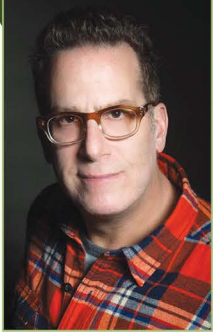




MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



This is OTTA's most important time of the year—"the Old Town Art Fair"! Artists, visitors, neighbors and friends converge on our neighborhood to enjoy quality art, good food and drinks and fun activities for the whole family. I have to admit it feels so great when people come into our neighborhood and talk about how charming Old Town is and how lucky we are to live here—we all know how true that is. But for me, it's a special time—the time when spring months herald the beginning of nice weather, thereby allowing us to spend time outside after so many months of having been cooped up indoors.

But this year is even more exciting! This is the first time we are named the **"#1 Art Fair in the USA."** What a testament to our volunteer efforts. Most fairs of this magnitude are staged by professional fair organizers. We organize our own fair using friends and neighbor volunteers to help put all the components into place. More than that, we do it with class by taking special care of our artists: watching their booths, offering the artists breakfast and refreshments and tending to their needs in general. It's

our way of showing our hospitality. We should be proud of our Art Fair accomplishments.

Currently, I'm looking for volunteers to help with our new Youth Committee. Shannon Waterfield and I are the Co-Chairs. If you have a child 3-18 years of age, this is a perfect group for them. The goal is to create activities for youngsters and teens, since many of our children go to schools outside of the Triangle and consequently, don't know the kids in their own neighborhood. Please contact youth@oldtowntriangle.com if you have a child in this age range. We would like to get an idea of the ages of children in our neighborhood. Please email me if you would like to join the Committee and help organize some activities. The Youth Committee is one of two very important initiatives for 2016. The other initiative underway is new neighborhood events for adults and families. We are planning plays—which we just kicked-off with Old Town Triangle Goes To The Theatre, a cooking contest, a progressive dinner, and a Christmas concert with gift-making added for the children.

Please join in the fun! Viva Old Town Triangle! 🍷

Best regards,
Steve Weiss, President

A Warm & Hearty Welcome

To all the Fine Artists participating in the 67th Annual Old Town Art Fair, Chicago's original art fair. THANK YOU for helping to make this one of the best art fairs in the United States!

OLD TOWN ART FAIR



COMMITTEE NEWS | Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk

Co-Chairs Vi Daley (Triangle resident since 1967) and Lynn Smith (Triangle resident since 2001)

We're just a few days away from the 67th Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk!

This year, we've been voted the **#1 Art Fair in the Country**, and we are more excited than ever to present the work of over 250 outstanding artists, nearly 100 of which are new to the Fair this year.

It takes a lot of people and hard work to make the Art Fair happen. And we are thankful for each and every one of you, whether you are an Old Town friend, neighbor, OTTA member or one of the more than 600 dedicated volunteers who help make this event such a success.

The First Sight Gala was held earlier than usual

this year on May 15th. Many thanks to Dee DeCarlo and her amazing committee for making this night at Perennial Virant such a perfect combination of delicious food, fundraising and fun.

We hope you've been seeing a lot of our Art Fair posters around town the past month or so? Much thought went into the design this year. As we are the #1 Art Fair in the Country, we wanted to feature our neighborhood in a unique way, which we did with a compelling photo taken by Burt Richmond and eye-catching graphic design by Michael Garzel. Boy Scout Troop 79 helped us get the posters out to merchants to post. We have extra posters in

the office if you want them. We'd love to see one in everyone's window.

A special shout-out goes to all those who participated in our Annual Spring Clean-Up to get ready for the Art Fair. Also thank you to the Second City Training Team who held a workshop for our gate volunteers as well as those who booth sit and sell merchandise. Not only was it helpful, but it was also a fun evening that really brought the volunteers all together for our Fair.

Now it's almost time to discover the wonderful art, taste the great food, walk the glorious gardens, listen to the live music and enjoy a weekend that only happens once a year in Old Town. **See you at the Art Fair!** 🍷

OLD TOWN TRIANGLE HISTORY | Before & After: 311 W. Eugenie Street Renovation Project

by Karl Hjerpe (Triangle resident since 1996) with Martha Connolly (Triangle resident since 2000)



(Left) Before renovation of 311 W. Eugenie Street in 1974 (Right) After renovation in 2016.

A prominent home in the Triangle has recently undergone renovation. As the story goes, Martha Connolly purchased 311 W. Eugenie in April of 2012 after its previous owner, Andre Felichio, suddenly passed away. Felichio was born in this house and had lived there with his family for over 70 years.

Restoration of this 1890's home started with good research. "The Commission on Chicago Landmarks staff was very helpful in finding an old, grainy archived photo of the home dating back to 1974 (above), and offered specific instruction on acceptable alterations to bring the home back to its original profile," reported Martha. The photo showed that the property once donned a cornice, and research on our end showed evidence of a cornice where a concrete wash was partially removed, uncovering common brick. Common brick was not normally used in any exposed area of a building's façade during that era.

An issue with the façade revealed that the original dark face brick on the third floor had been patched with over 50% blonde brick. "I worked with Landmarks to find a brick which most closely matched the existing brick. The size of the brick, as well as the color proved to be a challenge." The third floor façade was not plumb, so it had to be completely dismantled and re-assembled. "We were able to salvage some of the old original bricks, and used them as "soldiers" on the perimeter of the field brick.

