

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Vi Daley

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be well into 2013, but I must wish you a happy New Year anyway! *Old Town has much to be excited about this year.*

We are celebrating the 65th anniversary of our founding. Just think, 65 years ago a group of caring neighbors got together to form an organization called the Old Town Triangle Association. The OTTA was formed to address safety concerns and preservation issues in the neighborhood. Not long after, the Old Town Art Fair (OTAF) was created, and is now known throughout the country as one of the first and best juried art fairs. We would like to create

several special events honoring our anniversary and in recognition of what has happened over the years. If you have any suggestions for classes that the Triangle should offer or events that we should sponsor, please let us know.

Today, I believe we still have many of the same concerns as our founders: safety, preservation, beautification, and producing a successful Art Fair. We are very fortunate to have a great Board that works hard to make sure that this is the best place to live and work in the City, and to continue to have the best juried art fair in the country.

Maybe this is why Old Town was rated "Hottest Neighborhood"! You may have already seen this posted on the OTTA's Facebook page. According to www.realtor.com: "Chicago's Old Town neighborhood may host The Second City theatre, but it's second to none when it comes to the best place to live." Realtor.com named our Near North-side enclave 2012's hottest

neighborhood in the United States after tallying "most zip code searches" on their site. "Old Town's well-preserved Victorian-style buildings, fashionable dining scene and its urban, pedestrian-friendly Near North side location" are only a few of the reasons we know it's the best place to live! Other hot neighborhoods are Plano and Fort Worth, Texas, Las Vegas and Orlando.

For those of you who were not able to attend the January 31st Annual Dinner & Meeting, you missed a great evening. OTTA member Sherri Kramer created a "Taste of the Triangle" for us. She worked with neighborhood establishments in selecting signature dishes, including ones from Adobo Grill, Catering Chocolate, Corcoran's, Delightful Pastries, Marge's Still, Rocco Ranalli's, Stanley's, Wells on Wells, Nookies, Twin Anchors, and Treasure Island.

After a delicious dinner, the meeting began with a summary of our accomplishments in 2012. Diane Fitzgerald, Editor of the newsletter, spoke about the changes in and future of the newsletter. John Knoche reported on the 2013 Art Fair and asked for volunteers. Corinne Svoboda, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Board members: Vi Daley (one year), Jeff Smith (one year), Karen Pfendler (one year), Claire Leaman (one year), John Knoche (one year), David Pfendler (three years), Rick Hyer (one year), Alan Lougee (one year), Robert Gibbs (two years), Lance Hornaday (two years) and Anne Giffels (three years). Congratulations to the newly elected Board.

Enjoy the rest of the winter, look forward to a great spring and get involved in Old Town. We need your help in making the Old Town Art Fair the best ever... and that can only happen if you get involved.

Warmly,
President
Vi Daley, OTTA

P.S. - Don't miss the great story on page 5 about movies in Old Town! 'Tis the season.



Taste of the Triangle planner Sherri Kramer with Michael Warnick, Leslie Wolfe at the top of the food line



Feasting on the best of our favorite Old Town restaurants



The unveiling of the 2013 Old Town Art Fair poster

COMMITTEE NEWS | OLD TOWN ART FAIR 2013

BEER HERE

We are pleased to announce that we are in the process of finalizing an agreement with Phil Stefani Signature Events to provide beverage and food services for the 2013 Old Town Art Fair (OTAF) and beyond. This relationship promises an exciting level of professional management (and good food) for this important area of our event. The Stefani Group operates well-known Chicago-area venues such as Tuscany, Tavern on Rush, Stefani's 437, Tuscany Cafe O'Hare, Tuscany Midway, Chango Loco, The Beer Garden at Navy Pier, Castaways Bar and Grill at North Avenue

John Knoche, Chairperson with Debbie Day, Vice-Chairperson

Beach, The Crystal Gardens, and Harborside International Golf Course.

CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS

One of our goals this year is to improve the attractiveness of our entry gates. We would like them to look less like Checkpoint Charlie (see: Berlin Wall) and more as an invitation to fun and enjoyment. If you have some ideas, please submit them to knochejohn@gmail.com. Keep in mind that wind, rain, and sun can all be factors, not to mention budget. Something brilliant but simple will suffice. Balloon arches will not be considered.

