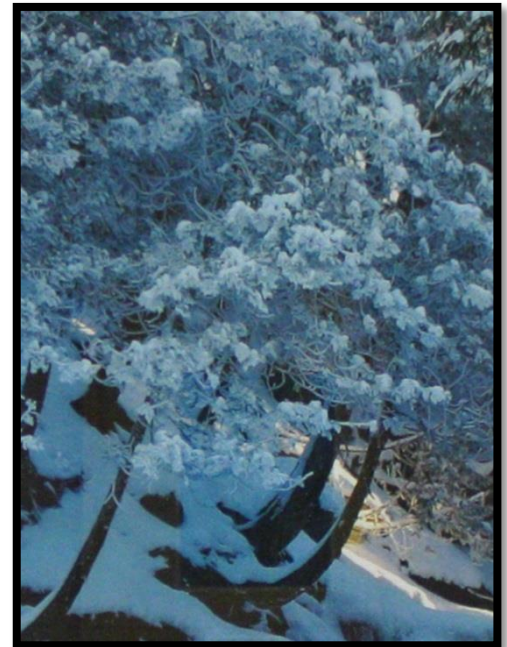


New Exhibit at Walter Baker Centre

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Our January-February exhibit “Painting the Blues” went up January 11 and will be on display until March. Two of the works featured are above. “*Painting the Blues*” (left), by Beth Shepherd, and “*Lighting the Blues*” by Jane Cass.

Consider participating in a show or at least visiting the NFAL Gallery at the Walter Baker Centre (Barrhaven), 2nd floor, 100 Malvern Drive to view the current exhibit and support your fellow artists.

President's Message

Soraya Silvestri, President

Our new exhibition gallery space at the Minto Complex in Barrhaven will be called: NFAL Anniversary Gallery 50.

Happy New Year!

First off, I'd like to apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out, but your executive team has already been hard at work preparing for the upcoming year and I wanted to make sure you'd be getting the latest and most up to date information available.

As announced previously, our **Spring Show and Sale** will be on March 21, 22 and 23. We are planning a beautiful vernissage with plenty of food and wine.

Mayor Jim Watson will be opening the event for us.

We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary and we want this to be a memorable one.

Be on the lookout for a call for submissions shortly.

Our new exhibition gallery space at the Minto Complex in Barrhaven will be called: **NFAL Anniversary Gallery 50.**

Our first solo exhibition artist is Erika Farkas. Congratulations Erika!

Congratulations as well to Luminita Serbanescu and Chris Kingsley whose images were chosen for the city's web site and promotional brochures.

You will be receiving more information on how to submit your work for a solo show as we get closer to the fall opening.

We need a volunteer to fill in the gallery coordinator position. Please give it some thought. Many hands make light work!

Speaking of volunteers, we are also looking for someone for the 'Secretary' position on the executive board and an additional Publicity person. If you've been hesitant in the past about volunteering, please step up now. It's a great way to meet other artists and work together towards a common goal.

Lastly, I am happy to announce that Lee Chalmers has graciously volunteered to head a new group that will focus on Professional Development through workshops.

As programme co-ordinator, she is looking for an assistant. If you are interested. Please contact us a.s.a.p. at president@nepeanfinearts.com.

