



# Times

## CALENDAR 2011 WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TRIANGLE

All events are held at the  
Old Town Triangle Center  
unless otherwise designated.  
Meetings are open to all members.



### TRIANGLE EVENTS

August 9, 7 p.m.

#### OLD TOWN TRIANGLE BOARD MEETING

August 15, 7 p.m.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

August 16, 7 p.m.

#### HISTORY DISTRICT, PLANNING COMMITTEE

August 29, 7 – 9 p.m.

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



### GALLERY OPENINGS

August 5 – September 1

#### THE CHICAGO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS SHOW

Reception: August 14, 2 – 5 p.m.

## OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS RECEIVE NEW BENEFIT FROM MEMBERSHIP

BY JOHN KNOCHE  
Board Treasurer

In a heart-warming display of cooperation the **I BUY OLD TOWN (iBOT)** program rolled out the weekend of July 4th.

The implementation road map and graphics for the loyalty program were the work of Robin Cecola. Before resigning from the OTTA Board, Robin presented a group of ideas to enhance the benefits of membership to all OTTA members.

We are happy to have launched the first of his proposals.

Fifteen inaugural merchants have offered discounts and incentives to all OTTA members in good standing.

Go to [www.oldtowntriangle.com](http://www.oldtowntriangle.com) to view the list of merchants and their generous offers. To get in on the money saving all you have to do is ask OTTA staff, Dee McKinsey or Leslie Wolfe, for an iBOT ID and visit a participating merchant.

Association members Alex Shibicky and Tom Payne assisted the effort by soliciting local merchants for offers, and Michael Warnick produced an up-to-date listing of all eligible OTTA members so Dee and Leslie can effortlessly assign ID's.

Merchants were asked to provide an offer which not only is enticing to OTTA members, but which is beneficial to the merchant as well.

So, get your ID's and start saving money while supporting our local merchants. Keep checking the website – we anticipate more merchants coming on board soon.

And thanks to all involved for your contribution and participation.



### PARTICIPATING iBOT MERCHANTS\*

ADELAIDE	10% off any purchase
CATERING CHOCOLATE	\$1.00 off lunch specials – valid all day
CORCORAN'S	10% discount (not valid with other discounts or offers)
DELIGHTFUL PASTERIES	10% off baked goods, Monday through Thursday
FINISHING TOUCHES	One hour free in-home consultation – \$100 value
FUDGE POT	10% off purchase – valid July 1 – October 15
GALLERIA LIQUORS	10% Discount, (not valid with other sales, not valid on tobacco products)
MARGE'S STILL	15% off on Sundays and Mondays

NEAR NORTH ANIMAL HOSPITAL	15% off on examinations and vaccinations
NOOKIES	10% off bill (not valid Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
OLD TOWN GARDENS	15% off any purchase
OLD TOWN OIL	15% off any purchase (not valid with other offers)
OLD TOWN VALET CLEANERS	10% off dry cleaning only
RED ORCHID THEATRE	\$30 theatre tickets for \$20, a 33% discount
ROCCO RANALLI'S CAFE AND PIZZERIA	10% off
SALON ROUGE	15% off any purchase
SARA JANE	10% off any purchase
SPA AT XSPORT	15% off any purchase
SPICE HOUSE	15% off any purchase
TWISTED BAKER	10% off any purchase

\*Check [www.oldtowntriangle.com/iBOT](http://www.oldtowntriangle.com/iBOT) for the most current list of iBOT Merchants.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE TRIANGLE

## MEMBERSHIP ALERT:

On July 28th OTTA membership received by USPS what appears to be an OTTA notice of a general membership meeting. It is not from the association but rather from a subset of members who are attempting to force an illegitimate interim election. Their methodology is flawed and violates our bylaws by failing to protect the members' right to vote.

There *may* be an interim election at some point, but not on Aug. 5th. 10% of the membership can call for a special meeting

but not if the purpose of the meeting is narrowly defined in a way that violates our bylaws.

This attempt to hijack the process and eviscerate voting members' rights is unauthorized and illegal under our bylaws. It is outrageous.

PHILIP GRAFF  
President, Old Town Triangle Association



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hot time, summer in the city. I'm *not* talking about the searing days we've recently experienced. I'm referring to what's hot in the hood.