GRANTS AWARDS SPOTLIGHT

LANDSCAPING THE PLAZA – ST. MICHAEL CHURCH IN OLD TOWN | By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



Two planters were replaced with stone pavers and three planters were restored with new stone and recycled fencing



The new brick wall and wrought iron fence revealing the "Secret Garden".

Chicago's Old Town "legend," St. Michael Church in Old Town, is recognized as the heart and soul of the Triangle, situating itself here in 1848 and barely surviving the Great Fire of 1871. The burning of their church stirred the determination of the mostly German parishioners. With great pride and little self-pity, these industrious men and women set about rebuilding their homes and the church. And what a church they built! With immense attention to beautiful detail and to creating a welcoming gathering place, they saw to it that St. Michael rose from the ashes.

Almost 165 years later, St. Michael is still beautifying itself and Old Town! The OTTA Grants Committee approved a grant for the church's Landscape the Plaza Matching Grant Program, which received a match-total of more than \$45,000 to replace the large planters at the front entrance, install benches, replace the brick wall of the "Secret Garden," and landscape that new "open garden." "We are a community of neighbors who gather to celebrate our shared faith. We are also stewards of an historical church that is a significant presence in the Old Town neighborhood," explains Father Santa, pastor of St. Michael, when describing the mission of the church and goal of the project. "The residents of the Old Town Triangle are nestled inside the boundaries of an historical landmark district. All of us are encouraged to maintain our properties and to repair-replace-renovate when necessary. This is our opportunity to renovate and be a good neighbor."

Every day, many hundreds of people walk through the church's plaza, once the drive-through street called Eugenie Terrace. It is not unusual to see people stop and sit on the planters to catch their breath and enjoy the neighborhood or listen to the church's bells. By spring, when the weather gets warmer, neighbors – especially dog walkers – can enjoy lingering in the St. Michael Plaza on newly installed benches that will replace two of the five original planters.

If you have the time and are so inclined, make sure to take in a docent tour of St. Michael, any Sunday following the 11 a.m. Mass. It is steeped in our history and rich with stories that matter. Sidebar: The Old Town Triangle Association was founded in 1948, 65 years ago and 100 years after Michael Diversey donated the land upon which St. Michael was built!

From the proceeds of the Old Town Art Fair, the Old Town Triangle Association gives back to the community each year by awarding several grants to schools, churches, and non-profit organizations. See the full list of 2012 Grantees on our website at www.oldtowntriangle.com or on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/OldTownTriangle/Notes.



IN THE FIRST PERSON | THE THREE SIDES OF MY TRIANGLE | By Karen Loop Stephenson (Triangle resident since 1980)



Karen's masterpiece at 1722 N. North Park captured by master artist Glen Resch (1996)

My history with Old Town began in 1980, when I wandered from my Gold Coast neighborhood, and found one more akin to my hometown, Elkhart, Indiana. I stumbled upon a "For Rent" sign hanging on a brownstone on the 1700 block of Clark Street. After hours of walking the streets of the Old Town Triangle, I knew I had found my home. The architecture struck me so deeply. I have always loved history, and to find this area so well preserved was a dream. I rented the apartment on Clark Street, and that began my long love affair with this community.

I have purchased several properties throughout the years, which created my own "Triangle" within the "Triangle"--the first on North Park, the second on St. Paul and Wells, the other two back on North Park, where I now reside. The 1722 N. North Park residence was the most fulfilling of the properties, as it had a rich history that included being a church rectory and the meeting place for the "Old Town Players" and the Black Panthers – but most importantly, the home where my two children spent their formative years.

Chloe (24) and Riley (18) could not imagine being raised anywhere else. They cherish the warmth of the Old Town Triangle and the friends of all ages they have made over the years. As they have learned from those that have lived before them, they are also imparting knowledge to their younger Old Town friends. Chloe and Riley know how lucky they are to have lived here. I look forward to watching new families plant their roots in Old Town and to observing these children as they grow up here, just like mine.

