

# News from The Plastic Club

## Holiday Dinner

The always fabulous Holiday Dinner convened on the evening of December 13<sup>th</sup> with 45 club members and guests in attendance. It's a real feast! Roast pig, turkey breast, pastas, mashed potatoes, corn pudding, salads, breads, desserts, drinks of all types, are on the menu. It's always fun to get together, and we invite you to come to the next dinner in May. One of the main events during the Holiday dinner is the awarding of the...

## Plastic "Club" Award

This year's recipient of the *prestigious* Plastic "Club" Award is our Exhibitions Chair, **Susan Stromquist**. Susan curated over 15 theme exhibitions at the Club and for all of our shows since May of 2012 she made sure that things were taken in, hung, and given back. Prospectuses were written and printed, and jurors were obtained. Everything was on time and beautifully done. Her choice of themes has been extraordinarily inventive and perceptive. Some themes she developed were Interiors, Home and History, Scapes, Weather, Travel & Transportation, You Art What You Eat, Critters & Beasts, Collaborations, and The Great Outdoors. Susan is stepping down in May to give someone else a try at coming up with interesting and imaginative ideas for future exhibitions at the Club. If you have any good ideas, let us know. We need you.

For those of you who are new to our Club, the **Plastic Club Award** consists of a \$100 check, a framed certificate suitable for hanging, and a plastic wiffleball bat (a "club") with the awardees name engraved on it. You too might get *your* name on the "club." Just put in some serious time volunteering at the Club for several years and see what happens.

## Exhibition Schedule

**Hand To Paper** February 7 to February 25

Works of Art done non-digitally on or of paper.

**Small Worlds** March 6 to March 24

Works of Art that are not larger than 13" including frame or base.

**Fiber and Fabric** April 3 to April 21

Woven, knitted things, lace, textiles...

**104<sup>th</sup> Members' Medal Show** May 1 to May 26

The Big one. Full Members only.

**Workshop Show** June 4 to June 23

Things done in or from a workshop.



*Susan Stromquist,, winner of the Plastic "Club" Award*

## Upcoming Elections!!!

Forget about Hillary and Donald, the next big election is the biannual election of officers of the Plastic Club!

In the next mailing in April, you will receive along with a new Directory and a dues bill, a ballot. Our bylaws stipulate that we vote for club officers every two years. We will be voting for a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and heads of Standing Committees. Nominations are being sought. Suggestions for candidates should be emailed to the Club, [plasticclub@att.net](mailto:plasticclub@att.net)

## What was the name of that Movie?

Club Member **Alden Cole** came to the Plastic Club on Saturday, January 9th and read passages from the famous fish tale, *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville. There was an informative discussion among those in attendance that shed some light on the history of Melville and the events in his life leading up to the writing of this American classic. Along with Alden's reading, **Anders Hansen**, our resident director of all good things, showed a short film entitled "*Three Cheers for the Whale*" which chronicles the history of mankind's relationship with the whale in archival paintings and photographs. It was a powerful argument against commercial whale hunting. At the last minute, the great filmed version of *Moby Dick* with Gregory Peck as Captain Ahab was added to the program. Sea food, anyone?

## Show Biz

### A.C.P.S. Show

The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual American Color Print Society Members' Show opened on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with a reception. The 74 prints that were in the show were judged by Evan Summer, a printmaker and Professor of Art at Kutztown University. The list of awards is too long to include here. The ACPS has their board meetings at the Club and they rent it for their annual shows.

### Geometry, Graphics, and Text Show

This show opened on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Sixty-six artists exhibited works in various mediums and styles. The juror, **Allison Stigora**, chose **Jesse Vandenburg's** painting of cubes entitled "Bam!" for the First Prize. Other prizewinners were **Ted Gutswa**, Second Prize, **Gerald Silva** for Third Prize, and **Michael Nathan, Judy Engle**, and **Tony Gordon** for Honorable Mentions.

### NEW Members Show

16 of our newest members (all joined in 2015) showed their works at the **Annual New Members' Show**, which opened on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. The works shown were a testament to the continued vitality and creativity of the members of the Plastic Club. The new members taking part in the show were, **Wendy S. Abramowitz, Hanna Aufschauer, Alan L. Bond, Anthony Gordon, Jocelyn MacDonald, Tom McGinley, Jotie Mondair, David Miles, Barbara Mimnaugh, Ron Ploeg, Frederick Plumley, Sheldon Roseman, Lou Serna, Carol Tashjian, Alina Ung, and Jesse Vandenburg**. We welcome them to membership and hope they can take part in the programs, workshops, and social activities that we have at the Plastic Club.

## The "Rabbit"

The theme for this year's "Rabbit" will be *Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales*. This theme will certainly provide many ideas for costumes and skits. We hope that you can turn out for this wonderful party that is part of the history of the Plastic Club. You don't have to make a costume but it's more fun that way. There will be an invitation online or, if you don't have a computer, the invitation will be sent to you in early March. Whatever way it comes, we hope **you** can come. Save the date: April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

### Philadelphia Independents III

On February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM we will have a screening of work by the area's top independent animators. For the third time, the Plastic Club will again host a gathering of animators selected by Chris Magee. Chris is a professor of animation at the University of the Arts. This program is free and open to the public. In the past, it's gotten crowded. So come a little early to ensure a seat.



*Geometry, Graphic, and Text prizewinners l to r: Ted Gutswa, Michael Nathan, Judy Engle, Jesse Vandenburg, and Tony Gordon*

## Bob Jackson Gallery Shows

In the months of November and December, the Gallery hosted a small retrospective show of work by teacher and printmaker, **Richard Hood**. Mr. Hood was a past president of the American Color Print Society and taught at what is now called, the University of the Arts for many years. In January, the Gallery hosted an exhibition of prints by the members of the Board of Directors of the American Color Print Society. President, Carole Meyers, and Boardmembers Sy Hakim, Alan J. Klawans, and Elizabeth H. MacDonald are also Plastic Club members. We are happy to host this distinguished group of printmakers.



*Jesse Vandenburg with Cynthia Arkin. Jesse's prizewinning painting is in the background on the right*

## In Memoriam

Sadly we must report the death of one of our members. **John C. Kogel** died on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 91. John was a Marine in the Second World War and went on to teach art at LaSalle, St. Joseph's, and the University of Pennsylvania. He also had a strong interest in Botany. He was a regular exhibitor at the Plastic Club and won the esteemed Gold Medal in 2004. John and his wife, Phyllis, were also often in attendance at our dinners and parties. We have sent a memorial donation to his charity of choice. Our condolences go to his family.