

News from The Plastic Club

NEW DOMAIN NAME

The Plastic Club now has a new “domain name”. You can now find the Plastic Club Web Site by simply logging onto <http://www.plasticclub.org> The old address, plastic.libertynet.org, will continue to function for the next few months. Our website has all the information you need about upcoming exhibitions, workshops, members’ events, and all of the Club’s history, photos, newsletters and members’ pages both past and present. And MORE?! We thank our Web Mistress, **Cynthia Arkin**, for all her work.

Showbiz

The Annual “**Small Worlds**” show opened on Sunday, February 3rd. The day was fair and we had a very good turnout of people to see the 189 works by 113 artists that were in the show. This show is always a big show although the works themselves are small. This year they had to be no larger than 16”, *including the frame*. The juror, painter and teacher, **Steven Baris**, picked out six works for special recognition. The First Prize was awarded to one of our models who is an artist, **Susan Stromquist**, for her work entitled “Kitchen Curtain.” Second Prize went to **Doris Peltzman** for her oil, “Table Setting”. Third Prize was awarded to club member, **Charles Lenzi**, for his photograph, “Cashtown Road”. Honorable Mentions went to **David Krevolin**, **Jeanne Chesterton**, and **Karl Olsen**.



Small Worlds Winners: L to R, Karl Olsen, Susan Stromquist, Charles Lenzi, and Jeanne Chesterton.

Over the past four years, the Plastic Club has been hosting a series of open, themed shows that have taken one of the classical “four elements” as the subject. In 2005 we had the “Water, Water, Everywhere” show, and in 2006, we had the “All Fired Up” show. Last year we had the “Air Show”. Finally, on Sunday, March 2nd, the “**Down to Earth**” show opened with a very well attended reception. 63 artists showed 88 works that had some connection to the theme of “earth”. It was a very “brown” show. The juror, painter/teacher **Jesse Vandenburg**, picked club member **Dorothy Roschen**’s ceramic “Push” for the First Prize. Other prizes were given to **Eileen Eckstein** for her photograph of a pile of dirt entitled “The Mound”, and **Doris Peltzman** for her still life, “Mud Jug”. Honorable Mentions were garnered by **Bob Jackson**, **Anders Hansen**, and **Marlene M. Robinson**. Congratulations to all the winners!



Down to Earth Winners: L to R, Doris Peltzman, Marlene M. Robinson, Bob Jackson, Eileen Eckstein, and Dorothy Roschen

Elections

After four years, we are going to have an election to select a new President and a new Board of Directors. You should find enclosed with this newsletter a ballot of candidates who have come forward to offer their candidacy for the positions indicated. On the opposite side of the ballot is a “ballot question” (explained on reverse page). Please make your wishes known and return the ballot to the Club by the first of May.

Change, Change, Change....

The Board of Directors is proposing a change to the By-Laws on Membership so that prospective members would apply for Club membership as either a full ARTIST MEMBER or as a NON-ARTIST FRIEND only. In addition, the Board is proposing that the current ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP status be revised and reserved only for artists who need more time to develop their skills and for non-artist FRIENDS who are active volunteers in the Club's activities. Associate Membership would be available at the discretion of the Board. Current by-laws only allow Full and Associate members to serve on the Board of Directors. The change enables active Friends to be invited by the Board to become Associate Members and, therefore, to be able to run for office and serve on the Board. This change to our by-laws must be agreed to by two-thirds of the membership. There is a place on the current ballot for a "yes" or "no" vote.

Exhibitions To Come

During the month of **April**, the Plastic Club will play host to the 110th Exhibition of the Fellowship of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Although the show will be hung by the 6th, the opening reception will be held on Sunday, April 13th from 2 to 5 PM. It is always a good show. It ends on May 2nd.

Then, beginning **May 11**, we will have our own Members' Medal Show. This is the 97th annual show of work by the members of the Plastic Club that has as first and second prizes, gold and silver medals. The Ziegler Prize and the Dorothy Invernizzi Guinn Memorial Prize will also be awarded. The prospectus is enclosed and can also be downloaded from our web site.

Denise Sedor and **Valerie Carroll** are having a three day show of their work on **June 6, 7, and 8th**. Then from June 14th to the 29th we will have our annual Workshop Show. This is open to anyone who has attended our workshops and who submits work that was done either in a workshop or *from* work done in the workshop. Plan to participate in these shows if you can, or at least come to the receptions. They're fun and the food is good, too.

It's that time again...

Where does the time go??? The year went by so fast that it's hard to believe that it's time for annual dues. Our fiscal year is May to May and that means that your annual dues should be submitted by May 1st. Last year we had a heater/air conditioner and new overhead lighting installed in the Shiekman Studio. These and a number of other improvements to the building have enabled us to remain open and active year-round. There are still important repairs to be done, notably fixing the leak in the Studio ceiling. The dues are the same as they have been for several years, \$60.00 for Full Members, \$40.00 for Associate Members, and \$25.00 for members who live 50 miles or more from the clubhouse. Still a good deal!

Spring Dinner

Save the Date! Sunday, May 18th is the day we have scheduled for the annual spring Light Supper and general membership meeting. We will have drinks and hors d'ourvres starting at 5 PM in the garden, weather permitting, and then a buffet supper at 6. It's always a fun time hanging out with other members and guests. At 7:30 we'll have a general membership meeting to talk about the past, present, and future of the Club. You don't have to come to the dinner to come to the meeting. (But, it's more fun that way!). A reservation form is enclosed and it can also be downloaded via our web site.

In Memoriam

Hannah Kohn 1902-2008

We have lost our oldest member, **Hannah Kohn**, who passed away on February 2, just 10 days before her 106th birthday. Hannah was a long time supporter of the Plastic Club and was a regular member of the Thursday Workshop and the old Monday Workshop. Her generosity benefited the Plastic Club in many ways, and she, herself, was a wonderful inspiration to all of us. The Club has sent a \$50.00 donation to the Kohn Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania in her memory. There will be a Memorial Show of her work at the Club during the month of September. Three other former members have recently passed away: **Julia Rossi**, **William Loos**, and **Francina Hill**. We send our condolences to their friends and families.