I believe that preserving our past is integral to building our future. For many years I have participated on the OTTA Historic District Planning and Zoning Committee. It has been a great pleasure contributing my time to helping keep the neighborhood as charming as I first found it. *I cannot imagine living anywhere else.*

Editor's Note: Karen is one of those people who make our neighborhood a really beautiful place to live. She got hooked on rehabbing and renovating, and restored some of the Triangle's most significant properties, including four on N. North Park (1722, 1733, 1701, and 1717) and 204 St. Paul Avenue.




Chloe, Karen & Riley (1999)

A FAREWELL TO...BOB DOWEY



Robert Dowe, neighbor, friend, and long-time photographer of the Old Town Art Fair and many Triangle events over the years, passed away recently. Not only did Bob help us capture and preserve the history of our beloved neighborhood, but he made us all look good.

Please join us as we celebrate his life on Sunday, February 17th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Triangle Center (1763 N. North Park Avenue). 

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | AND THE EMMY GOES TO...STEVE WEISS

By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



(L) Steve Weiss & Lucyna Wojtas. Photo by Bob Dowe. (C) Halloween at The Weiss House (R) The Weiss Family (l. to r.) Christina Wojtas (Lucy's sister), Isabel Weiss, Marci Reznik (Steve's sister), Lucyna Wojtas, Joely Reznik, and Steve


Steve Weiss began shooting photos and Super 8 movies with his dad when he was 13 years old. This passion for filmmaking grew into a career of innovation, leading-edge product designs and award-winning web films. In fact, Steve and his production team at his Chicago firm, Zacuto (www.zacuto.com), were 2012 Emmy winners for Outstanding Achievement in Interview/Discussion Programming for Revenge of the Great Camera Shootout 2012, a web film that challenged some of the world's greatest cinematographers with an experiment that would answer an age-old question for the industry. The question is this: With the latest camera technology, is it the equipment or the skill and experience of the Director of Photography (DP) and their knowledge of their camera and post process that make for a great image?

Before Steve and his partner, former Triangle resident Jens Bogehegn, were nominated for Emmys and beginning in 1983, they were filmmakers-for-hire for Fortune 500 companies, producing historical videos, video news releases, and new product release videos. Lucyna Wojtas, Steve's wife, was editor of their production company. Then in 2000, Steve and Jens formed Zacuto Rentals, initially specializing in turnkey high-definition camera rental packages but quickly turning into a design shop where they created their own products. Today, their new product line has grown to over 215 items, making them leading trendsetters in camera accessories and camera package design.

But the call of the camera was loud and Steve and Jens missed making films. In 2008, they created their first webisodic series, FilmFellas, which has had eight individual casts and 40 episodes to date! Frequently nominated for industry awards, Zacuto films are a testament to the coming-of-age of web filmmaking and to the skill and determination of those who create web programs.

The answer to the question posed in Revenge? It's complicated...


What's not complicated is the wonderful world and life Steve, Lucy, and nine year-old daughter Isabel have created in the Triangle since 1999. Their beautiful home on Menomonee (circa 1873) was built from scraps and refuse, including burned wood from the Great Fire of 1871. Every year, the house is transformed into a spectacular "stage set" for Halloween, attracting people from near and far who marvel at it as they trick and treat through the neighborhood. At every season, Lucy tends their beautiful gardens, which now include the adjacent property – a former church renovated into a guest house – and wins awards from the Mayor of Chicago for them! There must be an awards room at The Weiss House?

Editor's Note: I asked Steve about the origins of his company's name, Zacuto, and there's a story. It's a family name in his mother's lineage with some celebrities dating back to 1492 Spain and Portugal. Columbus and Vasco de Gama were, well, colleagues. Learn more by visiting <http://www.zacuto.org>. 

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT POST-SCRIPT: SMALL WORLD STORY

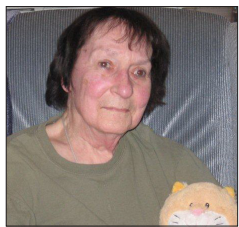
The Heart of Art: The Legacy of A. Glen Resch appeared in the November/December Newsletter. This is a follow-up to the story in our previous issue by Amanda Resch Glascott (Glen's daughter and Triangle resident from 1975 – 1999).