The 2011 Art Fair, now a fond memory has proven to be yet another smash success on so many levels. Despite a slow start on Saturday, overall gate revenue was good. Art sales were, according to most of the artists we asked, robust. The food vendors likewise reported brisk sales. Our net income was right on par when compared with previous years.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and kudos to outgoing Chair, Emily Jane Rose, Vice Chair Kelly Cooney and Chair Emeritus Chris Beer. I know we wish all three the best as they adapt to their new homes and lives outside of the Triangle. We miss you already so come back and visit often!

Losing this year's Art Fair Vice Chair, of course, resulted in a vacancy for next year's chair. However, I have just learned of and I am excited to announce next year's Art Fair Chair, Joan Goldstein. Long time chair of the exhibitors committee, Joan has been instrumental in the execution of every Art Fair in recent (and not so recent) memory. Joan has graciously agreed to accept this considerable responsibility. Everyone I know who is knowledgeable about the scope and demands of running the Old Town Art Fair is delighted (and relieved) that we can count upon Joan's experience and abilities.

On the Neighborhood Improvements Committee front, we are adjusting the pickup schedule for servicing the trash receptacles in our parks (Ogden Mall and Wisconsin/Sedgwick) in an effort to keep down the frequency of their overflowing. If that fails to stem the problem then we will increase the number of times the problem cans are emptied each week. If you observe that the receptacles are overfilled please let the Triangle office know the time and location at which you noticed the offending can. NIC is also studying a plan to increase our short term spending for the maintenance of all park and parkway trees in Old Town over the next couple of years in the hope of reducing our overall spending at the end of a 10-year period.

Many thanks to OTTA Treasurer, John Knoche, Robin Cecola, Alex Shibicky, and Tom Payne, for making OTTA's "I Buy Old Town" or iBOT program a reality. If you haven't already, be sure to pick up your iBOT card so you can start taking advantage of the discounts several Old Town Merchants (twenty as of this writing)

are offering exclusively to OTTA members. We've been talking about this concept ever since former Old Town resident, Dhamitha Arsakularatna, pitched the idea to us years ago. I am proud that we finally were able to get the program up and running on my watch.

I encourage everyone to make sure that we have your current email address as we continue to rely ever more heavily upon email to keep you updated with announcements about events and issues that affect the community.

One issue/event we want you to be aware of is Second City's plans to expand its space and the number of shows they offer. We anticipate a community meeting at Second City's main stage August 16th to discuss their desire to install a video display to replace the current signage above the marquee for the Piper's Alley theaters on North Avenue. Mindful of the understandable concern that a video sign holds the potential to be offensive, Second City is reaching out to its neighbors to explore how such a display can be installed and used in a way that is considerate of the neighborhood while affording them the flexibility to advertise the expanding diversity of entertainment they offer. Ald. Michele Smith, whose office is the ultimate authority in the permitting process for Second City's proposal, will be in attendance. OTTA will help get the word out about this meeting through our website and by email.

We also will rely heavily on electronic communication to announce the many exciting events we are planning, hosting, and/or promoting in the not too distant future including: readings and discussions with prominent authors including Thelma T. Reyna, Stuart Dybek, and Judith Martin (aka Miss Manners of the Washington Post), Tokyo Nights at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, our first annual Old Town Shredding Day and Community Yard Sale, the Chi Town Line Dancers, the Dogs of Old Town Calendar, Movie Nights at the Triangle Center, a newly formed writers group, expanded fitness classes including a weight training "toning and tightening" class, and don't forget our annual Hoedown, and Holiday Parties, hot stuff you won't want to miss indeed! We're doing all of this and more; *and*, the more the merrier, so *please*, send us your email addresses so we can keep you informed.

Whew! I think that's about it for now, kids. So, enjoy the Summer everyone. Stay tuned and stay cool.

Phil



## COMMITTEE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### NIC COMMITTEE PROPOSES TACKLING TREES TRIANGLE-WIDE

In their July meeting, members of the NIC Committee discussed Triangle area trees, with the ultimate goal of coming up with a plan to present to the Old Town Triangle Board, for the next budgetary cycle or before.

The committee members said association members had signaled their interest in tree preservation in a recent survey. "Trees in our neighborhood, have value," said Linda Sarli, committee member.

David Pfendler, committee member, said he and Charlie Miller, arborist with The Care of Trees, had walked the Triangle and prioritized trees for attention on 15 of the Triangle's 22 streets. He had several strategies about tackling the tree issue, including front loading treatment at a cost of about \$75,000 annually for two years, and lower cost strategies. In an earlier meeting, Pfendler agreed to be the point person for the trees.

Association President Phil Graff was asked if the association had the funds to tackle the issue.

