

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Warmer days, sunshine and a little bit of rain all add up to our favorite time of year here in the Triangle.

We all pitched in for Spring Clean Up and got the neighborhood spiffed up for big things to come.

The First Sight Gala and Auction was a huge success. The Blanchard was an incredible setting and the food and

beverages, including our signature drink, were spectacular.

It was an exciting prelude to our big event, The 69th Old Town Art Fair which will fill our streets with art and good times on June 10th and 11th.

To wax a bit historic, our first Fair was held in 1950 and it was called the Old Town Holiday. Anyone could exhibit their art. People who made potholders, crocheted, splashed paint around on Sundays for fun or

did strange things with driftwood and gilt were vying with professional painters. There were 70 exhibitors at that first fair and it was, in reality, a big neighborhood party.

It quickly evolved into a major Chicago festival and officially became the Old Town Art Fair in 1963. As it grew, the selection process became more selective and it became a Fine Art fair. Now it is the oldest juried Art Fair in the country with more than 250 artists. And, we're proud to say, it's been voted the #1 Art Fair in America for the second year in a row.

None of these events, or anything else that happens in the Triangle, would be possible without all of you. Thank you for participating, volunteering and being passionate supporters of all that makes living within hearing distance of the bells of St. Michaels unique and wonderful.

See you at the Art Fair! Steve Weiss, President

A WARM WELCOME

To All The Fine Artists Participating In The 69th Old Town
Art Fair. Thank You For Helping Us Become The
#1 Art Fair In America - 2 Years In A Row!



COMMITTEE NEWS | Compiled by Michael Warnick

ART FAIR COMMITTEE | Welcome To The Old Town Art Fair & Garden Walk | Vi Daley and Lynn Smith, Co-Chairs

WELCOME! It's the best time of year in Old Town! This is the 69th time friends, neighbors and artists will gather in our friendly little corner of Chicago to celebrate the Art Fair. It's always familiar and always a little new. It's a time to see old friends that have grown older and young ones that have grown quickly. It's a time to meet new neighbors and catch up with those we've known for ages. And of course, we can't help but think about those we all miss — especially this time of year. Leslie Wolfe, has been the rock we've all stood on for some 20 of these Art Fairs, and we all hope this year's event will have made her proud.

It takes all of us to come together to make the Old Town Art Fair a success. Whether you're a neighbor who graciously moved your car and spruced up your yard, an artist who drove hours to be here, a volunteer who has put in countless hours to make things just right, or an entertainer or food vendor who adds zest to our weekend, everyone contributes something special. We're glad you're here.



Vi Daley and Lynn Smith, Art Fair 2017 Co-Chairs

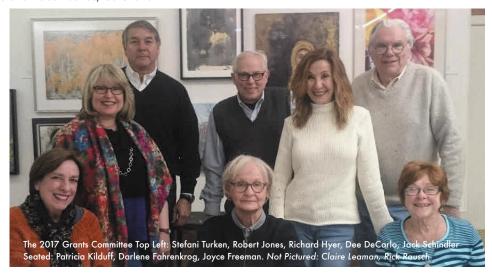
Enjoy the Fair!

GRANTS COMMITTEE | Dee DeCarlo and Robert Jones, Co-Chairs

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 support the stated mission and goals of the Old Town Triangle Association.

On May 2nd, the Grants Committee voted to approve 17 applicants for a total of \$51,000 in grants. The Board unanimously approved the Committee recommendations.

Choosing recipients and amounts is very challenging as every applicant presented a worthy cause and a need for grant money. The requests totaled \$82,500 this year. Recipients for 2017 include LaSalle Language Academy's World Language Department and their Fine Arts program, Franklin Elementary Fine Arts Center, Lincoln Elementary, Lincoln Park High School's Athletics Booster Club and the Instrumental Music Program. Also included are Lincoln Park Village, Lincoln Park Community Research Initiative, Near



North Library, Green City Market's Club Sprouts children's program, Deborah's Place and Lincoln Park Zoo. Rounding out the list are OTTA's Boy Scout Troop 79, Lakefront Sculpture, Art on Sedgwick, Midwest Buddhist Temple and Edgar Miller Legacy which was new this year.