In 1997, Glen was commissioned to paint a picture of someone's house, a typical occurrence, and he produced a lovely watercolor of 2446 N. Burling, as asked. When he delivered the painting, he realized that the customer actually lived at 2446 N. Orchard! He had gotten the two parallel streets mixed up and had painted the wrong house. So he went home, painted the right house, delivered it a week later, then put the wrong one in his old art cabinet—not wanting to throw it out but having no use for it. Fast-forward to 2011, when my husband, Mike Glascott, was helping my father move. He saw the painting and incredulously said, "This is the house my father grew up in—this is my grandparents' house!!" That wrong house my father had painted over a decade earlier, years before I met Mike, was coincidentally (or spookily!) my dad's future son-in-law's family's house.

(Did you notice Glen's painting of Karen Loop Stephenson's home at 1722 N. North Park, painted in the mid-1990s?) 

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW – BETTY FROMM

By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident from 1969-1970 and 2006 to the present)



Betty Fromm, a long-time resident of Old Town, is a Cardinals fan, community leader, activist, author, cat lover, stuffed animal collector, and a neighbor you should

know. Betty has served on several boards in the community, including the OTTA as President, Vice President, and Secretary. As an activist for the Lincoln Park community and President of Lincoln Park Conservation Association, she led the fight against high-rises on Lincoln Avenue.

Originally from St. Louis, she moved to Old Town in 1974 where she met her late husband, Walter Fromm, over a memorable lamb dinner at her neighbor's upstairs apartment. She resides in a

charming frame and brick house on N. Orleans Street with a grand English ivy garden in the front yard. Each year Betty opens her home and garden for the Old Town Art Fair Garden Walk, welcoming guests with refreshments and camaraderie.

Her passion is helping others and she has co-authored four books on the subject of "the human approach to patient care and caring for older loved ones," including such titles as Treating and Caring: A Human Approach to Patient Care and The Dilemma of Caring. She most recently wrote a children's book about Littler Red, a cat that presents illness and aging to children in a non-threatening way. The inspiration for this book came as the result of her four-month rehabilitation after a fall that broke her neck.

Her favorite things are her Kindle, her stuffed

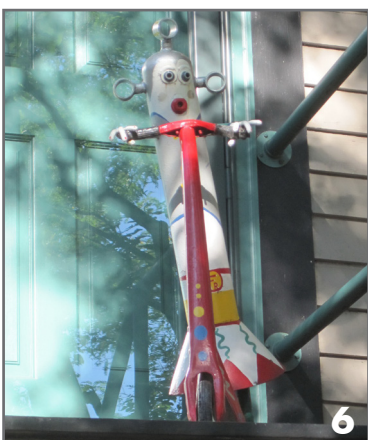
animal collection, and her cat. And topping her list are "the good people in Old Town": The neighbors who introduced her to her husband, those who came to her rescue when she fell, fixed her door knob after she couldn't get into her house, and brought her good cheer and stuffed animals, just to name a few.

Betty continues her passion for helping others, volunteering weekly at Chicagoland Radio Information Service in a program for reading to people who are visually impaired. She also volunteers at the Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Some secrets she shares: She is not a cook, she never buys bread but she bakes her special recipe for Betty's Buns, and she loves eggs for breakfast and has a Toaster-Egg Poacher that does both at the same time!



PHOTO GALLERY | THE ART OF OLD TOWN – WE LOVE ART

Where have I seen THAT before? This is the art that surrounds us permanently and everyday in the Old Town Triangle, as seen through dog-walking member Deborah Chapman's eyes. Nothing is hidden in a backyard. Can you name the addresses where the art is found? Answers at the bottom of page 5.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Follow-Up: We received \$245 from the special RAISE SOME DOUGH Fundraiser at HomeMade Pizza Co. that benefitted the OTTA on Wednesday, January 9th. Many thanks to our members and friends who bought pizzas, salads and desserts that day. And many thanks to our good neighbor, Homemade Pizza Co.!



OLD TOWN HISTORY | THE OSCAR FOR BEST NEIGHBORHOOD GOES TO...

