

News from *The Plastic Club*

Holiday Dinner

On Sunday evening, December 11th, 48 of our fellow club members and their guests assembled for the annual Holiday Dinner. After enjoying drinks, spiced cider, and hors d'ouvres, we all went up to the Shiekman Studio and feasted on President **Bob Jackson's** roast pig, turkey breast, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, sweet potato salad, eggplant parmigiana, lasagna, salad, and breads. Crackers were exploded. Paper crowns were put on. Toasts were made. **Betty MacDonald's** wonderful "yule logs" and **Eileen Eckstein's** "7 Up" cake added a sweet ending to the dinner.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation the eighth annual Plastic 'Club' Award to **Edward Johnson**. The recipient is chosen by the President and given to a member who has, over a number of years, contributed much time and energy toward making the Plastic Club a better place. Edward has been a steady presence at the Wednesday and Thursday workshops for many years and is currently the monitor of the Wednesday workshop. He takes great care in preparing the model stand and preparing the studio for the comfort of the participants. Thank you and congratulations, Edward! And thank you to all those people who, once again, made the dinner a great success.



Edward Johnson and his wife, Paula, with the plastic "Club" awarded to him at the Holiday Dinner.

Exhibitions In Sight

Exhibition Chairman **Alan Klawans** has announced the new schedule for the first half of 2012. Please take note of the dates. Our web site will post the prospecti as they become available. Members with no email will get the prospecti through the good graces of the post office.

2011 Winter-Spring Exhibition Schedule

January 8 – 27	New Members
February 5 – 24	Urban Observations
March 4 – 23	Small Worlds
April 1 - 27	Art and Jazz
May 6 – 25	Members' Medal
June 2 – 22	Workshop Show

This Month in the Downstairs Gallery

Works by **Sylvia Fein, Irma Shapiro, Alden Cole, Naomi B. Rubin, and Phyllis Weldon**.

We are looking for more members who would like to show their work in the Downstairs Gallery. Call Bob Jackson at the Club (215-545-9324) for details.

Birthday Girl

Betty MacDonald celebrated her 85th birthday in December, and rather than accept the huge amount of gifts and cards that the occasion merits she asked that in lieu of presents, friends donate to a fund being set up in memory of her mother, **Dorothy Wackerman Hutton**. She was a member of the Plastic Club from 1940 to 2001 and did prints, oils, and watercolors. Any monies received will go toward a memorial prize that will be given out every year at the Members' Medal Show. If you would like to donate to this fund, please make a check out to the Plastic Club and earmark it for the D. W. H. Fund. Betty thanks you and we thank you!

Calling All Cars! Book Missing!

One of our books, a biography of Beatrice Turner, has gone missing. Did YOU take it on loan and forget to bring it back? It would be nice to have it on our bookshelf again. 'Nuff said.

Out With The Old, In With The New

As any of you who have used the old card tables in the studio probably know, they had had their day. They were dented and disfigured. They had uneven surfaces and wobbly legs. Sudden collapses were common. Now the problem has been fixed. After a positive vote by the Plastic Club Board of Directors, **Janice Moore**, the monitor of the Thursday Morning workshop, and her husband **Bob Moore**, and **Ted Gutsa** went to Staples and bought 10 small work tables. **Bob Jackson** bought three regular sized card tables to add to the collection. **Lucy Roehm**, a regular participant of the Thursday Morning workshop, generously donated \$100.00 toward the cost of the 13 new tables. Our hats are off to all of these people who worked together to solve the problem for everyone's benefit.

Real and Imagined

Maybe it was because the theme was so broad or maybe it's because we're fun to show with but, whatever the cause, the **Real and Imagined** show was a huge success. 110 artists submitted 187 works in all mediums. The opening on Sunday, December 4th featured turkey, latkes, and a host of delicious edibles and drinks. The juror for this show was **Carol Sanzalone**. She picked **Jocelynn Tice**'s pastel, entitled "Clown Face" for the First Prize. Second went to **Nick Brown** for his ceramic vase entitled "Anna Posing." **Yeoun Lee** won Third Prize with her painting, "Memory." The Florence Martin Memorial Prize went to **Debra Goodyear**. Honorable mentions went to **Hope Broker**, **Deena Ball**, **Bonnie Schorske**, and **Joel Fisher-Fishering**. Opening at the same time in the **Downstairs Gallery** was a three-person show consisting of work by **Barbara Keogh**, **Debra Goodyear** and the late **Florence Martin**. Congratulations to all!

Frightening News

On October 30th, in anticipation of Halloween, **Anders Hansen**, **Bob Lee**, and **Andy Hoffmann** presented "The Bride of Frankenstein," the "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," and the Bugs Bunny cartoon, "Claws For Alarm." What wasn't totally expected was the strange and wonderful audience that showed up! We return to the regular schedule (the third Saturday of the month) on January 21st. "Tom Jones," a short, "Peter and the Wolf," and a classic cartoon will be screened.



Scary (?) People at Movie Night a.k.a. Andy Hoffmann, Anders Hansen, Cynthia Arkin, and Bob Lee.

In Memoriam

Florence Martin, a regular at the Saturday afternoon workshop, died on October 15th. She was primarily a sculptor, but also did watercolors and drawings. A memorial show of some of her work was presented in the Downstairs Gallery during the month of December.

Dr. Abraham Davidson, a regular at the Thursday Morning workshop, died on December 18th. He was a teacher of Art History at Temple for 43 years. He was also a sensitive photographer. We send our condolences to their family and friends. They will be missed.



President, Bob Jackson (far left) with the winners: L to R: Deena Ball, Joel Fisher-Fishering, Theresa Lee, Exhibition Chairman, Alan Klawans, Hope Broker, Yeoun Lee, Bonnie Schorske, Debra Goodyear, Jocelynn Tice, and Nick Brown