We kept the thickness and color of the mortar identical to the remainder of the façade. The capstones, which at some point had been replaced with concrete, were restored to limestone."

The windows had been modified over the years with vinyl replacements and various profiles. "I worked with both Landmarks and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency to identify window profiles which would be acceptable to both, and which most closely resembled (right down to transom ratio) the original structure. The windows are now energy efficient low-e, thermopane aluminum clad wood. Brick moulding was added to replicate the original brick moulding which had gone missing over the years." Martha's father then created beveled glass transom windows for the front façade to resemble what might have originally been in place.

Since this property was originally a two-flat, the two entry doors had to be kept in place to meet Landmark guidelines. In the mid-1990's, the doors were replaced with a mid-century modern profile. "Being an odd size, we chose to modify those doors to a historic profile, enlarging the size of the glass to the proper ratio, and add raised panels. They now look original!"

This total gut-rehab changed the interior space from a two flat with an uninhabitable basement, to a single family unit with three floors of living space. The previous owners had added a staircase from the 2nd to the 3rd floor, and had created a room in the attic. "We removed the stairs, and turned that space into storage, since the height of the space and the pitch of the staircase did not meet building code." The original main staircase was saved, refinished, and moved four inches to accommodate the floor plan. Unfortunately, all other interior historic elements had been modified or replaced prior to Martha acquiring the property.

Thankfully, there were no zoning variances needed, so the plans were approved by the Department of Buildings without issue. "Landmarks was wonderful to work with too; very responsive and helpful in solving the pieces of the puzzle. Truly, this is their job — and the collective experience in that Department runs deep."

The renovated house should grace our neighborhood for many years to come. Nice job, Martha! 🍷

COMMITTEE NEWS GRANTS COMMITTEE

| Diane Gonzalez, Chair (Triangle resident since 1974)

The mission of The Grants Committee is to oversee and administer the grant program that the Old Town Triangle Association offers to schools and organizations that serve our community and to support the stated mission and goals of the Old Town Triangle Association.

On May 4, the Grants Committee voted to

approve 15 applicants a total of \$50,000 in grants. This is the highest amount ever awarded by the OTTA to area organizations.

Choosing recipients and amounts is challenging as every applicant presented a worthy cause.

Requests totaled over \$65,000 this year.

Among those chosen were LaSalle Language

Academy's World Language Department and their Arts Residency program, Franklin Fine Arts Elementary, Abraham Lincoln Elementary, and Lincoln Park High School's Performing Arts. Also included were Lincoln Park Village, Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative, and the Near North Library. Green City Market's Sprouts children's program, Deborah's Place, and the

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GRANTS COMMITTEE (Continued from page 3)

Lincoln Park Zoo also were granted monies. OTTA's Boy Scout Troop 79, Lakefront Sculpture, Art on Sedgwick and the Midwest Buddhist Temple round out the applicants chosen this year.

Recipients will receive their checks at the Art Fair Volunteer Thank You Party on June 17th.

A special thanks to the Grants Committee who worked so diligently and gave up Wednesday evenings to hear 16 presentations before determining request amounts. 🍵

The 2016 Grants Committee

Standing from top left: Stephanie Turken, Bill Hyer, Rick Rausch, Jordan Maytas, Karen Magnuson Rogulja Seated: Darlene Fahrenkrog, Diane Gonzalez.



HISTORIC DISTRICT / PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE | Karl Hjerpe, Chairman (Triangle resident since 1996)

On April 26th, HDPZ hosted a presentation by **Jeff Ediger**, owner of Oak Brothers, who recently restored the double-hung windows on the first floor of the Triangle Center. Jeff spoke not only about windows, but also covered the treatment of decorative interior woods.

Jeff proved to be a passionate and engaging speaker, and the points he made resonated well with those of us in historic homes. His overall theme was that wood components of houses should be treated as integral parts of a building and given due respect when maintaining it. In repairing historic houses, "restoration is neither repair nor replacement, but rather the recovery and preservation of dignity" he said. Wood that was cut prior to about 1940 is virgin and slow-growth, which is noticeably more durable and attractive than modern farmed wood. It should be saved, no matter what it is. The sum of details in a room outweighs an individual detail; it makes the overall effect more noticeable. Further, one should think in terms of restoring whole units (e.g. all the wood trim in a room vs. just one built-in cabinet) to keep architectural integrity.

During the question and answer session, Jeff spoke to the question of replacing old double-hungs with modern energy-efficient replacement windows. He said that the cost of a high-quality replacement window was roughly on par with a restored original. He went on to detail

techniques that he uses to increase efficiency when restoring an old window, embedding weather-stripping and seals.

The relationship between the homeowner and company doing the work is key to success in any restoration. The responsibility for achieving the best outcome is a two-way street—"it's a relationship!" Jeff maintains. He humorously added that he keeps an Angie's-type list of customers he won't work with! When homeowners embrace the history already evident in their existing wood and windows, it makes for the best outcome all the way around. 🍵



Jeff Ediger, owner of Oak Brothers speaking at OTTA on April 26th. Photo Credit: Steven Ledell

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE | Christopher Nelson, Chairman (Triangle resident since 2005)



Join The Fun—That is the core message of our new member recruitment brochure, which will be hot-off-the-press just in time for the Art Fair. The Membership Committee refreshed the current brochure to reflect the excitement and energy we feel in the Triangle, and we want to share that with prospective new members. We're all very excited about this new

piece, but it is only a tool to get new members. Stop by the OTTA office and pick up a few new brochures and share them with your non-member friends while you tell them what OTTA means to you!

