

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



RICK RAUSCH

Well, we did it again. The 2014 Old Town Art Fair was a tremendous success. The artists were great, the gardens were magnificent, the crowds were fantastic, and the weather was perfect. There was a little "spitting" late Sunday afternoon, but it only lasted a few minutes. We estimate well over 20,000 people walked through our neighborhood over the two days and nearly 20,000 donating their \$7 to the Old Town Triangle Association.

I walked through the Fair around 8am on Saturday and quickly realized what a well-oiled machine we have with our organization and volunteers. More than 90% of the artists were already set up and waiting for the crowds. Some of the gates were already set up and the food area was almost ready to go. I found out from Leslie Wolfe, OTTA Director of Arts & Operations, that we printed 619 volunteer badges. That represents a huge number of volunteers. Considering our membership is around 700, many of our members helped out and they brought their friends and neighbors.

We estimate this year's Art Fair generated just over \$304,000 in profit, about 5% more than last year, which I believe was a record year. Several people have asked me what we do with that money. Because our fiscal year ends at the end of July, the money from this year's fair

goes to fund several major projects in 2015. Last year, we gave away 60% of our profit from the Fair. Twenty percent of our profit goes to the Menomonee Club, something we've done since the earliest years of the OTAF. Our donation to them will be around \$60,000 this year. Through our OTTA Grants Committee, we awarded \$41,000 in grants to neighborhood organizations such as LaSalle Language Academy, the Boy Scouts troop and others. We also gave back around \$60,000 to the Triangle mostly through our Neighborhood Improvement Committee. We trim and spray trees and we maintain the park at Wisconsin and Clark as well as the pocket parks on Sedgwick and Wells. And we contribute to the repair of the brick sidewalks and parkways that so define the Old Town Triangle. We are a generous community.

The Art Fair could not be such a huge success without our volunteers and the leadership of the Committee. John Knoche was our lead Committee Chair this year and did a great job on our behalf. Thank you John, and all the volunteers, for your efforts.



Mark your calendar now. **The 2015 Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk will be the weekend of June 13th and 14th.** See you there...maybe even get involved by joining an Art Fair committee or being a gate volunteer. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best regards, Rick Rausch, OTTA President



NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | BOOK CLUB: Robert Brown's Novel *The War Chief's Son*

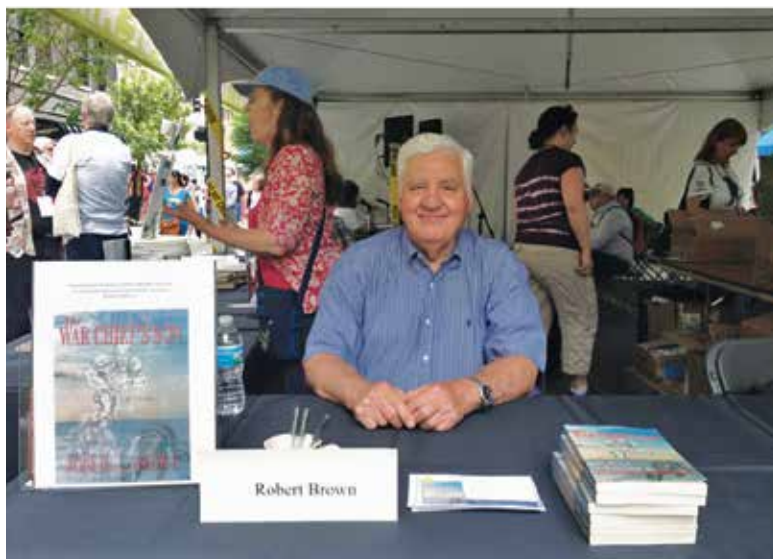
By Eury Chrones (Triangle resident since 2005)

When Old Town and Crilly Court resident Robert Brown retired, he went straight to work again. Only this time, he busied himself working every spare moment on a dream he had retired long ago.

You see, despite a long, successful career in the financial world, Rob had always dreamed of being a writer. Yet, like many people, he was afraid of finding enough success in that career path to support his wife, Ruthie, and three daughters. The dream of publishing a book remained a dream ... until now.

