

Newton Art Association Newsletter

Newton Art Association Annual Bonnar Show 2011



March 9-23, 2011

Painting, Drawing, Fiber Art, Ceramics, Sculpture.

Reception: Sunday, March 13, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Awards presented. Public cordially invited.

Gallery hours: Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.,

Saturday 1-5 p.m. Over 60 artists exhibiting at

NEW ART CENTER, Main Gallery

61 Washington Park, Newtonville, MA

March 2011

March 10th Demonstration



Keri Straka
Ceramic Sculpture

Example of a Small Form Sculpture by Keri Straka

The NAA will be treated to a demonstration and talk on Ceramic Sculpture. Our speaker Keri Straka has an MFA in Ceramics from *Massachusetts College of Art* and an BFA in Ceramics from *Western Washington University*. Here are words from her artist statement:

"My work explores relationships of nesting, growth, protection, and intimacy. The amplification of organic textures and figurative shapes suggest elements of the natural world, while alluding to sensual and corporeal experiences of the human body."



Example of a Large Form Sculpture by Keri Straka

"My process for building is very intuitive." ... "I use the coil and pinch method for constructing the hollow built forms. Stains and colored slips are sprayed onto the work while they are greenware and also after the bisque firing. The work is then cone six



Example of a Pottery Form Sculpture by Keri Straka

or cone ten reduction fired in a gas kiln, and most pieces are fired multiple times to build up the surface and saturation of color."

Keri Straka's website is www.keristraka.com

NAA Calendar - 2011

Thursday March 3	Board meeting 7:30 pm, Linda Rinearson's
Monday March 7	<u>Bonnar Show Drop Off</u> 6:00 – 8:30 pm or
Tuesday March 8	9:00 – 10:00 am
Thursday March 10	<u>NAA meeting and demo</u> 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Sunday, March 13	Bonnar Show Reception 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Wednesday March 23	<u>Bonnar Show Pick Up</u> 6:00 – 8:30 pm or
Thursday March 24	9:00 – 10:30 am
Thursday March 31	Artist Critique 7:30 - 9:00pm - see page 3
Thursday April 7	Board meeting 7:30 pm, Paul Alie's
Thursday April 14	<u>NAA meeting and demo</u> 7:30 - 9:00 pm

NAA Demonstrations are held monthly on the second Thursday (September through May) at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street in Newtonville. Doors open at 7:00 pm for coffee and discussion. Announcements start at 7:30 followed immediately by the demonstration.

Welcome to New Members

Susan D. Abele 23 Russell Ct, Newtonville 02460

Sandra Lipchus, 15 Spring Road, Needham Heights, Ma 02494

Laura J. Segal 6 Orchard St. Watertown 02472

Christine Shadic, 489 Washington Street #1, Brookline, MA 02446

Margie Sisitzky 76 Russell Rd., Framingham 01702

SHOW: *Regina Eliot-Ramsey * Coleman Rogers * Dick Heller * Dick Simon *

- * Photography Exhibit
- * Newton Free Library for the month of March.
- * Opening Reception March 3rd 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

NEWTON CAMERA CLUB and RACHEL MELLO EXHIBIT
at the Newton Free Library



photo by Herb Gish - Leaves Adrift

March 2 - 30, 2011

 **Newton Free Library**
The Best is yet to come

330 Homer Street
Newton, MA 02459
617-796-1360
www.newtonfreelibrary.net

RECEPTION:
March 3rd, 2011, 7-8:30pm

Interesting Website for Newton Artists

Rediscovering Newton Artists 1850-1950

See this online exhibition that focuses on works by artists who were born in Newton or spent a significant part of their lives here. To get to the site:

- Go to www.historicnewton.org
- Click on "Exhibitions" in left column
- Select "Online Exhibitions" from the left column
- First article is on "Rediscovering Newton Artists"
- If you click on "The Paintings" you get a list of the artists with sample artworks.

NAA Members News

INSTRUCTIONAL EXHIBIT:

Marian Dioguardi

is inviting NAA members to her Studio Show at #223-B, 450 Harrison Ave, Boston on March 4th from 5 - 9:00 pm. On exhibit are her ten new laundry line paintings based on the laundry lines of Burano, Italy. The original references, thumbnails, studies and sketches of the paintings will be shown, showing her start to finish process.

mariandioguardi.com



"Looking at Life"
by Marian Dioguardi

SHOW: Cheryl O'Neil

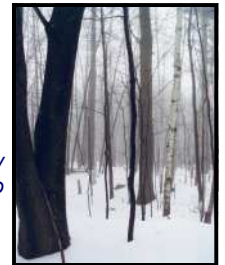


is exhibiting pastels and photography from through March 12, 2011 at the Trident Booksellers & Café, 338 Newbury St, Boston. Cheryl's website is at

www.cheryloneil.com

"High Tea" -
Pastel by Cheryl O'Neil

Photo by
Donna Santonastaso



SHOW:

Donna Santonastaso

is displaying Traditional New England photos at the Keyes Pharmacy, Auburndale through the month of March.



