



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



RICK RAUSCH


Well, we did it again. Another very successful Old Town Art Fair is in our history books. The rain almost did us in both days, but during our official hours, there was hardly a drop. The downpour around 8:30 Sunday morning was the closest I have been to a rain out, but by 10 am, the sun was shining and crowds filled the streets. Lots of puddles of water on the artists' tents and a few booths were flooded until we moved what was blocking the sewer drain, but all in all it was a "dry" Fair.

The finances are not in yet, but we know that on Saturday we matched last year's gate revenue. On Sunday, we came in less than 2014. Considering the weather that morning, we did well with our gate revenue on Sunday. We had over 18,000 visitors who paid their donation and enjoyed our neighborhood, the great art and the gardens.

A huge thank you to Linda Saindon who was this year's OTAF Chairperson as well as Dar Johnson, our Vice Chair, and Steering Committee member

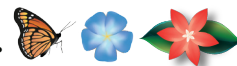
Claire Leaman. Those of you who have chaired the Fair in the past know how many hours this group puts into planning and executing the OTAF. We all know it takes a village. Over 575 members and others volunteered to make this successful. Many of them joined us for the Thank You Dinner on June 19th which was meaningful and fun, especially with the piñata that John Knoche brought for the kids.

I would also like to acknowledge the main thing that makes the OTAF so unique and successful – the artists. When you look at our Art Fair with others in the neighborhood that day, there is no comparison. The quality of the art and the artists who are juried into the OTAF is what makes this the best Art Fair in Chicago each year – and the 2nd best Art Fair in the country in 2014. I would like to offer a special thank you to all of the volunteers who take special care of our artists each year.

The 2016 Old Town Art Fair is on the calendar for June 11th and 12th. See you there. 

Best Regards,
Rick Rausch, President

**Get Involved.
Be a volunteer.**



COMMITTEE NEWS | The 66th Annual Old Town Art Fair: Another Year, Another Success

By Linda Saindon, Chairperson (Triangle resident since 2013)

This year's Old Town Art Fair was an outstanding success. With almost 250 artists exhibiting, there was something for every taste and every art-lover. A few sprinkles of rain on Saturday and Sunday couldn't keep the crowds away.

We had a special guest drop by – Congressman Mike Quigley visited the Fair and was duly impressed with the organization, volunteerism, entertainment and amenities that the Fair offers year after year.

HIGH-CALIBER ART

The Old Town Art Fair is ranked the #2 Fine Arts Fair in the country and with good reason – our neighborhood provides a verdant backdrop for some of the finest art, while our judges curate the best exhibitors in each category. As Joan Goldstein, Exhibitors Chairperson notes, *"With few exceptions, the artists were very happy with everything from their own sales to the high quality of artists and art they are among in the show. They are so appreciative of the volunteers who make the Old Town Art Fair a great experience for them."*



Linda Saindon, Old Town Art Fair 2015 Chairperson, and Congressman Mike Quigley. Photo Credit: Sonia Uribe, Creative Day Photography

TOP NOTCH ENTERTAINMENT & AMENITIES

This year's Fair included entertainment by perennial favorite and former Old Town Triangle resident Brad Cole, as well as the Harris Family Band and many other musical acts. The Garden Walk included over 50 urban home gardens, and the Children's Corner was also a hit with painting and crafting for the young and young at heart.

(Continued on page 2)

The 66th Annual Old Town Art Fair: Another Year, Another Success | (Continued from page 1)

Popular local eateries provided food and beverages including Phil Stefani's, Billy Goat Tavern, Adobo Grill, Da Lobsta to name a few.

VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE


Each year, hundreds of volunteers dedicate their time to the development, production and operation of the Fair. It literally would not be possible without their help and we'd like to recognize the leads and their teams with hearty thanks for jobs well done:

- **Linda Saindon** – Chairperson 2015
- **Dar Johnson** - Co-Chairperson
- **Joan Goldstein, Alice Huff, Sue Apey & Team** – Artists & Exhibitor Committee
- **Dan Baldwin** – Security
- **John Knoche** – Music/Entertainment, Gates
- **Phil Graff & Team** – Parking, Artist Set-up/Take-down
- **John Knoche, Amy Salgado & Team** – Thank You Party
- **Dan Burdick** – Towing
- **Dee DeCarlo, Claire Lehman, Rick Rausch, Barb Guttman & Team** – First Sight Party
- & Auction
- **Diane Sokolofski** – Artists' Breakfast
- **Laurie Miller & the Girl Scouts** – Artist Aid
- **Jeff Weaver & the Boy Scouts** - Equipment
- **Claire Lehman and Fran Tuite** – Garden Walk
- **Jane Bachman & Team** – Booth Sitting
- **Barb Zeff, Colleen Day, Debbie Day, Lincoln**
- **Park Village** – Merchandise & Information Booth
- **Neal Bader and Sarah Shroud** – Food Court
- **Dar Johnson and Laura Meyer** – Marketing and PR
- **Diane Fitzgerald, Jose and Sonia Uribe & Team** – Photography
- **Sara Borsaw & Team** – Children's Corner
- **Kim Penning, Lucy Baldwin, Pam Block, Karen Pflendler, Vi Daley, Martha Connolly, Dirk and Donna Voss, Robert Jones, Robert Gibbs** – Volunteers-At-Large

EVERYBODY WINS

The Old Town Art Fair is a win-win-win for all who participate. The artists have a lovely venue to showcase and sell their art, the OTTA generates funds to beautify our neighborhood and support our community and local organizations, and our residents have the chance to meet, connect with and have fun together.

My goal as this year's Chair was to volunteer my time and talents to host and deliver a fun, safe and profitable Fair, while meeting new people and making new friends. The experience for me was a win on all counts, and I am grateful to our Board, members and volunteers for the opportunity to work alongside you. See you next year!

Writer's Note: The 67th Annual Old Town Art Fair is schedule for June 11-12, 2016. Save the dates! **Get Involved.** 

2015 FRIENDS OF THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR

BENEFACTORS

Anonymous
Barbara and Barre Seid
Sherwood Snyder
Donna & Dirk Vos

PATRONS

Belgravia Group @ 328 W. Wisconsin St.
The Eley Family
Diane Fitzgerald & Burt Richmond
Lee Hamilton
Claire Leaman
Paul J. Leaman, Jr.
Justine Price
Allen Smart & Brian Hollander
Jacqui & Keith Thams

