

News from *The Plastic Club*

ACPS Show

Usually the American Color Print Society rents the Plastic Club for its annual show in November. This year, because of the city-wide PhilaGrafika celebration of the graphic arts, they had their show in March at the Club. Fifty-five of their members from around the U.S. showed their work on our walls. This is always a very handsome show and it looked great. At the Awards ceremony on Sunday, March 7th, Idaherma Williams, the president of ACPS and a Plastic Club member, announced that she would be stepping down as president this year after 10 years service. It's time for someone new and we wish whomever that might be, continued success.

Black and White Show

You never can go too wrong with a theme show featuring black and white. Photographers, draughtsmen, printmakers, and even some painters, usually have a lot of work that isn't full of color. This show was a resounding success with 113 entrants showing 184 works. The prizes were picked by Juror, Jennifer Cadoff. First Prize was awarded to Maria DiMauro. Second Prize went to Maria Singer. Third Prize went to Sarah A. Myers. Terrence Smith, Paul Gentile, Rebecca Miller, Rick Wright, and Dick Meyer won Honorable Mentions.

98th Members' Medal Show

The 98th Annual Members' Medal show opened on May 2nd on a warm Sunday afternoon. The reception was well attended and as usual, provided the guests with food for the stomach as well as for the eyes. Seventy-two of our members showed on hundred and thirty works in all media. This is the largest turnout in recent times. Artist and teacher Karen Saler was the juror. She awarded the Plastic Club Gold Medal to Karl Richard Olsen for his haunting portrait drawing entitled "Norge" (The model for the drawing was of Norwegian descent). The Silver Medal was awarded to John Benigno for his evocative photograph of an old adobe church in New Mexico entitled "San Francisco de Asis." The Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Memorial Prize for realist art was won by Bob Bohne for his stilllife, "Crustacean Feast." This is the second time that Bob has won this award. The Zeigler Award went to Ellen DiPiazza for her lovely watercolor, "Morning Sky." Jon Baccile, Abraham Davidson, Burton Greenspan, and Peter Cottingham received Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to all the winners and to all of the other members who participated in this fine show! We hope to see everyone back for the 99th next year!!!



The Prizewinners at the Members' Medal Show L to R: Alli DiPiazza (accepting for her mother, Ellen DiPiazza) John Baccile, Burton Greenspan, Peter Cottingham, Bob Bohne, Gold Medal Winner, Karl Olsen, Abraham Davidson, and Silver Medal Winner, John Benigno.

Spring Dinner

Back in March, the Board picked May 16th as the date to have our annual Spring Dinner and Meeting. Who could have known that the day would be so beautiful? Blue skies and a warm temperature were perfect for 41 members and guests to share drinks, including the famous May wine, and hors d'oeuvres in the garden where the rose bush was in full bloom. Then the dinner bell called everyone upstairs to the Shiekman Studio for a dinner of green salad, Betty's "Chicken Captain," rice, rolls, flank steak, and Bob's Gazpacho soup. Betty also made some pretty little strawberry tarts for dessert. After dinner, Bob introduced Marlene Patterson who, along with Marguerite Elias-Rice, is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. They have started "Have Art Will Travel", a program to help children in some of the poorer elementary schools get access to art lessons. They would like to encourage any member who has the time, to volunteer to do an art-related lesson for one day. To find out more about this program, give Bob Jackson a call at 856-795-2160. It's a good idea.



Our two interns who helped set up and serve the dinner, Bethann Mitchell and Stephany Ottone



The usual suspects in the kitchen, Betty MacDonald and Bob Jackson

Schedule

The exhibition schedule for the rest of the year:

Workshop Show June 5 to June 27

Models as Artists July 4 to July 25

with an Opening Party on July 11th, 2-5 PM

Members' Choice August 8 to August 29

Self Portraits September 5 to September 23

Philadelphia Images October 3 to October 28 with a special show of work by **William H.**

Campbell in the Downstairs Gallery

Fiber and Textiles November 7 to November 28

Winter Images December 5 to December 31

Just In!!! Election Results!!!

The Board of Directors of the Plastic Club has been re-elected for two more years. The officers of the Plastic Club are: **Bob Jackson**, President; **Michael Guinn**, 1st Vice President; **Elizabeth MacDonald**, 2nd Vice President; **Sheldon Strober**, 3rd Vice President; **Tom McCobb**, Treasurer; **Bonnie Schorske**, Recording Secretary; **Eileen Eckstein**, Corresponding Secretary; **Alan Klawans**, Exhibition Chairman.

New Members

Each Spring, the Plastic Club awards two-year free memberships to two graduates of the four main art schools in Philadelphia. This year, the memberships were awarded to:

From P.A.F.A., Paul Metrinko and James Bellew; from Tyler, Lindsey Stevenson and Brian Palmeiri; from UARTS, Anna Romaniuk and Elizabeth Stachowicz; and from Moore, Monica Calzadilla and Alexandra Pinero.

A warm welcome these talented new members!

VIOLET OAKLEY SHOW

Ms. Cynthia Dlugolecki has written a play about one of our early members, Violet Oakley. We are hoping to have this play produced sometime in the Fall. Stay tuned.

Dues are Due

Many thanks to those of you who have paid your 2010-2011 dues. A receipt and a new membership card should be included in this mailing. If you still haven't paid, please do so now. The dues are our chief source of funds and necessary to keep the Plastic Club operating. It's still not much. Just \$60.00 for Full Members. It means a lot!