

# News from **The Plastic Club**

## Members' Medal Show

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Medal Show opened on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with a well attended reception and a lot of great food. This show produced the largest turnout in a long time. 70 Plastic Club members exhibited 119 works of art in a variety of media. The juror, **Elsa Tarantal**, picked **Katherine Stanek**'s striking, three part sculpture, "Deliverance" for the Gold Medal. Ms. Tarantal awarded the Silver Medal to **Jake Smith** for his landscape painting titled "On A Hill Far Away." **John Benigno** won the Ziegler Prize for his photograph, "North Orchid II", and **Ben Wilson** won the Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Prize for his watercolor, "A Still Night." This is the second time that Ben has won this prize! Congratulations to all the winners!



*Ted Amick, Jessica Barber, and Anders Hansen at the reception for the Members' Medal show.*

## A SPECIAL SALON

On Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, we held a special "Salon" in collaboration with **Jody Sweitzer** and **Togo Travaglia** from the bar at 13<sup>th</sup> and Pine Sts. known as "Dirty Frank's." Currently, the "Off The Wall" gallery located inside the bar is holding an exhibition called "GROW!" Artwork created out of found or recycled objects, re-purposed concepts, and sustainability are the themes of the exhibition. A lively discussion about "green art" under the leadership of **Anders Hansen** provided much stimulation. Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Bob Jackson were also very enjoyable. The "GROW!" show, which contains work by Plastic Club members **Bob Jackson, Anders Hansen, Diane Podolsky, Andrew Hoffmann, Karl Olsen, Doree Loschiavo, and Rick Wright**, will be on view until August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## We Remember Hannah Kohn

Last year, at the memorial for his mother, **Hannah Kohn**, her son, **Gene Kohn** said he would like the Plastic Club to have one of her paintings for our permanent collection. Last week, Gene came down from his home in New York and brought with him a lovely painting by Hannah and presented it to us. It's a still life of a wicker basket against a crème background. We are delighted to have this painting just as we were delighted to have Hannah Kohn as a member of the Plastic Club.



*At the Members' Medal Show L to R: Gold Medal Winner, Katherine Stanek, Silver Medal Winner, Jake Smith, Exhibition Chair, Alan Klawans, President, Bob Jackson, Prizewinners Ben Wilson, and John Benigno.*

## SHOWS IN SIGHT

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Model as Artist** show opens on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a reception from 2 to 5 PM. It's always a great party in the garden! Come out and see what our models can do when they're not modeling for us.

From August 30th to September 24th we'll have the **Objects & Things** show. It will open on Sunday, August 30th with a reception from 2 to 5 PM. This is an open juried show (see [prospectus](#)). **Kim Martin** and **Karl Olsen**, both workshop monitors, are teaming up for an interesting show together on September 26 and 27. The show is titled "**Make me crazy, Make me think,**" and it features dual self portraits done over a 10 month time period by each artist on the same canvas. There will be a reception on Saturday the 26th from 6 to 9 PM and a reception and presentation from 1 to 4 PM, Sunday the 27th.

The critically acclaimed photographer, **George Krause**, will have a one-man show at our Club in October. This show will inaugurate our **new** downstairs gallery space which is currently under construction. It opens on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, with a reception from 2 to 5 PM.

After that, we have the **American Color Print Society** in our rooms in November and finally, a members' show on the theme of **Red, White, and Green** in December.

## SPRING DINNER

Our Spring Dinner this year was a lot of fun. Thirty-nine members and guests showed up to enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the garden on a sunny afternoon.

Betty MacDonald made the famous "May Wine." Sweet Woodruff plants that grow in our garden are part of the recipe. We then went up to the Shiekman Studio and dined on Chicken Captain cooked by Betty, rice, pasta, salads, and dessert. The highlight of the dinner was the presentation of a bronze plaque to Betty that will be installed in the new printmaking studio in her honor.



Betty MacDonald with the bronze plaque that will be put in the Elizabeth H. MacDonald Printmaking Studio.

## Summer Dinner

The Summer Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great way to end the summer and talk about what you've been doing and what you didn't do. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres start at 5 and the dinner is at 6. The proceeds from this dinner benefit our restoration fund and are partly tax deductible. So come on out and enjoy yourself!

## Workshop Show

Every June the Club has an exhibition of work done by the participants in our seven workshops. Both members and non-members are invited. This year we had our largest response ever. 83 works were shown by 36 artists. The show opened with a great party on Saturday night, June 3rd. President Bob Jackson fired up the grill and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Lots of other good things were contributed by the guests. The weather cooperated, and we were out in the garden for a long time after the party was supposed to end. It was a great evening!



Board member Bonnie Schorske with the Plastic Club's Website Mistress Cynthia Arkin at the Workshop Show reception.

## Dues Are Due

A few members have still not paid their 2009-2010 dues. If you have been a member of the Club before December 2008, your dues are payable. We need you! For those of you who *have* paid your dues, your current membership card and receipt should be enclosed. Thank you! Your support is always appreciated.

## In Memoriam

**Harry Abramson**, a former member, passed away on May 7th. He had cancer. Harry was a photographer who showed large scale photographs of the Pennsylvania Dutch countryside and other photos that were reworked in Photoshop to suggest that they were watercolors. Harry also was our host for the biannual "gallery nights" in the Fall and Spring. Our condolences go to his family and friends.