At this year's Printer's Row Book Fair, one writer sat proudly, signing his book and celebrating a dream achieved. Robert Brown is now a published author of a well-received novel, *The War Chief's Son*.

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Robert Brown

NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | BOOK CLUB (Continued from page 1)

Rob knows a great deal about each of those subjects. He was raised in an area of Northern Michigan that was home to a large number of Native Americans and still lives part of each year in Michigan. Football fans will also be thrilled to know Rob proudly played tight end for the University of Michigan – a fact he humbly hid until prompted. And, he spent much of the 60's and 70's experiencing firsthand the turmoil in Chicago. The City is frequently mentioned in the book and inspired several of the novel's key moments.

When he's not writing, traveling to-and-from his Michigan home or spending time with Ruthie, his children and grandchildren, Rob is with his best buddy and constant companion, Gloria.

You can purchase *The War Chief's Son* on Amazon.com in paperback and Kindle editions. Support another Old Town Triangle writer in the start of what we hope will be a long, successful second career!

Join us for an Old Town Triangle Book Club! You're invited to join me in discussing Rob's novel together at a book club meeting with Rob himself. Email me at eurydice.chrones@mac.com to let us know you'd like to read the book and join the discussion in the fall (September or October). ☀



Robert Brown with Gloria

FOODBYTES | Pickling With A "Can Do" Attitude

By Diane Sokolofski (Culinary Professional and Triangle resident in 1969-1970 and since 2006)

Summer is the perfect time for pickling homemade pickles, vegetables, relishes, chutneys, kimchi-preserving foods and capturing the tastes of the season when produce is at its peak and in abundance. But as much as everyone loves homemade pickles and pickled vegetables, hanging out in a hot kitchen laboriously processing sealed sterilized jars in a hot water bath for hours may not be the way you want to spend your summer days.

The solution: "quick pickling". This method takes less than 30 minutes. to make with no canning process involved. The pickled foods are refrigerated and stored for up to 4 weeks. Go to our website for the 6 easy steps to follow plus a terrific recipe, www.oldtowntriangle.com.



My favorite pickling spice blend can be found at **Spice House** at 1512 N. Wells Street made with cassia bark, sweet cloves, allspice berries, star anise, in addition to pepper, mustard seeds, dill seeds and juniper for a savory tang. For vinegars **Old Town Oil** at 1510 N. Wells Street carries an assortment of aged and specialty vinegar,s like peach or pear vinegar, for a flavor twist. Use vinegar with a 5 % level of acidity. Add grape leaves which contain alum and tannins that help keep the vegetables crisp. Use ready-peeled garlic for a shortcut. ☀

PHOTO GALLERY | Happenings in the Triangle

65th Old Town Art Fair

The culmination of months of work, bringing together a world-class group of artists for the 65th Old Town Art Fair, the Exhibitors' Committee assembles on Sunday, June 15th before handing out ribbons to the winning artists. As the photographer, it was an honor to be part of delivering the good news to each of the winners. Photos by Diane Fitzgerald. To see more photos from 65th OTAF, visit our website.

(1) John Knoche, Joan Goldstein and winner Katie Musolff. (2) The Exhibitors' Committee (l.to r.) Alice Huff, Committee Chairman Joan Goldstein, Ruth Ann Watkins, OTAF Chairman John Knoche and Sue Apey. (3) Artist Katie Musolff learns from Joan Goldstein that she won first place in the Digital Art-Drawing/Pastel-Painting category. Fair-goers look on. (4) Katie Musolff, her art and her first place ribbon.



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2014 FRIENDS OF THE OLD TOWN ART FAIR

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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | The Midwest Buddhist Temple: Looking Back, Overcoming the Odds & Celebrating the Future | By Diane Fitzgerald (Triangle resident since 1997)



1971 The permanent home of the Midwest Buddhist Temple, located at 435 W. Menomonee at Hudson.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of The Midwest Buddhist Temple (MBT). Its story of getting and being here is fascinating.

