

News from *The Plastic Club*

Exhibition Schedule

The show on tap for the month of September is an open show entitled "Artists Self Portraits" One self-portrait per artist in any media is being requested. Work will be received on Friday, August 27th and Saturday, August 28th from 10 to 3 PM. In October, we will have a show limited to members of the Club entitled "Philadelphia Images" Then in November there will be a Fiber Show that will be open to everyone. In December there will be a members' show of "Winter Images." The prospecti for all of these shows will be available on our web site.



Susan Stromquist receives her First Prize from President Bob Jackson at the Models As Artists opening reception.

Workshop Show

The participants of the seven Plastic Club workshops get to present their best efforts each year. This year, 105 works were shown in the largest Workshop Show ever. Participants were invited to vote for the work that they liked best by writing a number on a ballot and putting it into the ballot "House" (designed and built by Bob Jackson). This year the winner was No. 54, "Sitting Around" by Peter Cottingham. He wins four free workshops. Runner-up was Michael Tantaros. Congrats!!!!

Models as Artists

The brainchild of President, Bob Jackson, the Models As Artists show is a way of showcasing the creative work of the models that pose at the Club. This year, 34 models showed 100 examples of their work. The opening on Sunday, July 11th was a festive affair with a lot of good food. Out in the garden Bob fired up the grill and made hot dogs. He also made fruit salad and gazpacho soup. Stephanie Hyland demonstrated her "moving model" poses. Jym Paris recited his poetry. Prizes were awarded. It was a summer party that everyone enjoyed.



Winners at the Models as Artists Show L to R: Don McPartland, Jym Paris, Bonnie Barden, President, Bob Jackson, Susan Wierzbicki, Susan Stromquist, Jenn Warpole, Debra Dias, and Bill Myers.

Happy Birthday!

Bill Campbell is celebrating his 95th birthday by having a show of his work in the Downstairs Gallery of the Plastic Club from October 3rd through October 27th. For those of you who know Bill or would like to meet him, there will be a special reception on Sunday, October 17th from 2 to 5 PM. Come and meet a legend!

Downstairs Gallery Shows

In January we inaugurated the Downstairs Gallery with a show of work by the Board of Directors and the workshop monitors. We then began to have regular monthly exhibitions of works by members of the Club. Chosen by lottery, five members are invited to show five pieces of work each month. So far we have had six exhibitions. Artists exhibiting in February were: Lucy Roehm, Sylvia Schreiber, Alice Meyer-Wallace, Mina Smith-Segal, and Bonnie Schorske. Artists showing in March were Arthur Ostroff, Pat Wilson-Schmid, Carole J. Meyers, Idaherma Williams, and John Baccile. April showcased Charles Lenzi, Anders Hansen, Karen L. Freeman, Elizaeth H. MacDonald, and Jack Gerber. In May, Thelma Segal, Armond Scavo, Lynne Shepsman, Ben Wilson, and Karen Rodewald showed their works. Then, in June, we showed the works of Robert Bohne, Tracey Landmann, Marlene Bugansky, Sali Neff, And Sheldon Strober. And, last month, we presented the works of Robert Mezey, Peter Petraglia, Sylvia Fein, Michael G. Jerista, and John Kogel.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues! We now have 149 members in good standing. The money from the dues goes for programs, insurance, and maintaining the building. We have been on Camac Street for over 100 years and some things are in need of repair. A lot has been done but, there is more to do. A number of large projects are in the planning stage and your support is necessary for us to be able to do them.

OOOOOOOOOPS!

In the Winter issue of the Plastic Club newsletter, we made a mistake. The donor of the book, "Speaking For Themselves: The Artists of Southeastern Pennsylvania," was misidentified. She is Louise Zeigler Walker. Her father was William Zeigler, a former member and an artist who is featured in the book. We regret the error.



Bill Campbell with his painting "Magic Circle."

SUMMER DINNER

This year the Summer Gala Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 19th. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5 pm with a light dinner to follow at six. If the weather is good we'll be out in the garden for the preliminaries. It's a good time to get together and share stories of your summer adventures and recent work. Come to the Club and meet the members you haven't seen in awhile! The proceeds benefit the Restoration Fund. For a reservation form [Click Here](#).

WHO HAS A GREEN THUMB?

Ahhhh, to be out in the great outside! In the Plastic Club garden, that is! Would you like to be part of the new Plastic Club garden committee? Just a few days in the Spring and Fall should do it. Get the weeds out, collect some leaves, put in some new plantings. It's a great little space that's all our own to have parties and dinners in or just somewhere to relax when the weather's nice. It just needs a little TLC once in awhile. Contact Cynthia Arkin at 215-923-6549 if you'd like to help out.

Interesting Factoid

The recent wedding of Chelsea Clinton to Marc Mezvinsky had a Plastic Club connection. Marc's maternal grandmother, Mildred Margolies, was a member of the Plastic Club. She had been a regular participant at the Thursday Morning Workshop and mostly worked with watercolors. Sadly, she passed away a number of years ago. Otherwise, who knows, one of us might have gotten an invitation!