Basically, he said yes, but with an explanation of Triangle funds.

Since I joined the board," he said, "the board felt it prudent to maintain a nest egg that was roughly on the order of two years' worth of art fair income, but the amount of money we are actually sitting on exceeds the 'two year criteria' and is arguably inappropriately high given our not-for-profit status."

Graff also pointed out that the current Triangle tree program encourages home owners to assume responsibility for the care of their trees through a cost deferment program, which is an 80/20 split, with residents assuming the greater portion of the cost. Graff said he would entertain increasing the amount of the Triangle participation, but he also added that he did not think the association should assume 100 percent of the cost.


Miller said that among the current threats to Triangle trees is the Emerald Ash Borer, and he has seen signs of damage from these insects in Triangle trees, some beyond saving. A few years ago, Miller said, treatment would have been difficult but he said that now there are methods to stop the infestation.

Alex Shibicky, committee member, said that he has six Ash trees in his yard, and has begun treating them.

Chasse Rehwinkel, assistant director of constituent services for the 43rd Ward Office, said that the city has a 2½ year backup on treatment or removal of trees, and maybe more given the current economic conditions.

Shibicky also asked Rehwinkel and the 43rd Ward to investigate a continuing weed problem behind the apartment building at the northwest corner of Eugenie and N. North Park. Rehwinkel said he would facilitate an investigation.

Graff said there was a lot of deadwood in the trees at the children's playlot at Ogden Mall. The committee, by voice vote, supported the Triangle paying to remove the debris.

Rehwinkel also said that the 43rd Ward continues to work on the transfer of that play lot to the Chicago Park District, even after the park district said it did not want the park. "They don't want any more parks," Rehwinkel says, but the ward office is pressing the issue. 

### HISTORIC DISTRICT/PRESERVATION COMMITTEE


Earlier in July, the 43rd Ward office queried the Old Town Triangle leadership about a proposed video sign that Second City was proposing on North Avenue, just west of Wells St., where the now defunct movie theater had a marquee.

Association President Phil Graff asked members of the Historic District committee their opinions. While it was not an historic district issue, the overwhelming majority of the members signaled that they opposed the sign for aesthetic and safety issues.

Diana Martinez, president of Second City, expressed dismay that members of the Old Town Triangle Association opposed the sign, and asked for further discussions on the sign, which she said would not flash or scroll, but was intended to be a vibrant listing of shows at Second City, and would only be changed twice a day.


Phil Graff, association president, John Knoche, association president, and Dee McKinsey, executive director, met with Martinez in her Second City offices to discuss the proposed sign. They told Martinez that the association membership was simply asked to weigh in on the sign, but had no official position, nor did it fit under the purview of association stewardship.

To further move the discussion, Martinez has invited the members of the Old Town Triangle Association, the Old Town Merchants Association and other interested parties to join a meeting at Second City, on Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 5-6 p.m. to discuss Second City plans. Second City will provide drinks and snacks to attendees beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was scheduled to accommodate the schedule of 43rd Ward Ald. Michele Smith and her staff. 

### NEW FLOORS AND MORE....

Stop by the Triangle Center, 1763 N. North Park Ave., and see the shiny new floors, replaced two weeks following the art fair, courtesy of the Improvements Committee, formerly headed by Sue Apey, who resigned from the board, with Martha Connolly and Phyllis Hall.

As part of the Triangle spruce up, there are plans to replace the windows, update other areas of the facility, and a general cleanup program. 

### 43RD WARD OFFICE 735 W. WRIGHTWOOD

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday–Thursday	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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## THIS YEAR'S OLD TOWN ART FAIR IS A HIT AGAIN!

By anyone's standard of measure, this year's Old Town Art Fair was a success...in attendance, in sales, in revenue, and just plain fun.

Despite a sometimes rainy and chilly first day, participating artists said they had some of the best sales they had anywhere this year. Patrons were delighted at the new and surprising art presented, and said the variety of the work was the best that it had been in years.

So when someone asks you how did we do? We did great!

The figures are not final because all the bills are not in, but this year's art fair brought in a respectable net profit, which will be reported when the figures are finalized.

Emily Rose, this year's art fair chair, attributed the art fair's revenue to increased advertising, and to some innovative methods of directing patrons to the Old Town Art Fair.

"When the last artist was packed up, the last hot dog eaten, the last tired kid carted home, and the streets were cleaned, you had to

stand back and think: We did okay," she said, "more than okay. It was exactly what it should have been, and well worth all the work that the 750 volunteers put into it beginning 10 months earlier.