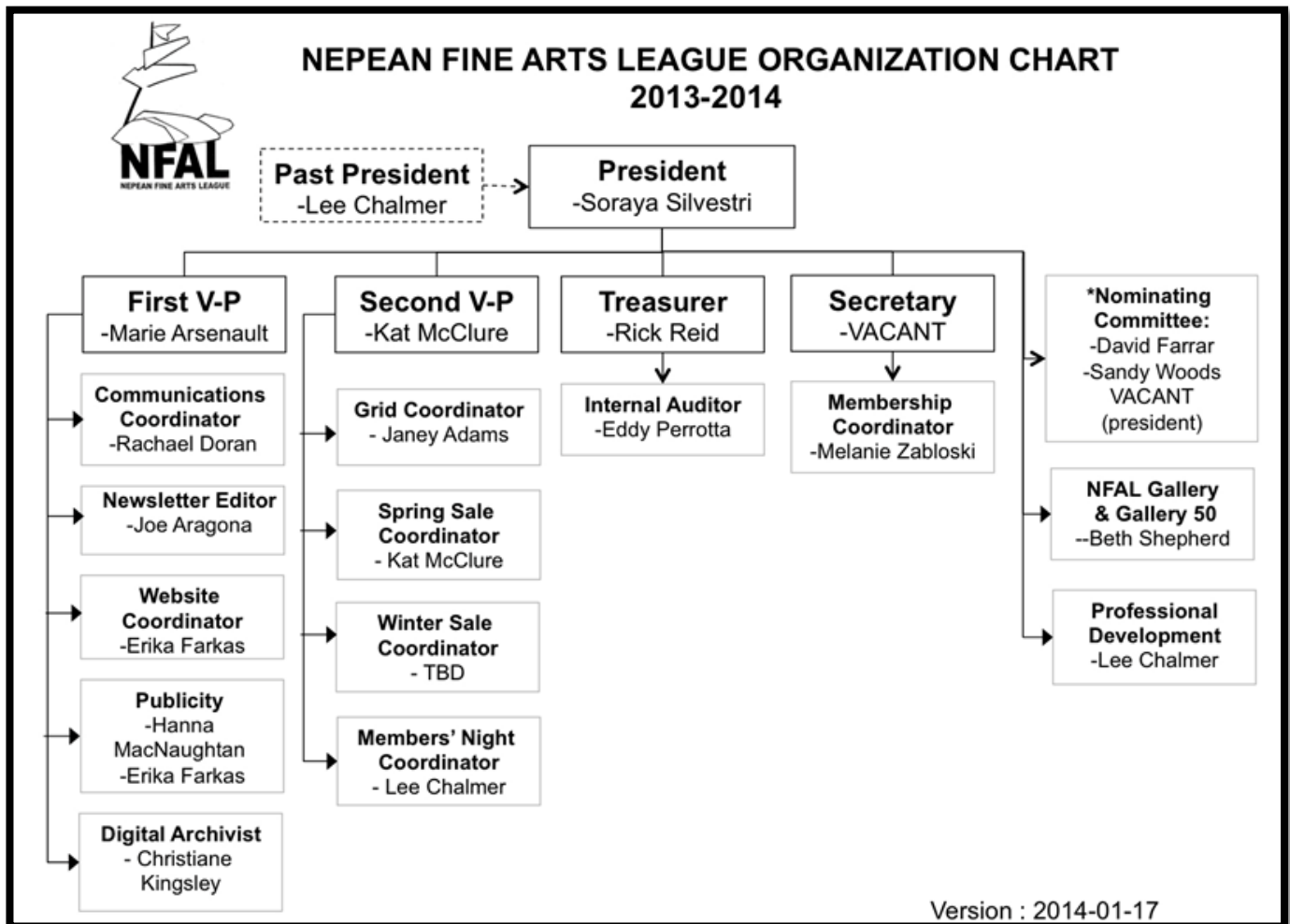
Secretary's Report

Beth Shepherd, Secretary

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The new executive is up to speed, preparing for the Spring Sale and the celebrations for NFAL's 50th Anniversary. The organization chart has been updated to reflect new assignments.

You will note that the Secretary's position is showing vacant. Beth Shepherd will be taking on the expanded gallery responsibilities. We are appealing to members for a volunteer to take on the Secretary's role. The incumbent must have strong administrative and computer skills and really should enjoy keeping things organized. Please see "Volunteer Corner" for a summary of responsibilities.



Membership Report

Melanie Zabloski, Membership

For those of you who have not yet renewed, please do so ASAP so that you can take full advantage of all upcoming events and opportunities.

Our current membership status for the 2014 year is as follows:

- Paid members: 102
- New members: 4

The membership has now been purged and, unfortunately, many past members have been removed from the list. We hope to receive more renewals in the coming weeks.

For those of you who have not yet renewed, please do so ASAP so that you can take full advantage of all the upcoming events and opportunities that NFAL has to offer. We hope to hear from you soon!

Membership Update

NFAL would also like to welcome our newest members who have joined since our last newsletter:

- Katrin Smith
- Patrick Mason
- Gillian Marston
- David Abelson

Reminders

E-mail is the primary way that we contact you so ensure we have your correct e-mail address. If any of your contact information changes, please let me know at membership@nepeanfinearts.com.



Please note that NFAL is no longer issuing newsletters in paper form, so please get an e-mail or check the web site on a regular basis.

