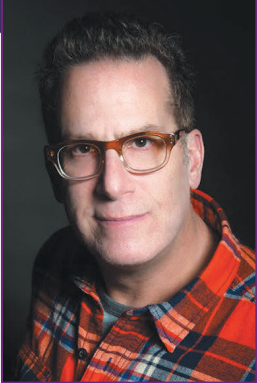




MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello to the Holiday Season!

This fall before our lovely Leslie passed away in late October, the Events Committee hosted a wonderfully successful Gallery show, Leslie Wolfe | Treasures From My Studio, a collection of her creatively unique works of art, much of which was sold. Over 150 neighbors came out to see Leslie and celebrate with her (as we often do when one of our own needs us). The food offered could have fed an army. It was truly a memorable

day and I know Leslie enjoyed the incredible experience, especially when we honored her by re-naming our gallery The Leslie Wolfe Gallery.

Also in October, a special neighborhood meeting was held to address Mr. David Ruttenberg's desire to change the dry zone status of the 1700 block of Wells Street to a wet zone. This change would allow him to acquire an incidental liquor license. We listened to Mr. Ruttenberg's (the commercial properties owner's) position, but neighborhood support was not evident. Since meeting with Alderman Michele Smith, Mr. Ruttenberg has put his project on hold and is going to present a more specific plan to the OTTA and neighbors. I still don't feel that support is there for this change, but of course, we will hear him out and let the neighborhood decide.

Halloween was an amazing celebration. Crilly Court had their Spook House in their basements and many neighbors turned out. I have to admit it was a pretty scary event. Our Oktoberfest Mac and Cheese Cook-Off was a huge success. Our next offering is the Holiday Party-A Musical Event on December 11th. Neighborhood kids will perform holiday favorites for us. If your child plays a musical instrument or sings, contact events@oldtowntriangle.com. We'd love to have them participate.

In January, 2017 we will hold our first annual neighborhood Children's Art Show for ages 1-18 yrs. Please bring your child's favorite work of art to the Triangle office to hang in our Gallery. Also in January, not to be missed is the Annual Meeting/Election and Dinner scheduled for January 26th from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the Old Town Triangle.

One last important announcement...A special congratulations goes to Barb Guttman. The Board approved Barb Guttman as our new Director of Operations effective November 1. Please stop by the Triangle office to congratulate her. We also want to thank Barb for her tireless efforts in helping OTTA run smoothly and efficiently during this difficult transition time.

Here's hoping everyone will enjoy a wonderful and joyous holiday season!

Steve Weiss, President



COMMITTEE NEWS | Compiled by Michael Warnick (Triangle resident since 1984)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE | By Shannon Waterfield, Chair and Darlene Fahrenkrog, Allen Carley, Todd Humes, Jacqui Thams

The Old Town Triangle Nominating Committee has completed its work and is presenting a slate for the membership at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 26th, 2017. A membership vote will occur at the Annual Meeting.

FOLLOWING IS THE NOMINATED SLATE:

President (1 year term): Steve Weiss*

1st Vice President (1 year term): Hans Pusch*

Treasurer (1 year term):
Christine Foushee Cardenas

Secretary (1 year term): Karen Pfendler

Director (3 year term): Jordan Maytas*

Director (3 year term): Robert Jones

*Current Board Member

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Christine Foushee Cardenas presently serves on the Neighborhood Improvement Committee, and served as Gate Captain for the Old Town Art Fair, and has volunteered at numerous Old Town Triangle Association functions. Christy is the Director of External Affairs for the Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations. In this role she handles the press and congressional portfolio. She serves as lead on the Bureau's budget development as well as the requests and justifications to Congress.

She has previously worked in various management capacities at marketing and communication firms in the private sector. Christy has also served in many different development and fundraising roles for

volunteer and community organizations in both Chicago and Washington D.C. Christy and her husband Jason first met as neighbors in Old Town in 2005. In 2008 they moved to Washington D.C. for professional opportunities and last year were happy to return to Chicago and Old Town with their 5-year old son Ethan and their dog Eugenie.

