 4, 7-9 pm.

AUGUST 10 - 16: NAA FEATURED ARTIST SERIES: CYNTHIA COOPER & CATHY MUTCH

Acrylic by Cooper and sculpture by Mutch. Reception: Sunday, August 13, 3-5 pm.

AUGUST 19 - SEPT 12: 3RD ANNUAL JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Receiving: Thurs., Aug. 17, 10 am-4 pm & 5-7:30 pm. Reception: Sat., Aug. 19, 7-9 pm.

Awards: 7:45 pm. Juried by Allison Kemmerer, Associate Curator, Addison Gallery.

The Photography Corner

Our May meeting was a productive one for we discussed several items. Is the NAA planning a darkroom for members? What progress has been made for our upcoming Photography Show at the end of the summer? We need to build a corps of volunteers who will serve as receivers and installers for our show. This led us to a discussion of how to extend the Photo Interest Group into a community of photographers who might find expression through outreach programs and integration, as a group, with other galleries. To this end we are sending out a survey to members. So, please when you receive it, send it back to us as soon as possible. We really do need your input!

The second half of the evening answered our questions about what is involved with getting a domain name and website hosting services, selling items and collecting money online. Rick Hydren provided us with answers and solid direction in how much it costs to get started and the pitfalls along the way. He also discussed what is involved with protecting your art from theft on the web. If

you would like his information drop him a line on e-mail: rhydren@websofwonder.com. We owe Rick a great debt for his time and thoughtful preparation on our behalf.

We were thrilled to welcome a new member, Virginia Hallman, who brought along her digital camera and print examples to share. Doris McDonald also provided us with some samples of her work in progress that led to a stimulating discussion. As always we enthusiastically welcome members to come to these meetings and bring their work and enjoy the feedback and camaraderie.

The next meeting in June is a collaborative one. We call it "To the World's End." The idea is to bring either prints or slides (we'll provide the slide machine and screen) of places you have been that we may never have seen. We see a lot of this lovely area that we live in, but there is a larger world out there, which also needs exploring. So bring your work to share with us.

Reminder: Next Photo Interest Group meeting is on June 12 at 7:15 pm at the gallery. Bring your friends along for the show, too! Hope to see you there.

— Pat and Jodie



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Cynthia Cooper & Cathy Mutch**

**Aug. 19-Sept. 12, 3rd Annual Juried
Photography Show**

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NAA Classes, Workshops & Interest Groups

*Please call before attending your first class
or workshop. Contact telephone numbers
are listed below.*

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

• **Classes with Joan Gessner:**
\$80 per 6 week continuing session. Special
needs children are welcome. Contact Joan
Gessner, 978-463-0457.

Tues., 3:30-5 pm. Grades 2-3 (exceptions
will be considered).

Wed., 3:30-5 pm. Grades 4-5.

Thurs., 3:30-5 pm. Grades 6 and up.

Fri. – Watercolor Painting Class,
Grades 5 and up.

Sat., 9-10:30 am – Grades 1-3; and
11 am-12:30 pm – Grades 4 and up.

SUMMER ART CAMP

Joan Gessner & NAA are offering a series
of age appropriate Summer Art Camps for
children starting at grade 2 (exceptions will
be considered). Dates: July 10-13, 17-20,
24-27, Aug. 7-10, 14-17, 28-31, Sept. 4-8.
Time: 10am-12pm, cost: \$75, Focus: drawing
and painting skill development. Some class-
es will be spent painting the Merrimac

River, Amesbury Mill Yard, and scenes
around the Art Association.

• **Classes with Peg Dalton:**
Basic Drawing for Children. Starts Sept.13,
for 6 weeks, 3:30 – 5 pm. For children
grades 1-8. Cost is \$40 for the 6 week
session. Call NAA at 465-8769 and leave
name to register.

ADULT CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & GROUPS

- **Fun in the Sun with Watercolor**
on Friday afternoons from 2-4:30 p.m.,
July 14-Aug. 11. Cost: 5 weeks for \$50,
or \$10 per session. 20% proceeds are
returned to NAA. Call Dorothy Givner at
463-3088 to register. Dorothy has been
a watercolorist for over 20 years and
trained with John Hatch and Kay Kandra.
- **Beginning Watercolor & Private Lessons**
upon request. Contact Joan Gessner,
978-463-0457.
- **Photography Interest Group**
Meets second Monday evening of the
month at 7:15 pm. Contact Pat Bashford,
978-462-7083.
- **Figure Drawing Workshop**
Ongoing sessions, Wed. eves, 7-9:30 pm.
Cost each session: \$5 members, \$6 non-
members. Live model. No instruction.
Contact Gordon Przybyla, 978-465-5721.

- **Sculpture Group:** On going sessions,
Thursday evenings, 7-9:30 pm. Cost
\$45 for 7 sessions. No instruction.
Live model. Contact Al Moskowitz,
978-462-9144.
- **Powow River Poets:** Meets monthly on
Wed. eves, 7:30 pm. Next meeting is
awards of NAA Annual Poetry Contest,
Sunday, May 21st at 2 pm. Contact
Rhina Espaillat, 978-462-9144.

Sharing Art Space

Linda Dupont is looking for someone
to share her space (10x10 tent) at the
Marblehead Festival of Arts 'Artisans at
Abbott Hall,' Sun., July 2nd. If you are inter-
ested, email to: Ldupont@MFS.com or call
617-964-5015 (days) or 781-595-1611 (eves).

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Montserrat College of Art Gallery has a
new exhibit: RELICS, TROPHIES, SHRINES,
capturing a bit of the ephemera of everyday
life and presenting it to the world at large.

