

News from The Plastic Club

SHOWbiz

The **Small Worlds Show** is anything but small. This year we exhibited 246 works of art that were 16" or less in any dimension. Somehow, Alan Klawans and his crew fit them all in and made a nice show out of them. The winners this year were: First Prize: **Don McPartland** for his mixed media piece entitled "Kicker Conspiracy". Second Prize went to **Jocelynn Tice** for her pastel called "Buds". Third Prize went to **Karen Saler** for her mixed media work, "Venetian Hinge." Honorable Mentions went to **Helene Halstuch, Dave Janetta, Robert Bohne, and Mary Logue**. The juror was **Murray Dessner**, who is a teacher at PAFA.

In April, **Tom Torosian** rented the Club for a personal show of his work that he named "Art is Happening.... Again." *You too* can rent the Club. It's only \$500 for the month. Of course, you have to get on the schedule a year or so in advance. Talk to Alan if you're interested.

In May we held the **99th Annual Members' Medal Show**. We're talking *real* gold and silver medals. It's our most prestigious show and we always have a good turnout. This year the Gold Medal was won by **Lois Schlachter** for her painting, "Party Time." The Silver Medal was won by **Bonnie Schorske** for her photograph, "9 Parrots in an Acacia Tree." The Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Memorial Award was won by **Alden Cole**. A new award this year, the Mildred Beizer Prize for Still Life, was won by **Debora Weber**. The Zeigler Prize was won by **Theresa Lee**. And three Honorable mentions went to **Leroy Forney, Marie Shafron, and Peter Cottingham**. The juror was **Andrew Werth**.

We would like to thank **Karen Frank** for establishing the Beizer Prize in honor of her friend and former Plastic club member, Mildred Beizer.

The annual **Workshop Show** opened with a party on Saturday night, June 4th. 81 paintings, prints, drawings, and watercolors were on exhibit. **Nick Brown** even brought in some of his pottery illustrated with figures of the life models. Outside in the garden, lit with little lights and candles, Bob fired up the grill and cooked hot dogs. Potato salad, sauerkraut, chili, fruit salad, and all the condiments, plus wine, soda and beer, rounded out the evening's offerings. The "best in show" will be determined by popular vote. The winner gets four free workshops.

What's New?

There are several new things to look for next time you come to the Plastic Club. Bob Jackson has continued his work in the kitchen by building a "coffee closet" and refitting the old cabinets with new shelving. He has also turned the old dumbwaiter in the tea room into another closet. There is a new screen/storm door on the exit to the garden and new, illuminated exit signs have been installed on all three levels for safety's sake. And, thanks to the efforts of Garden Committee, the garden has undergone an overhaul (see over.) We thank the people involved in these improvements.



Alan Klawans celebrated his 39th birthday (again) at the reception for the Members' Medal Show..



At the reception. Bottom Row: Marie Shafron and Theresa Lee. Top Row: Alan Klawans, Debora Weber, Lois Schlachter, Leroy Forney, Bonnie Schorske, and Bob Jackson.

New Members

This year, as in the past, we have awarded eight graduating seniors two-year free memberships. This year's recipients are: From UArts, **Leah Greenberg** and **Pavia Burroughs**; from Tyler, **Elyse Bryan** and **Ryan Ritchey**; from P.A.F.A., **Nicole Michaud** and **Daniel Molnar**; and from Moore, **Jennifer Robey** and **Courtney Coolbaugh**. We welcome them and hope they have fun with us.

We also have the pleasure of the company of two summer interns, **Michelle Segal** and **Chris Lacy**. They are from Moore College of Art and Design. As a requirement for graduation, they must do 240 hours of internship. It has been suggested that they write a book about the "Rabbits", the themed dinners held at the Plastic Club many years ago. Speaking of new members, the Board of Directors of the Plastic Club has recently added two new members: **Janice R. Moore** and **Susan Stromquist**. Janice is the monitor of the Thursday morning workshop and Susan is the person responsible for the teeshirts and buttons that we are now selling to support the funding of the Plastic Club Movie. She also brings a younger voice to the Board.

Movie Nights

Saturday, July 16 at 6:30 PM

"Battle of Algiers" 1967 A film by Gillo Pontecorvo. The story of the Algerian revolution told from both sides. With one of Andy Hoffmann's classic cartoons. The next film show will be on August 20th. Check the web site for details.

SHOWS IN SIGHT

The exhibition schedule for the rest of the year is:

July 3-31 Models as Artists This is a show reserved for creative works done or performed by the models that pose at the Club. There will be an Opening Summer Party, Saturday, July 16th from 2-5 PM.

August 7-28 Members Choice This show is for any member to exhibit whatever they please as long as it meets the requirements of the prospectus.

September 4-25 Sand, Sea, Wind, and Stars This is an open themed show about....the title says it all.

October 2-30 Photographic Society of Philadelphia Members' Show This is a rental.

November 7-27 American Color Print Society Members' Show So is this.

December 4-31 Real and Imagined This is an open themed show. If you have questions about this, ask Alan Klawans to explain it to you.

Check our web site for the prospecti for the Plastic Club shows. They will appear closer to the date of the show.

Garden OF Earthly Delights

The Garden Committee has overseen a beautiful transformation of our beloved garden. Beginning last Fall, the group cleaned up the old weeds and leaves, pruned the bushes and shrubs, and planted new flowers. With the expert assistance of mason, Paul Silva, the old cinder block wall on the north side of the garden was faced with new brick, and a brick planter bed has been added. It was designed so that the planter bed wall could also be used for seating and includes little "tables" for drinks. New outdoor lighting and electrical outlets have been added to make the garden adaptable for evening affairs. Go out and take a look!



Jack Gerber and Betty MacDonald enjoy the new sitting area in the Plastic Club garden.

Spring Dinner

As the garden was getting redone, the plans for the Spring Dinner were being drawn up. May 22nd was soon upon us. Betty MacDonald cooked her Chicken Captain with rice and made 41 people very happy. It started in the garden thanks to good weather. Drinks and snacks were consumed, especially Betty's May Wine. Bob made Gazpacho soup. It didn't rain but we went up to the Shiekman Studio anyway. There were too many people to sit in the garden. Bob Lee showed the trailer to his Plastic Club movie. It always is fun to watch. We can't wait to see the finished product.

DUES ARE DUE

Once again, it is time to ask our loyal membership to pay their annual dues. Many of you have done this already. To you, we give our heartfelt thanks. But, some have not been heard from. Please, if you haven't paid yet, consider doing so now. It's not that much in the big scheme of things but, it is very important to us if we are to continue. As always, thank you for your support.