SPONSORS

Glenn Aldinger, MD
Anonymous (2)
Jane Bachmann

Diane & Jon Balke

Ben-Dashan Family

Daniel Boehnen

John & Judy Bross

John S. Burcher

Byline Bank

Dan & Diane Cannon

Church of the Three Crosses

Ray & Kathy Clark

Martha Connolly & Steve Mast

Vince & Vi Daley

Robert P. Doyle

Dale Fahnestrom & Connie White

Paul & Darlene Fahrenkrog

State Representative Sara Feigenholtz

Reed & Reven Fellars

Peter Fletcher & Elisabeth Martin

Ray Fogelson & Karen Luckritz

Kitty & Lee Freidheim

John & Kelly Graham

Mr. and Mrs. Josef Guzowski

John & Patricia Hall

Rick & Ann Herrick

Karl, Teresa, and Ian Hjerpe

Bob & Ann Holmberg

Sandra & Fred Holubow

Sarah Kaull & Tom Shirley

The Lavelle Group, Coldwell Banker

Susan & Paul Leshner

Lauren & Ryan Long

Sasha & Tyler Mayoras

Julie & Bob Montgomery

John & Barbara Noonan

Sharon R. O'Brien

Don & Valerie Packham

Joni & Tom Payne

Linda Saindon

Ellen Starmann

Corinne & Ray Svoboda

Fran Tuite & Simon Meredith

David J. Varnerin

Michael Warnick

Tom & Ruth Ann Watkins

FRIENDS

Patrick S. & Judith Lauth Casey

Sharon Conway

The Early Family

Kelly Friedl

Susan & Shelly Gombert

Diane Gonzalez & Tom Leibig

Margaret Hamil

John Hobbs & Barry Smith

Alice & John Huff

Chris & Elizabeth Huff

Pat Kilduff

Paul Kuhn

Lincoln Park Cooperative Nursery School

Peter & Shelly Murphy

Jerry & Kathryn Osen

Lisa Reichert

Kay Smith, Historical Artist

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smoler

Bobbi Zabel


CALL TO ACTION | Calling All Artists

OTTA's Old Town Art Center is looking for artists to be juried for solo or themed group month-long exhibits in 2016. Send a CD or thumb drive of 5-10 low resolution images of two dimensional work, and SASE if you want the materials returned. Please include a short resume and information about the work, including size and media. The images will be viewed on a PC, so jpgs of about 72 dpi are requested.

Postmark deadline: October 15, 2015.

Old Town Art Center

1763 N. North Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614

For further information call Leslie Wolfe or Barb Guttman at the Triangle Center at 312-337-1938 or write info@oldtowntriangle.com. 





Margaret Fracassi

If you happen so see a charming elderly lady wearing a red plaid fedora on her way to Dunkin Donuts headed for her afternoon coffee break, it might just be Margaret Fracassi, an Old Town neighbor and resident since 1939. I had the pleasure of meeting Margaret at an Old Town Triangle event and was fascinated by her personal experience of living in the neighborhood for 76 years.

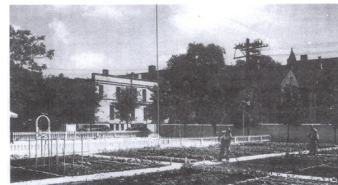
Margaret Fracassi, born Margaret Mesich on May 15, 1921, was born in Ironwood, Michigan and grew up in Wakefield, two small towns in the Upper Peninsula. She came to Chicago when she was 18. A hometown neighbor told her of the Brackett Family, also from Wakefield, who had one child and needed a live-in nanny. Margaret needed a job so left home and moved to 161 Eugenie Place, located above Kanter Drugstore where Greer's Card Shop now stands. Chicago captured her heart and she fell in love with the Old Town neighborhood. When Margaret arrived it was the beginning of World War II. At that time, Chicago's Civil Defense Agency designated the triangle bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street and Ogden Avenue, and a neighborhood defense unit. Also at that time, the Victory Gardens Program emerged. Some of these gardens started as depression-relief gardens, others were gardens from World War I, but there were also many new gardens, carved out of vacant lots, back yards, and city parks. The Old Town Victory Garden gave neighbors a feeling of productivity that those on the home-front needed. Margaret helped nurture the garden located on the corner of North Park and Eugenie, where the Harry Weese condos now stand. She also remembers a very important day. She was working on V-J Day on August 14, 1945 which marked the end of the Pacific fight, four months after the conclusion of the European war. When word of Japan's surrender spread through defense plants, Chicagoans went home to celebrate or to church to give thanks. "There were whistle blasts, and bells and sudden cheers all over the city — and then a confusion of work stoppage and a stream

of workers out of every door or gate." Margaret's neighbor moved his piano into the street and Margaret, along with everyone else in the neighborhood, came out and started singing, dancing and celebrating. People that came together for the common cause of war now were celebrating the victory in a way that Margaret will never forget.

Hard work is no stranger to Margaret, who worked two jobs so she could afford her favorite pastime — going to the theater. She remembers when the Shubert Theater ticket price was \$3.50. For 25 years, Margaret was a secretary in the foodservice office at Passavant Hospital. She worked with the Women's Board and got to know Mrs. Davis, the mother of Nancy Reagan (the former first lady).