Karen Pfendler has a long, rich history with the Old Town Triangle. She was born and bred in Chicago's 43rd Ward and has made her home on Lincoln Park West for more than half a century. A proud educator, Karen taught in public and private schools in the city of Chicago for 43 years, retiring in 2009. She holds two master's degrees and a Type 75 Certificate, qualifying her to be a principal. A longtime competitive racing sailor out of the

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE | (Continued)

Chicago Yacht Club, Karen served as fleet captain for the 22 square meter racing fleet for 10 years. She is also an avid duplicate bridge player and a devoted pet parent to five rescue animals, including her dog, Bentley.

Karen has served as an officer on the Board of Directors and as a chair or active member on 10 of the 11 subcommittees. For the Art Fair, she has recruited, trained, and managed 10 gate captains and 180 plus gate volunteers.

Robert Jones has served as the 1st Vice President of the Old Town Triangle Association for 2 years and has served as NIC chair for 2 years. He currently serves as elder board chairman at Harvest Bible Chapel, a mega church with seven campuses in the greater Chicago area. Additionally, Robert has served on the board of the Dunhaven Woods Homeowners Association in Palatine, including holding terms as president and treasurer, and the Palatine Celtic Soccer Club, where he led

the 1,500-strong program as president for two terms. Robert and his wife, Merri, have lived in Chicagoland for more than 30 years, including a home in Palatine, a condo in the Gold Coast and, as of 2012, a row house on Crilly Court. Robert is senior vice president of an agricultural commodity broker group for ABN AMRO Clearing Chicago, LLC, and a board member for the National Grain and Feed Association.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | By Chris Nelson, Chair (Triangle resident since 2005)

Looking forward to winter? Well we are too! The Membership Committee is planning a movie night for Sunday, December 18th at 4 p.m. We will be showing "White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kay, Rosemary Clooney, Vera-Allen, Dean Jagger and many more. This feel-good Christmas classic from 1954 has something for the entire

family including singing, dancing, drama, laughs, even romance! Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

I am happy to report that our membership continues to grow. As of November 1st, our membership total was 692! This is a great testament to the livelihood of our community!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR 2016!

Peter Axelsen	Sandra Deutsch	F.M. Malone & Sharon Karsten	Christopher Ryan
Jarrett Banwart	Shari Emme	Alexandra McCourt	Michael Smith & Amy Moy
Courtney & Matt Beemer	Hanna Felton	Robert & Rachel McGuire	Richard Snee & Sharon Frederick
Stephen & Betsy Bloom	Tara Gibney	Nicole McNair	Taylor Spaulding & Julie Bolamperti
Patrick Bolger	Maria Greene	Brian McWeeney & Megan Chanin	Lana Squeo
Joseph Bowlby	Edie Hampson	W. Christian & Catherine Mellon	Rick & Perrin Stearns
Beth Bradfish	Sarah Hebard	Andrea Mularczyk	Ruth Stebbins & Paul Graves
Charlie Branda	Michelle Hoersch	Linda & Brad Neuman	Steven Stratton
Sanford Bredine	Ann Hoffman	Diane Niederman	Rachel Thompson
Sophie Bross	Megan & James Holliday-Smith	Maria Ojeda & Joel F. Henning	Cathy Tierney
Michelle Byerley	Stephen & Lydia Hoover	Elizabeth & John Oliver	Amisha Wallia & Jason Emeott
Christine & Jason Cardenas	Olita Kins	Allison Overlay	Kim & Matt Wedding
Jordan Centers	W.S. Krol	Anita Peters	Patrick Whitty
James & Sherry Colaanni	Amy Lasek	Evelyn Rife	Amy Ziegler
Maria Cruz	Mike & Jennifer Macksood	Jennifer Ross	
Beth DePass	Daniel Magier	Mary Rothe	



GRANTS COMMITTEE | By Diane Gonzalez, Chair (Triangle resident since 1974)

Come and learn about Chinese culture. Miranda Qiang, a Chinese exchange instructor at LaSalle Language Academy, will present a slide talk about Chinese culture. The Grants Committee is hosting the evening at the Old Town Triangle Center on Thursday, December 8th at 7 p.m. Attendees will be divided into teams to respond to Miranda's questions on Chinese (Mandarin) culture. Refreshments and prizes are part of the fun.