The MBT was founded on July 10, 1944 when Reverend Gyodo Kono, one of the dynamic first generation Japanese-Americans who brought Buddhism to the United States, held his first service at the South Parkway Community Hall on Chicago's South Side. Rev. Kono settled in Chicago after being released from the Rohwer, Arkansas Relocation Camp and after receiving permission from the Bishop of the Buddhist Church of America to open a temple in Chicago. He targeted Chicago because of the very large Japanese population here at the time – about 20,000 in three areas of the City, including Division & Clark, Damen & Randolph and Hyde Park. Jobs were the main attraction in the Chicagoland area, at familiar places like Curtiss Candy and Cotter & Company.

Before WWII, Rev. Kono lived in California. The first Buddhist ministers

came to California in 1898. Japanese immigrated in large numbers to the United States in the early 1900s and, while many lived along the West Coast, many made their way to Denver, Chicago and the Midwest. But immigration quotas from the 1880s were used as benchmarks in the 1920s and The Asian Immigration Act of 1924 closed the US borders to Asians. An eventual outcome of the Act was limiting the freedoms of Asians still living in the US, like owning property or becoming citizens, which wasn't allowed again until 1952.

The attack on Pearl Harbor deepened discrimination against Asians. Beginning in 1941, all people of Japanese descent, including 80 Buddhist ministers, living within 250 miles from the Pacific Ocean were evacuated to Relocation Camps in remote areas of seven western states and Arkansas. Many of those interned had never been to Japan but the general paranoia about their loyalty to their ancestral land was overwhelming and a national security risk was perceived. The Pacific War ended in September 1945 and the last camp was closed in February 1946.

Life for Asians in the Midwest was "better" than most other places and by 1945 the congregation of the MBT had grown so much that they moved to their second location, The Uptown Players Theatre on LaSalle Street. A fire there in 1946 caused another move to the Olivet Institute on Cleveland Avenue (south of North Avenue) before purchasing their permanent location of 22 years at 1757 N. North Park Avenue, the current and long-term home of the Old Town Triangle Association. From 1950 – 1971, more than 500 people attended weekly services at the MBT which were offered in Japanese; in the years following WWII, the FBI required translations of these services to monitor the ministers' messages.

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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT | The Midwest Buddhist Temple (Continued from page 3)

Urban Renewal in Old Town in the 1960s enabled the MBT to buy land and develop property – their fifth and current home. The City’s renewal plan for the neighborhood focused on the three churches of Old Town – St. Michael, The Midwest Buddhist Temple and the Church of the Three Crosses – anchoring the community along the former Ogden Avenue. The City sold parcels of Ogden at favorable prices and while money was readily available, churches could not borrow money at the time. Relatively quickly, the MBT’s fundraising initiatives raised over \$450,000 and design plans were underway for The Temple of Enlightenment, at 435 W. Menomonee at Hudson and an integral part of our neighborhood. The dedication of the Temple was on November 7, 1971.

The Midwest Buddhist Temple is an exceptional neighbor, giving our community The Ginza Festival (since 1956), collaborating with the OTTA as the Old Town Art Fair food vendor for many years with their incomparable chicken teriyaki and supporting neighborhood initiatives. To celebrate their 70th Anniversary, the MBT dedicated the beautiful Japanese Legacy Garden to honor the Temple’s founding first- and second-generation Japanese-Americans and as creating a welcoming place for all who seek nature’s harmony. Stop by and visit sometime!

WRITER’S NOTES: 1) Make sure you attend The 59th Ginza Festival on August 8-9-10. Details are here www.ginzachicago.com. This is the Temple’s biggest and most important fundraising initiative of the year. In addition to helping them meet their fundraising goals, you will have a most enjoyable time of being immersed in Japanese culture – art, dance, song, food, textiles, and music. It is enchanting, “elegant” and a fun way to spend time with your family & friends. 2) The building at 1757 N. North Park was bought in 1949 for \$57,500. Two apartments were used for Sunday School classes and two were residences of the ministers. The ground floor had a theatre/auditorium where services and meetings were held. The building was sold to a developer in 1975 for \$350,000. ☀



2014 The Hamano Gate at the west entrance of the newly dedicated Japanese Legacy Garden.



1963 The Midwest Buddhist Temple hosted the Eastern Young Buddhist League (EYBL) Convention at 1757 N. North Park Avenue, the current home of the Old Town Triangle Association.