With the Art Fair upon us, it's time to thank all our members who volunteer for the Old Town Art Fair. It's YOU who make the Art Fair great. 🍵

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | LaSalle Language Academy Awarded at Global Robotics Championship

by Debra Walker (Triangle resident since 2000) and David Soderna, LaSalle Robotics Team Coach

Around the World Robotics, a LaSalle Language Academy Lego Robotics team, was recently awarded the Second Place Project Presentation Award at the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis, MO where they competed alongside 105 teams from 40 countries. In addition to their award, Around The World Robotics was honored to be one of just six teams selected to present their winning project to the entire conference, were nominated for a Robot Design Judges Award and were able to meet with Congressman Randy Hultgren of the 14th District of Illinois.

The Team qualified to attend the FIRST World Championship by winning the First Place Champions Award at the Northern Illinois FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Championship Tournament in January. At that tournament, the team triumphed over 63 other Illinois teams through their innovative research project, awesome robot design, tremendous robot performance, and exhibition of gracious professionalism to their opponents, judges, and fans.

Around The World Robotics won their award for the presentation of their **innovative solution to keep the Old Town Triangle free of cigarette butt litter**: **PITSI (Puff It Then Stuff It)** is an expandable compartment inside a cigarette

box that stores cigarette butts. Users of PITSI would scan a QR code on the box, and then receive points after their box is processed by a recycling facility. These points can be redeemed for merchandise or services, so PITSI encourages responsible disposal of cigarette litter. This solution was in response to the challenge theme of "Trash Trek".

LaSalle is the first CPS school to win the Illinois FLL First Place Champion's Award and qualify for the FIRST World Championship in the 17 year history of the FIRST LEGO League.

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a global robotics competition founded by Dean Kamen. FIRST

("For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology") introduces children to STEM and its real-life

applications. There are over 400,000 children, 44,000 teams and 37,000 robots created around the world through this program. FIRST aims to inspire tomorrow's innovators through exciting challenges, while teaching important life skills like teamwork and leadership and always reminding teams that it is about "more than robots". For more information visit <http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll>. 🍷



(Left) Around the World Robotics Team: Front Row: Millicent Soderna (6th), Saiya Smith (5th), Amir Farooq (7th), Jordan Sanderson (8th), Saif Farooq (5th), Savi Smith (6th). Back Row: David Soderna (Coach), Bridget Soderna (Mentor), Andrew Swindells (7th), Parker Primavera (7th), Dorothy Harbaugh (7th), Logan Sanderson (8th), Shawn Primavera (Coach). (Right) Around The World Robotics Celebrate with their Champions Award Trophy.



A FAREWELL TO...Don Krohn, Old Town Artist: Unassuming But Not Ordinary

by Diane Gonzalez (Triangle resident since 1974)

The passing of Don Krohn on February 8, 2016, was another loss of our original artist residents. For years, Don's wife, Lynn, was visibly active in OTTA while Don did his share behind the scenes. Aside from participating in the Garden Walk, Don was among those who wrestled annually with assembling the Old Town Art Fair's legendary Auction Stage. Don was also the art director of the Fair's 1966 program book.

Don's interest in art preceded his Old Town arrival. Born in 1927, Don was constantly doodling as a kid. He won a child's scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago, where on Saturdays he participated in all-day classes and gallery tours on Saturday. Later, Don entered the American Academy of Art and earned a diploma in commercial art. Lynn said that Don "fell in love with portraiture while at the Academy." He traveled to a Taos art colony where he drew pastel portraits on the street, which led to commissions in Colorado and Texas. After some time, Don returned home to work for advertising agencies and art studios, and in 1967 he was hired by the *Tribune* as a commercial artist. Twenty years later, Don suffered a stroke. Determined to continue his art, he learned to paint using his left hand!



Don Krohn, Portraiture Artist.



Don and Lynn Krohn

Don and Lynn met in 1960 when he moved to 1945 N. Lincoln Avenue. Two years later, Don bought 1816 N. Lincoln Avenue and they married the year after that. Lynn related that one day they returned home from work to find that 1816 Lincoln Avenue had been roofed. It turns out the roofers had been hired to roof 1816 Lincoln Park West! In 1974 they purchased 1830 N. Lincoln Avenue, which was a three-flat that they converted into two units. Don did restoration work and crafted wood furniture for the new place. In 1996, after thirty-six years on Lincoln Avenue, Lynn and Don moved to Lake Geneva.