"We repeatedly heard what a great fair it was, and how much everyone enjoyed it," she said. "Our artists said that their sales were robust, but more importantly the Triangle residents were very welcoming. Many residents 'adopted' their artists camped outside their door for two days, and made them part of their own families. We had our best foot forward.

"Additionally, our kick-off event, First Sight, Friday Night was well attended, had great support from artists, and set just the right tone for the Art Fair," she said.

Rose also pointed out that the financial success of this year's fair will ensure that several deserving schools and non-profits in the vicinity of the Old Town Triangle continue to receive financial support from the proceeds of the art fair in the levels of years past.

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## KEY ART FAIR CHAIR VACANCIES

It is with great pleasure, that the Old Town Triangle announces that Joan Goldstein has accepted the General Chairmanship of the Old Town Triangle Art Fair next year. Most of you know Joan, but her dedication and management of the Exhibitors Committee has been instrumental in the success of the Art Fair.

We are still working on filling the role of Vice Chair (and a couple other committee positions) so we will keep you posted

as those become finalized

The below positions are vacant for next year's art fair. To signal your interest please contact this year's art fair chair, Emily Rose at [emilyjanerose@gmail.com](mailto:emilyjanerose@gmail.com) or contact the Triangle office and Leslie Wolfe at 312-337-1938.

**CO-CHAIRS – Thank You Party**

**CO-CHAIRS – Gates**

EMILY ROSE,  
General Chair, Old Town Art Fair 2011





## UPCOMING EVENTS – LET’S HAVE SOME FUN!


Several events are locked into the Triangle schedule, so mark your calendars.

### TRIANGLE RESIDENT’S AUTHOR MOM TO READ AT THE TRIANGLE CENTER ON AUGUST 7.

**Thelma T. Reyna, Ph.d.**, award-winning author of *The Heavens Weep for Us and Other Stories* will appear from 2 – 4 p.m., Sunday, August 7, at the Old Town Triangle Center.

*The Heavens Weep for Us and Other Stories* earned four national honors: 2010 National Best Books Awards, Short Stories, Finalist; 2011 Eric Hoffer Award, Honorable Mention, Grand Prize Round, General Fiction; 2011 The Montaigne Medal, Finalist; and 2011 Indie Award for Book Excellence, Finalist, Multicultural Fiction.

Her poetry chapbook, *Breath & Bone*, was a Semi-Finalist in Finishing Line Press’ National Chapbook Competition in 2011. It has also been selected as a Book of the Month by three magazines and literary blogs, including one from the University of Notre Dame.

Reyna is the mother of Christine Reyna-Demes, also a Ph.d., who teaches at DePaul University. Reyna-Demes is a member of the Triangle association and lives at 1715 N. North Park Ave. 




### CHICAGO AUTHOR SLATED FOR APPEARANCE!

Chicago author extraordinaire and MacArthur Fellow, **Stuart Dybek**, has agreed to come to the Old Town Triangle for a presentation, much in the same style of NPR’s Scott Simon, who appeared in June as part of the Triangle’s programming.


Dybek, equally wonderful in poetry or the short story, has been compared to such literary giants as Ernest Hemingway and Sherwood Anderson as a master of the short story. He has two collections of short stories, *Childhood and Other Neighborhoods* and the *Coast of Chicago*. Dybek’s *I Sailed With Magellan*, which was published in 2004, was heralded as a modern masterpiece.

A native of Chicago, Dybek grew up in Pilsen, where he attended a Catholic high school. He was a pre-med student at the University of Chicago, dropped out to become involved in the civil rights and peace movement. He did receive a bachelor’s and master’s degree, and began his writing career in earnest after entering the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Iowa.

Dybek teaches at Northwestern University, but does not have a fall class schedule. Currently, he is traveling and will set a date to appear at the Triangle upon his return in August. 

### EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUNDRAISER!

The Old Town Triangle will assist the Midwest Buddhist Temple in their fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 16, with proceeds to go toward earthquake relief. The program will take place at the Temple with presentations, music and dinner. The Old Town Triangle hopes to hold a second earthquake relief fundraiser at the Triangle Center this winter, transforming the center into a Tokyo nightclub for the evening, complete with dancing and karaoke. Details will be forthcoming.

Also planned for the fall, monthly movie nights, increased classes including a photography class and other events that will expand the offerings to association members. 