EVENTS COMMITTEE | By Steve Weiss (Triangle resident since 1999)

Everyone had so much fun at Oktoberfest; a special thank you to everyone who entered the Great Mac and Cheese Contest. We still have a few special events before the January 26th Annual Dinner/Election and Meeting. Join your neighbors and friends on Sunday December 11th from 2-5 p.m. for the Old Town Triangle-A Holiday Musical Event. Neighborhood children and young adults will be entertaining you with Christmas and other holiday songs. The afternoon will be featuring the Old Town Young People's Chorus, solos and duets on the piano, guitar, and much more.

January's Gallery Show will be The Young People's Art Exhibit. To have your child's artwork exhibited, be sure to bring the artwork to the Old Town Triangle tagged with their name and age.

OLD TOWN ART FAIR DATES: SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH & SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2017

We've had so many great suggestions for the Art Fair. Thanks for all of your input! After much consideration, we've decided to try out some new things in 2017:

For the first time, Artists will have the option to set-up Friday, June 9th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. We hope this makes Saturday morning quieter for neighbors, calmer for volunteers and more productive for artists. Streets have been closed and cleared all day Friday for the past two years already. Allowing booths to go up Friday will

hopefully mitigate much of the parking and towing issues that happen overnight Friday and into Saturday morning before the Fair. More info and instructions on street/garage access for neighbors living within the Fair boundaries to come.

Second, after many requests, the Fair will stay open an extra hour, until 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 10th. Since folks will get a bit more shut-eye Saturday morning, it's a good year to try out this often-heard suggestion.

We hope this gives you a little more time to enjoy the fair and your friends into Saturday evening. The Fair will close at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, as usual.

The second weekend in June has become very competitive for Chicago events. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help, cooperation and good nature while we try some new things with the aim of keeping the Old Town Art Fair one of the city's favorite destinations.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | By Phil Graf (Triangle resident since 1985)

Your Neighborhood Improvement Committee has certainly been busy this year; it shows all over Old Town, and we're not done yet! Throughout the year we've been tending to our seven neighborhood parks, cleaning, planting, and watering with great success thanks to the diligent efforts of neighbors and volunteers Donna Vos, Jennifer Worstell, Mark Noble, and Megan Washburn who have watered new fragile perennials and shrubs in the North Ogden and Ella Jenkins Parks

throughout the summer and fall. Thank you. You made a huge difference!

Since the last newsletter we have worked successfully with CDOT who has planted eight new trees in South and North Ogden Parks, Ella Jenkins Park and Apex Park. We still plan to put another 10 to 12 trees into empty parkway tree wells before the year is out.

There are so many people to thank for our accomplishments including our neighbors and

city officials. But most of all, we want to thank all of you for your past and present support of the NIC's efforts. Street sweeping has ended for 2016. We appreciate your efforts to bag your leaves, so they can be collected and disposed of responsibly and to not blow leaves into the streets where they would stay all winter long and clog up the needed drainage.

Editor's Correction: The NIC Report printed in the September/October Newsletter was written by Karen Pfendler.

CALENDAR | DECEMBER - JANUARY

DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2 - 5 P.M.
GALLERY RECEPTION | MARIA CRUZ
EXHIBITION: November 19TH - December 21ST

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 1ST
ZOO LIGHTS AT LINCOLN PARK ZOO
VARIOUS DATES | lpzoo.org

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 8TH
WINTER FLOWER AND TRAIN SHOW
LINCOLN PARK CONSERVATORY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 7 P.M.
LEARN ABOUT CHINESE CULTURE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2 - 5 P.M.
OLD TOWN TRIANGLE HOLIDAY PARTY-A
MUSICAL EVENT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 7 P.M.
BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 4 P.M.
MOVIE NIGHT-WHITE CHRISTMAS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 7 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 7 P.M.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING
& ZONING COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 2ND
TRIANGLE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
GALLERY RECEPTION | YOUTH COMMITTEE
ART EXHIBIT
EXHIBITION THRU FEBRUARY 5TH

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 6:30 P.M.
ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



CALL TO ACTION

Need a holiday gift? Purchase a Dogarama Calendar 2017 for \$15 at the Old Town Triangle Center today before they run out!