By Robert Gibbs (Triangle resident since 2005)



With the awards season well underway and the Academy Awards scheduled for Sunday, February 24th, it is hard to escape the celebrities, ceremonies, and red-carpet coverage that dominate this time of year. Even our small neighborhood has played its fair share of cameos over the years. So we thought it appropriate to mention a few favorite "Oscar-worthy" Old Town appearances.

The Fugitive – Harrison Ford plays Richard Kimble in this 1993 remake about a successful vascular surgeon who is wrongly convicted of murder. Ford is said to have fallen in love with the house at 336 W. Wisconsin Street after he and the Director met the property owner during early stages of production. This led to the director's decision to film some early scenes inside the house.

What Women Want – Did you know Bette Midler lived on Crilly Court? Well, at least that's where her character lived when she played the marriage counselor of Mel Gibson's character in this 2000 romantic comedy about a Chicago advertising executive who miraculously gains the ability to hear what women think.

The Dark Knight – Few could have missed this film crew when they shot several scenes of this 2008 movie around the Old Town Triangle. The crew exploded a car just west of Hudson Avenue, and filmed scenes at the unmistakable Twin Anchors bar on Sedgwick.

(Top) Bette Midler welcomes us into her character's home on Crilly Court, in *What Women Want*. We'd recognize that door anywhere! (Bottom) Mel Gibson goes door-to-door in *Old Town*

Our own Shirley Baugher (Triangle resident since 1978) even wrote about the movies made in the Triangle between 1907-1918 in her 2001 book *Our Old Town – The History of a Neighborhood*. She writes: "In the early 1900s, Chicago became, for a brief period, the motion picture capital of the world, and Old Town was an important part of that fame." She goes on to describe the Essanay Film Company, the Keystone Cops, Charlie Chaplin, and the dramas between the big personalities of the day. It's a fascinating read.

I am sure that you have many more stories to share about movies being filmed in our neighborhood, so please drop us a note about it or post it to our Facebook page. More information on Chicago's rich film history is available at www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/dca/supp_info/chicago_film_office1.html, or if you are interested in having a movie filmed at your house, you can register your property with this popular location-scouting website: www.chicagolocations.com.

As you read in Vi's Message from the President, Old Town recently received a "People's Choice Award" of sorts from the National Association of Realtors. The association announced Old Town as the most popular neighborhood in America, based on being the most searched for neighborhood in 2012 on their website www.realtors.com.



PHOTO GALLERY | AND THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARD GOES TO...

Recently, chairman of the OTAF John Knoche demonstrated his cooking skills and cheffing talents at Marge's Still with his main course of *Paella a la Catalana*, served to 35 neighbors. What's that all about? Well, John's a "chef imposter," that's what! He and Dawn Hope Smith of Pushback Films have a concept that they will present to public TV for a new reality series. "The notion behind Chef Imposter is to see how the untrained chef performs in a restaurant setting," explains John. "I think there are many of us out there who imagine opening a restaurant some day. This experience is an extreme reality-checker!" The concept video of John's dinner and dining experience "is in the can". Stay tuned for whether it's picked-up.

Editor's Note: A special thanks to neighbor Trigg Thorstenson for coming up with the name for the reality series...Chef Imposter. Our table was hot that night, coming up with about 10 catchy names.




Marge's opened its kitchen and dining area to John on a Sunday afternoon, before its usual business hours



Marge's Still kitchen with chef imposter John, Marge's owner Andreas, and real chef Fernando

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Helpful news, information, and updates that you can use immediately. Have anything to add? Email us at info@oldtowntriangle.com.

