

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Art Fair was truly amazing. Major congratulations to Vi Daley, Lynn Smith and the whole team. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible. Without you, it wouldn't have been the enormous success it was. Also, a big thank you to all the Friends of the Fair. You play such an important role in supporting our signature event. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Speaking of success, the Fair

brought in \$335,000 net. This is the second highest amount we have ever earned. First Sight sold out, setting a new record. More artists than ever applied and, with the reputation of our Fair growing in stature, we expect even more next year. Once again, the Old Town Triangle provided a great home for this fine art show.

The Old Town Triangle has a new committee, Education and Outreach chaired by Karl Hjerpe. Karl and team was charged with creating a mobile phone app that will give several different walking tours of our neighborhood. It's just in its infancy and will be developed with more walking tours over the next year. Search Old Town Triangle Tours in the Apple or Google Play app stores and check out how it works. See the Education and Outreach Committee report in this issue for more details.

Now that the Fair is over, the fun in Old Town will continue with several neighborhood events for OTTA members – a family concert, a barbecue, and Oktoberfest. Stay tuned for more details. Not a member yet? Become one soon and enjoy all these fun activities.

I hope everyone has been enjoying our beautiful summer. There's no place better than the Triangle this time of year.

Steve Weiss, President



COMMITTEE NEWS | Compiled by Michael Warnick

ART FAIR COMMITTEE | A Wrap Up Note | Vi Daley and Lynn Smith, Co-Chairs

The 2017 Art Fair was a hit! There was an influx of new and impressive art to explore, neighbors and volunteers were particularly friendly and helpful, the food and entertainment were terrific, and the Garden Walk was beautiful and had some lovely new additions.

Thanks to the hard work, innovative ideas and budget consciousness of all the Art Fair Committee leaders and volunteers, this was a successful year financially too. The Fair brought in \$335,000 net. This is the second highest amount earned, bested only by last year's record of \$354,000. In addition, First Sight sold out and set a new record -- plus it was a lot of fun! We were also amazed by -- and grateful for -- the generosity of our *Friends of the Fair* donors this year.

The Friday set-up experiment went very smoothly and even better than expected.

Many neighbors stopped us in our tracks to tell us they really liked the change and wondered why Friday set-up hadn't happened all along. We received a small handful of parking questions from neighbors, which were all courteous and easily addressed.

Artists were especially appreciative of the schedule change. There was a flood of new applications -- about 100 more than usual. We expect this number to increase over the next few years as word gets out. Not only will this translate into additional application fees for OTTA, it opens the Fair to a new array of innovative art for all of us to enjoy.

Most of all, we noticed everyone was in a great mood! There was less stress and more rest for volunteers, neighbors and artists alike. We think you'll agree -- it really showed!

It takes a small army of volunteers, their patient



Michael Grarzel, Lynn Smith, Glenn Woods, Vi Daley and Joan Goldstein proudly display the 2017 Art Fair poster.

and helpful families, gracious neighbors, local businesses, and helpful city representatives to make things go so well. THANK YOU ALL for your support.

Check out photos of the 2017 Old Town Art Fair and First Sight! Go to www.oldtownartfair.org/photos



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Your Generous Donations Helped Make The 2017 Old Town Art Fair A Success!

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AND THE WINNERS ARE... | Joan Goldstein, Chair, Exhibitors Committee

The quality of the new artists, as well as that of the returning artists, was outstanding this year. The jurors were very impressed with the artwork they observed and scored. When I chatted with artists over the weekend, they were ecstatic about the Friday set up and thanked the neighbors and Art Fair leaders for allowing this to happen. They also found all of the Fair volunteers to be welcoming and helpful. Their sales were for the most part good. Again, Old Town provided a great home for this top fine art show. *Congratulations to the 2017 Award Winners!*