### GET DOWN, AND BE ABLE TO GET BACK UP AGAIN!

In October, there will be a line-dancing class at the Triangle Center, where members of the **Chi-Town Line Dancers** will teach participants to dance. There is no charge for this event.

The Chi-Town Line Dancers were formed as an outreach group of breast cancer survivors, and they annually raise funds for breast cancer and donate to the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer (MSABC) event in October, which is breast cancer month.

The date of the event is Sunday, Oct. 2, from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Triangle Center. The Association will make a contribution to the group on behalf of breast cancer.

You can see the Chi-Town Line Dancers on YouTube, by typing in their name. 




### CLEAN OUT YOUR DRAWERS!

September 24 is the Triangle-wide shredding day and yard sale. Accurate Document Destruction, Inc., will be parked in front of the Old Town Triangle Center, from 9 a.m. until 12-noon, and residents can bring their documents to be shredded, free of charge.

In conjunction with the shredding will be an area-wide yard sale – while cleaning out files, clean out your closets. Your trash can literally be someone else’s treasure.

Again, Triangle residents participate free of charge, but are encouraged to register. The Association will give out a map to participants and shoppers and also post on the Triangle website locations where residents will be selling items.

The time of the yard sale will be 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The plans are to have a truck come and pick up items for donation after the yard sale, again in front of the Triangle at 3 p.m. 

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### ST. MICHAEL'S PASTOR REASSIGNED TO NEW ORLEANS

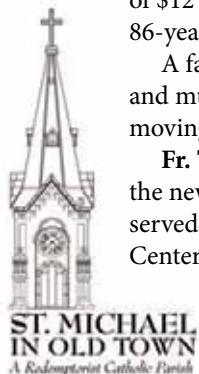
#### Replacement From Arizona Retreat Center

Fr. Richard Thibodeau, C.Ss.R., who has been the pastor of St. Michael in Old Town for nearly seven years, has been reassigned, effective this August, to become pastor of the Redemptorist's St. Alphonsus Parish in New Orleans, LA.

During his time at St. Mikes, Fr. Thibodeau has overseen an ambitious capital campaign to address structural issues at the church. Announced in the spring of 2010, the campaign has a goal of \$12 million, which includes the restoration of the 86-year-old Kilgen pipe organ.

A farewell reception was planned for Fr. Thibodeau and musical director Dr. Zvonimi Nagy, who is moving to Pittsburgh, after the 11 a.m. Mass, July 31.


Fr. Thomas Santa, C.Ss.R. has been appointed the new pastor of St. Michael. Most recently, Fr. Santa served as the director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson, AZ. Among other positions he has held include president of Liguori Publications. An author of several books and handbooks, he spearheaded the formation of the Catholic Writers Retreat



Workshop at the Center, and serves as the Theological Editor and Consultant for the E.T. Nedder Publishing Co., Tucson, AZ.


In other news at St. Mike's, the summer movie on the lawn – St. Michael Film Festival – will be held in August. At 6:30 p.m. the lawn opens, and at 7:30 p.m., the program begins.

- Aug. 5, 2011 Film Festival Speaker Dolores Hart, after screen clips from her film career, will speak on "A Culture of Life – Healing the Heart, Fragmented and Disintegrated."
- As part of Actress Hart's appearance, there will be a special encore presentation of *Sister Calling My Name*, in the theater at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., from 7 – 9 p.m., with Hart leading a discussion of acting.
- August 19, *The Stoning of Soraya M.*, with a special appearance and discussion with Cyrus Nowrasteh, director of the film. Set in 1986 Iran, is a story about an arranged marriage with a tragic end.
- August 26, *The Human Experience*, with a special appearance and discussion with Joseph Capos, the film's producer. The film is about brothers who search the global looking for the meaning of life and their own relevance.

The movies are open to the public. Bring a blanket or comfortable chair, and a picnic dinner, or there will be a selection of food and beverages available for purchase. 

### CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES

Church of the Three Crosses will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals outside in the park/theater next to the church at 11 a.m., Aug. 28.

Rev. John Hobbs asks that small pets and cats should remain "caged" because of the large number of dogs, who attend the annual event. 




### MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE'S ANNUAL GINZA FESTIVAL AUG. 12-14

From Japanese style food, Sushi, Udon noodles and the ever popular chicken teriyaki, to demonstrations of Japanese art, music, dance and athletic demonstrations, such as judo, this neighborhood tradition is an August destination site for Old Town Triangle residents.