Don left a bit of himself in the old neighborhood. His artistic talent survives in the two houses he carefully restored and the lovely gardens he and Lynn created. 🍷

CALL TO ACTION | Donate *Guest Parking Passes* to OTAF Artists!

by Barb Guttman, OTTA Assistant, Marketing & Communications

OTTA makes every effort to make our Art Fair artists' visit a bit less challenging than it might otherwise be. Many artists drive to Chicago from across the US and Canada. One way you can help is by **donating overnight guest parking passes** for the artists. This will allow artists to park on either Friday or Saturday nights. Please consider purchasing one extra sheet of passes for use by Art Fair artists (you can now order three sheets of fifteen per month). Please drop off or send overnight guest parking passes by June 1st to Alice Huff at the Triangle office. Your gift of permit parking passes will be greatly appreciated! Thank You! 🍷

FROM THE ARCHIVES 1966: 50 Years Ago in The Triangle

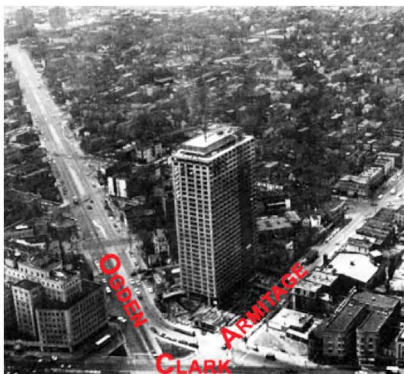
by Nancy Jordan (Triangle member since 2015)

➤ **The Triangle = North Avenue, Clark Street & the Ghost of Ogden Avenue and Urban Renewal Gets Underway.** The year 1966 was a year of waiting-for-things-to-happen on the Urban Renewal front.

- Old Town Triangle published a progress report assessing what had transpired so far and what was coming in the near future.
- After innumerable delays, the City's proposal for the renewal of the Old Town Triangle was approved by the federal government.
- Boundaries of the area immediately affected were North Avenue on the south, Clark Street on the east, Webster Street on the north and an irregular line along Halsted Street and the alley west of Larrabee Street on the west.
- Named "Project 1", it focused on issues such as traffic control, walkways, parks, commercial facilities, demolition, public housing, rehabilitation, and relocation.
- First step was to close Ogden Avenue, a six-lane highway that marked the western boundary of the Old Town Triangle (see photo). A major shopping area was planned for the intersection of North Avenue and Larrabee Street, but this could not be completed until Ogden was shut down.
- Closing Ogden Avenue provided space for the construction of the Midwest Buddhist Temple, a new complex for the Church of the Three Crosses, and the expansion of St. Michael's Church. It also created the open spaces we now call Ogden Park (Menomonee Street at Hudson Avenue), Ella Jenkins Park (Wisconsin Street at Sedgwick Street), and Ogden Plaza

(Wisconsin Street at Lincoln Avenue), and funded the installation of many red brick sidewalks and parkways in Old Town.

- Project 1 estimated that 900 families, 650 individuals and 270 commercial businesses would be forced to relocate, and 406 units of low-to-moderate-income housing would be built.
- 1966 was a time of great turmoil, anger, frustration, and hope. The Old Town Triangle was at the center of it all, making sure that our neighborhood was improving, that our historic character was being preserved, and that deterioration was being reversed.



Ogden Avenue 1966

➤ **Old Town Triangle Center Moves to New Location** The Old Town Triangle Association Board meeting in February 1966 made a surprise announcement that the Old Town Triangle Center would be moving to new quarters at 1818 North Wells Street. The official opening was May 19 after the facilities had been extensively remodeled by John Clayton and a garden had been designed by Mrs. Thomas Griffin with the Garden Committee. The event was celebrated with a festive reception and party.

CALL TO ACTION

Become a Member of the Old Town Triangle Association

Join OTTA today and become part of the neighborhood organization that makes the Triangle such a great place to live, work and visit. Make new friends! Being part of the 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 Chicago's historic districts while enjoying community spirit, safety, neighborhood improvements and our neighborhood loyalty discount program, iBOT (I Buy Old Town). 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.

Memberships start at \$20/year. Join Today! Pick up a Membership Application at the Triangle Center or visit www.oldtowntriangle.com/get-involved/otta-membership.

Voting rights are reserved for members living within the boundaries of Chicago's historic Triangle. The Old Town Triangle Association is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 in the State of Illinois. Members receive 6 issues/year of the OTTA Newsletter THE TIMES, discounts on Art Center classes, member-only discounts from participating merchants of iBOT (I Buy Old Town), invitations to and member-pricing for OTTA events & activities.

➤ **Old Town Art Fair 1966** The Old Town Art Fair Chair, Hannah Sue Samuels, wore a dress to match that year's "Sun" poster; however, the "rain Gods" turned a blind eye and the Fair was one of the wettest ever. To rescue auction pieces stored in the flooding basement of the Old Town Triangle Center, Tom Eley donned his fishing boots, waded around the basement and handed up artworks to a brigade of people lined up along the steps.

Here's hoping that this year the "Sun" will be with us! 🍷



Circa 1910 – 1655 N. Sedgwick Street at Eugenie



Twin Anchors today, with owner Paul Tuzi.

The other day I sat down with Paul Tuzi, one of the owners of Twin Anchors Restaurant. He said that I was sitting where John Belushi used to sit when he came to Twin Anchors, and he was sitting in Dan Ackroyd's seat.

I felt like I was on a mission—maybe not from God, but from some special deity—to discover

more about Twin Anchors than anyone else who had written about the restaurant before. So I asked, "What's new here?" Paul thought for a long moment and said, "Nothing, and that's how we like it. That's how our customers like it." And he's right. Twin Anchors is just how it should be – just like it always has been.