BEST IN SHOW:
Painting, Drawing, Pastel, Digital Art

Taylor Mazer, Best in Show
Steven Graber, Second Place

Photography, Printmaking, 2D Mixed Media

Jason Houchen, Best in Show
Micheal Paul Cole, Second Place

Ceramics, Fiber, Glass, Stone, Wood

Erin & John Blackwell, Best in Show
Matthew Hatala, Second Place

Jewelry, Metal, Sculpture, 3D Mixed Media

Frances Kite, Best in Show
Theodore Gall, Second Place



Taylor Mazer



Jason Houchen



Erin & John Blackwell



Frances Kite

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE | Karl Hjerpe, Chairman

Our committee has been working on a walking tour mobile app and we're ready to take it public! The app is now live and available in both the Apple and Google Play app stores. To find it, search for **Old Town Triangle Tours** and our logo should appear. It's a free download. The app will hold a family of themed tours of the Triangle. We have only one tour published now, the Art Fair Garden Walk, but we'll add several more themes this year. Once we've built a few more tours, we'll begin actively encouraging tourists to use the app when enjoying our neighborhood.

We hope you will find the app both interesting and enjoyable. Our first tour is a bit experimental and we welcome your feedback to make it better. If your home is featured, we encourage you to help us by



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providing us pictures, histories, or other interesting information that will improve the presentation. If you have other feedback about how the app works or how the tours are presented please email the committee at outreach@oldtowntriangle.com. Happy Touring!

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE | Karen Pfendler, NIC Secretary

The NIC continues to oversee the Old Town Triangle parks, parkways, trees and other infrastructure needs. There was a recent vandalism attack on one of the trees we planted on Clark Street next to the Old Town Triangle Park. We have no idea why this beautiful tree was targeted for destruction. From our current budget we will be immediately replacing the tree that was destroyed on Clark, the dead tree in front of the Triangle Center, and one more tree on Menomonee.

We want to encourage residents to sign up to redo their parkway bricks or their sidewalk bricks. Parkway brick replacement is subsidized by 20% and sidewalk brick replacement is subsidized by 30%. The NIC also has a program that subsidizes 20% of the expense if OTTA members are desirous of planting a tree in the parkway in front of their property.

We would like to ask our Triangle residents to keep a watchful eye on our parks, parkways, and pocket parks. Our committee spends a lot of time and the Triangle Association's dollars working to keep these areas in tip top shape. If you see anything that needs our attention, please notify us at NIC@oldtowntriangle.com.

Lastly, NIC intends to investigate the cost of putting old fashioned light poles in our area to match those that are already on certain streets in the Triangle.



Triangle Park at the corner of Clark and Wisconsin offers a calm and peaceful area to sit on a summer day.

CALENDAR | AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

AUGUST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 6 P.M.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 7 P.M.
BOARD MEETING

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH –
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH**
GINZA HOLIDAY
MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE
www.ginzachicago.com

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11H –
SUNDAY, AUGUST, 13TH**
CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM HOT DOG FEST
Stockton & LaSalle, Lincoln Park
www.chicagohistory.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2 – 5 P.M.
GALLERY RECEPTION: Dorothy Mason
EXHIBITION: August 5th – August 31st

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
AUGUST 19TH – 20TH**
CHICAGO AIR & WATER SHOW

MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 7 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 6:30 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT
ELLA JENKINS PARK (WISCONSIN/SEDGWICK)

MONDAY, AUGUST 28TH, 6:30 P.M.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
LABOR DAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 6 P.M.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 7 P.M.
BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2 – 5 P.M.
GALLERY RECEPTION: Jonathan Ralston
EXHIBITION: September 1st - September 28th

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 7 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 6 P.M.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

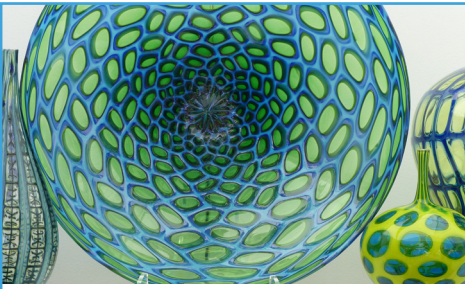


PHOTO GALLERY | An Old Town Art Fair To Remember!