Margaret met her future husband, Emil Fracassi, at a popular tavern on Wells Street, Baldi's Wine and Liquor (current location of the Americana). On their first date he charmed her with a dozen red roses. They married in February 1958 in Duluth, Minnesota at Sacred Heart Cathedral where

her mom was living at the time.



Historic SE Corner of Eugenie at North Park — VICTORY GARDEN

As newlyweds in 1958, they lived at 1640 N. North Park. In 1970, they bought 326 W. Concord Place. Margaret and Emil furnished their dining room with chairs from That Steak Joint, the Victorian-inspired restaurant on Wells Street. Their favorite haunts on Wells Street included Chances R (1528 N. Wells, occupied today by O'Brien's Restaurant) a saloon

and hamburger joint that was believed to have started the Wells Street revival in the early 1960s. They loved The Earl of Old Town (1615 N. Wells which opened in 1962), the fabled club which epitomized the Chicago folk scene and honed such home-grown talent as Steve Goodman and Bonnie Koloc. Twin Anchors, which opened in 1932, was a favorite spot they frequented and even celebrated New Year's Eve a few times.

Margaret recalls when the Urban Renewal Program was introduced in Old Town, rerouting streets and rezoning the neighborhood. It scared many homeowners into selling their properties, but Margaret and Emil knew they were never going to move. In 1976, Margaret and Emil bought the 2-flat next door at 324 W. Concord Place, which she sold last July. That residence has been gutted and is currently undergoing renovation. For Margaret and Emil, Old Town was home and the best neighborhood in Chicago. Emil died in September 2007, 5 months before their 50th wedding anniversary. Margaret still lives on Concord Place. She truly is a special gift to our neighborhood, having lived here from the start of World War II until today — watching the changes that have touched so many lives.

Editor's Note: Special thanks to Margaret's neighbor and friend, Jean Middleton, who introduced us to Margaret for a Neighbor Spotlight story in the OTTA The Times! 🌸



Margaret & Emil Fracassi in 1958.

PHOTO GALLERY | First Sight Gala and The 66th Annual OTAF At-A-Glance | Photographs by Sonia & Jose Uribe, Lynn Smith, Diane Fitzgerald, Burt Richmond, Dot Fitzgerald, Rus Raineer, Kat Meloney, Rome Thorstenson and Connor Armstrong



(Left to Right) Dee DeCarlo - in blue, the color of the night - and event volunteers, making First Sight happen! President Rick Rausch and OTAF Chair Linda Saindon cheer the team. The Silent Auction and the Live Auction were the stars of the night at this annual fundraiser. The fantastic strings of the Live Jazz Trio. A sampling of the best of the season, à la Perennial Virant!



(Left to Right) The transformation of the Triangle into the Art Fair begins early in the morning, with stacked-up artwork lining the streets. The Exhibitor Committee, ready to welcome the artists on Friday night. Carolyn Armenta Davis puts the finishing touches on the Artists' Breakfast buffet, a spread of food from neighborhood eateries and organized by food guru Diane Sokolofski. Setting-up and breaking down look a lot alike - Sunday at 7pm.



(Left to Right) Marya Lucas and her detective dandy, solving the mysteries of the Great Fire of 1871. The Grill on the Green at The Church of the Three Crosses, with The Christian Family. The Harris Family on the Main Stage fresh off of their America's Got Talent gig. Exhibiting artist Jodi Perry.



(Left to Right) Marvin Blackmore, Ceramics, Best in Show: Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Stone & Wood. Orleans looking south at Menomonee. Dogs get into art, too.



(Left to Right) Lincoln Park West at 2pm on June 14th. The music scene on North Park. The OTAF Food Court at the Triangle Center. The Children's Corner, featuring magic mesmerizing the crowd.