Paul and his two sisters, Mary Kay Tuzi and Gina Manrique, have run the legendary Twin Anchors since 1978. As far back as 1910, there has been a tavern operating at 1655 N. Sedgwick Street. During Prohibition, a speakeasy known as "Tante Lee Soft Drinks" provided refreshments for the "thirsty".

Sometime in the 1950's, Frank Sinatra made his first visit to Twin Anchors. He returned over the years to entertain large groups of friends, and the tales abound. His order was "Ribs, and keep 'em coming." Whenever he arrived, one of his bodyguards would be posted by the pay phone to keep people from calling friends and creating a mob scene.

The restaurant has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers across the country and around the world. It appeared in the filming of two major motions pictures: "Return to Me" in 1999 and "The Dark Knight" in 2008. It was also a part of HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" Speakeasy Tour Video.

Twin Anchors has recently updated its website and added a "Memories" section where you can share a story and read submissions. It's pretty interesting—and not too surprising—to find that Twin Anchors is such a part of many people's

lives. "It's that comfortable, consistent, homey place", said Paul. "I think it's also the ribs, or maybe the fact that a lot of people kind of think of Twin Anchors as 'their secret place', even though it is a lot of people's secret place. That's not going to change. Nothing new here."

"Wait", said Paul after thinking a bit more. "There is something kind of new. We've got these great classic cocktails – like the Dark and Stormy, the Old Fashioned, the Southside, After the Gold Rush and the French 75. As of about a year ago, we now make these classics with fresh ingredients, like fresh squeezed lemons and limes and homemade syrups instead of the bottled ones".

"And we have something new on draft every week. When we get a special barrel of Three Floyds Zombie Dust, you better be quick. That's gone in a couple days".

Mission accomplished. No news is good news for Twin Anchor lovers everywhere. And for you iBOT folks, Twin Anchors honors the member discount card on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and at lunch on weekends. See more by visiting <http://twinanchorsribs.com/our-restaurant/>.

iBOT (I Buy Old Town) is a discount loyalty program for OTTA members offering services, merchandise and products at special rates by Old Town merchants. See www.oldtowntriangle.com for a complete list of merchants and discounts. To receive your personal iBOT card, visit the Triangle Office. ☕

CALENDAR | JUNE - JULY

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2 – 5 P.M.
GALLERY RECEPTION: STUDENT/FACULTY ART SHOW
EXHIBITION: May 29th – June 24th

SATURDAY, SUNDAY JUNE 11TH & 12TH, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.
67th OLD TOWN ART FAIR & GARDEN WALK

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH, 6 – 10 P.M.
VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER & GRANTS AWARDS PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH
FATHER'S DAY

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH, 7 P.M.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH, 6:30 P.M.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JULY

MONDAY, JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2 – 5 P.M.
GALLERY RECEPTION: Joseph Bowlby
EXHIBITION: July 2nd – July 28th

TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 7 P.M.
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 6:30 P.M.
CAPS

SUNDAY, JULY 17TH, 12-5 P.M.
DEARBORN GARDEN WALK

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

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH, 7 P.M.
HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 23RD – 24TH
SHEFFIELD MUSIC FEST & GARDEN WALK

MONDAY, JULY 25TH, 6:30 P.M.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



IN THE FIRST PERSON | The Triangle Spring Clean | By Corinne Svoboda (Triangle resident since 1984)

What a wonderful day it was, Saturday, May 21st! Where else would you find such wonderful neighbors volunteering their help like this? We had a family with children who brought their own tyke-sized shovel and broom, a motorcyclist retrieving piles of bricks throughout the neighborhood so they could be reused and thus creating a 6' tall stack

that is now 4 rows deep (rivaling the Great Wall of China), early risers setting up a beautiful table with fresh flowers and refreshments for folks to enjoy, and so many willing to do the grunt work of cleaning and bagging debris as vigorously as leaf-cutting ants! My, oh my, I am so proud to call Old Town my home! 🍷



(Left) The Clean-Up Squad convenes at 9am to begin their day of service to the neighborhood. (Middle) Boy Scout Troop 79 was out-in-force helping to clean the Triangle on Saturday, May 21st. (Right) OTTA members have heart and are full of smiles as Spring Clean gets underway. Thank you to Perrin & Rick Stearns and all the other volunteers who joined in. Special thanks to the Neighborhood Improvements Committee for organizing this great, annual event!

COMMUNITY CORNER | Girl Scouts Work on Bronze Award with the Help of OTTA

by Laurie Miller (Triangle resident since 1995 and Troop Leader)



The 5th Grade Junior Girl Scout of Troop 23061 from Lincoln Elementary School conducted a 2-week Toiletry Drive as part of the Bronze Award – the third highest achievement in Girl Scouts and the highest for their grade level. The girls developed their concept after they interviewed representatives from Lakeview Pantry and Tent City to learn about their needs. Both organizations will be the beneficiaries of the toiletries collected. The Scouts collected items from their school and the OTTA. Their drive brought in an amazing 2,241 individual items! Thank you to all who donated and assisted the girls in attaining their goals. Troop 23061 meets at the Triangle on the second Monday of each month. 🍷

Peyton Coslow (left) and Sadie Nichols (right), 5th Grade Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 23061 sortary toiletry items. Not pictured are Tess Frangias, Tara Juarez, Greta Jung, Cynthia Hedemark and Chiara Resticcia.