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PHOTO GALLERY | (Continued from page 4)



CALL TO ACTION | Become a Member of the Old Town Triangle Association

Join OTTA today and become a part of the neighborhood organization that makes Old Town such a great place to live, work and play. Make new friends! Get involved! Being part of OTTA brings us together as a community and provides a common thread of shared experiences that is unique to Chicago. Support the preservation of one of the Chicago's historic districts while enjoying community spirit, safety and neighborhood improvements. OTTA gives back to community organizations and institutions with charitable grants. Membership is open to everyone, including property owners, former property owners, renters, businesses, friends of the Old Town Art Fair and visitors. Members receive a subscription to The Old Town Triangle Association "Times" published six times a year, members-only discounts from participating merchants of IBOT (I Buy Old Town), discounts on Art Center classes and invitations to and member-pricing for OTTA events and activities.

Membership starts at \$25 a year. Join today. Pick up a Membership Application at the Triangle Center or visit www.oldtowntriangle.com. Membership may be purchased online via PayPal using your Visa or Mastercard. If you prefer to pay by check or money order, please fill out the Membership Form and mail it, along with your payment to: **Old Town Triangle Association**, 1763 N. North Park, Chicago, IL 60614.



Jolene Worthington at work at Eli's Cheesecake

When Jolene Worthington decides to do something she does it well. She invests all her heart and energy and sticks with it, like living in the Old Town Triangle for 39 years, being married to her husband, Rogers, for 50 years, and making herself essential to Eli's Cheesecake for 36 years.

"We are trying to find a place for retirement, but we just can't find one better than Old Town! We're just spoiled with our neighborhood," Jolene says with a laugh. "We have lived in many States and even Mexico, but Old Town became our first "neighborhood." "After all these years," she continues, "we look out for one another and we appreciate the comradery." They arrived in Old Town in 1979 and lived on Wisconsin Avenue. Fourteen years later they moved to Willow Street where they currently reside. And as most residents of the Triangle know, "we appreciate the diversity of services in our area - we have two or three of everything we need within a five or ten minute walk."

Her career in publishing and baking spans over 50 years and has delivered her to her current position as Executive Vice President of Operations at Eli's Cheesecake. Jolene was a magazine recipe developer, food stylist and free-lance writer for Cuisine Magazine, series editor to Time Life Books, "Cakes, Pies and Pastries" and "Healthy Home Cooking" and a

Chicago Tribune Food Guide columnist. In 1983 she came to the attention to Marc Shulman, son of Eli Shulman of Eli's Cheesecake fame. At the time, Eli was owner of the famous Eli's The Place for Steak. (As well as the original The Ogden Huddle and Eli's Stage Deli.) "Cheesecake and steak houses go together, always have," Jolene says. Marc was starting a cheesecake company and needed help developing the product. Eli served the popular cheesecake of the day, New York style, with its firm texture and cracker crust. Marc and Jolene had a different idea.

"I made it better," says Jolene. "We put in real vanilla and used only cultured dairy products. We got new ovens, learned quality control and measurement, changed the old crumb crust to a French pate sucree and called it the "all butter" cookie crust. Meanwhile Eli's was still making Eli's The Place For Steak's small batch formula for cheesecakes. But, one day he tasted one of ours. Thus, the famous Eli's Cheesecakes were born.

In 2016, Jolene co-authored "The Eli's Cheesecake Cookbook" with Eli's daughter-in-law, Maureen Schulman and Vice President of R & D Diana Moles, which tells Eli's interesting personal story and unusual career path to restaurant and cheesecake fame. Jolene considers herself a curator of Eli's history. "I am the caretaker of the Eli's Cookbook historical society," she jokes. The book is a huge success as much for the recipes as for Eli's story and the story of Chicago. "History was the motivator for writing the book," Jolene says, and "Maureen nailed it."

"It's hard to talk about Chicago without mentioning Eli," Jolene says. The restaurants are gone now, but his legacy lives on in Eli's Cheesecake. His restaurants attracted famous and not-so-famous people alike. He had a bigger-than-life personality, she adds, that allowed him to pamper his customers at the same time he was pushing them out the door to make room for the line of people waiting to get in.