Recipients will pick up their checks at the Art Fair Thank You Party on June 16th.

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

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE | Karl Hjerpe and Diane Gonzalez

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our committee is developing a mobile-based historic tour of our district. We plan on rolling out the app incrementally over the rest of the year, hopefully having a demo tour ready by the Art Fair. The app will host a family of tours featuring our rich supply of architecture, culture, and history. Individual properties will be displayed through text, audio, pictures, and even videos on tourists' mobile devices. Points of interest will be linked on themed tours of varying length.

Over the summer and beyond we'll be going out and contacting neighbors for help with this project. If you live in a featured building, we'd like to find out interesting details of its history and get any old pictures you may have. We may even enlist your help in recording audio to tell the unique story of your home.



Look forward to further updates on this exciting program!

Historic tidbit: The first Old Town Art Fair, known as the Old Town Holiday, was held in 1950 during the first weekend in June. Art displays were limited to Lincoln Park West and its two adjacent alleys. This picture shows lifelong resident Otto Nau in front of his home at 1835 Lincoln Park West during that first Art Fair. Age 80 in this picture, Mr Nau was born before the Great Chicago Fire. In his childhood, he knew the area across the street (which is now Lincoln Park) as a meadow where cows grazed and kids played I Spy.

CALENDAR JUNE - JULY

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH, 2 - 5 P.M. GALLERY RECEPTION: STUDENT/FACULTY ART SHOW EXHIBITION: June 4th - July 6th

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 10 A.M. - 7 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. OLD TOWN ART FAIR

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH, 6 - 9:30 P.M. THANK YOU PARTY & GRANTS COMMITTEE AWARDS **PRESENTATION**

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

FATHER'S DAY

JULY

TUESDAY, JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 9TH, 2 - 5 P.M. **GALLERY RECEPTION: SANDRA BRIDGES** EXHIBITION: July 8Th - August 3rd

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 6 P.M. HISTORIC DISTRICT, PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH, 7 P.M. **BOARD MEETING**

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH, 12-5 P.M. DEARBORN GARDEN WALK

MONDAY, JULY 17TH, 7 P.M. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 22ND - 23RD SHEFFIELD MUSIC FEST & GARDEN WALK

MONDAY, JULY 24TH, 6:30 P.M. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

NiC's work for the 2017 season is finally underway. We re-negotiated our seasonal contract with Christy Weber; the water fountain in our OTTA Park has been turned on. We plan on planting 17 sumac bushes in our Eugenie Triangle Park; Rick Rausch has committed to watering them starting after May 30th and continuing through June. The Park District will assist us in the maintenance of this park.

All the Hopa crabapple trees in the Triangle were sprayed mid-April. They are sprayed because ornamental crab trees are susceptible to a rust and apple scab fungus called Venturia inaequalis (apple scab disease.) In 2011 we lost many crab trees as they had not been sprayed for 8 years. The result was most of the leaves turned brown and fell off at the end of each July. The fungicide used in spraying is called Compass and is non-toxic. The spraying, without a doubt, extends the life of our crab apple trees which were planted in 1959 (which makes them almost 60 years old.) Hopa crabapple trees were chosen because they are hardy; they mimic the pageantry of the cherry blossom festival in Washington DC; they are ornamental, tall and provide a beautiful canopy; and they have a shallow root system so they do not invade the underground water systems or do not disrupt the sidewalks. The replacement crabs that we are now planting are called Malice Prairie-fire and they will not require spraying for the crab fungus, but are flowering trees.

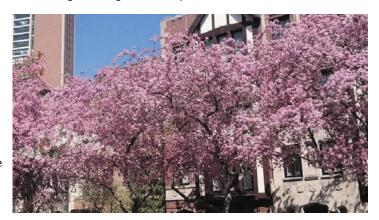
Phil Graff led a neighborhood walk-through with George Manning

Karen Pfendler & Shannon Waterfield

from American Pest Control with an eye to developing a neighborhood strategy regarding our rodent problems. We plan on scheduling a community meeting with George to help educate and inform residents on what we all need to do to combat this serious issue.

