

News from *The Plastic Club*

MEMBERS' MEDAL SHOW

The 102nd edition of the Members' Medal show opened on May 4th with the usual lovely reception.

This year the Juror, **Roberta Fallon**, gave the Gold Medal to **Rick Wright** for a photograph he took using a cell phone camera. It was entitled "Deya Daphne." The Silver Medal went to **Mark S. Ciocca** for his colored linocut entitled "Ricketts Glen." The Ziegler Prize went to **Wayne Franks**. **John Kogel** won the Dorothy Wackerman Hutton Prize. **Jocelynn Tice** won the Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Prize for a naturalist work. The Mildred Beizer Prize for a still life was won by **Hope Broker**. Honorable Mentions were won by **Laura Freisel**, **Peter F. Petraglia**, **Jack Gerber**, and **Leonora Mamaluy**. Ninety-five members participated in the show.



Members' Medal Winners: l to r, Hope Broker, Leonora Mamaluy, Mark Ciocca, Jocelynn Tice, Jack Gerber, Rick Wright, Wayne Franks, and Exhibition Chair, Susan Stromquist

Workshop Show

The annual Workshop Show opened on May 31st. This was the largest Workshop Show in recent history. 107 works from all of our nine workshops were hung. The Saturday evening opening reception was on a lovely, warm evening. We had a real garden party. As usual, the "Best In Show" was determined by voting. **Bob Bohne** won for his oil sketch of a woman entitled "Study in Red". He wins four free workshop sessions. Congrats, Bob!

ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots have been counted and the results are in. All of the candidates have been re-elected for another two-year term. The Board of Directors and Officers of the Plastic Club for 2014-16 are: **Cynthia R. Arkin**, President; **Bob Jackson**, 1st Vice-President; **Alan J. Klawans**, 2nd Vice-President; **Michael Guinn**, 3rd Vice-President. The Board Members are: **Eileen Eckstein**, **Elizabeth H. MacDonald**, **Janice R. Moore**, **Arthur B. Ostroff**, **Bonnie Schorske**, **Susan Stromquist**, **Jane J. Wilkie**, and **Rick Wright**. The ballot question about adopting a change in the by-laws in order to allow on-line voting for future changes in the by-laws was given an affirmative vote.

Models As Artists Show

Another annual show that always is fun is the Models As Artists show. It is generally held in July and is open to anyone who has modeled at the Club for one of its many workshops. This year, twenty-seven of our models exhibited 79 of their works in various media. At the reception, several models recited their poetry, and **Irene Reinke** performed a Spanish dance to music played on guitar by her brother. **Robert Willis** won First Prize, **Alexandra Thomas** won Second Prize, and **Marie Manski** won Third. Prize. There were four Honorable Mentions. The show is our way of saying "thank you" to the talented people that keep members and non-members coming to the workshops every week.



Some of the models at the reception with Bob Jackson

Other Stuff

The Plastic Club is primarily a place to make and see artwork. However, we are also a venue for many other events that compliment the artistic and creative purpose of the Club. On April 27th the poet laureate of Philadelphia, **Frank Sherlock**, read from his new book of poems, "Space Between These Lines Not Dedicated" before a nice crowd in the Shiekman Studio. On May 10th and 11th, harpist **Elizabeth Morgan-Ellis** gave two concerts. The first one, on a Saturday evening, featured the music of contemporary local composers with the addition of visual and sound effects, and a dancer. One piece even used a planetary projector to create the night sky on the ceiling of the studio. On the following afternoon the concert was made up of more traditional works for the harp. In June, Ms. Ellis rented the Club for a fundraising evening to help with the costs of a program she will be presenting at the Fringe Festival. It was a success. We are happy to open the Club to creative people to showcase their talent. The acoustics in the Shiekman Studio are very good and we can hold about 60 people. The only requirement is that the event cannot interfere with any of our scheduled workshops or programs.



Elizabeth Morgan-Ellis

DINNERTIME

The **Spring Dinner** was held on Sunday, May 18th. The weather was lovely so we started out in the garden. The Knock-Out rose bush was stunning. All the plants were busting out in their best. Betty's May Wine was served along with a host of other drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Old and new members greeted each other. The fountain was on. We all went up to the Shiekman Studio and had roasted chicken, pasta, rice, salad, and cheesecake tarts for dessert. It was a nice evening. We're doing it again September 14th. The **Summer Dinner** promises to be just as much fun. Reserve now and be assured of a place at the table. For a reservation form, [click here](#).

SUMMER DAZE

The exhibit in our glass case this summer features children's beach toys, sand buckets, and sifters that many of our older members remember from their childhood. They are from the collection of **Alan J. Klawans**. He has been collecting lithographed tin items since the sixties. He finds them at flea markets and yard sales. Now these items are all made of plastic. But, "back in the day", they were made of metal and printed with colorful cartoon characters and designs. They range in age from the late 1800's to the '60's. Take a look.



Some of Alan Klawans' collection of antique sand toys

Thank You!

Most of you have paid your dues for 2014-2015 and we want to thank you for your continued support. Your receipt and your membership card should be enclosed. For the few who haven't paid yet, please try to pay now. If it's a difficult time, let us know. We hope you can continue to be part of the Plastic Club. 'Nuff said.

Exhibition Schedule

September 7th to 25th "You Art What You Eat"

(See enclosed prospectus)

October Photographic Society of Philadelphia
Members Show

November American Color Print Society
Members Show

December "Portraits" An open juried show
January Annual New Members Show

In Memoriam

Marci Fleet, a member of the Club, passed away on July 18th. **Ethel Invernizzi**, an Associate member of the Club passed away on July 23rd.

Mary Colonna and **Jeanne Coryell**, former members of the Club, have also passed away recently.