Being a lifetime member of the Eli's Cheesecake family has given Jolene a rare opportunity

to nurture her appreciation of the scientific approach to baking. "I was able to merge art form and manufacturing," she suggests. Her knowledge of ingredient interactions made for a taste and consistency unlike other cheesecakes. Marc Shulman offered Jolene a chance to be more than a baker. "Why open a bakery when you can make millions all over the world?" Marc told her. "I laughed! But his vision came true."

When Jolene considers her tenure at Eli's, she is most proud of the company's approximately 300 team members with an average tenure of 8 to 14 years and are like family. "All is possible with career centered team members sharing Eli's and Eli's customers' vision," she says. "Part of my vision is to make everyone empowered. Teaching and developing teams has always been important to me." She takes pride in her role as "the keeper" of the culture of Eli's and that they have been able to adapt and thrive in the changing regulatory landscape of the food industry.

So as Jolene and Rogers weigh their dilemma of staying in the Old Town neighborhood they love or finding a warm location and a home on one level, one thing is certain: Jolene continues to pour her energy and expertise into a life and a career that is as sweet, delicious and enduring as the company she helped build.



Jolene and Rogers Worthington in front of their Old Town home

MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE (www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org), is one of The Triangle's significant neighbors and good friend for more than 40 years! They are hosting their fantastic **62nd Annual Ginza Festival on August 11-12-13**, a Japanese cultural festival featuring master craftspeople, authentic cuisine including their famed grilled Chicken Teriyaki, and stage performances throughout the weekend – Taiko Drumming, Classical Japanese dance, the Na Kupuna Ukulele band and others. Admission fees benefit the Temple. For programming and more Festival information, contact Joy Zavala at 312-943-7801 or visit <http://ginzaholiday.com/>.

The CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES (<http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org/>), has been a good neighbor since the 1970s and a good friend to our beloved pets. Three Crosses offers their annual '**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**' Service on Sunday, August 27th at 11am. *Service is held outside in the park amphitheater next to the church on the*



Pastor John Hobbs Blessing the Animals at Church of the Three Crosses

corner of Sedgwick & Wisconsin. The

annual 'Blessing of the Animals' is a time of celebrating the gift of pets and the important part animals play in the ecological balance of our world. Bring your pets, of every kind, for an enriching Worship time! Please Note: Small pets should be placed in protective carriers to shield them from the larger animals. For more information, contact Rev. John Hobbs or Erika Colin, Office Manager, at 312-951-7916 or admin@churchofthethreecrosses.org.



THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM (<http://www.chicagohistory.org/>) Get it on your calendar now! The **5th Annual Chicago Hot Dog Fest** at Lincoln Park, Stockton & LaSalle Streets. Take a bite out of Chicago history! The weekend festival returns to Lincoln Park this

August to include a full lineup of bands, hot dog history speakers and the star of the event - Vienna Beef hot dogs prepared in various regional and ethnic styles by the city's top hot dog vendors. With more than 35,000 hot dogs served each year – there's something on the menu for everyone.

- Friday, August 11, 2017 – 11am to 9pm
- Saturday, August 12, 2017 – 11am to 9pm
- Sunday, August 13, 2017 – 11am to 8pm

For more information, call Emily Osborne 312-799-2161.



CAPS – Our CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 18th DISTRICT holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the 10th Sector which includes Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814 at St. James Church located at 2050 N. Fremont on the second Thursday of every odd month. The next meeting is on **THURSDAY, September 14th at 6:30pm**. For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870.

FROM THE ARCHIVES | A Little Bit Of History | Karen Pfendler

Did you ever wonder when the Old Town Triangle Association first began and who were the administrators that kept it going over the years? My brother David Pfendler, the OTTA Archivist, and I collaborated to put together a timeline history of the Old Town Triangle Association's various locations since its inception and a chronological listing of all our past and present OTTA Administrators. Listed are important dates/addresses of various locations of the OTTA from its beginning, followed by OTTA Administrator's and their years of service.

