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A small note about the new newsletter: If you wish to look at a specific section of the newsletter, no need to scroll, simply click on the section in the table of contents. It will take you to that section.

## President's Report

*Kat McClure*

NFAL closed off 2015 with a very successful Fall Show and Sale which brought in approximately \$10,500 in sales with 56% of the artists who participated selling their art!

We are well into having another great year at NFAL. **As artists we need exposure, validation and avenues to stimulate and foster our creativity!!!!** Already we have had one very informative and fun Professional Development night, a call for the Spring Show and also a call for our Volunteers' Exhibition. Our first group show for 2016 at Ben Franklin Place looks amazing! We are working on updating our website and all of our positions are now filled except that of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Anyone who wants to join our team and help to run this incredible organization should contact me (Kat McClure) at: [President@Nepeanfinearts.com](mailto:President@Nepeanfinearts.com). I would encourage you all to participate in some way and take advantage of all that this club has to offer!

## Gallery Report

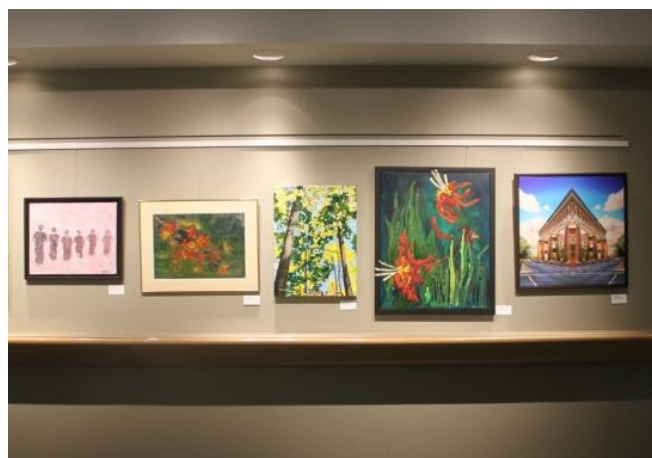
*Christiane Kingsley*

Our current NFAL Gallery Spring Exhibition is taking place in our beautiful new space at the Ben Franklin Place. The show will run until April 17<sup>th</sup>, with the take-down on April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are very pleased that many of our members are participating in this exhibition:

**Elisabeth Arbuckle, Robert Arnold, Jane Barlow, Linda Bordage, Roy Brash, Jane Cass, Lee Chalmer,  
Danuta Cromwell, Lea Fainaru, Erika Farkas, Jess Fleury,  
Meryl Forrest, Diane Genier, Margaret Grant, Christiane Kingsley, Heather Lovat-Fraser, Kat McClure, Jessie Parker, Swati Pawar,  
Ray Piesina, Georges Robert, C.E. Schissel, Anita Schlarb,  
Lou Serbanescu, Beth Shepherd, Sue Shuker, Sheila Turner-Whalen, Vera van Baaren, Donna Danuta Wiegand, Bernice Willis**

The NFAL Centrepointe Galleries at Ben Franklin Place sees a lot of traffic. We had several sales at the Fall Exhibition and we want to congratulate Bernice Willis who has already sold one of her wonderful watercolours in the current show.

Here are two photos from the Exhibition; several more are on [NFAL Website](#)



## Professional Development

*Lee Chalmer*

The first professional development was held on January 21, 2016 in the Heritage room of the Nepean Sportsplex. This was a presentation by artist and teacher Hamid Ayoub on palette knife painting. A small but enthusiastic group of members attended and enjoyed a very informative and well organized presentation on palette knife painting.

The next professional development event will take place on Saturday & Sunday the 12 and 13th of March 2016 in Studio 3 Nepean Sportsplex from 10: to 3:30. This is a two-day hands-on workshop given by Hamid Ayoub which will allow participants to explore further the exciting palette knife technique. Experienced and newcomers to palette knife painting will benefit and enjoy this workshop. You can register for this workshop by contacting Lee Chalmer either at [lee\\_chalmer@rogers.com](mailto:lee_chalmer@rogers.com) or [pd@nepeanfinearts.com](mailto:pd@nepeanfinearts.com) Registrants will be sent a course description and a materials list. The cost for this two-day workshop is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. Fees may be paid on the first day of the workshop. There is a limited amount of space so a first come basis applies. Don't miss out.

On Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 Andrea-Warren will give a Golden acrylics products demonstration. It will be held in Studio 3 at the Nepean Sportsplex from 10 am to 3:30 pm. In order for this event to go ahead we need 25 participants to register. This is free to all NFAL members with a small nominal charge of \$5. for non members.

You can register for both upcoming events at this time.

## Calendar of Events

*John Kittson*

The annual NFAL Spring Art Sale running Friday the 20th and Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of May is shaping up to be a great success; four days after the Call to Artists , close to 50% of the booths were already sold! Special thanks to committee members: Kat McClure, Diane Grenier, Vera van Baaren, Margaret Grant, Marie Arsenault and Diane Groulx. Your diligent and enthusiastic efforts, I am sure, will make this event a memorable one. Again, thanks very much for all your hard work on this challenging project; it is much appreciated.

Of interest, the group came up with a number of great new ideas for this spring's art sale, such as:

- 50% of any sponsorship funds collected by an artist will be refunded towards that artist's booth costs;
- 8 additional grids will be set-up at the main entrance to feature works that artists want to highlight. This is on a first come first served basis; and
- two 50/50 draws will be held, with winning tickets used to purchase artworks at the show.

It would be helpful if you Facebook the art sale poster that was recently sent out. As well, please forward it to your friends and family.

See you at the sale!



## Nepean Fine Arts League

*Putting art in the community*

# ART SALE

**May 20-21, 2016**



*Ukrainian Banquet Hall, 1000 Byron Ave, Ottawa*

Vernissage - Friday: 6 pm to 9 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Featuring guitarist Spencer Scharf  
and harpist Sharon Baird.*

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## Other Exhibits/Sales by NFAL members

NFAL member, Patricia M. Gordon, along with over 40 local fibre artists from Out-of-the-Box (OOTB) participate in the fourth annual FIBRE FLING 5 Show and Sale at the Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive. The event runs for two days: Friday April 8 from 10 am – 8 pm and Saturday April 9 from 10 am – 5 pm. Artwork includes every form of fibre art such as quilting, felting, beadwork, rug-hooking, stitchery, doll-making, knitting, jewelry, wearable art and more. Some artists combine several techniques within one piece. A \$5 admission will support the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The very popular High Tea will be served on Saturday afternoon for \$ 10. Parking is free. For additional information, contact Rita at 613-723-7404 or visit [www.out-of-the-box.org](http://www.out-of-the-box.org).

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