Alderman Smith is collaborating with the OTTA and the city on how best to repair/replace the brick sidewalks in the Triangle. In the next newsletter we will provide more information about our tree planting grant with the city (again, thanks to Alderman Smith's hard work.).

Thanks to those of you who participated in our Spring Clean-up on May 13th. Let's get those gardens ready for the Art Fair!



Crab apple trees on Lincoln Park West

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE Christopher Nelson, Chairman

Thank You to all the members who volunteer countless hours to help make the Old Town Art Fair the gem of art fairs. Without your support, we could not host such a great weekend event in our neighborhood. Your Membership Committee has been focused on our infrastructure this year. We're hoping to implement a new membership database this summer that will make it easier to connect with fellow members, stay up-to-date on events and happenings, and make the membership experience at the OTTA a more rewarding experience for everyone! We're moving to a new cloud-based database that will make information accessible on any device of your choosing. Our hope is this will generate new members in an easier more seamless way, allowing us to continue to grow our membership with more new friends and neighbors.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Steve Weiss, Chairman

Here are the Proposed OTTA Events for 2017-18

1. Summer Concert

Date: August 24, 2017

An evening with Brad Cole, popular Chicago musician, to perform at the venue behind Church of the Three Crosses

2. Picnic in Lincoln Park

Date: Early September 2017

Food contest featuring neighbors barbecue favorites

3. Octoberfest

Date: October 22, 2017

4. Holiday Party

Date: December 2017

5. Annual Meeting

Date: January 2018

6. Progressive Dinner

Date: February 2018

House to house meal, dessert and drinks

7. Bingo Night

Date: To be determined

SAVE THE DATE Art Fair Volunteer Thank You Party Friday, June 16, 2017 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Party Lineup** 6:00 Bar Open Hot Dogs & Piñata for the kids 6:30 Snacks 7:00 Dinner & Band

GRANT SPOTLIGHT | The Garden Beauty of the Midwest Buddhist Temple | By Cathy Tierney



Midwest Buddhist Temple Gardens along St. Michael's Court.

As you approach the Midwest Buddhist Temple on Menomonee Street in Old Town, the first things you notice are the low-lying, organic architecture and the beautiful gardens surrounding it. The design of both are in keeping with the teachings of Buddhism: contemplative and of the earth.

Thanks in part to grants awarded to the Midwest Buddhist Temple (MBT) by the Old Town Triangle Association (OTTA), the design, production and continuous improvement of the gardens surrounding the temple have been lovingly maintained. This year, the grant of \$2,000 will be used to manicure and add plantings to the five garden beds along St. Michael's Court.

Jesse Zavala has been office manager and minister's assistant for MBT for the last seven years. By the time he arrived, the gardens in the front of the temple were already underway after 20 years of fundraising. Known as the Legacy Garden, the garden is a living memorial to the founders of the temple over 70 years ago.

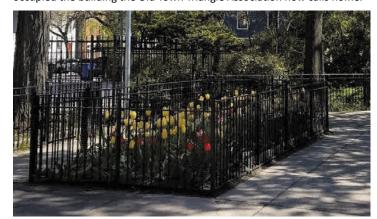
For four years, the generous grants from the OTTA have contributed to the beautification of the gardens that the MBT community hold dear. In addition to the Buddhist philosophy of honoring their ancestors, their location and close relationship with the community fuel the desire to share the temple with neighbors. "Although St. Michael's Court is city property, we want to create a beautiful space specifically for the neighborhood," Zavala said.

Dee DeCarlo, Co-Chair of the OTTA Grant Committee, says they get many requests for grants from local organizations. "There are so many worthy requests from our area, it can be a tough choice," she said. "The goals of MBT gardens and the goals of the Association are in complete alignment." MBT's mission to promote cultural enrichment and keep Old Town beautiful made the Grant Committee's decision easy.