This year's festival will expand to a special featured musical program, "Saturday After Dark," with a performance by Yoko Noge, who will present JAPANESQUE from 8 – 9:30 p.m. Additionally, four Waza craftsmen of Japan will demonstrate their 300-year-old craft during the festival.

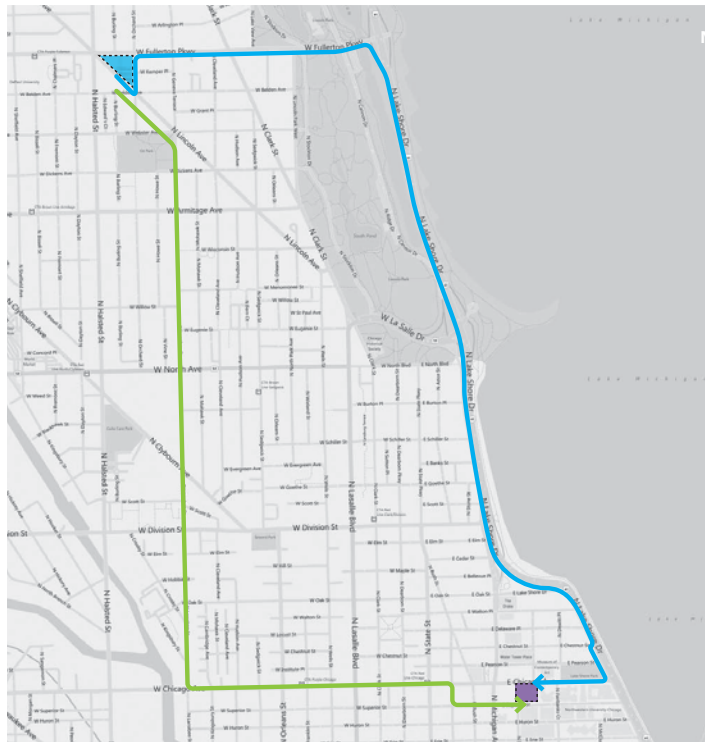
The hours will be Friday, Aug. 12 from 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Midwest Buddhist Temple, 435 W. Menominee St.

The gate donation is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors over 65 years old, and children under 12 are free if accompanied by an adult. 

# CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S BIG MOVE TO STREETERVILLE TO OCCUR THE WEEKEND OF THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR NEXT YEAR

Children's Memorial Hospital becomes the new Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago on June 9, 2012, with the transfer of more than 200 chronically ill patients from their Fullerton facility to the new Streeterville location.

That move date is especially significant to the Old Town Triangle because it is the same weekend of the Old Town Art Fair, which Nahlah Daddino, Children's Memorial Hospital Director of Community Relations, said was a consideration in the decision making. But, she said, after careful examination officials decided it was the best date for the good of the patients, staff and hospital. Daddino discussed the move at the July 12 OTTA Board meeting at the Triangle Center.



The children will be taken in appropriately 23 ambulances down Fullerton Avenue, which will be closed to other traffic from the hospital to Lake Shore Drive, beginning at 5 a.m., Saturday, June 9, along a route that follows Fullerton to Lake Shore Drive over to Chicago Avenue to the new facility. Lake Shore Drive will be open to all traffic during the transfer.

One family member will accompany the patient in the ambulance. Other family members will travel a separate route from the hospital parking garage down Lincoln Avenue to Larrabee Street, and south on Larrabee to Chicago Avenue, and then over to the new facility at 225 E. Chicago St.

The route makes a wide and loose box around the annual Old Town Art Fair, causing the Old Town Triangle Association Board to discuss the possibility of a date change for the fair.

"It gives us the opportunity to examine the date," said Phil Graff, association president. But after a brief discussion, Graff conceded it may not make sense move the date. "It has been a tradition to have the fair on the second weekend in June, and it is ingrained in artists and patrons alike," he said.

Joan Goldstein, who attended the meeting and is the long-time co-chair of the exhibitors' committee, said the impact on the art fair of changing the long-standing date might be detrimental to the art fair in the long run.

"You might lose artists and buyers, and it might take time to get them back, if you ever do," she said.

She also predicted the Children's Memorial move would have little impact on the artists, who set up their booths beginning at 5 a.m., Saturday, June 9. The Art Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10.

Children's Memorial is planning an extensive media campaign to ensure everyone is aware of the impact of the move, which is expected to take 10–18 hours and go into the next day, if necessary.

Involved in assisting the move will be police and traffic control aides.

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## WANTED – YOU!

### Keep in touch! Stay informed! Be involved!

If you are not receiving e-mail notices from the Triangle, please take the time to register your information with the office.