- Trattoria Roma (1535 N. Wells Street; www.trattoriaroma.com) is now a Triangle iBOT merchant! Visit <http://www.oldtowntriangle.com/iBOT> to see their 10% discount along with all the other iBOT merchants.
- The Newberry Library has created a database – Chicago Ancestors – which has local history and family genealogy. Registration is free and gives you full access to the site. You can even contribute stories, photos, and comments. <http://chicagoancestors.org>.
- Are you wondering about QR Codes? Quick Response Codes were invented in 1994 by Toyota as a way to track vehicles during the manufacturing process. Today, they appear frequently in consumer advertising and packaging, and they look like this:  They might be replacing bar codes. Your smartphone can scan the code, which will immediately display information about the product, whether it's a website link, coupon, or link to a video clip. Very quick. Very smart. Remember mimeograph machines? ☺
- Ebates: the pioneering "cash-back shopping" website. Free. Use it as a portal to shopping at 1500++ first-class online stores, and get immediate discounts on your order PLUS cash back four times a year. If you don't want the cash, Ebates will send it to your favorite charity. <http://www.ebates.com>.

- The Chicago Department of Transportation has an important reminder for us. BE SAFE. BE ALERT. We are all pedestrians! It's the law! Drivers must STOP for pedestrians in crosswalks, even if there is no signal or sign.

- 3,000 people are hit by cars in Chicago each year

- Most pedestrians are hit by drivers who fail to yield

- A pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 30 mph has a 55% chance of survival

- A pedestrian struck by a vehicle going 40 mph has a 15% chance of survival

- For more information on pedestrian safety, visit <http://chicagopedsaftey.org>



(1) St. Michael Church 1633 N. Cleveland (2) 1730 N. Wells (3) 1809 Lincoln Park West (4) 345 W. Menomonee (5) Menomonee-Fern Court-Hudson (6) 1722 N. Sedgwick (7) (8) St. Michael Church 1633 N. Cleveland

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE | Robert Gibbs, Chairperson

In November, after several months of hard work and collecting input, the OTTA board approved our Marketing & Communications Plan. The plan encompasses strategic efforts that range from rebuilding the OTTA website and supporting Art Fair promotional efforts to ensuring the bi-monthly delivery of this newsletter and producing timely email updates in between. Since the development of the communications plan in early in 2012, the newly formed committee has already made progress on elements within it, including:

- Establishing a new editorial direction and publishing process for the Old Town Times Newsletter
- Reviewing and developing recommendations for OTTA branding and messaging
- Reviewing and beginning the redesign of the OTTA website
- Developing recommendations and support activities to promote the 2013 Art Fair.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist in the promotional activities planned for the 2013 Art Fair. Volunteers are needed to liaise with Chicago tourism officials and media contacts to distribute regular press releases and information for magazine listings. Our work begins now and will run through June. If you have an interest in getting involved, please email Robert Gibbs at rkgibbs@oldtowntriangle.com.



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | Jeff Smith, Chairperson

TRIANGLE NO LONGER FLUSH WITH CASH AFTER BIG PLUMBING PROJECT!

A new plumbing project was completed recently at the Triangle Center. The hot water on the ground floor needed to be turned off until the source of a leak could be found. The situation was remedied by an innovative proposal from Devon Plumbing, the contractor who performed the work. New piping was installed near the ceiling by tapping into a pre-existing hot-water return pipe. The new pipe runs into the utility room and supplies hot water for not only the kitchen, but three restrooms as well as the utility room. The \$6,400 expense was funded by the Condominium Association.

Cosmetic and water-saving changes completed the project, including installation of: a new kitchen sink and faucet, new automatic shut-off faucets that deliver tempered water in two restrooms, two new urinals with auto-flush valves, and new valves on all the radiators.

Thanks to Don McDougall and Karen Pfendler for helping with this project.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, Chairperson

The Membership Committee will be mailing the first renewal notices of the year on January 31st. If your renewal date is March 1st, please watch for this mailing and take the time to renew.

Two-person households having only one individual membership may want to consider a Family Membership. For members who live within the Triangle, a family membership entitles each member to one vote on matters that concern membership. Your renewal notice will state what type of membership you have currently. Be sure to update or include a second email address on your notice and confirm your current phone number. Other renewal dates for 2013 are August 1st and October 1st.

Membership facts:

- Membership is open to everyone, including property owners, renters, businesses, and visitors
- Members receive newsletters and email notices with information about neighborhood activities, issues, and scheduled events at the Triangle Center, discounts on classes at the Art Center, and an I Buy Old Town (iBOT) card that provides discounts at over two dozen Old Town merchants.