With the Legacy Garden complete, MBT has turned its attention to the five garden beds along St. Michael's Court. Between clearing the garden beds, trimming the trees, and purchasing flowers and shrubs, it is an on-going process. Local clubs volunteer to do some of the labor which is very helpful and makes it a community project. While the grant doesn't cover the entire cost of the work, it's a tremendous help and deeply appreciated.

With high pedestrian traffic along the promenade of the court and at nearby restaurants, daycares and the dog park, locals are always walking by. Zavala believes beautiful gardens along St. Michael's Court will be enjoyed by all.

The Legacy Garden is available for guided tours and meditation on the first Sunday of the month after services, and by appointment. The Buddhist community in Old Town was founded by Japanese Americans after World War II, but the temple in its current location was completed in 1970. From 1960 to 1970 the community owned and occupied the building the Old Town Triangle Association now calls home.



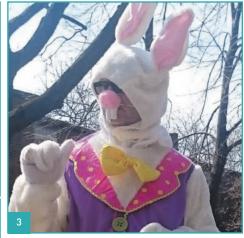
Midwest Buddhist Spring Tulip Garden.

PHOTO GALLERY | Old Town Happenings

Compiled by Nancy Jordan, Photographs by Roving Photographers Lucy Baldwin, Lynn Smith and Michael Warnick

























(1) The Easter Egg Hunt is on in Ogden Park! (2) It was an eggs-stra special good time for everyone. (3) The Easter Bunny, aka Chris Nelson, was all ears to the fun. (4) Boy Scout Troop 79 reporting for Clean Up and Art Fair poster distribution. (5) David Pfendler with blooms, a broom and vroom vroom (6) And away we go as Christine Cardenas, First Sight Chair, kicks off the evening. (7) Lynn Smith holds the OTAF Poster pottery high for bids. (8) It's a full house! Full of fun! (9) Lucy Baldwin and Michael Garzel catch a moment together. (10) Diane Sokolofski and Barb Guttman enjoy a "Signature" drink. (11) Danielle Klinenberg, Shannon Waterfield, Carrie Bernet, Lucy Wojtas and Karen Stephenson get a leg up on a good time. (12) Dane and Michelle Carr and Steve Weiss raise a glass to a great night!

ST. MICHAEL IN OLD TOWN (www.st-mikes.

org/) presents fun, engaging and meaningful community events, throughout the year, including The Wing Out Chicago Weekend on June 3 & 4 from 2-6pm - their chicken wing block party (http://www.greencurtainevents. com/wingout-chicago/), and St. Mike's 2nd Trivia Night on Saturday, June 17th at 7pm at the Parish center - \$10pp and BYOB. Contact Toni Dunning at 312-642-2498 or tdunning@ st-mikes.org for the latest offerings. http:// www.st-mikes.org/



LINCOLN PARK VILLAGE HAS A NEW NAME!

The Village Chicago was revealed to a SRO crowd at their Annual Meeting in May

(https://www.thevillagechicago.org/),

reflecting their reach of services, programs and activities throughout the City of Chicago! It is at the forefront of "the village movement" in the US. The Village is a vibrant, inclusive community of adults age 50+ who come together for fun, friendship and support. Village members are a community of peers who have joined forces to navigate the new longevity together.

In celebrating its 8th anniversary, The Village presents "Magic, Live!" on Monday, June 5th 5-8pm at Galleria Marchetti, 825 W. Erie. Food, beverages and silent auction. For more information and to buy tickets, call The Village office at 773.248.8700.

If you join The Village before June 16th, you'll be welcomed with two complimentary tickets to an open rehearsal with Master Riccardo Muti on Wednesday, June 21st from 1:30-3:30pm presenting Verdi and Puccini and featuring The Chicago Symphony Chorus and The Chicago Children's Choir.



Navigating the New Longevity

THE CHICAGO HISTORY MUSEUM (http://

www.chicagohistory.org/) There is no better place to be to celebrate the holiday than the Chicago History Museum! Join them for their 58th Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Tuesday, July 4th from 12-4:30pm. The outdoor, family-friendly festivities include patriotic music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence and a children's costume parade led by the World's Tallest Uncle Sam. Museum offers FREE admission for Illinois residents.

