

# News from The Plastic Club

## Studio Notes

**Sheldon Strober** had a one man show at the Cosmopolitan Club in September entitled "Romancing the Tree". **Bob Jackson, Tom McCobb, Diane Podolsky, Kit Mitchell, Anders Hanson, Ellen Grenell** and **Sheldon Strober** showed works at The Philadelphia Java Co. in September. **Rick Wright** had work at the Center for Emerging Visual Artists in October and is having another show in Missoula, Montana at the Saintonge gallery from November 2 through the 30<sup>th</sup> in December. **Karl Olsen** and **Syd Torchio** showed "Pet Paintings" at the North Third Bar in September. **Andy Hoffmann** showed his cartoons in the "Pee Wee Martini Show" at the Amble Gallery in October. **Jack Gerber** won a prize in the Member's Show at the Main Line Art Center in October. **Peter Cottingham** is showing figure drawings at the Off The Wall Gallery in Frank's Bar till November 30<sup>th</sup>. **Arthur Ostroff** was in a show at MCGOPA where he won an Honorable Mention. He also won Best in Show in another show in Montgomery County. **Ted Adams, Angelo Benedetto, Mina Smith-Segal, Heather Siple** and **Laura Jean Zito** had photographs in the Photo 2007 show at the Sketch Club. **Hilarie Hawley** is having a show of her work at the Artists House Gallery from Oct. 31 to Dec.2. **Unada Gliewe** is showing her landscape paintings at Holy Communion Luthern Church from December 1 through the 16<sup>th</sup>. **Lucy Roehm** is the featured artist during November at the Linda Nerine Gallery in Chincoteague, Virginia. 31 members of the Plastic Club took part in the "Celebration of Philadelphia Artists" show at Holy Trinity Church from Oct. 19th through the 25th. **Laura Pritchard** is showing her batik paintings at the Rosenfeld Gallery in December. **Bob Bohne** is having a show of his work at the West End Gallery in Media in December opening December 8<sup>th</sup>. And, we're sure we've missed a few. Our apologies to those not mentioned.

## Summer Gala

Our annual Summer Gala took place on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> with 26 members and guests attending. With the weather cooperating, hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served in our garden. They were complemented by the lights that Paul Struweg put up and the watery sound of the newly restored fountain. We then went upstairs to the Judy Shiekman Studio and had three different salads made by Betty MacDonald: Potato salad, chicken salad, and green salad. We finished off with rolls and desserts. Thanks to all those who helped make this annual dinner a very pleasant affair. The proceeds go towards the various restoration projects at the Club.

## An Opportunity

For three days in August, the Club was rented by the photographer, **Sidney Bridges**. He showed 70 of his prints documenting his many years of photo-graphing places and things all over the world. His friends and family were there to support him and he had two separate public receptions. He sold over two thousand dollars worth of photos! If *you* would like to rent the Club for a three day show, let us know. The fee is only \$100.00!

## A Reminder

Remember that you can have your own personal page on our web site. Just send us two or three images of your work and a brief bio or statement on a disc formatted for Word. The Plastic Club website has all the information about coming events, workshops, prospecti for future shows, changes, and much more! Be sure to check it out.

You can find it at <http://plasticc@libertynet.org>

# Showbiz

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the “**Black Is The Color**” show opened at the Club with a very well attended reception on a lovely day. As part of the reception, club members Kit Mitchell and Anders Hanson, joined by their friend Ira Jaffe, provided a musical backdrop to the festivities. 84 artists showed 130 works in various media without any color other than black (and white). It looked great and the hanging by Betty and Paul was superb. The juror, Philip Taylor, a photographer, picked **Elana Hagler’s** sensitive drawing of a woman at a piano for the First Prize. Second Prize went to club member **Sheldon Strober** for his etching, “Light At The Top”, and Third Prize was awarded to **Thelma Grobes** for her etching, “Before The Show”. The Honorable Mentions went to club members **Edwin B. Allen, Eileen Eckstein, and John Benigno**. Congratulations to all!

The **Fiber Arts** show opened on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> with a very nice reception with a lot of good things to eat provided by **Betty MacDonald**. The show featured 40 works using many techniques that use some kind of fiber in their composition. The first prize was won by **Duane Weber** for his piece entitled “Elytra With Setae”. Other prizes awarded by juror **Lewis Knauss**, were: Second Prize: **Marie H. Elcin** for her piece entitled “Fethiye, and Third Prize: **Faith Varrone** for her “Morning Commute”. Honorable Mentions went to **Nikki Nelson, Shannon Robinson, and Edward Babiarz**.

## A Night To Remember

The Plastic Club took part in the city-wide **Gallery Night** on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Along with 21 other galleries and art venues, the Club was open from 5 to 8 pm. Over 60 visitors saw the Fiber Art Show that was on our walls and had some hors d’oeuvres supplied by the Marathon Grill. We thank **Harry Abraham** who arranged for our participation and acted as our host for the evening.

## In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we note the death of a past member of the Plastic Club. **Lillian Bartash** died on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 91 years of age. Mrs. Bartash was a long time member of the Thursday morning workshop and painted in oils. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

## An Invitation

The **Annual Holiday Dinner** will take place on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be some changes to the menu which we are sure will delight you. Reserve early as we can only hold 40 people. A reservation form is enclosed. Come out to one of our nicest events.



“Black Is The Color” show prize winners: (l to r) Sheldon Strober, Thelma Grobes, Elana Hagler, and Edwin B. Allen



Betty MacDonald (left) and Michael Guinn (right) with the prize winners from the Fiber Art Show (missing: Edward Babiarz)

## Wine and Cheese Social

Some of us thought it might be fun to get together once in awhile for some light food and drinks and talk. Everyone brings what they want and everyone pitches in to clean up. Something simple and fun. So, we are trying out this idea on the third Friday of the month (**the first time would be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**). You’re invited!