

# News from *The Plastic Club*

## New Student Members

Every May we are pleased to give out the Plastic Club Award to seniors from the four major art schools in Philadelphia. This year's awardees of free two-year memberships in the Plastic Club are: **Rachel Correale** and **Thomas Lauria** from Tyler, **Christina Ergemlidze** and **Lou Serna** from P.A.F.A., **Rebecca Kirby** and **Jotie Mondair** from UARTS, and **Rebecca Kummerle** and **Jocelyn MacDonald** from Moore. We are happy to give these awards and hope that these young artists can use the facilities and programs of the Plastic Club to their advantage.

## Exhibition Schedule

**Susan Stromquist**, our Exhibitions chairperson has announced the schedule for the rest of 2015.

**September** "The Great Outdoors" This is an open juried show with the theme of landscape but not limited to landscape. The prospectus is on our web site under "Exhibitions."

**September** The Philadelphia Foundation Show  
An invitational show at the offices of the Philadelphia Foundation in Center City.

**October** Alice Meyer-Wallace and Company  
This is a rental. Go ask Alice.

**November** The American Color Print Society  
This is a rental. A.C.P.S. members only

**December** "Geometry, Graphics, Text" This is an open, juried show. Look for a prospectus later in the year.

## The Workshop Show

As always, the show in June was devoted to work done in our workshops by workshop participants. There is no fee for this show. We are happy to show the great work done in the workshops (now there are 10) by Plastic Club members and non-members. This year we had 100 works on the walls. There is no single juror. Rather, there are many jurors. Participants are asked to "vote" by choosing the number of a work and putting it into a ballot box anonymously. The creator of the work that gets the most votes gets a free pass at four workshops.

## Models as Artists Show

The annual Models as Artists Show held its opening reception on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. As always there was more than art to look at. **Stephanie** did a dance with a hula hoop. **Irene** did a dance with a fan, and **Gabrielle** did a belly dance in her beautiful costume. And, **Jym Paris** recited an original poem. Food and drink flowed both inside and outside the Plastic Club. We applaud our models for their talent and the wonderful job they do for the artists that come to the club to draw and paint them.

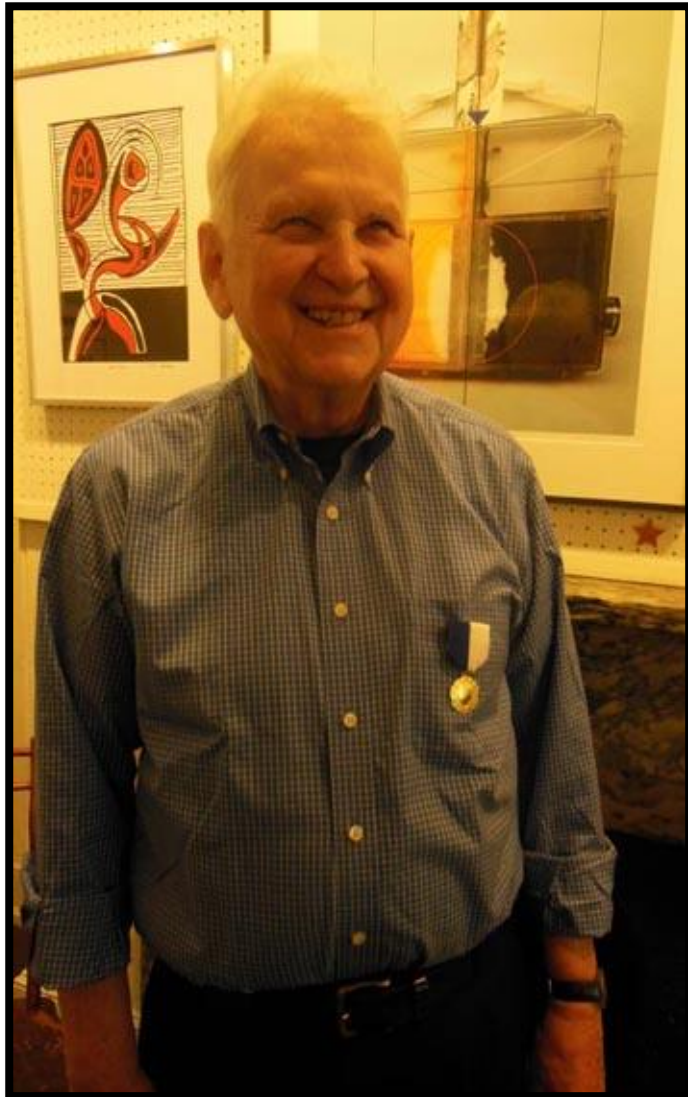
The show featured 88 works by 29 models. **Jody Sweitzer**, the Juror, picked **Jenn Warpole's** untitled painting for First Prize. **Veronica Meekins** took Second Prize for her watercolor, and **Maria Singer** won Third Prize for a series of her pastels.



*Some of our models at the Models as Artists reception*

## MEMBERS MEDAL SHOW

The 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Members' Medal Show opened on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with the usual grand reception. 95 of our members entered their work in this, our oldest and most important show on our exhibition calendar. The juror, **Rachel Zimmerman**, picked **Alan J. Klawans'** original digital print entitled "*Canon Ink Tank*" for the **Plastic Club Gold Medal**. She gave the Silver Medal to **Carla Liguori** for her droll mixed media piece entitled "*Let Them Eat Cake.*" The Ziegler Prize went to **Bonnie MacAllister**. The Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Prize for a realistic work went to **Bob Bohne**. The Dorothy Wackerman Hutton Prize was awarded to **Alan L. Bond**. The Mildred Beizer Prize for Still Life went to **Denise Sedor**. And, the Eric Porter Prize for Excellence in Photography, a new prize given by **Rick Wright**, went to **Bonnie Schorske**. Honorable mentions went to **Ellen Grenell**, **Robert Yong Lee**, **Carol Tashjian**, and **Miho Tanaka**.



*Gold Medal Winner Alan J. Klawans*

## Dues

Almost everyone has paid their dues for 2015-2016. We thank you all for your continued support of the Plastic Club. For the few of you who have not paid yet, please do so or let us know if there is a problem that we can solve. We don't want to lose anyone if we can help it.

## Summer Gala

The Summer Gala is coming your way. It will take place on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 5 PM. You should have already gotten a reservation form. If you didn't, or if you lost it, you can download another one from the Plastic Club web site or call the Club and request one to be sent to you. It's always a nice evening and a chance to catch up with other members and see the Members' Choice Casual show which will be on view in the galleries. Don't wait! There is limited seating. Come and enjoy the Club, its garden and its company.



*Members and guests in the garden at the Spring Dinner*

## In Memoriam

We regret to announce that a very dear member of the Plastic Club has passed away. **Richard Goldberg** died on April 12<sup>th</sup>. He was a frequent exhibitor of his very light, almost white, paintings of still lifes and landscapes. With his white clothes and silver hair, Dick seemed to come out of the paintings he made. He was a retired ophthalmologist, and was very interested in the problems that artists with physical disabilities face, particularly those with vision problems. He participated in and led many seminars that brought these problems to the attention of the general public. We will miss him.