DISPLAY:

Arlene Bandes has a piece of collage on display at Bread and Chocolate in Newton Highlands for the month of March

"Bird of the Sea"
by Arlene Bandes

SHOW:

Carole Slattery & Fran Merton will be displaying their art through April 2nd at the Scandinavian Living Center in West Newton.

"Eastern Tailed Blue Collage"
by Fran Merton

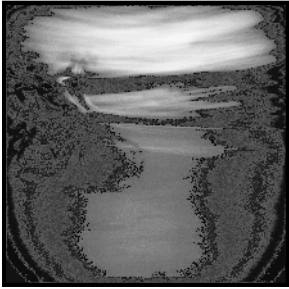


"Wellesley Path Series #3" by Carole Slattery

CONGRATULATIONS

2011 NAA New Member Show winners

- **Coleman Rogers**
"The Bike Race"
 First Prize
colemanrogers.com



- **Sarah Kahn**
"Weather Patterns"
 Second Prize
sarahkahncollage.com



- **Susan Varga**
"Wetlands in Winter"
 Third Prize



- **Dick Simon**
"Iceberg, Glacier Bay, Alaska"
 Honorable Mention
dicksimonphotography.com



CALL FOR ARTISTS: Newton Free Library

The Newton Free Library presents monthly art exhibits by regional artists in the Gallery and Main Hall. The library is a state-of-the-art facility which over 13,000 people visit weekly. Library patrons are very enthusiastic about the art exhibits and many artists successfully sell their work. There is extensive media outreach for exhibits with listings in Art New England, local papers and other related media outlets.

The library is currently seeking submissions for two dimensional works by local artists to be exhibited in the galleries **January - June 2012 time period.**

Interested artists should submit a packet for consideration by the Library's art committee which will meet this spring. Exhibiting procedures are posted on the library's web site at:

www.newtonfreelibrary.netsec=programs&doc=procedures

**Deadline for submission is
 Friday, May 13, 2011 at 12 noon**

ARTIST CRITIQUES

What is a Critique? A critique is when we get together with other artists, display our art and ask for feedback. If we are to grow as artists, we need more than "I like it" or "I don't" or worse yet, silence. Attentive, constructive comments from artists help us see our art in a fresh way.

How do I prepare for a Critique? Prepare to introduce your art piece: how you created it, why you chose the subject, whether the piece is finished, what parts you like or don't and why. Most importantly ask for explicit feedback - say something like "In what ways might I improve x, y or z?" Remember - it's a critique of your artwork, not a personal critique of you.

How can I critique art? We all have a unique view. Ask yourself what impression the art gives you. Then ask what would make it more successful. Make your feedback as helpful, constructive and useful as possible.

March Critique

You are invited to take part in an Artist Critique to be held at **Myra Abelson's** home, Thursday evening March 31st. Each person may bring one piece of art (additional art can be critiqued if we have time) or you may attend without a piece of art. PLEASE RSVP

DATE: Thursday March 31, 2011

TIME: 7:00 pm Refreshments

7:30 - 9:00pm Critique

LOCATION: 63 Alderwood Rd., Newton

RSVP: msmyralee@comcast.net

or call: 617.965.5950

LOCAL VENUE OPPORTUNITIES

NAA coordinated Art Displays

Keyes Pharmacy

Keyes Pharmacy window in Auburndale on Commonwealth Avenue is available to NAA artists. If you are interested in displaying, please contact **Gayle Smalley** gaylesmalley@mindspring.com or call 617.332.7075.

Scandinavian Living Center

If you are interested in having a solo or group show, the Scandinavian Living Center is available. For more information contact **Eileen Kurkoski** eileenfoto@verizon.net or call 617.928.0958

Bread and Chocolate Café Display

The NAA along with Newton Villages work to display art at local establishments. Bread and Chocolate, a cafe/bakery in Newton Highlands, is the first site.

Please contact **Paul Alie** if you are interested.

PAlieLICSW@aol.com or call 617.965.0236.

2010 - 2011 DEMONSTRATION Schedule

10 March 2011

[Keri Straka](#)

Ceramic Sculpture

14 April 2011

[Dean Nimmer](#)

Watercolor,
"Painting from Intuition"

12 May 2011

[Michael Wilson](#)

Acrylics

This Month on March 10



Longing, by Keri Straka

Next Month Thursday April 14



"Painting from Intuition" by Dean Nimmer

NEWTON WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

www.newtonwatercolorsociety.org

Last month 24 members of the Newton Watercolor Society (NWS) watched Paul George paint a snow scene.



The next meeting is Saturday morning March 12th. We plan to watch and discuss a video by Joseph Zbukvic jzbukvic.com. We also want to talk about future workshops.

Saturday March 12th, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Community Rowing, 2nd floor conference room

20 Nonantum Road, Brighton, MA
GPS Directions use 100 Nonantum Road, Watertown
617.779.8267

THINK SPRING so we can paint outside in April!