E-mail notices are sent to all members whose current e-mail is on file. Notices are sent informing members about important meetings, gallery openings, art and fitness classes, upcoming special events, and of course, the Annual Art Fair.

If you have a Family Membership and wish to add a second e-mail address, or have another e-mail address you wish to have file, please send an e-mail to [info@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:info@oldtowntriangle.com) putting "e-mail" in the subject line of the message. We are missing e-mail addresses from our Lifetime members. Ensure that you are getting the full benefits of belonging to the OTTA!

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Old Town Triangle's Carolyn Armenta Davis and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel in Washington, DC at the June 2, 2011 Pritzker Architecture Prize Award ceremony. President and Mrs. Obama opened the ceremony at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium



## NPR'S SCOTT SIMON APPEARS AT OLD TOWN TRIANGLE CENTER

More than 60 Old Town Triangle residents attended a presentation and reading by NPR's Scott Simon at the Triangle Center June 26, which began with Scott and his daughter, mostly Scott, serenading the audience with "The Ballad of the 43 Ward," a song specific to the Triangle neighborhood. At the end of his presentation, Scott sang again and urged the audience to join him for the chorus: "I thank the Lord, I am back home in the 43rd Ward, the 43rd Ward, the 43rd Ward..."


He discussed his Chicago-centric book, *Windy City*, loosely based on the Chicago City Council, and his homage to his adopted daughters, Else and Lina, *Baby, We Were Meant for Each Other*. At the end of his presentation he signed copies of his books, which were offered at a discounted rate, and met with members of the audience – many were fans, and many knew Scott in earlier years.

Simon's radio show was described by the Washington Post as "the most literate, witty, moving, and just plain interesting news show on any dial," and by Brett Martin of *Time-Out New York*, as "the most eclectic, intelligent two hours of broadcasting on the airwaves."

Simon has received every major award in broadcasting, including the Peabody, the Emmy, the Columbia-DuPont, the Ohio State Award, the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award, and the Sidney Hillman Award. He received the Presidential End Hunger Award for his coverage of the Ethiopian civil war and famine, and a special citation from the Peabody Awards for his weekly essays, which were cited as "consistently thoughtful, graceful, and challenging."

He also was received the Barry M. Goldwater Award from the Human Rights Fund. Recently, he was awarded the Studs Terkel Award.

Scott Simon is the award-winning host of NPR's *Weekend Edition Saturday*. A Chicago native, Simon is a die-hard Cubs fan and is married to Caroline Richard.

As he left the Triangle, his family in tow, his youngest kept entreating, and repeating: "Garrett's Popcorn," truly a sign of a real Chicagoan. 



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at the office during those hours.

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## WRITERS GROUP:

Old Town Triangle Association member, Eurydice Chrones is starting an informal writer's support group at the Triangle Center. She is proposing that the group meet monthly from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m., day to be announced. The group will meet at (and support) iBOT partner Nookies on Wells St.

Chrones says the group will meet to give each other encouragement and support and adds, "all writers seeking camaraderie, commiseration, and coffee" are welcome.

There will be no charge to join the group and OTTA/iBOT members will save 10% on any purchases at Nookies.

Interested writers or those who want to test the waters please contact Chrones at Eurydice. chrones@mac.com, or call the Old Town Triangle Association at 312-337-1938. 

## PHILLIP RENAUD

### Triangle Artist, Instructor and Friend

By HJORDIS GARNER

Chicago Artist Phillip Renaud, 77, died in late June after a relatively short battle with cancer. We all hoped he would win this fight and we would continue our weekly art sessions at the Triangle but it wasn't to be. Even when he was too weak to attend the Monday live model class he arranged for the models and made sure we had interesting subjects to draw. He started this class many years ago and was active with it until his last days.

So, the class sessions ended, the Art Fair came and went without his presence. Phill always came to the Art Fair, stopped by our house and sat in our backyard, with his good friend and fellow artist John Downs, to share jokes and stories. Like the life drawing classes, this year's Art Fair just wasn't the same without him. Kind and gentle, with a great wit, Phill approached the classes, not as much as an instructor, but as an artist, who generously shared his talent. To watch him draw was a true inspiration and a delight.

We became friends because Carol, his wife, and I were both doing Fashion Illustrations for Marshall Field & Co. 40 years ago. After our kids outgrew a family crib we loaned it to Carol and Phill for their newborns – then got it back for our grandkids. He also shared studio space for many years with Franz Altshuler, who was an early resident of Old Town on Orleans Street. Franz and Dori were part of a group of artists and creative people who helped form the Old Town Triangle Association in the late '50's.