GET INVOLVED...BE A VOLUNTEER

We are a volunteer organization and we are always looking for new members as well as people willing to serve on our various committees. We need at least 700 volunteers for the Art Fair. To volunteer for an Art Fair committee, please email info@oldtowntriangle.com and provide your name, email, and the area that you would like to volunteer. If you wish to volunteer to work at the Art Fair, please indicate your preferred date (June 8th or June 9th) and time (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.).



OTTA COMMITTEES

The full roster of OTTA Committees and their chairmen include:

By-Laws – David Pfendler

Capital Improvements – Alan Lougee

Communications – Robert Gibbs

Continuing Education – Karen Pfendler

Events – (open)

Historic District/
Planning & Zoning – Lance Hornaday

Membership – Karen Pfendler

Neighborhood Relations – Rick Hyer

Neighborhood Improvements – Jeff Smith

Nominating – Scott Early

Old Town Art Fair – John Knoche

**Get involved.
Be a volunteer.**

February

February 1st – 10th

CHICAGO RESTAURANT WEEK

Now through summer 2013

CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM: "VIVIAN MAIER'S CHICAGO"

February 2nd – 28th

**OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY EXHIBIT:
"GOOD EYE – PHOTOGRAPHS BY P. HERTEL"**

Sunday, February 10th, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR THE ARTIST

Tuesday, February 12th, 7 p.m.

OTTA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 14th – VALENTINE'S DAY

Sunday, February 17th, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

BOB DOWEY MEMORIAL

Monday, February 18th, – PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 18th, 7 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 19th, 5:30 p.m.

**LASALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY
LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 19th, 7 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



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(Facebook membership not required).

March

March 2nd – April 4th

OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY EXHIBIT: "ORDER" BY SHELBY SILVERNELL

March 10th, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

RECEPTION FOR THE ARTIST

Sunday, March 10th – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Tuesday, March 12th, 7 p.m. – OTTA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 14th, 7 p.m. – CAPS MEETING

Monday, March 18th, 7 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19th, 7 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Monday, March 25th – PASSOVER BEGINS

Tuesday, March 26th, 6:30 p.m.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 26th – EASTER SUNDAY

June

Friday, June 7th, 7:00-10: p.m.

FIRST SIGHT FRIDAY NIGHT AT GERMANIA PLACE

Saturday, June 8th, 10:00 a.m.-7 p.m.

64TH OLD TOWN ART FAIR

Sunday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.-6 p.m.

64TH OLD TOWN ART FAIR

TRIANGLE MUSICIANS!


Actually, you can think of this as a curtain call or maybe a casting call-to-action. I'll explain: The Old Town Art Fair plans to focus its 2013 branding efforts on the quality of its art and artists, and the vibrancy of our incredible neighborhood.

One of the changes you will see is the relocation of the Music Stage back to the North Lincoln Mall (just North of Wisconsin at Orleans), where we will continue to present some of the most interesting talent Chicago has to offer.

We want to celebrate our remarkable neighborhood. So here's where you come in. The Art Fair is looking for Triangle neighbors who might be interested in performing on the Music Stage. A sound system will be available. It should be a really fun way to mix it up. Let's strut our stuff!

COMMUNITY CORNER

- A new retail shop has opened on Wells! Luxury Garage Sale is an upscale consignment service that specializes in selling new and gently used contemporary, designer, and vintage clothing and accessories. Visit the store at 1658 N. Wells Street or shop online at www.luxurygaragesale.com.
- The 18th District holds Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy (CAPS) Meetings for the two beats in the Triangle every other month. Those of us who live on the west side of Sedgwick and west to Sheffield are Beat 18-13; those on the east side of Sedgwick and east to Clark are Beat 18-14. The next CAPS meeting on Thursday, March 14th, 7:00 p.m., at the OTTA Center. For more information, call the District at 312-742-5870 or visit <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cpd.html>
- Don't forget to consider becoming a Court Advocate, a neighborhood volunteer who attends court hearings, as an indication to the judge and attorneys that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood. Contact Officer Joe Incaprera (312-742-5778 direct) for more information.
- St. Michael in Old Town is excited to announce the date of its eighth annual Gala, Spring Fling, to be held at the beautiful Gallery Marchetti on April 20th. Join fellow Old Town Triangle residents and other friends of St. Michael for an elegant and fun evening of cocktails, music, dinner, and dancing.