For more information contact: Mike Milburn: 617.527.0463
info@newtonwatercolorsociety.org

WINTER WORKSHOPS AT THE JCC

JCC Workshops Are Offered to NAA Members at JCC-member Rates!



www.lsicc.org/home/classes_arts.html

To register please call 617.558.6480 and mention the *special NAA rate*

Multimedia Drop-In Live Figure Class

Cy Whittier

Fridays 10am – 1pm, through April 1 \$9/class

Glass Seder Plate - Michel L'Huillier

Thursday 6:30-9:30pm, March 31 \$130

Exploring the Multi-layer Monoprint

Arlene Bandes

Tuesdays 7-9pm, March 1-22 (4 wks) \$85

NAA Leadership

Thank you Charlotte Fine for doing Hospitality!

The Newton Art Association is an organization of around 200 art enthusiasts and artists, representing all branches of the visual arts, from drawing to sculpture to painting. We are run by a cooperative board of volunteers who take on leadership roles in the NAA. These roles include:

- **President**
Linda Rinearson lindarino@rcn.com
- **Program Chair**
Jeanne Gugino j.e.gugino@comcast.net
- **Exhibition & Show Chair**
Eileen Kurkoski eileenfoto@verizon.net
Carole Slattery carole@slattery.com
 - *Keyes Pharmacy Window* Gayle Smalley
gaylesmalley@mindspring.com
 - *Scandinavian Living Center*
Eileen Kurkoski eileenfoto@verizon.net
- **Publicity** **Open Position**
J. Gugino j.e.gugino@comcast.net (temporary)
- **Treasurer**
Bernice Auslander baus@rcn.com
- **Hospitality** Charlotte Fine cfine6@verizon.net
- **Secretary** Rotating position
- **Corresponding Secretary**
Jessica Mosher jecmosher@yahoo.com
- **Membership**
Jack Lifszit jlifszit@rcn.com
- **Salons & Critiques:**
Linda Rinearson lindarino@rcn.com

Bonnar Show Application

Bonnar Show - March 9 - 22, 2011

STILL TIME SIGN-UP TODAY!

We are asking all registrations to be in **BY MARCH 5th** so you have only a day or two if you want to be in the show.

The New Art Center is a large and wonderful location for our major show of the year.



Location: **New Art Center (NAC),**
61 Washington Park, Newtonville, MA 02460
Visit www.newartcenter.org for more information or for directions to the New Art Center.

- Requirements:** Open to NAA members in good standing
1. Work that has not been shown in previous NAA shows
 2. Work must stay up until the end of the show
 3. Venue can accommodate sculpture and small metal/ceramic pieces but art must be DRY.
 4. 2D work must be framed and ready to hang with wires and screws
 5. Mats should be white or off white
 6. Frames should be neutral colors (white, black, silver, gold, wood)
 7. Label back of artwork with: *Artist name, title, media, and price of piece*
 8. Hanging fee of \$15 made out to NAA
 9. Sign the waiver below for NAA and NAC regarding freedom from liability
 10. **35%** of all art sales will go the New Art Center. NAA will not receive anything from sales.
 11. There is NO storage space for us at NAC so please pick up your art promptly.
 12. IMPORTANT – the NAA is responsible for hanging the show & for repairing any wall damage after the show. We are required to staff the NAC exhibit on weekends (1:00 – 5:00 pm).
 13. Please send your jpeg to eileenfoto@verizon.net after you know what you are exhibiting. Jpegs will be used for publicity.

Drop off: **Monday, March 7, 6:00 – 8:30 pm & Tuesday March 8, 9:00 – 10:00 am**

Reception: **SUNDAY evening, March 13, 7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Pick Up: **Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 - 8:30 pm & Thursday March 24, 9:00 -10:30 am**

To assure a place, send this registration form to Eileen Kurkoski, (108 Derby Street, Newton MA 02465) with a check for \$15 made out to NAA. Registrations are due by March 1, 2010.

For more information, contact: Eileen Kurkoski eileenfoto@verizon.net or 617. 928.0958

Name (print) _____

Tel. No. _____ **E mail** _____

Title _____ **Size (framed)** _____

Media _____ **Price** _____

I will help with hanging take down & wall repair staffing weekends – choose a time below

Weekend of March 12-13: 3/12 Sat 1-3 3/12 Sat 3-5 3/13 Sun 1-3 3/13 Sun 3-5

Weekend of March 19-20: 3/19 Sat 1-3 3/19 Sat 3-5 3/20 Sun 1-3 3/20 Sun 3-5

I will help with the reception food flowers set up clean up publicity

\$15 FEE PAID _____

In registering for this show I understand that I shall not hold the Newton Art Association or the New Art Center responsible for any loss or damage. I understand that NAC reserves the right to photograph or display photographs of the artists' work on the NAC website, Furthermore, I have read the show rules and understand that work that is not compliant with the regulations will not be accepted.

Signed: _____