Web Site Report

Erika Farkas, Web Site Coordinator

A new “Forms and Documents” web page has been created under the Members’ area menu.

A new web page named **Forms and Documents** has been created under the Members’ area menu. This is a restricted page for executives and sales coordinators to store forms and other documents related to administrative matters. For access to this page, please contact Erika at website@nepeanfinearts.com.

New members will need a user account to edit their online gallery.

Whether you are a new member, or you need help with creating/editing your online gallery, or with any other web site issues, please contact Erika Farkas at website@nepeanfinearts.com.

And visit the site at www.nepeanfinearts.com to keep up to date on NFAL activities. The Members' Area/News page is intended to be your first source of information about NFAL.

As always, you may access the members’ area using “nepean” as the user name and “nepean” as the password.

Gallery Report

Beth Shepherd, NFAL Gallery

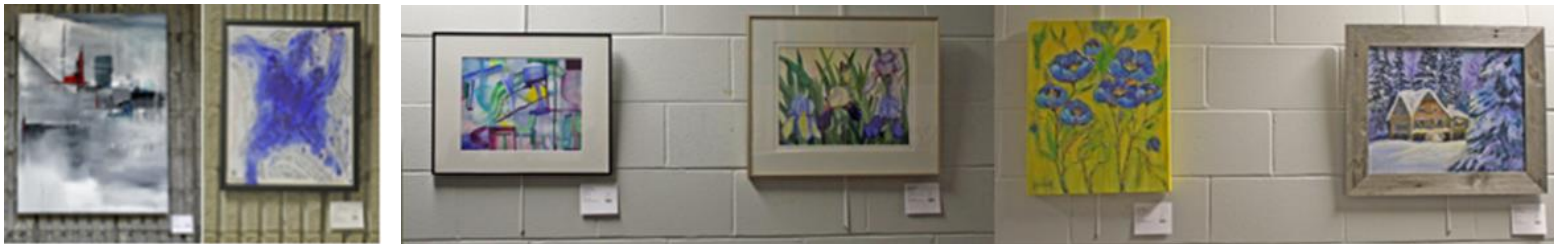
Our January-February exhibit “Painting the Blues” went up January 11 and will be on display until March 1. You can see how the contributing artists submitted theme-related works, resulting in a beautiful display in all shades of blue. I even painted a piece that I call “Painting the Blues”. Can you find it?

The artists showing are:

- Joe Aragona
- Jane Cass
- Louise Barker
- Kate Cowan
- Sheila Percival
- Ray Piesina
- Beth Shepherd
- Tina Petrovicz
- Soraya Silvestri
- Kat McClure
- Vera van Baaren
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Photos of the exhibit are on the following page, grouped by wall and starting with the feature wall.

January-February Gallery Wall at the Walter Baker Centre



During the November-December exhibition, Jane Cass sold two photographs. Congratulations, Jane!

Please consider participating in a show or at least visiting the NFAL Gallery at the Walter Baker Centre (Barrhaven), 2nd floor, 100 Malvern Drive, from time to time.

Next Show

The March-April show will be about celebration to correspond with our 50th Anniversary celebration happening in conjunction with the Spring Sale. Themes are meant to inspire artists to create something new or to look at their work in context of putting together an interesting group show, not to limit participation. We look forward to see how you interpret this theme!

Exhibition Schedule

The 2014 NFAL Gallery Exhibition Schedule provides the key dates and themes for this year’s shows.

2014 Exhibition Schedule

<i>Exhibition</i>	<i>Registration Date</i>	<i>Hanging Date</i>	<i>Take Down Date</i>	<i>Suggested Theme*</i>
March-April	February 22	March 1	April 26	Fresh Beginnings
May-June	April 19	April 26	June 28	Celebrate!
July-August	June 21	June 28	September 13	Water World
September-October	September 6	September 13	November 1	Breaking all the rules***
November-December	October 25	November 1	January 10, 2015	Black&White & Red all Over

* Themes are meant to inspire artists to create something new or to look at their work in context of putting together an interesting group show. *** Still only family-friendly art, please :-).

Gallery 50 – NFAL Adds a Second Juried Gallery in 2014

As you are aware, NFAL has been awarded a second gallery space at the Minto Recreation Complex Barrhaven, 3500 Cambrian Drive, starting in the fall of 2014. Thanks to all the artists who contributed photos and expressed interest in participating in future exhibitions.