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



Reverend John Hobbs, Pastor of the Church of the Three Crosses, at last year’s Blessing of the Animals.

and Wisconsin. This is a time of celebrating the gifts of pets and the important part they play in balancing our world. Please bring your smaller pets in protective carriers to shield them from larger animals.

ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN www.st-mikes.org. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22 St. Michael’s will be host to the **SausageFest Chicago**. This weekend of fun will include gourmet sausage, music and beer...all while helping to support the Wounded Warrior Project. You can even sign up to participate in a sausage eating contest to become the new Sausage King. On Saturday and Sunday of SausageFest Chicago the Medieval Times SausageFeast and Tournament will take place where real knights will don their armor and unsheathe their swords to prove their bravery and honor in an epic duel. The whole community is

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 31st at 11am for the Blessing of the Animals at the **CHURCH OF THE THREE CROSSES** <http://www.churchofthethreecrosses.org> located at 333 W. Wisconsin Street. The service is held outside in the park amphitheater next to the church at the corner of Sedgwick

welcome. Check out the website, www.sausagekingchicago.com, to buy tickets and for more information.

Also on St. Michael’s calendar is the **4th Annual Oktoberfest 5K Run/Walk in Lincoln Park** on September 18th at 6:30pm! Participants of this Thursday night event will receive a \$10 Fleet Feet voucher, a T-shirt, a complimentary beverage and mug, and a virtual bag with other special offers. All runners will then join up at Ranalli’s for the after party. Sign up at www.oktoberfest5krun.com.

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OTTA granted Lincoln Elementary School \$6,500 to be used for renovations to the school’s 1939 WPA auditorium, received by Principal Mark Armendariz on June 20th at the OTAF Annual Volunteers Thank You Party & Grant Awards Ceremony. Some exciting news to report from earlier this year – ALL of Lincoln’s submissions to the **City’s History Fair Competition** in the categories of documentary, exhibit boards, websites, and papers have been chosen to advance to the State History Fair Competition in Springfield Illinois. In addition, the Lincoln Model United Nations team won Best Delegation in one category and Best Position Paper in another category. We are very proud of all our students! Learn more about Lincoln Elementary School by visiting www.lincoln.cps.k12.il.us.

LaSALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY is Where Language Learning Comes

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Alive! Reporting from earlier this year – Two groups of 8th grade students enjoyed European adventures in France and Spain. Another group of intrepid 7th and 8th grade travelers went to Italy. The LaSalle Exchange Program allows students to put into practice all the content they have learned since Kindergarten as they stay with foreign

families and attend school, in addition to visiting local places of interest. LaSalle is grateful for the grant money awarded by OTTA, which was used to create travel scholarships based on academic excellence. ¡Gracias!, Merci! Grazie! Learn more about LaSalle at their website <http://www.lasallechicago.com/>.



LaSalle Language Academy students at the base of the Eiffel Tower and at the entrance of The Louvre in Paris.

Our **CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 18th DISTRICT** holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the 10 Sector which includes Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814. These meetings are held at the Old Town Triangle Center – 1765 N. North Park Avenue – on the second Thursday of every odd month. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on THURSDAY, September 11th at 7pm. For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870 or visit <http://ward43.org/2012/12/18/changes-to-18th-district-caps-meetings-for-2013>.



PHOTO GALLERY | Happenings in the Triangle (Continued from page 2)

May 17th Annual Spring Cleaning Around the Triangle



(1) A portion of Team Fern Court heading out to clean the Triangle. L to R: Colleen Christian, Diane Fitzgerald, Deb Walker, Carlton Christian, Jennifer Boss, Matthew Carioscia, Karen Wilson and Jenna Carioscia. (2) Dirk Voss, John Knoche and Gerard Charles expecting to do some touch-up painting as part of their clean-up chores. Perfect timing for a facelift for the Old (3) Organizers Corinne Svoboda and Alex Shibicky. Thank you for making it easy and fun for us to clean-up the Winter of 2014!