COMMUNITY CORNER | Compiled by Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)

LaSALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY is a magnet school in Old Town near the center of the Triangle and it's *where language learning comes alive!* **LaSalle Language Academy has new Principal!**

Beth Bazer began her tenure as Principal at LaSalle Language Academy on July 13th. The former Assistant Principal at Hawthorne Scholastic Academy, Ms. Bazer also brings diverse teaching and management experiences to her new role. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University, a Master's in Education from Northwestern, and is nearly finished with her Doctorate in Education Leadership from UIC. Her husband, Adam, works in health care IT. They are the busy parents of two toddlers (& two Siberian Huskies!). Adam's grandfather lived only blocks from LaSalle Language Academy until his death earlier this year. They enjoyed many meals at his favorite restaurant, The Fireplace Inn, as well as innumerable walks around the neighborhood.

Ms. Bazer is thrilled to be taking the helm at LaSalle, given its strong academics, winning extracurricular programming, and robust world language initiatives. When asked what she would most like OTTA members to know about her, Ms. Bazer stated: "I am passionately committed to leading a school that is a good neighbor and works with the community to improve student outcomes. I'm looking forward to working with the Old Town Triangle Association on community projects that improve the lives of our students and families."



New principal of LaSalle Language Academy, Beth Bazer, and her family.

Leaders of the Friends of LaSalle invite you to meet Beth Bazer at the OTTA on Tuesday, August 25th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Learn more about Ms. Bazer and LaSalle at their website <http://www.lasallechicago.com/>.

THE SECOND CITY (www.secondcity.com) presents "*The Second City's Neighborhood Tour*" on Wednesdays (4pm) and Sundays (10am) between now and Sunday, October 11th. This walking tour is a happy, historic blend of The Second City, Chicago and our beautiful Old Town Triangle neighborhood. For more information, visit <http://www.secondcity.com/shows/chicago/the-second-citys-neighborhood-tour-2>.

If you pick a Sunday to tour, you can also make reservations for *Brunch at UP Comedy Club*. A combination of brunch and comedy, this is the ultimate Sunday-Funday! Sundays at 11am. For more information, visit <http://upcomedyclub.com/event.cfm?id=396125&cart>.

MASSAGE ENVY SPA OLD TOWN (<http://www.massageenvy.com/clinics/IL/Chicago-Old-Town-Gold-Coast.aspx>) has two give-back programs in September: all day Wednesday, September 16th and Monday, September 28th. For every massage and facial scheduled, a \$10 donation will be made to the Arthritis Foundation and PAWS Chicago, respectively. For more information, contact Wesley Yee at 312-642-ENVY (3689).

ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN (www.st-mikes.org/) is hosting a *Wine & Cheese in the Garden* on Thursday, August 20th – a relaxing, social gathering with neighbors. Bring your own food & beverages and seating or make arrangements with Toni Dunning for refreshments at \$15 per person by calling 312-642-2498, ext. 211 or emailing tdunning@st-mikes.org. And make sure you join them at their weekly *Social in the Garden* following Sunday's 6pm Mass. No reservations needed. Beverages provided.

MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE (www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org) is hosting its **60th Annual Ginza Festival** on August 7th-8th-9th, a Japanese cultural festival featuring master craftspeople here from Tokyo, authentic cuisine including the famed grilled Chicken Teriyaki, stage performances throughout the weekend – Taiko Drumming, Classical Japanese dance, the Na Kupuna Ukulele band and others.

THE GREENHEART SHOP (<http://greenheartshop.org>), located at 1714 N.



The Midwest Buddhist Temple's stage performances throughout the weekend of their 60th Annual Ginza Festival include Classical Japanese dance and Taiko Drumming, both pictured here.

Wells Street, has a panel of Social Enterprise Alliance of Chicago founders and Fair Trade advocates in discussion at the shop on Thursday, August 20th from 6-8pm. Topic: The similarities of the local and international missions. For more information, call Kara Rhodebeck at 312-264-1625.

THE MENOMONEE CLUB offers an abundance of after-school programs throughout the school year. For more information, visit www.menomoneeclub.org/summer-session or call Sara Bosaw at 312-664-4631.



THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM (<http://www.chicagohistory.org/>) See you on August 7th-8th-9th at the **3rd Annual Chicago Hot Dog Festival**. Music. Free, outdoor fun for the whole family. For more information, call 312-642-4600.

THE SEDGWICK STOP invites neighbors to an informal *Neighbor Night* to mingle and enjoy complimentary tastings on the 3rd Monday of every month from 6-7pm (August 17th). Visit www.thesedgwickstop.com to learn about their fun summer parties. Open for lunch: 12pm daily, 11am Saturdays & Sundays.

Editor's Note: Any business noted here in *COMMUNITY CORNER* is an iBOT Merchant and OTTA member. We appreciate they're being part of the neighborhood and acknowledge their contributions to the Triangle as well as their giving back to the bigger community of Chicago.



FOODBYTES | Our Neighbors' Easy Grilling Favorites – Beyond The Basics

By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident 1969-1970 and since 2006)

When August rolls around, I get the grilling doldrums. I start looking for new grill ideas besides the usual burgers, dogs, brats, chicken and steak. I decided to ask a few Old Town Triangle neighbors, "What are your 'easy to grill', out-of-the-ordinary, family favorites?"


Shelley & Peter Murphy, who have 3 young children – Jack, Liam and Alex – all under the age of seven, like **Grilled Lobster Tails**. Shelley says she starts with either fresh or frozen, thawed lobster tails. She cuts the shell with scissors, brushes the meat with olive oil and grills them, cut side down, on medium-high about 5 minutes until the shells are bright in color. Turn tails then brush with melted butter, grill 4 minutes or until lobster meat is opaque white. Serve with melted butter. Another Murphy Family favorite is Cajun **Shrimp On-A-Stick**. Skewered raw, shelled tail-on shrimp are brushed with olive oil, sprinkled with Cajun spice blend and grilled not more than 3-4 minutes on medium-high heat turning once. **Grilled Peaches** for dessert wins rave reviews. Simply halve the peaches, remove the pit, brush cut surface with olive oil, grill flat side down for 4-5 minutes on medium-low heat, turn then grill 4 minutes or until tender. Serve sprinkled with goat or feta cheese crumbles and drizzle with honey. Postscript – *The Murphy Family spends considerable time on the East Coast during the summers!*

The Sokolofski Family favorite is **Grilled Avocado**. It makes a great accompaniment to meat or chicken, sliced on salads, tacos or pizza or as an appetizer. Halve unpeeled avocados, remove the pit, drizzle cut side with fresh lime juice, brush with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and pepper and grill for 2-3 minutes on medium-high heat. Remove flesh from outer peel and slice or serve the grilled half in its peel filled with pico de gallo and queso fresco crumbled. The olive oil gives a little firmer texture to the surface of the avocado.



Straight from Diane Sokolofski's kitchen, testing The Murphy Family's Cajun Shrimp On-a-Stick and Grilled Peaches with her Diane's family favorite, Grilled Avocado.

Carol Smoler, food stylist-in-residence, "wows" husband Chip, her family and friends with **Amagansett Chicken**. The flavor trick for this "rock star" recipe is to toss the grilled chicken in the marinade AFTER the chicken is cooked. Begin by grilling one whole, cut into pieces, brined chicken seasoned with salt and pepper. Place on indirect medium-high heat (375° F) for about 45 to 60 minutes or until breasts reach 165° F. Toss grilled chicken in marinade made with 1 cup each fresh lemon juice plus zest of one lemon and olive oil, 8 cloves garlic (chopped), lots of coarsely chopped fresh rosemary, parsley, oregano and thyme and salt and pepper to taste. Make this marinade early in the day for flavors to blend.

For other "out of the ordinary" grilling ideas, check out "Grilling Companion: Grilling Recipes, Guides and Tips" www.grillingcompanion.com. Please let us know what your "out of the ordinary" family grilling favorites are by going to the OTTA website www.oldtowntriangle.com, click on Foodbytes and enter your recipe. 

CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR – CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday, August 7th – Sunday, 9th
GINZA HOLIDAY
MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE
WWW.GINZACHICAGO.COM

Friday, August 7th – Sunday, 9th
HOT DOG FEST
CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM
WWW.CHICAGOHistory.ORG

Sunday, August 9th, 2 – 5 p.m.
GALLERY RECEPTION: CHICAGO ALLIANCE OF VISUAL ARTS & THE OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION
"ART IN OLD TOWN: VISIONS & VISIONARIES"
EXHIBITION: AUGUST 9th – SEPTEMBER 3rd

Tuesday, August 11th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

**Saturday & Sunday,
August 15th – 16th**
CHICAGO AIR & WATER SHOW

Tuesday, August 18th, 7 p.m.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 19th, 7 p.m.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Monday, August 31st, 6:30 p.m.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 7th
LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 8th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 10th, 6:30 p.m.
CAPS

Sunday, September 13th, 2 – 5 p.m.

GALLERY RECEPTION:
KAY SMITH | "ART PAST & PRESENT"
EXHIBITION: SEPTEMBER 5th – OCTOBER 1st

Tuesday, September 15th, 7 p.m.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16th, 7 p.m.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

**Saturday, September 19th
4:30 – 10 p.m.**
OLD TOWN TRIANGLE FALL FESTIVAL

Wednesday, September 23rd
1st DAY OF AUTUMN
YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 28th, 6:30 p.m.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE NEWS

GRANTS COMMITTEE | By Diane Gonzalez, Chairperson

The Old Town Triangle Association awards grants each year to organizations promoting cultural enrichment and educational opportunities in the Triangle and for children in surrounding neighborhoods. Many thanks for the generous support from Triangle residents and volunteers whose dedication ensures the success of the Old Town Art Fair. Your efforts enrich our community.

We are proud to present our 2015 Grant

Recipients! This year the Grants Committee received \$89,940 in requests from 17 applicants. Fifteen applicants were chosen to receive grants totaling \$44,250, including:

- Boy Scouts Troop 79
- Chicago Sculpture Exhibit
- Deborah's Place
- Franklin Elementary
- Green City Market Children's Programs
- LaSalle Elementary Arts Residency
- LaSalle Elementary World Language
- Lincoln Park High Math Department (Friends of Lincoln)
- Lincoln Park High School Performing Arts
- Lincoln Elementary
- Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative
- Lincoln Park Village
- Lincoln Park Zoo
- Midwest Buddhist Temple
- Near North Library

Grant Awardees received their awards at the Grants Awards Presentation during the Volunteer Thank You Dinner on Friday, June 19th.

Editor's Note: From the proceeds of the Old Town Art Fair, OTTA gives back to our community each year by awarding grants to schools, churches and other non-profit organizations. The awards are given annually through a grant application process. For more information about the grant process and deadline, contact Leslie Wolfe and Barb Guttman at the Triangle Center (312-337-1938).



**Get Involved.
Be a volunteer.**

EVENTS COMMITTEE | By Dee DeCarlo, Chairperson



SAVE THE DATE for **Fall Fest**, Old Town Triangle's Annual Block Party on Saturday, September 19th from 4:30 - 10:00 p.m. The party will be at the Triangle, 1763 N. North Park.



there's live music and if you liked last year's musical act, you won't be disappointed! This is an opportunity to party with your neighbors and have a really good time.

Food? None other than Smoke Daddy's of Wicker Park. The New York Times, National Geographic, Zagat survey, Chicago Magazine, and Chicago Social all rated Smoke Daddy as "having Chicago's best barbeque". We will have baby-back ribs, pulled chicken sandwiches, mac & cheese, and mixed green salad.



There will be lots of cold beer, wine, soft drinks and kids activities. Plus,

Tickets are available at the Triangle Center or online www.oldtowntriangle.com and are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Children 6-12 years old are \$8.