We have called the new gallery “Gallery 50,” in honour of NFAL’s 50th anniversary. It will have six solo/small group juried shows each year.

I will be taking responsibility for coordinating both galleries, but we will need to establish a gallery team to help with planning, organizing and operating our expanded gallery program. Please consider joining the NFAL Gallery team. As well as supporting NFAL artists and enlivening and enriching community spaces, you can learn a lot about curating and displaying exhibitions, especially as we introduce a larger jurying component into our gallery program. Please express your interest to me at nfalgallery@nepeanfinearts.com.

Jen Daigle has resigned from the gallery team due to other commitments. Thanks Jen and Chris for your help. I do want to thank our regular helpers – Jane Cass, who takes care of registration and Garry Logue, my husband, who really takes charge of the hanging.

***The Spring Sale will
be held on March
21-23, 2014.***

Events

Spring Sale

Mark your calendars for March 21-23, 2014 at the Ukrainian Banquet Hall for the NFAL Spring Sale.

Member News

“Pencil Works” Art Exhibition

<http://irenespub.ca/art-shows>

Irene’s Pub at 885 Banks St (in the Glebe) presents "Pencil Works", a solo art show by Erika Farkas, graphite and charcoal artist. The exhibition runs from January 5 to February 2, 2014.

Irene’s Pub is open daily between 11:30 am and 2:00 am.

If you miss this show, Erika will also exhibit some selected “Pencil Works” at the Luna Sole Restaurant, 5935 Jeanne d’Arc Blvd, Orleans, between February 18 and March 31, 2014.

More on Our Web Site

Visit our web site for details on these and other member events.: www.nepeanfinearts.com. Log in to the **Member Pages** with the user name “nepean”, password “nepean”. Then choose **News**.

If you have an event you would like posted in the newsletter, send a short description of the event to the editor at: newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers Wanted!

We would like to thank all our volunteers and remind members that all NFAL’s operations are carried out by busy people like you who have taken on jobs on your behalf. Please check out the position duties and determine whether you can help out. By volunteering, you can help make NFAL the best and most progressive artist-run organization in the City!

Secretary Needed

We are currently in need of a Secretary. The NFAL Secretary participates on the NFAL Executive and is responsible for organizing meetings, taking minutes, mail and correspondence, records management, and organizing the AGM. The Secretary also supports the Membership Coordinator.

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Secretary.***

The incumbent needs excellent administrative, computer and records management skills. He or she must have access to a computer, e-mail and word processing applications and, ideally, a scanner and printer. He or she must also own transportation and can pick up mail and transfer documents, etc.

Nominating Committee Members

Penny Perrotta and Jarrod Chambers have resigned from the Nominating Committee. We are seeking replacements to assist the Executive with ongoing staffing and to prepare for this year's AGM. The members will carry out recruiting for open positions and present the slate of officers for membership approval at the AGM.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please express interest to Soraya Silvestri at president@nepeanfinearts.com.

NFAL ON FACEBOOK

On our Facebook page, you can check our events, browse pictures, and link to art related activities, suppliers and more.

If you are logged into your Facebook account just put "NepeanFineArts" in your search bar and you will find the page.

You can also find us by copying and pasting the following link into your web browser:

<https://www.facebook.com/NepeanFineArts>

When you find our pageLIKE US! Click the like button and help us grow! Once we reach a certain number of LIKES, the page will have its own Facebook Account.

Feel free to post comments, events, links to your web sites, pictures and anything art related!!! But please keep in mind this is a public page for artists of all ages and we reserve the right to remove any posts or links NFAL deems inappropriate. Please also be careful not to infringe on any copyrights!

Grids

NFAL owns approximately 250 grids measuring 2' x 6'. We use these during our sales to make up the booths for each artist to display their works. When the club is not using them, they are rented out to individuals or groups at a cost of \$2 per grid per day.

If you or your group are interested in booking these, please send enquiries to gridrentals@nepeanfinearts.com or contact our Grid Coordinator Janey Adams directly at 613-226-5853.

***We have grids
available for rent at
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NFAL's general mailbox: info@nepeanfinearts.com

NFAL Newsletter Submissions

Remember members are invited to send in their contributions early for inclusion. The deadline for the March/April NFAL Newsletter is February 15, 2014.

Please send submissions by e-mail to newsletter@nepeanfinearts.com