PHOTO GALLERY | Old Town Fall Happenings | Photographs by Lucy Baldwin, Michael Warnick, Lynn Smith and Lydia Hoover

Fall in Old Town has been a busy time. The Chicago Marathon ran through us. Dogarama made us sit and beg for more. Oktoberfest Mac n' Cheese filled our tummies with yummy. Chicago Sculpture Exhibit Gallery Night got us together. Halloween brought out the kid in all of us. And Leslie's Pop-Up Show brought us together with love.



WE CHEERED ON THE RUNNERS



WE GATHERED FOR OKTOBERFEST.



SO MANY DELICIOUS CHOICES!



DIANE GONZALES, DAVID PFENDLER
AND JACQUI THAMS SAY "CHEESE".



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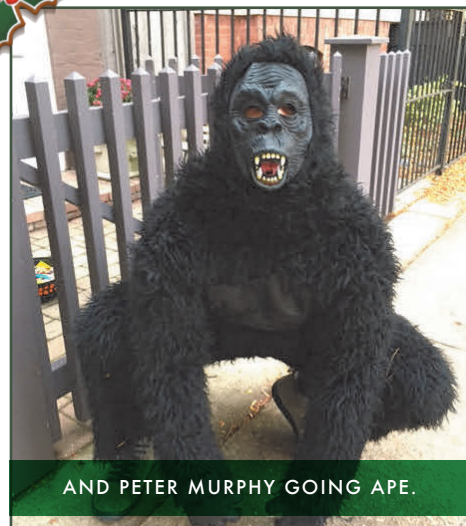
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ON HALLOWEEN, IT WAS ALL
TREATS, NO TRICKS.



WITH PENGUINS ON ORLEANS



AND PETER MURPHY GOING APE.



THE CHICAGO SCULPTURE
EXHIBIT WOWED.



VI DALEY TALKED ART OVER WINE WITH
ALLAN MELLIS.



AN AFTERNOON WITH LESLIE WAS
A JOY AND AN HONOR.

A FAREWELL TO LESLIE WOLFE | By Sarah Hebard (Old Town resident since 2015)

Leslie Wolfe, described as a “wonderful, talented, kind, and patient” woman, was the OTTA’s Director of Arts & Operations and a remarkable artist. She passed away in her sleep on Wednesday morning, October 26th, 2016. A naturally creative thinker, Leslie had always wanted to make art. She grew up in Boulder, Colorado with her two younger sisters and artist parents, and later attended Southern Illinois University to study art in 1966. Leslie’s path eventually led her to Chicago, to earn an MFA in fiber and performance at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. From 1980-1987, Leslie was a partner at Four Brother Press, a renowned contract lithography studio on North Avenue. She met longtime love and master craftsman, Bill Lackland, while working as associate gallery director at Roy Boyd Gallery on 739 N. Wells Street. Together, Leslie and Bill commuted by bicycle from their home in Rogers Park to their jobs in River North, and stopped at Nookies each morning as part of their daily routine. This dining ritual is what led her to the Triangle. Hired by OTTA president Dan Baldwin and Executive Director Monique Botrell in 1998, Leslie started as a part time assistant to Monique. In 1999, she was promoted to co-administrator. Thanks to her multifaceted role, Leslie was closely involved with the art part of the job since day one.

Leslie lead the community through 20 Art Fairs, supported volunteers, attended Board meetings, welcomed neighbors and fed canine visitors their dog treats...always with a smile! Leslie was the OTTA contact for every member, a dozen instructors and nearly 1,000 students. She produced more than 200 gallery exhibits as well as hundreds of community events, meetings and debates. In addition, Leslie kept up her work as a practicing artist, exhibiting her mixed media and found art sculpture.

The OTTA is thankful to have been able to share with Leslie the renaming of the gallery to the **Leslie Wolfe Gallery, Old Town Triangle Association**. Much of what the Gallery is today or will become in the future is owed to her vision and commitment.

In many ways, we have Leslie to thank for making our neighborhood association the warm and vibrant community it is today!

Reflections on Leslie from fellow Old Town Residents:

“Leslie was a true bright spark in the world. She will be missed by so many.”

“There was never a time when she was too busy to stop to look up from whatever she was doing to say a full ‘hello, how are you’ and mean it.”