May 12th On The Table – Potluck & Ideas



The Chicago Community Trust marked their 99th anniversary with a community-wide conversation about our collective future. The Old Town Triangle Association joined thousands of others across Chicago to generate new ideas, spark partnerships and shape a public agenda to build and sustain strong, safe and dynamic communities.

Thank You Party & Grants Awards Ceremony | Photos by roving photographer Deborah Chapman



(4) The Messengers Band entertaining the folks attending the Annual Thank You Party on June 20th. (5) Freddie Prinn with mom, Abby Prinn, and her dad, Tom Leibig. (6) Michael Warnick and Karen Pfendler, Uber Volunteers!

COMMITTEE NEWS


Neighborhood Improvement Committee | Karen Pfendler, NIC member (Triangle resident since 1951)

The NIC hopes everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. We've accomplished quite a bit over the past 3 months. NIC did an extensive tree trimming project just prior to the start of the Art Fair and our new 8 month maintenance contracts with Kinsella Landscaping began on April 1, 2014. These contracts cover landscaping work in 4 areas: the Wisconsin/Clark Park, the 2 pocket parks on Willow & Menomonee, and the Fern Court bushes near the Buddhist Temple. Corinne Svoboda oversees these areas and works directly with Kinsella to ensure proper maintenance is provided. All of our parks took a big hit this past winter. Eleven-plus different types of bushes had to be replaced and new mulch needed to be spread throughout all 4 park areas. Our hats are off to Corinne for her tenacious attention to needed detail.

David Pfendler has been the point person for our various tree programs. We had planned to begin taking down selected ash trees from our park areas but the Department of Forestry informed us we would need to wait until after the 3 year emerald ash borer treatments expired. Instead, we invested over \$11,000 in tree trimming and our trees look terrific! Our gratitude goes out to Charlie Miller and The Care of Trees for the exceptional service he and his crews have provided to the Triangle. Our plan is to continue tree trimming each succeeding spring to ensure the highest degree of health for our precious trees. Our 30 new trees (planted last fall,) are thriving due to the amount of rainfall we've enjoyed this spring and summer. We thank all of you for helping us attend to their critical needs.

Shannon Cecola is overseeing our parkway/sidewalk brick beautification program. If you are an OTTA member and wish to redo the bricks in the parkway or sidewalk in front of your home, NIC offers a 20% rebate to members who take advantage of this program. You will be required to use the OTTA contractor for the brick work. FYI-the City will not replace your brick sidewalk with new brick. If you contract with the City to repair your brick sidewalk, they will remove the brick and replace it with concrete. So please contact brickprogram@oldtowntriangle.com if you have any interest in improving the safety and appearance of your brick sidewalk or parkway.

Finally, the OTTA is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. The most common types of 501(c) (3) organizations are charitable, educational, and religious. Charitable organizations conduct activities that promote, among other things "lessening the burdens of government." This means that everything we do that is usually done by city government is considered charitable. As such, we get twice the bang for our buck because of the goodwill created in the neighborhood and the consideration of these acts to be charitable by the City, a win- win situation!

NIC is always in need of new members. Our meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Monday of each month. Come join us and see how much fun we have working together for the benefit of our neighborhood and, most importantly, our neighbors! 

OTTA CALENDAR

AUGUST

Friday – Sunday, August 8-10th
MIDWEST BUDDHIST TEMPLE GINZA HOLIDAY
WWW.GINZACHICAGO.COM

Sunday, August 10th, 2 – 5 p.m.
GALLERY RECEPTION, KAREN VIERNEISEL
EXHIBITION: AUGUST 2ND – 28TH

Tuesday, August 12th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

Saturday/Sunday, August 16th & 17th
CHICAGO AIR & WATER SHOW

Monday, August 18th, 7 p.m.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 19th, 7 p.m.
HDP&Z COMMITTEE

Saturday, August 23rd, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
OLD TOWN TRIANGLE YARD SALE

Tuesday, August 26th, 6:30 p.m.
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 1st
LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 9th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 11th, 7 p.m.
CAPS MEETING

Thursday, September 11th,
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
GALLERY RECEPTION: RENEE LA VOIRIE ROSE
EXHIBITION: AUGUST 29TH-OCTOBER 2ND

