

# News from **The Plastic Club**

## Showbiz

### ACPS Exhibits Prints

The American Color Print Society had its 70<sup>th</sup> Members' Exhibition at the Club in November. 72 prints in various techniques were shown. This is always a beautiful show because of the care that these artists give to their work and the attention they pay to their framing and presentation. The juror, Tricia Fagen, Director/Curator of the Gallery of Mercer County Community College, awarded 14 different endowed prizes. There was also an exhibit of works by Lois Johnson in the Board Room.

### Red, White, and Green Show

Appropriately enough, this theme show opened in December. With the traditional holiday decorations already in place around the Club, the art work with its red, white and green color, added to the holiday spirit. Even the food at the reception followed the theme with red tomato pie pizza and green and red soda, and a cherry punch. 44 members of the Plastic Club took part in this members only show. The juror, Richard Hamilton, awarded First Prize to Peter Petraglia for his pen and ink drawing entitled "Tubulars." Second Prize went to Dorothy Roschen for her relief tile piece that was totally on target...three squares; one red, one white, and one green. The Third Prize went to Peter Cottingham for his pastel of a nude model. Honorable mentions went to Morris Klein, Karen Frank, Lois Schlacter, and Patricia Wilson-Schmid.

### New Members' Show

Twenty-four artists who have joined the Plastic Club since January, 2009 exhibited their work at the annual New Members' show. It opened on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, with a reception that was extra-ordinarily well attended. 77 works in all mediums were on the walls making it one of the largest New Members shows in recent times. It is gratifying to see that we are continuing to attract new members who are gifted artists. From abstract to realistic work, in large and small scale formats, the show was a great testament to the strength and diversity of our membership.

### "Small Worlds" Show

Despite one cancellation and the threat of another, the "Small Worlds" show opened on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. But, nothing except the work is small. This is the largest show we've had at the Club in anyone's memory. 199 works were submitted by 119 artists, a record in both categories. The winning work, chosen by the juror, Gail Bracegirdle, is an oil painting by Sibylie Pfaffenbichler entitled "Sailors On Leave." Second Prize went to Sissy Pizzollo for her Mixed Media piece entitled "Book Dolls III 'Nana' Gone Not Forgotten." Third Prize was awarded to Diane Podolsky for her print, "Island Life." Honorable mentions were won by David Lightner, Nick Brown, Paul Clement, and Doris Peltzman.



*Red, White, And Green Prizewinners Patricia Wilson-Schmid, Lois Schlachter, Morris Klein, and Karen Frank with Exhibition Chair Alan Klawans and President, Bob Jackson.*

## New Exhibition Opportunity

The new Downstairs Gallery is open and ready for business. Five members at a time will be selected by lottery to take part in these shows which will run concurrently with the regular exhibitions upstairs. If you haven't already signed up to be in the lottery, write or email us, and we will add your name to the list. The first show features Alice Meyer-Wallace, Bonnie Schorske, Mina Smith-Segal, Lucy Roehm, and Sylvia Schreiber. It opened on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Holiday Dinner

The Annual Holiday Dinner was held on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> with 45 members and guests in attendance. "Chef" Bob Jackson cooked up his wonderfully decorated roast pig with all the trimmings. There was also a turkey loaf. Cynthia Arkin made a yam salad. Pasta was brought in from the Superior Pasta Company. For dessert, Betty MacDonald made her lovely-to-look at "Yule Logs." Many members brought hors d'oeuvres and sweets. No one left hungry and all had a good time.

## Plastic "Club" Award

This year the Plastic "Club" Award was given to Anders Hansen in recognition of his service to the welfare and betterment of the Club. President Bob Jackson gave him a framed certificate, a \$100.00 check, and the "club" (a pink, plastic wiffleball bat) at the Holiday Dinner. Anders is a regular at the workshops and hosts the monthly Salon. He has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors. Congratulations, Anders!



*Anders Hansen receives the plastic "Club" from President Bob Jackson at the Holiday Dinner.*

## New Equipment

The Club now has its own mat cutter for those of you who would like to save money by cutting your own mats. Board member Bonnie Schorske took advantage of the going-out-of-business sale at Pearl Art Supplies and bought us a Logan 450 Mat Cutter and donated it to the Club. This mat cutter can cut mats up to 40". Users should buy their own blades and be trained in the art of mat cutting. We don't want any blood on the newly painted floors.

## 2010 Exhibition Schedule

**March 7-28** American Color Print Society 71<sup>st</sup> Juried Exhibition, "Beyond Color" in conjunction with Philagraphika

**April 4-23** Open Theme Show "Black and White"

**May 2-30** Members' Medal Show

**June 6-27** Workshop Show

**July 4-25** Models As Artists

**August 1-29** Casual Summer Show

**September 5-23** Artists' Self Portraits

**October 3-28** Philadelphia Images

**November 7-28** Fiber and Textiles

**December 5-31** Winter Images

**Look** for details on our web site.

## A Gift to The Club

Louise Zeigler Walker, the daughter of former member, the late William "Bill" Zeigler, recently gave the Club a big art book about many of the region's artists. Its title is "Speaking For Themselves: The Artists of Southeastern Pennsylvania." Written and signed by its author, Daphne S. Landis, the book features biographies and examples of work by 44 artists who live or have lived in Chester County. Bill Zeigler is among them. She also donated money toward the annual Zeigler Award which is given out in her father's memory at the Members' Medal show in May. Thank you, Ms. Walker. We appreciate it.

## Become a Fan of the Club!

The Plastic Club is now on the popular internet social networking site, Facebook. If you are on Facebook, become a fan of "The Plastic Club" and receive notices and photos of Club events.

## We Need Help!

The Plastic Club has always been an all volunteer organization. If we had to pay people to do the work that needs to be done around the Club, we would have been out of business long ago. What keeps the dues and fees low is our wonderful volunteers who do all the things necessary to operate the building and staff our programs. We are indebted to these members for all their time and service to the Plastic Club. That being said, we can use some more "regulars" in the volunteer section. If you would like to help out, please get in touch with President, Bob Jackson and let him know what you can do.