

# News from The Plastic Club

## Results are IN!

The ballots have been counted and we have a new President. **Bob Jackson** has been elected to a two-year term. Bob is a wonderful artist and is well known for his witty “junk and stuff” assemblages and his virtuoso ink drawings from the figure. He has led the Friday Night Workshop since he joined the Club. As a “handyman” he has been responsible for many improvements and repairs to the building. And, he’s a terrific cook, as those who come to the openings and dinners can attest. The following members have been elected to the Plastic Club Board of Directors: **Betty MacDonald**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; **Michael Guinn**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; **Hilarie Hawley**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President; **Eileen Eckstein**, Corresponding Secretary; **Bonnie Schorske**, Recording Secretary; **Sheldon Strober**, Treasurer and **Alan Klawans**, Exhibition Chair. We thank **Paul Struweg** for his two years of service as the Treasurer. He has recently moved and cannot continue in the post.

## RECONSTRUCTION NEWS

We are about to remodel the two bathrooms to make them more comfortable for everyone. There will be new sinks, toilets, windows and electric heating. All the walls will be redone and a new floor will be put in. This should all be completed by the end of August. Check the web site or phone message for temporary closings early in August.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY

**Betty MacDonald** has created a new display in the vetrine on the first floor. This display features work done by Plastic Club members in materials and idioms that they normally didn’t use. **Barbara McIlvain** made little “critters” from natural materials. **Sarah Crumb** did weaving. **Esther Richards** made things from cut tin. **Margaret Marshall** painted coats of arms. **Rachel Cartledge** made enamel ware, and Betty shows an example of her bobbin lace. Take a look.

## Spring Dinner

The annual Spring Dinner and Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It’s always a good time to meet the membership and enjoy the food, and this time it was no different. Once again, Betty MacDonald made a bowl of May Wine using the woodruff growing in our garden as flavoring. We started with appetizers, mostly donated by the members and continued on to Chicken Captain, salad, and rolls. The evening ended with desserts and a meeting at which Bob Jackson presided.



*L to R: Kathryn Russo, Jym Paris, Bob Jackson and Unada Gliewe enjoy the Spring Dinner in the Shiekman Studio*

## Workshop Show

The annual show of works done at our workshops (or from work done at our workshops) opened on Saturday night, June 14<sup>th</sup> with a party. This year’s turnout was bigger than ever with 71 works by 34 artists on view. There was a great range of work presented: oil paintings, paintings in gouache collages, watercolors and, of course, many drawings in inks, charcoal, pencil, and pastel. The winning artist determined by anonymous voting was **Edwin B. Allen**. Ed wins four free workshops. The runner-up was **Alden Cole**. He wins two free workshops.

## Summer Gala

The annual “Summer Gala” will be held on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. (See enclosed reservation form) pay them now or we will have to assume that you no longer want to be part of the Plastic Club. We would hate to lose you.

## Members' Medal Show

On May 11<sup>th</sup>, the **96<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Medal Show** opened with 94 works by 56 members. Juror Wayne Urffer awarded the Plastic Club Gold Medal to **Diane Podolsky** for her pencil/oil "Fish Market." The Silver Medal went to **Edwin B. Allen** for his sensitive ink drawing entitled "On The Rocks." The Ziegler Award went to **Idaherma Williams** for her woodblock, Plants With Yellow Curtains," and the Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Award went to **Ben Wilson** for his watercolor of "Thompson Farm." Honorable Mentions went to **Jessica Barber** and **Katherine Stanek**.

## 5 Models Set New Record!

On Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Bob Jackson had five models posing simultaneously in the garden, setting a new record for Plastic Club Drawing Workshops. Bob had originally booked four models, but one was late and Bonnie Barden who had come to draw volunteered to fill in. When the other model finally arrived, she was added to the group. There was a good turnout, and Bob continued to have four models on the following two Sundays. He built a special model stand for these outdoor sessions which will continue in September after everyone is back from vacation. Check our web site under "Announcements" periodically to find out when the next outdoor session will be. Don't miss it.

## Models Needed

Speaking of models, we are hoping that some of you would consider volunteering to pose for the Tuesday Clothed Model Workshop. It would require that you pose on two consecutive Tuesdays between 12 and 3PM. The same pose is held for twenty minutes at a time with ten minute breaks in between. Call Kim Martin at 215-687-6768 if you think you can do this. Who knows, you might even get a portrait out of it!

## Sedor/Carroll Show

Plastic Club member **Denise Sedor** and her friend **Valerie Carroll** recently rented the Club for a three day show of their works. Entitled "Flowers in the Hood," the show opened with a Saturday evening reception and closed with a Sunday afternoon

## Studio Notes

In May, works by **Jack Gerber** were shown in an exhibition at the Noyes Museum entitled "Home Grown: Americana from the Permanent Collection."

**Arthur B. Ostroff** was juried into five shows during April and May and won two awards.

**Karl Olsen** had a one person show of his work at Java Coffee in May. He also showed work with **Anders Hansen** and **Bob Bohne** at the West End Gallery in Media in June. **John Benigno** showed his photographs at the Tyme Gallery in Havertown in June. **Marie Davis Samohod** had a painting in the PAFA Juried Alumni exhibition in June and she also had a one person show at the Biotonic Wellness Studio in Bryn Mawr in April. **Ed Allen, Eileen Eckstein, Arthur B. Ostroff, and Laura Jean Zito** had work in a show at City Hall entitled "Likeable Art". **Thelma Segal, Sylvia Schreiber, Sylvia Fein, Mary Williamson, Mina Smith-Segal, and Ed Allen** had work in a show at the Philadelphia Senior Center and PECO Headquarters in Center City in May. **Rick Wright, Harry Abraham, Angelo Benedetto, DoN Brewer, and Anders Hanson** had works included in a show called "Enter Digital" at the Off the Wall Gallery at Frank's Bar in June and July. **Kim Martin's** work was in an emerging artists' exhibit at the Artists' House Gallery in March. **Doree Loschiavo** did a one day workshop about painting in watercolor at the Community Arts Center in Wallingford in July. **DoN Brewer** had a show at the Beauty Shop Café in May. **Dick Goldberg** has a show of his work entitled "In The Moment" at the Berman Museum of Art until August 17<sup>th</sup>. **Eleanor Hall** has her work on view at the Dada Gallery, 113 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St until July 26<sup>th</sup>. The American Color Print Society is having an exhibition at the Main Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia until September 5<sup>th</sup>. **Idaherma Williams, Sy Hakim, Elizabeth MacDonald, Alan Klawans, Jack Gerber, and Carole J. Meyers** are among the exhibitors. **Elizabeth MacDonald** is showing work at the Viking Culinary Institute in Bryn Mawr during July.

## Dues Reminder

There are still a few members who have not paid their dues (\$60.00 for a Full Member) for 2008-2009. Please pay them now or we will have to assume that you no longer want to be part of the Plastic Club. We would hate to lose you.