COMMUNITY CORNER | Annual Art Walk A Big Success

by Eury Chrones (Triangle resident since 2005)

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is our local, neighborhood elementary school. On May 12th, Triangle kids, parents, and neighbors celebrated the visual arts during what has become one of the most anticipated evenings of the year: **Lincoln Elementary's ART WALK**. Works representing all grades were on display, in mediums from painting to sculpture, fiber arts, computer (digital), and more. Hallways were transformed into galleries, where student "docents" explained the creative processes and guided visitors. What's more, parent volunteers assisted student volunteers in a series of hands-on art stations, allowing kids to experience many of the techniques their fellow students used to create their artwork. Learn more about Lincoln Elementary School by visiting www.lincoln.cps.k12.il.us. 🍷



(Left) Community building: OTTA member Grant Salgado explains how Kindergarteners' 2-dimensional art was interpreted by 5th graders into three-dimensional soft sculptures. (Middle) 7th and 8th graders created computer-animated drawings, as Lincoln begins bringing technology into the arts curriculum. (Right) The halls of Lincoln Elementary School were transformed into magnificent galleries with art made by all grade levels.



(Left) Sue Apey, Lincoln art teacher and OTTA member, proudly greets her students, their parents, and our community. Sue is also the co-chair of the Exhibitors Committee for the Old Town Art Fair. (Middle) Life-size sculptures captivate. (Right) Former Triangle resident Shirley Mullin with Lincoln Elementary School student artist.

The **CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES** (<http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org/>) presents *Grill on the Green*, their food & beverages café & resting place at Orleans and Wisconsin, during the Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk (Saturday & Sunday, June 11th- 12th, 11am-5pm). With a delicious menu and enthusiastic volunteers, this is their biggest fundraiser of the year. For more information, contact Rev. John Hobbs or Erika Colin, Office Manager, at 312-951-7916.

The **MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE** (www.midwestbuddhisttemple.org) is hosting its *Annual Book Sale* during the Old Town Art Fair Weekend, Saturday & Sunday, June 11th- 12th. Proceeds will benefit their many outreach efforts.



The Annual Book Sale at the Midwest Buddhist Temple Triangle is a great stop-along-the-way during the Old Town Art Fair Weekend.

LaSALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY is a magnet school in Old Town near the center of the Triangle and it's where language learning comes alive. They are thrilled to announce that they are having a **2016 Student Art Show – Wednesday, June 1st from 10:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. at the Old Town Art Center Gallery**. Student artwork will be displayed showcasing what the students from K-8 have worked on throughout the year. Over 30 themed projects will be on exhibit. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Learn more about LaSalle by visiting their website <http://www.lasallechicago.com/>.



LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL (www.lincolnparkhs.org) – Many people in the Old Town area recognize that Lincoln Park High School is the neighborhood public high school. What maybe fewer people know is that it is one of the best performing arts schools in the State, providing students with incredible opportunities to expand their talents.

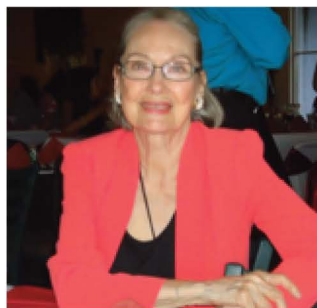
- Lincoln Park High School is the top performing arts school within the Chicago Public Schools. LPHS placed 4th in the IHSA Class AA Music Sweepstakes this year. This is Lincoln Park's seventh consecutive top-4 finish. No other CPS school has ever finished in the top 5. The Sweepstakes combines the Organizational competition scores (Band, Orchestra, Chorus) and the Solo and Ensemble competition scores of schools to rank schools. LPHS Performing Arts, under the direction of Phillip Castleberry, Tim

Cooper, Lise Gilly, Phillip Kendall, Karl Lenns, Ian Martin, and Chad Smith, has once again distinguished itself as the top Performing Arts program in CPS.

- Lincoln Park High School recently received one of the country's largest private classical music libraries, which includes more than 18,000 CDs, 5,000 LPs and several hundred music books and directories — some dating back 75 years. It was a generous donation from the NIB Foundation, which was created by the founders of the defunct classical music radio station WNIB-FM (97.1), William and Sonia Florian.
- The performing arts talent of LPHS students is amazing. Do take the opportunity to check out a performance sometime. Interested in getting more involved in the performing arts program at the school, as a volunteer or donor? Contact folphs@gmail.com for details.



ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN (www.st-mikes.org/) presents fun and engaging community events, including WingOut, a chicken wings-fest extraordinaire on June 4th & 5th AND The International Chamber of Artists' Brass Celebration on Sunday, June 12th at 7:30pm. Visit <http://www.icamusic.org> for details or contact Toni Dunning at 312-642-2498 or tdunning@st-mikes.org.



ARTIST NEIGHBOR Long-time Triangle art instructor Kay Smith is speaking at DePaul University. When Kay Smith talks, America comes to life through the eyes of an artist and the words of a master storyteller. On **Wednesday, June 15th**, Illinois Artist Laureate Kay Smith speaks at the DePaul Art

Museum, 935 W. Fullerton Ave. in Chicago, on what it means to be a historical painter. At the **6-8 pm** event, Kay's talk called *"The Road Less Traveled"*, will be immediately followed by a 6pm reception hosted by the Museum. Admission is free. Space is limited so please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/artist-talk-kay-smith-the-road-less-traveled-tickets-25381315197>. Validated parking is available at Sheffield Parking Garage.