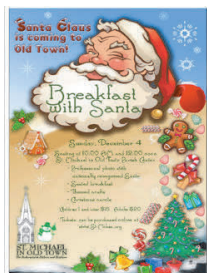
“Part therapist, part administrator, part institutional memory; all good and constant friend.”

“Leslie Wolf is one of the few people I have known who never said anything negative about another person. Her nature was to always see the best in people. She will truly be missed.”

“Leslie was so creative, easy going, a great listener, always a friendly smile and warm welcome and loved her four legged friends. I don’t think I know of anyone who loved the color purple more than Leslie. Her love of the Art Fairs was matchless and when the fairs were over, I enjoyed seeing how she was totally relaxed and completely satisfied. My favorite memory will always be of Leslie and Bill dancing the night away at the ‘Thank You Parties.’”



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



ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN (www.st-mikes.org/) Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 4th, 10am-12pm noon** for **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**, a wonderful family

holiday tradition! For more information or to buy tickets, contact Toni Dunning (312-642-2498; tdunning@st-mikes.org).

Also, don’t miss **HOLIDAY BRASS & CHORAL CONCERT** on **Friday, December 16th** at 8pm. Early music specialist **Paul Agnew**, conducts an eight-part brass ensemble creating a pageant of sound! For more information, including purchasing, visit www.baroque.org.



THE MENOMONEE CLUB (www.menomoneeclub.org/) offers an abundance of after-school programs

throughout the school year. Please join them for their **HOLIDAY DAY CAMPS** during the December break, to keep the kids busy on days off from school. This year’s camps include RetroActive Sports, Emerald City Theatre, Chess Wizards and Mad Science. Visit their webpage for <http://www.menomoneeclub.org/holiday-session/> or call Sara Bosaw at 312-664-4631.

LINCOLN PARK VILLAGE (<http://lincolnparkvillage.org/>) is at the forefront of “the village movement” in the US. Join them for a very special event on **Tuesday, December 6th, 6-8:30pm** at The Chicago History Museum

(1601 N. Clark Street) called **INNOVATION FOR THE AGES** and featuring guest speakers Howard Tullman (CEO, 1971), Hedy Ratner (Founder, Women’s Business Development Center), Terry Savage (Nationally Syndicated Financial Columnist) and others, discussing “innovating after 60” and “reinvention versus retirement”. Admission: Free. Complimentary drinks and appetizers. For more information about The Village or to register for this program, call the Village office 773.248.8700.

THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM (www.chicagohistory.org) continuing through August 20, 2017 – **Making Mainbocher: America’s First Couturier** presents Chicagoan Main Rousseau Bocher (1890–1976) who established a fashion empire in Chicago serving

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royalty, Hollywood icons, and the social elite. Bocher balanced his elite brand by designing uniforms for the United States Navy, the Girl Scouts of America, and Chicago's Passavant Hospital. For more information, call Emily Osborne 312-799-2161.

LINCOLN PARK CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL (<http://www.lincolnparkcoop.org/>) located at 1753 N. Fern Court, is now **accepting applications and scheduling school tours** for the 2017-2018 school year. Reserve your spot by calling the office at 312-944-5469, or their website, lincolnparkcoop.org. Tours will take place in December, January, and February. Applications for new students are due on or before February 24th.

Annual Auction: The LPNCS Annual Fundraising Auction will be held on **Saturday, February 4th**. We are looking for donations from local

retailers and merchants as well as event sponsors. To access the donation form, visit <http://events.readysetauction.com/lpcns/2017> and click on donate or sponsor. For more information or questions, contact auction@lincolnparkcoop.org. Don't forget to like us on Facebook too!

For more information about the school, contact Mary Flis at 312-944-5469 or mary@lincolnparkcoop.org.



The CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES (<http://churchofthethreecrosses.org>) has a lineup of early Winter events and programs worth noting and attending, including: **November 30th** Advent Study Group – 7pm (every Wednesday for 4 Weeks: November 30 - December 21); **December 4th** Church of the Three Crosses' Advent Event – 11am; **December 18th** Annual Cookie Exchange

– 12:30pm; **December 24th** Christmas Eve Service – 5:30pm; **December 25th** Christmas Day Service – 11am. For more information, contact Rev. John Hobbs or Erika Colin, Office Manager, at 312-951-7916 or admin@churchofthethreecrosses.org.



LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL (www.lincolnparkhs.org). In case you missed it, shortly after the Cubbies ended their 108 years World Series Championship draught, LPHS ended a draught as well. On Saturday, November 5, Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced a **\$20 million renovation project** for LPHS. Work will be done over the next two summers to minimize disruption while using the building during the school year. An overview of the project with completion dates can be found of their website. Congratulations to all who made this happen!

IBOT SPOTLIGHT | Galleria Liqueurs: A Wine Enthusiast's Dream | By Nancy Jordan (Triangle member since 2015)



Benjamin Pourkhalili, the owner of Galleria Liqueurs

If you ask Benjamin Pourkhalili what his favorite wine is, you might not get an answer. That's because he has so many. It's a little like asking someone which of their children they love more. Pourkhalili is the owner of Galleria Liqueurs on Wells Street in Old Town.

Pourkhalili. Unusual name, right? Well, his wine shop is just as unique. With his Persian origins, he artfully designed every aspect of his store. He wanted it to be a neighborhood wine boutique where searching for just the right wine was a special experience. There are chandeliers from Italy, iron cast shelves with mahogany and copper, velvet draperies that divide the wines into categories and countries, and a storefront sign that is a mosaic also from Italy. There are hand painted murals that bring

winemaking to life and ceiling domes of gold leaf.

But enough about all that. Let's talk about the wine! According to Pourkhalili, the "best" wine depends on what it's going to go with. If you're starting dinner with a salad, pick a Sauvignon Blanc. Either a crisp, citrusy one from New Zealand or one that is not so fruit-forward from California. Start your main course with a Pinot Noir from the Russian River or Oregon, or if you're having steaks, make it a Cabernet from California or a Malbec from Argentina. Dessert calls for bubbles or Rosé.

Pourkhalili encourages customers to bring in their menus so he can pair them with wines at no extra charge. There are so many choices - with wines ranging in price from \$6.99 to \$500. Single malts from \$45 to \$14,000. Vodkas from \$9 to \$150. And if you buy 6 bottles, you get 5% off, 12 bottles, 10% off. If you're not sure what you like, they have winetasting every Friday from 5:30-8:30 and Saturday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Galleria Liqueurs has been in Old Town for 15 years and is proud to be an IBOT (I Buy Old Town/10% off to cardholders) merchant. Walking one of the aisles, he asked me to pick up one bottle with an especially beautiful label. I did. It was so heavy. I asked why. He said that the more expensive a wine is, the heavier the bottle glass. There's so much to learn about wine.

Galleria Liqueurs has 2 locations. Old Town, at 1559 North Wells and Lakeview at 3409 North Southport. Their hours are 9:00 am to midnight Monday through Friday and until 2:00 am on Saturdays. And for \$5, they deliver.



Galleria Liqueurs at 1559 North Wells Street

Editor's Note: Addendum To Neighbor Spotlight

Neighbor Spotligthed Diane Fitzgerald reminded us about a significant part of her Chicago life – She came here from Long Island in 1980 – was teaching art at The Francis Parker School in the 1980s and was the founding Executive Director of Marwen. She enjoys the long-term relationships she has with her former students, many who live in the Triangle.

NEWS YOU CAN USE | Holiday Packages Safely Delivered | by Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)

Everyone knows stories of delivered packages that have disappeared off our doorsteps. The incidents of theft and delivery error increase during the holiday season when we send and receive a higher volume of packages. To help keep your incoming and outgoing packages safe here in Old Town, we offer some delivery tips to consider. You can discuss your preferences (inside secure areas of your home, for example) with your mail carrier and delivery staff, but be aware that they are under no obligation to follow non-company sanctioned delivery methods, especially at this busy time of year.

You can have your deliveries made to you at another location; for instance, you can address packages to yourself at work or at a friend's house. Or request "signature required" from any of the below carriers and the package will not be left at the address if there is no one there to sign for it. Unsigned packages will be returned to the carrier offices for you to pick up. The address and phone number will be noted on the door tag.

If you find that drivers and mail carriers are leaving packages at the door when no one is home, it may be because they consider your street a "secure location." If you disagree, contact the company at the numbers below.