Monday, September 15th, 7 p.m.
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 16th, 7 p.m.
HDP&Z COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 23th, 6:30 p.m.
MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 12th, 2 – 5 p.m.
GALLERY RECEPTION: WORKS OF ART BY THE
STUDENTS OF KATHLEEN NEWMAN
EXHIBITION: OCTOBER 3RD – 30TH

Monday, October 13th
COLUMBUS DAY

Tuesday, October 14th, 7 p.m.
BOARD MEETING

Grants Committee | Diane Gonzalez, Chairman (Triangle resident since 1974)

Grants Committee members were pleased to present eleven grantees their checks during the Art Fair Thank You Party on June 20th. After dinner, recipients Fran Casey, Director of Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative, and Mark Armendariz, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, detailed their programs in brief presentations. Other recipients' programs will be featured in upcoming Triangle newsletters.

Recipients this year included neighborhood schools of Franklin Elementary, LaSalle Language Academy (who received grants for two programs), Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, and Lincoln Park High School. Also among the grantees were Boy Scout Troop 79, sponsored by the Old Town Triangle Association, and the Midwest Buddhist Temple. Green City Market's Club Sprouts and Edible Gardens and Lincoln Park Village were also grantees. Lakefront Sculpture and Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative rounded out the eleven applicants reviewed and chosen by the committee and approved by the Triangle's Board of Directors.

A record high of eighteen applicants submitted requests for a sum of \$81,000 this year. Selection among all these worthy programs was difficult and a total of \$41,000 was awarded.

Grants Committee 2014 members included Sue Apey, Vi Daley, Adrienne Eltink, Diane Gonzalez, Alice Huff, Claire Leaman, Rick Rausch, and Stephanie Turken. ☀️

Friday, June 20, 2014 Annual Art Fair Thank You Party & Grants Awards Ceremony



The Grants Committee (l. to r.) Adrienne Eltink, Sue Apey, Stefani Turken, Vi Daley, Alice Huff, Rick Rausch and Claire Leaman. Not pictured: Diane Gonzalez.



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(1) Jesse Zavala from The Midwest Buddhist Temple accepting the OTTA grant on June 20th. (2) Amy Salgado, 43rd Ward Alderman Michele Smith and her new Chief of Staff Adam Gypalo. (3) A picture-perfect night on N. North Park and Menomonee and the scene of the Annual Thank You Party, held one week after the Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk. (4) Alex Shibicky, Chef Chris Seaton, John Knocke (OTAF Chairman), Carlos Salgado, Steve Mast. (5) Roy Allen, Steve Nichols, Eury Chrones, Laurie Miller and Chris Nelson. (6) Robert Gibbs and Dominic Cottone flank Robert's Aunt Jacqui Graves who flew in from London to volunteer for the 65th Original Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk! (7) Sharon O'Brien, Deborah Chapman and Brian Dolan. Photos by roving photographer Deborah Chapman



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CORRECTION from the May/June Issue

With apologies to Dagmara for spelling her last name incorrectly in the title of the story by Diane Sokolofski. The correct spelling is KOKONAS



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").

Old Town Art Center Gallery | August & September, 2014

A Sense of Place...New Paintings by Karen Vierneisel

August 2 – August 28, 2014

Reception for the Artists: Sunday, August 10, 2-5pm

"A Sense of Place" was first inspired by the paintings Vierneisel did based on her Elbe River cruise in 2012. The vistas along the Elbe's banks in the Czech Republic and Germany were made for a landscape painter--sunrises and sunsets, mile-high clouds, old bridges, misty waters, and sandstone cliffs. The exhibit also features paintings that capture Chicago and New York cityscapes, the desert terrain of the Palm Springs area, and imagined places.



Renée LaVerné Rose

August 29 – October 2, 2014

Reception for the Artist: Thursday, Sept 11, 5:30-7:30pm

Renée LaVerné Rose is currently pursuing her passion as a visual artist and recently became an artist-in-residence at the Zhou B. Art Center. In 2008 and in the midst of her demanding career, Renée enrolled in an oil painting workshop thinking this was only for relaxation. The rest is history because Renée found what she was yearning for through her artistic expression.