- **10/14/48:** 1st meeting of the Clark-Ogden-North Ave Triangle Association
- **10/20/51:** Officially becomes the Old Town Triangle Association (OTTA) (unincorporated)
- **6/10/52:** OTTA incorporates---Their mailing address is 244 W. Willow, the Menomonee Club for Boys, from 8/28/53-6/2/54. The Menomonee Club allowed OTTA to use some of its space for early art classes.
- **9/4/56:** Old Town Art Center (OTAC) opens at 1714 N. Wells Street (Currently the Chase Bank building)

- **6/1/66:** OTTA (OTAC) opens at 1818 N. Wells Street as renters. (Currently the New Leaf)
- **6/1/75:** OTTA signs a 4 year lease at 1818 N. Wells Street
- **12/1/78:** OTTA members approve the purchase of 1818 N. Wells Street. By 1981 OTTA is desirous of selling 1818 N. Wells Street as the property is too big and includes onerous responsibilities of having to be landlords.
- **12/21/82:** OTTA is named in a lawsuit by the Unitarian Church who was using the south room at 1763 N. North Park Avenue as their place of worship. OTTA was poised at this time to purchase the 2 first floor units at 1763 N. North Park Ave. (units 1 N & 1 S) which would eliminate the use of the south room by the Unitarians.
- **6/1/83:** OTTA sells 1818 N. Wells Street and purchases 1763 N. North Park Avenue units 1N and 1S which had previously housed the Midwest Buddhist Temple.

In the early 50's OTTA's mailing address/office was 1649 N. Sedgwick Street, the home of Victoria MacDonald serving as 1st secretary of OTTA. In the late 50's OTTA's address/

office moved to 1557 N. Wells Street---a store operated by Betty LaBerge who was the 2nd secretary for OTTA.

- Marion B. Olson 1st Administrator early 1979 to 7/31/85
- Sue Currie fills in for Olson during her maternity leave to 3/1/85
- Penny Miller 2nd Administrator 8/1/89 to 4/13/95
- Monique Bottrell 3rd Administrator 3/1/96 to 4/99
- Leslie Wolfe 4th Administrator, later named Director of Arts and Operations 6/1/99
- Shirley Baugher Co-Administrator 6/8/99 to 2/1/2011
- Dee McKinsey 5th Co-Administrator with Leslie 11/1/2010. Her role was eliminated by the Board 8/1/2013 because the cost of employing 2 full time administrators was prohibitive
- Barb Guttman hired as part time Office Assistant 5/5/2014
- Barb Guttman named Director of Operations 10/2016, replacing Leslie Wolfe who passed away in October, 2016
- Hannah Bernard hired as part time Administrative Assistant.



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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").

THE LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY: AUGUST | SEPTEMBER

AUGUST | Dorothy Mason – Serene Nature

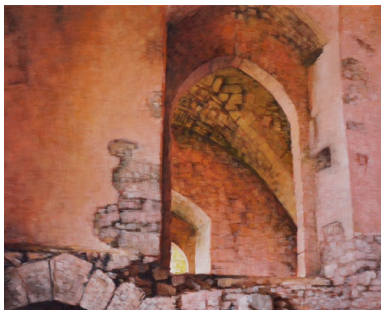
Dorothy Mason's work explores color relationships, often juxtaposing saturated and muted tones. Her unique use of color gives her paintings a refreshing take on familiar nature scenes.

Reception for the Artists:

Sunday, August 13, 2 – 5 P.M.

Exhibition:

August 5 – August 31



Kyrenia Ruins, Cypress

Reception for the Artists:

Sunday, September 10,
Time: 2 – 5 P.M.

SEPTEMBER | Jonathan Ralston – Structures and Spaces

Jonathan Ralston uses oil paint to depict a variety of architectural sites. He carefully chooses certain compositions, colors, and lighting in an effort to communicate a specific tone and feeling.

Exhibition:

September 2 – September 29



Shadow Calligraphy