Sign up for **UPS My Choice®** by going to [UPS.com](https://www.ups.com), which will allow a sender to choose a time and location to leave a package. This is a free service. If you are not home to accept a package it will be returned to a nearby "access point" and a phone number will be on the door tag. You can pick it up there. Packages will be kept there for up to one week. Mailboxes can also be rented at a local The UPS Store for \$465- \$612/year.

The UPS Store on North Avenue is an access point:

333 W. North Avenue at Sedgwick, Chicago 60610
Contact Ray Baity or Barbara Weary for more information: 312-943-6197



Sign up for **USPS Package Intercept®** at [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com) which will allow you to redirect a package to another address. You can make arrangements to have it held at a post office or an immediate neighbor's home for you to pick up. USPS also recommends requesting a required signature confirmation (\$2.90). If no one is home to sign, you can pick it up at the post office.

The nearest USPS post office to you is:

2405 N. Sheffield Avenue at Fullerton, Chicago, IL 60614
773-292-2680



Sign up for the **FedEx Delivery Manager** at [FedEx.com](https://www.fedex.com) to customize your delivery. This is a free service, however some changes such as customizing the time of delivery, will be charged. Arranging for a hold at a FedEx office is free. Tracking numbers are required to change delivery instructions. These services, as well as requesting a hold at a FedEx location and holding deliveries while you're on vacation, are available all year

The nearest FedEx stores are:

744 W. Fullerton Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614
875 W Division, Chicago, IL 60642
800-463-3339

FOODBYTES | The Great Mac and Cheese Cook-off | By Diane Sokolofski (Triangle resident 1969-1970 and since 2006)

The cheesiest fest in the Triangle holds its debut to celebrate the comfort food that dates back to the 14th century, long before the geniuses at Kraft Heinz managed to pack its gooey, cheesy flavor into a neon orange powder. This indulgent fest brought out neighbors of all ages to sample the Macs of 25 delicious entries. Lucy Wojtas won the honors this year with Stephani Turken taking second place with her gluten-free mac and Martha Connelly taking a third, while everyone else continued eating themselves silly with all their cheesy favorites. A special thanks goes to the judges; Nick Kokonas, Dagmara Kokonas, Theo Kokonas, James Kokonas and Karen Loop, who had the challenging job of tasting all 25 entries to determine the top three finalists. The winner received a \$50 gift card and the second and third place winners received \$25 gift cards. However, the real winners were the guests who got to sample all entries and determine their own top favorite.

I spoke with Lucy Wojtas about the story behind her recipe. She said, "The original recipe I used is Rick Massa's Five-Cheese Mac and Cheese that took top comfort food honors in a competition. However, I made quite a few changes after preparing it several times. Changes included reducing the amount of blue cheese, adding American cheese, doubling the amount of bacon, using panko instead of regular bread crumbs and eliminating the thyme, bay leaf and parsley. To make the bread crumb topping more crispy, I fried panko bread crumbs in a skillet with butter, then mixed them with the remaining cheese and topped the dish before baking. I changed the pasta from a classic macaroni shape to a shell. Also, I reserved some pasta water, in case I wanted to thin out the cheese sauce before incorporating the noodles." Lucy is not a recipe contest novice in the Triangle, winning first place for her famous



Lucy Wojtas, 1st place winner, (left) Stephani Turken, 2nd place (center) and Martha Connelly, 3rd place



(LEFT PHOTO) 2nd place recipe (left) and 1st place recipe (right) (RIGHT PHOTO) More delicious choices!

meatloaf and chili recipes.

Thank you to the Events Committee; Lucy Baldwin, Steve Weiss, Michael Warnick, and Shirley Baugher for a fun-filled evening for all.

Congratulations to the 3 winners and a very special thank you to all 25 Mac and Cheese contestants who took the time to make their delicious entries for all of us to enjoy!! The three winning recipes can be found on our website: www.oldtowntriangle.com.



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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").

THE LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY: JANUARY



Artwork by Isabel Weiss 2016

From the Refrigerator to the Gallery: Artworks by Old Town Triangle Kids!

Old Town Triangle children will
contribute their masterpieces for
display.

Reception for the Artists:

January 15th from 2-5pm.

Exhibition:

January 6th - February 3rd.