Get it on your calendar now! The 5th Annual Chicago Hot Dog Fest at Lincoln Park, Stockton & LaSalle Streets. Take a bite out of Chicago history! The weekend festival returns to Lincoln Park this August to include a full lineup of bands, hot dog history speakers and the star of the event - Vienna Beef hot dogs prepared in various regional and ethnic styles by the city's top hot dog vendors. With more than 35,000 hot dogs served each year - there's something on the menu for everyone.

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

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

Chicago History Museum

CAPS - NEW MEETING LOCATION!!! Our CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 18th

DISTRICT holds CAPS Meetings (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) for the 10th Sector which includes Beats 1811, 1812, 1813 and 1814 at St. James Church located at 2050 N. Fremont on the second Thursday of every odd month. The next meeting is on THURSDAY, July 13th at 6:30pm. For more information, call the Precinct at 312-742-5870.



The Official Website of the Chicago Police Department

Did you know that a great source of neighborhood news is **DNAinfo.com**. Sign up for the Lincoln Park & Old Town daily newsletter, which is delivered to your email inbox each morning, by visiting www.dnainfo. com/chicago/lincoln-park-old-town. A nice balance between human interest/people/ lifestyle stories and need-to-know information makes this a valuable resource.

Don't forget to consider becoming a COURT ADVOCATE, a neighborhood volunteer who attends court hearings, a strong indication to the judge, attorneys and defendants that we will not tolerate crime in our neighborhood. Volunteer to work with other community members tracking court cases and attending judicial hearings. Call 312-742-5778 to find out the next scheduled orientation at the District's headquarters at 1160 N. Larrabee at Division, across from Target.



LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL (www. lincolnparkhs.org) As both a neighborhood school with attendance boundaries and a high

school with three magnet programs, LPHS students come from 150 elementary schools.

It is diverse academically, ethnically and socioeconomically-a slice of Chicago. For more information about the school and how to get involved, visit the Friends of Lincoln Park High School website (https://flphs.ejoinme.org/ folphs).

LaSALLE LANGUAGE ACADEMY is a magnet school in Old Town near the center of the Triangle and it's where language learning comes alive! Learn more about LaSalle by visiting their website http://www. lasallechicago.com/.



LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is our local, neighborhood elementary school, and it has an incredibly diverse community, drawing many students from around the globe whose families come to Chicago on work assignments. Learn more about Lincoln Elementary School by visiting www.lincoln.cps.kl2.il.us.



During the last century 1763 N. North Park has had many occupants including Armour's autos, the Midwest Buddhist Temple, and the OTTA which houses the Leslie Wolfe Gallery. (photo by Diane Gonzalez)

Today's Triangle Center has had varied uses in its century plus years in existence. In 1915 the Tribune announced that A. Watson Armour II was moving north across the Chicago River to the last remaining apartment at the newly constructed 1200 N. Lake Shore Drive building. In this new location, the Armours would live in closer proximity to the evening balls and dinners they attended, compared to their former south side residence. Philip Armour III, grandson of P.D. Armour, had wed in April of 1915. He, too, was awaiting completion of an apartment at 1200 N. Lake Shore where each unit took up an entire floor.

This was an exciting time and grand

opportunity. But what these descendants of the late Philip D. Armour - industrialist and meat packing king - lacked in their new Gold Coast digs, was garage space.

In 1916 both Philip and Watson Armour announced plans to build garages with living quarters on North Park Avenue at Menomonee. The cost was \$30,000 on land that was worth about \$10,000. The garages, with tile walls and high ceilings, were for the Armours' private machines. Gold Coast lots were too valuable to be used for parking. Sometimes garages with living quarters above were built "off campus" on less costly land.

The Armours rented the garage apartments to their chauffeurs and other employees. Per the 1920 U.S. Census, Watson Armour and his wife Elsa had seven servants. That meant there were nine people total living in a single Lake Shore Drive apartment!