Since 1971, Kay has traveled the highways and byways of the United States, researching, sketching and painting on site our nation's historic events, landmarks, shrines and battlefields. The sum of these paintings is the American Legacy Collection, the largest visual collection of American history in watercolor that exists today.

A video presentation of this artwork and selected original paintings will be on display. For more information, contact Reven Fellars at 312-437-1013. (Continued on page 9)

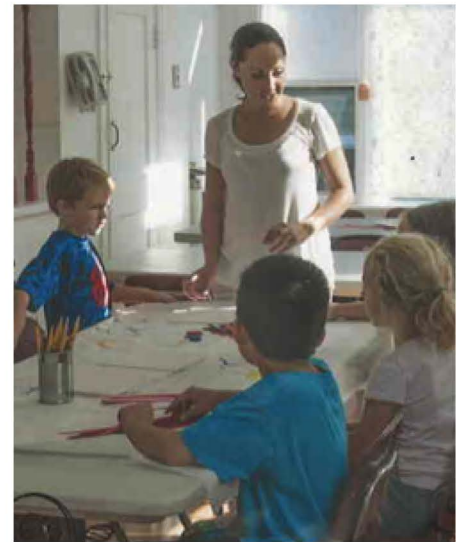
COMMUNITY CORNER

THE MENOMONEE CLUB offers an abundance of after-school programs throughout the school year and during the summer. Summer Camps 2016 – Menomonee offers week-long camps starting in June and running to August for the following programs: RetroActive Sports Camp, Yoga, Beach Volleyball, Rockin’ Dance Camp, LEGO Camps, Art Explorers.

We also offer a six-week summer session from **June 20th – July 31st** for the following programs: Soccer, Judo, Taekwondo, Chess, Fencing, Music Lessons, and Volleyball! Go online for schedules / class times www.menomoneeclub.org/summer-session or call Sara Schroud at 312-664-4631 to register today! 🍷



Judo and Taekwondo are offered at Summer Camp at The Menomonee Club.



Art Explorers

GRANTS AWARDS SPOTLIGHT | Chicago Public Library Near North Branch

by Nancy Jordan (Triangle member since 2015)

Take a walk along Division Street and you'll see a lot of interesting things: high-end restaurants, inviting shops, world famous bars, and a Chicago Public Library—our own library, the Near North Branch.

The Near North Library is a gem. It's a community center and cultural enrichment facility that provides a safe place to grow and learn for adults and children. It also makes for a quiet escape from the vibrant, bustling street. It originally opened in 1972, in two combined apartments at 1157 North Cleveland Avenue, as a study center for residents of the Chicago Housing Authority. In 1997, a new building was dedicated as the Chicago Public Library Near North Branch at its present location.

The Near North Branch Library currently serves 12,146 patrons per month. Patrons are a group as diverse as the community itself. On any given day (except Sunday, when they are closed), you'll find people of all ages at the library. There are those who eagerly await a new best seller, history buffs, seniors who enjoy large print books, and families and children who listen to books and discuss them at home or use

them for summer travels. The library is also used as an adjunct to schools. By providing more audio CD's, they are helping teachers educate and giving adults a chance to broaden their children's perspectives.

Last year, the Old Town Triangle Association awarded a grant to the Near North Library Friends Association for the purchase of 50 large print books and 10 audio books. Gail Shiner, President of the Near North Library Friends Association, told us that in their October, January and February "Friendly News" newsletters, they listed the titles of the fiction and non-fiction large print books purchased over the year using Old Town Triangle Association funds. They wanted their patrons to know about the supportive role we play in our neighborhood library.

Gail reports that patrons who use the large print collections have been happy to have bestseller titles arriving each month. Two older gentlemen, in particular, were thrilled with the Western and military titles! The purchased books have averaged seven uses per title so far, and their organization recently donated a disk

cleaning and repair system in order to lengthen the average life span of the CD's and DVD's.

Gail invites all of us to visit the Near North Library. "Once you enter the doors, you will see the vitality of a great neighborhood institution and you will know that your organization helped to make it work better this year".

The Chicago Public Library Near North Branch is located at 310 West Division Street and their hours are:

Monday 12 – 8pm, Tuesday 10am – 6pm,
Wednesday 12 – 8pm, Thursday 10am – 6pm,
Friday 9am -5pm, Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday
CLOSED. 🍷



Chicago Public Library Near North Branch

NEWS YOU CAN USE: FOODBYTES | Favorite Fair Food Picks

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



(Left) Dark Chocolate Decadence Crave Bar...Yum! (Middle) Billy Goat Tavern at OTAF 2015 (Right) Da Lobsta, back by popular demand in 2016.