If you have any questions, please call Barb at the OTTA Office (312-337-1938).



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

By Christopher Huff, Chairman

New lighting has been installed in the North Room of the Triangle Center. New canister lights as well as all of the overhead fluorescent lights were replaced (say good-bye to flickering lights,) and minor wiring upgrades have been made. These improvements benefit the artists as they work during their art classes plus highlight the artwork exhibited on the walls. This project was financed from the 2014-15 budget.

A new safety device was also purchased. We now have a defibrillator mounted on the wall in the North Room in the Art Fair office. If you are ever in the Triangle Center, it is to the immediate right as you enter the building. Please make note of where it is located in case it is ever needed. We hope to offer a class on its use.



HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

By Karl Hjerpe, Chairman

Being worth a thousand words, a picture can be a great way to capture the original details of a house and leave an idea of who lived in it. The OTTA has hundreds of historical pictures in its Archive Room, but most Association members could easily miss ever seeing them due to the way they're stored. So the HDPZ Committee is stepping in with a project to digitally scan those photos and put them in a gallery on our website! We hope to have a format where members can search for their home by street address and find pictures with notes about the building and the date taken. We'll start with the photos in our archives and hopefully expand to tap other sources outside the Triangle, such as DePaul University and the Chicago History Museum.

However, another wonderful source for us would be YOU! Do you have old photographs of your property (or any property in the Triangle for that matter) or streetscape that you'd be willing to donate to our cause? If so, please email them to: historicphotos@oldtowntriangle.com. Black & white or color is fine. Also, if you have non-digital pictures (i.e. real photographs, magazine/newspaper photos, or paper copies) you're willing to share, we can scan them in the Triangle Center and return them to you. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this project is welcome. It's a great way to gain a different appreciation for the wonderful neighborhood we call home.





1763 N. North Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614

ESTABLISHED IN 1948

The Old Town Triangle Association *TIMES*
is published by the Old Town Triangle
Association Communications Committee.

DIANE FITZGERALD, Co-Editor

DIANE SOKOLOFSKI, Co-Editor

LYNN SMITH & MICHAEL WARNICK
ROVING PHOTOGRAPHERS

LESLIE WOLFE, DIRECTOR OF ARTS
& OPERATIONS

BARBARA GUTTMANN, ASSISTANT
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

OLD TOWN TRIANGLE CENTER

1763 N. North Park Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Tel: 312.337.1938 ~ Fax: 312.337.4015

www.oldtowntriangle.com

info@oldtowntriangle.com



OldTownTriangle

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

THE OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION IS A COMMUNITY-BASED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN AN AREA OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO BOUNDED BY NORTH AVENUE, CLARK STREET AND THE GHOST OF OGDEN AVENUE ("THE TRIANGLE").

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact
Leslie Wolfe or Barb Guttmann
during office hours

OFFICERS

RICK RAUSCH, PRESIDENT
ROBERT JONES, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA SAINDON, OTAF CHAIR,
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
KARL HJERPE, SECRETARY
CLAIRE LEAMAN, TREASURER

DIRECTORS

DEE DeCARLO
ANNE GIFFELS
DIANE GONZALEZ
CHRIS HUFF
CHRIS NELSON
DAVID PFENDLER



Get Involved. Be a volunteer.

OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY: August & September, 2015



Chicago Alliance of Visual Arts and
The Old Town Triangle Association

"Art in Old Town: Visions & Visionaries"

A juried exhibition celebrating the Old Town artistic community and history,
and the creative spirit it has inspired.

Exhibition: August 9th – September 3rd

Reception for the Artists: Sunday, August 9th, 2-5pm



Kay Smith – Art Past and Present

The wonderful world of Kay Smith, presenting paintings created while traveling on vacation plus a selection of the best created for her classes at the OTTA Art Center.

Exhibition: September 5th – October 1st

Reception for the Artist: Sunday, September 13th, 2-5pm



Norman Baugher