The 1920 U.S. Census also revealed that the Armours had four chauffeurs and a butler residing in units above their North Park garage. Families included Edwin and Anna McKenzie, James Goodwin, Earl and Goldie Sanders, Stanley and Marion Parkinson, and John D. Roule. Two renters had young daughters, Gwendolyn and Marion.

In 1925, the Armours sold the garage building to another wealthy Chicagoan and relative, John J. Mitchell Jr., who was married to Ogden Armour's daughter Lolita.

From 1948 to 1983 the Midwest Buddhist Temple owned the building where the garage served as their worship space until 1972. When the building became a condo in 1983, the Triangle Center purchased the first-floor units where the Armours' machines had been parked. From garage to temple to today's neighborhood center/art gallery, 1757-1763 N. North Park has witnessed a century of change.

This article is dedicated to our beloved Triangle administrator, the late Leslie Wolfe, whose spirit remains in the Leslie Wolfe Gallery where Armours' chauffeurs and autos once dwelled.



1763 N. North Park Entrance

FOODBYTES | "What's for Dinner?"

By Diane Sokolofski

"What's for Dinner?" The Art Fair has solved your dinner dilemma.

For the first time ever, the Old Town Art Fair will stay open until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th. Kick back and grab some dinner grub while listening to music with your friends and neighbors. Too exhausted from volunteering all day? Take dinner home!

Here's a line-up of some great dinner options you'll want to check out.

El Campeon

Non-alcoholic Pina Colada served in a fresh pineapple

Chicago Doghouse

Apple Brandy Duck Sausage with Cheddar cheese, Dijon mustard, and caramelized onions Wild Board Bratwurst with mustard, onions, and sauerkraut

1959 Kitchen & Bar (at The Second City)

Beer Braised Brisket Sliders Watermelon Feta Salad

Adobo Grill

Cochinita Pibil (pork)

Da Lobsta

Traditional or Chicago Lobster Roll

Pinstripes

Thin Mint or Chocolate Gelato

Inspired Catering

Grilled Herb Chicken Sandwich or Mediterranean Jack Fruit Sandwich on Naan with Arugula, Yogurt Sauce and Parsley **Cucumber Salad**

Bao Bun Taco- Korean style Beef (Skirt Steak), sambal sauce, Asian slaw, Kimchee, sesame **Buffalo Chicken Sandwich or Basket**



Da Lobsta Traditional Lobster Roll is delish!



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Welcome To The 69th Old Town Art Fair June 10th & 11th 2017

THE OLD TOWN TRIANGLE ASSOCIATION IS A COMMUNITY-BASED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS WHO live in an area of the City of Chicago bounded by North Avenue, Clark Street and the ghost of Ogden Avenue ("The Triangle").

THE LESLIE WOLFE GALLERY: JUNE | JULY

The Leslie Wolfe Gallery Annual Student & Faculty Exhibition

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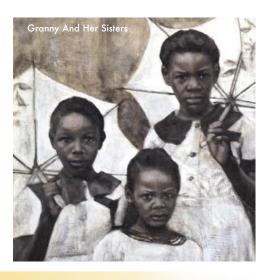
Reception for the Artists: Sunday, June 4, 2 - 5 p.m. Exhibition: June 4 - July 6

JULY | Sandra Bridges "Southern Roots - Revisited"

Chicago native, Bridges creates oil paintings that tell the story of her subjects in a single moment, with a muted sepia quality that is reminiscent of mid-20th century portrait photography.

Reception for the Artist: Sunday July 9, 2 - 5 p.m.

Exhibition: July 9 - August





The Old Town Triangle Association is a community organization that hosts neighborhood events like the Old Town Art Fair, manages the Leslie Wolfe Gallery, offers specialized art classes seasonally, yoga and pilates classes and more. The OTTA works to maintain landmark buildings that make the Old Town Triangle a unique and wonderful community. Visit our gallery and view a new exhibit every month. Summer Session Classes begin on June 19th. | Check the website for courses/teachers.