When you come to the 67th Annual Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk for the extraordinary art and amazing gardens, make sure you sample a few of the delicious nosh offerings. What are the “Food Picks” this year? Here is a list of the vendors with a sneak preview of their menu selections – some back by popular demand, and some not-to-miss new additions:

Adobo Grill

Pork Tacos, Chicken Barbacoa Tamales, Guacamole and Chips, Limeade

Anthony's Italian Ice

Italian Ice in a Variety of Flavors

Billy Goat Tavern

“World Famous” Cheeseburgers (CHEEZBURGERS! CHEEZBURGERS!) and Chips (CHEEPS)

Crave Bar

Chocolate Covered Ice Cream & Pretzel Bars On-A-Stick

Da Lobsta

Traditional Lobster Roll, Chicago Lobster Roll, Lobster Poutine, Watermelon

Hey Brothers Ice Cream

Waffle Cones, Funnel Cakes, Shaved Ice

Inspired Catering & Events, Karen and Gina Stefani

Grilled Chicken Lavash with Chimichurri, Italian Sausage and Peppers on Flatbread, Black Bean Cakes with Mesclun Greens, Roasted Cauliflower Salad, Fried Ravioli, Iced Tea

Ranalli's

Pizza Slices

Here are my TOP FOUR FOOD PICKS:

1. **Da Lobster Roll** – Each roll is made to order in a split-top New England-style bun grilled-to-warm buttery perfection, stuffed with chunks of chilled claw and knuckle lobster meat. “Tradition,” the #1 seller, is topped with tarragon mayo, warm garlic butter and celery salt. Or “Kick It Up A Notch” with the “Chicago” topped with sriracha mayo, spicy giardiniera and warm garlic butter.
2. **Dark Chocolate Decadence Crave Bar** – Indulge in super-premium, all-natural

handcrafted vanilla ice cream that is hand-dipped into rich, decadent dark chocolate and salty pretzel crunch, sprinkled with sea salt and fused onto a crunchy chocolate and caramel dipped pretzel stick. “Milk Chocolate Madness” and “Cappuccino Craze” are also available from Crave Bar.

3. **Pork Tacos** – Not your ordinary street food, these Adobo Grill, restaurant-style pork tacos are made with homemade corn tortillas that are filled with tender, succulent Adobo rub smoked pork, chipotle salsa and topped with crunchy Mexican coleslaw. Black Bean Cakes with Mesclun Greens and a Roasted Cauliflower Salad from Inspired Catering & Events sound like winners for the vegetarians in the crowd! I haven’t tried them, but they are on my tasting list this year. 🍵

Bon Appetit!



PHOTO GALLERY | By Roving Photographers Lynn Smith, Michael Warnick & Lucy Baldwin



(15) Sherri Kramer and Karen Stephenson (16) Steve Weiss contemplating the scene before OTTA Does Drama on May 1st (17) OTTA Triangle residents Vince Daley, Hans Pusch and Berit Waterfield performing a scene from *Inherit the Wind* (18) OTTA Does Drama provided an afternoon of drama, food and drink.



(1) Janet Graff cleaning up on May 21st (2) OTAF Volunteer Training Day at The Second City on May 17th (3) Feeding the troops at the OTAF Volunteer Training Day at The Second City



(4) Old Town Art Fair chairpeople Lynn Smith and Vi Daley (5) First Sight Gala at Perennial Virant on May 15th - The Green Dream! Dee DeCarlo, center, lead the team who produced the well-attended event (Left to Right) Molly Lynn, Lucy Baldwin, Dee DeCarlo, Joyce Freeman, Maggie Dotts (6) Exhibitors Committee chairperson Joan Goldstein with Lesley Palmer and co-chair Sue Apey.



(7) Francine Pepitone and Michael Warnick (where are the dogs?) (8) Scott Early, Christopher, Alice and John Huff, and Shirley Baugher (9) Tiffany Madigan and Jordan Matyas with OTTA President Steve Weiss and Lucy Wojtas at First Sight - The Green Dream (10) Gunduz Dagdelen and Bruno Ast.



(11) Fran Tuite placing a bid at the silent auction tables (12) Kathy Clark displaying a piece of art during the Live Auction (13) The First Sight feast at Perennial Virant (14) Barb Guttman, Molly Lynn and Nancy Jordan working at First Sight.



(19) The magic of the moment was real following the performances on May 1st (20) The audience becomes the players, including Claire Leaman, Lucy Baldwin, Colleen Daley, Vi Daley and Karen Pfendler (21) Brian Crawford and John Blick at the wrap party.



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Friday, June 17th 6-10pm
**Volunteer Thank You Dinner &
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OLD TOWN ART CENTER GALLERY: JUNE — JULY



Join Us for Our Annual Student Faculty Exhibition

Annual Student Faculty Exhibition

The Old Town Art Center is celebrating 60
years of classes and stunning exhibitions.

Reception for the Artists:

Sunday, June 5, 2-5pm

Exhibition: June 4 – June 25



Joseph Bowlby

To Be a Rock and Not to Roll (the musical portraits of Joseph A. Bowlby)
Chicago native Bowlby produces jazz-like improvisation, fusing form and color to
create a controlled but vibrant statement.

Reception for the Artist: Sunday, July 10, 2-5pm | Exhibition: July 1 – July 29

The Old Town Triangle Association is a community organization that hosts neighborhood events like the Old Town Art Fair, manages the Old Town Art Center Gallery, offers art classes and yoga classes. The OTTA works to maintain the historic landmark buildings that make Old Town Triangle a unique and

wonderful community. Visit our gallery and view a new exhibit every month.

The Old Town Art Center offers specialized art classes seasonally. The Summer Session Classes begin on June 20th. Check the website for courses/teachers.