Phill and I were part of the Air Force Art Program, which began in 1950 as a continuation of the tradition of capturing the military way of life through the medium of art. We were together many times when we presented our pieces to the Secretary of the Air Force at a formal event at Andrews Air Force Base in Washington D.C. The Art then was placed in The United States Air Force Art Collection.

He was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, in 1934. He studied at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, and graduated from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles, with a BFA cum laude. He was a free-lance illustrator, painter and teacher, who exhibited at the New York Illustrators' Show, Chicago Cultural Center, John Hancock Center, Museum of Science and Industry, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Playboy Museum College in Europe and the U.S.

Phill's illustrations were in many magazine publications and textbooks. Some of the best pieces were done for Art Paul, the Art Director at Playboy Magazine. A portrait he had done of James Baldwin, the writer, was in a show of art from Playboy that was hung at the Art Institute. He also did illustrations for Scott Foresman and Harper Row publishers. It was a golden age for illustration. Phill and Carol had two sons, Breton and Peter. Bret and his wife presented them with their first grandchild this Spring. Phill was so looking forward to this and I was pleased he was able to see and hold his grandson.

Phill leaves behind countless students and friends – many in the Old Town Triangle, and at the Palette and Chisel, and I think we would all agree that not only was he a talented artist, but a true friend and a gentleman.

We shall miss him.

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## DOGGIE CALENDAR

It's getting close to the Dog Days of Summer named for Sirius, the dog star.

Which begs the question: Aren't all dogs stars, especially in the Triangle where residents love their dogs maybe even more than Nookies? Of course they are. They maintain in Washington, D.C., if you want a real friend, get a dog.

Therefore for the first time ever, the Old Town Triangle Association is proud to announce it will publish a 2012 Dogs of the Triangle Calendar to celebrate the unique and beloved position Triangle dogs occupy.

The jury is still out on how the featured dogs will be chosen, with several normally tough and not so tough guys worrying about hurting dogs' feelings. Under consideration: a vote of residents, but that could be contentious and challenged; a lottery; or maybe an essay contest nominating the perfect pooch. Do we want judges?

We are entertaining recommendations regarding the selection process. Help us sort this out.

This is not Miss America. There will be no talent contest. For starters, just send or drop by a snapshot of your pooch for consideration. The only stipulation, currently, is that the nominated dog has to live in the Triangle. More rules may crop up

later because it seems everyone has an opinion on this issue and feels strongly.

Entries can be e-mailed to [dmckinsey@oldtowntriangle.com](mailto:dmckinsey@oldtowntriangle.com).

Bob Dowey, who takes the fabulous Triangle photographs of the Art Fair, will take the calendar shots.

Contest rules will be announced as soon as we figure them out, but in the meantime send in your pooch snaps or nominate your doggie friends.

The competition will close Oct. 1.



## WE WANT YOU! JOIN US!

The Old Town Triangle is launching an intense membership drive. We want you!

The Old Town Triangle Association invites you to join one of the most unique communities in Chicago. North of North Avenue, West of Clark and East of the former Ogden Avenue, The Old Town Triangle is one of the most celebrated Chicago neighborhoods.

Nestled inside its boundaries is a Historical Landmark District, where residents proudly retain the architectural standards dedicated to preserving the unique features of this small community, rebuilt up after the Great Chicago Fire. Only St. Michael's church's exterior survived, as wave after wave of residents built many current structures unique to the area.

It is this close-knit, but open community, we urge you to join and share in a classic Chicago living experience.

Besides the wonderful programming that makes up the core of the Old Town Triangle Association – the Art Gallery and classes – the health and fitness classes, during the next year the Triangle is expanding programming to meet the needs of association members.

**Please join us on line, or send in this application to:** Old Town Triangle Association, 1763 N. North Park Ave., Chicago, IL. 60614

☐ My check is enclosed made payable to the **Old Town Triangle Association**

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**Volunteer opportunities available, please let us know your interest!** \_\_\_\_\_







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*September 2 – 30th*

**OTTA FACULTY SHOW**

Old Town Art Center

*Reception: Sept. 11, 2 – 5 p.m.*



**GALLERY OPENINGS**



*August 5 – September 1*  
**THE CHICAGO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS SHOW**  
Old Town Art Center  
*Reception: August 14, 2 – 5 p.m.*