The Gala is St. Michael's most important social event of the year. All of the Gala's proceeds are dedicated to the restoration and maintenance of the Church. \$150 per person includes open bar, dinner, live and silent auction, raffle prizes, and entertainment by Chicago's own Blues Brothers Band. Reservations required. For more information, contact Diane Kelley, event coordinator, at 312-315-6729 or gala@st.mikes.org.
- LaSalle Language Academy is holding a Local School Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.
- Every year, Chicago's Japanese-American community comes together to commemorate the 1942 signing of Executive Order 9066, which led to the forced incarceration of some 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II. On Sunday, February 17th, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Chicago History Museum will hold a Day of Remembrance. For further information, contact legacy@jasc-chicago.org. 

CALLS TO ACTION

ENGAGING THE OTTA MEMBERSHIP

By Phil Graff (Triangle resident since 1985)

I've always enjoyed playing the piano, and while I'm no Rachmaninoff, what the heck, I'll do it. I'm sure I can put together 20 minutes of music for you all to enjoy.

So this is the (curtain) call to action: If you have an interest in performing solo, have an established group, or would like to form an ad hoc group, whether you think you've got a song or two or even a set in you, please let me know.

Screw up your courage, practice, and get in touch with me, Phil Graff, at otaf2013.music@gmail.com. (Or if you happen to know of a neighbor who might need a little encouragement, let me know about it - I'll be discreet!)

Snow Removal


Winter is here so it is your responsibility to shovel your walks, the City of Chicago municipal code states "Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person charge of any building or lot of

ground abutting upon any public way or public space shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk."

The City requires individuals to clear a 5' wide path along the sidewalk. This width allows pedestrians in wheelchairs, people with stroller's mobility and access.

If you wish to report a location where the snow is not cleared on a sidewalk, make a "Snow-Uncleared Sidewalk" request to the City of Chicago 311 service request. Individuals who do not comply with the sidewalk snow removal ordinance can face fines of \$50. Businesses and face fines from \$250 to \$500 per day of violation.

Alley Addresses

Vi Daley has said over and over again, for your safety please put your house address on your garage or rear fence. 



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OLD TOWN ART GALLERY | Winter & Early Spring Exhibits



◀ FEBRUARY

February 2nd – 28th Good Eye – Photographs by P. Hertel

P. Hertel is a Lincoln Park native who likes to take pictures. Her photographs have frequently appeared in the magazine **After Hours - A Journal of Chicago Writing and Art**. In 2007, she won second and third place in the Lincoln Park photography competition. She has exhibited her artwork in the Lincoln Park Art Faire and Around the Coyote. [Reception for the artist on Sunday, February 10th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.](#)

MARCH ▶

March 2nd – April 4th Order – Photographs by Shelby Silvernell

"Throughout my work, I strive to both capture and create structure. I enjoy working with found geometry and explore the world with a precisionist's eye," says Shelby about her process. Architecture and interiors have been logical choices for her subjects, as these spaces function on the basis of order. Our constructed landscape also interests her in its ability to reflect human stories and ambitions. "I think we often feel separate from the urban landscapes we inhabit, when, in fact, these places are our home, and we are responsible for their creation. Our choices, regardless of how carefully considered, manifest in our environment and say a lot about who we are." [Reception for the artist on Sunday, March 10th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.](#)



◀ OLD TOWN ART CENTER | Workshop

Watercolor Figure Workshop with Tom Francesconi

This will be a dynamic one-day watercolor workshop designed to expose the student to Tom's simplified approach to painting the figure. Tom will demonstrate his painting process from the beginning drawing to the finished painting. Topics will include proportions, gesture drawing, creating simple shapes to convey the form and inventive color. Students can work from their own reference photographs or Tom's. This workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to break free from any self-imposed barriers and to begin a new journey of exploring the figure in a joyful and creative way. [Sunday, February 24th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Instructor: Tom Francesconi Fee: \\$110 non-members/ \\$105 members](#)