

News from **The Plastic Club**

Members' Medal

The 105th Annual Members' Medal Show opened on Sunday, May 7th. Think of it: 105 continuous years of presenting work done by members of the Plastic Club to the general public. This year 104 members participated. The Prize Juror, **Tony Morinelli**, picked **Scott Johnson**'s graphite drawing entitled "*Sadler*" for the Gold Medal. **Miho Tanaka** won the Silver Medal for her watercolor "*Autumn Landscape*." Other endowed prizes were won by **Robert Yong Lee**, **Roberta Gross**, **Gene Renzi**, **Robert Bohne**, **Jesse Vandenburg**, **Mina Smith**, **Denise Romano Bright**, **Alice K. Chung**, **Judy Engle**, and **Jocelyn Tice**. Congratulations to all!



Susan Stromquist, Miho Tanaka, Rick Wright, Alice.C.Chung, Jocelyn Tice ,Judy Engle. Back Row, Gene Renzi, Mina Smith, Scott Johnson, Roberta Gross, Robert Yong Lee

Workshop Show

As we do every June, we invited all the participants of our 10 workshops to show what they've been doing. This invitation resulted in a very nice show of 99 works in a wide range of media. Each participant could enter up to three pieces of work. There was no entry fee. As always, the judging was by popular vote. This year's winner was **Paul Zecher**. Paul gets five free workshops. Nice work, Paul.

Dues Reminder

Most of you have sent in your dues for 2017-2018 and we thank you *very much* for continuing to support the Plastic Club and the programs that we continue to provide. If, however you haven't paid your dues, **now** is the time to do it. If you are having some financial problems, please talk with us. We may be able to help. If you are no longer interested in being a member, (oh, no!) please send in a resignation letter to terminate your membership. Then, we won't bother you anymore!

Jackson Gallery Shows

In May and June, the Bob Jackson Gallery was filled with works by six "emerging artists" from local art schools. **Patricia Swanson**, **Molly McDonald**, **Molly Hunter**, **Spencer Smith**, and **Luke Milanek** from Tyler, and **Chenlin Cai** from PAFA showed their works. This was a result of Roberta Gross' and Paul Davis Jones' outreach program to encourage younger people to learn about the Club. At the end of the show, **Chenlin Cai** and **Patricia Swanson** were offered student memberships. For the months of July and August, artists from the **Thursday Open Studio Workshop** are exhibiting examples of their work. Take a look!

Marathon

Once again, the Plastic Club hosted a day-long **Drawing Marathon** on Sunday, April 23rd. Models were posing all over the building. Upstairs there were life models in short and long poses. Downstairs we had portrait models. In the Tea Room we had a still life set up. And, later in the day as the sun set, we created a "Film Noir" atmosphere with dim lighting, and a spotlight streaming through the half-closed venetian blinds hitting a model holding a drink. There was food and drinks available at a small cost. There were a few hardy souls who stayed for the whole time. It was a good day.



Bev Shin (left) & friends played a variety of music for string quartets.

Bev and Co.

On Sunday, March 26th, **Beverly Shin** brought three friends up to the studio with her to rehearse several classical pieces. She also invited anyone interested in drawing her quartet to come draw while they played. Quite a few took up the challenge while others just watched and enjoyed the beautiful music. This was the second time we have done this. Alas, Bev is moving to New York. So, it's not clear if we'll see her again. We certainly hope so.

Rabbit Rerun

The Rabbit came baaaaack for its fifth year on Saturday evening, May 6th. No particular theme was chosen his year. Any costume would do nicely. Once again, Tracey Landman wrote a funny play entitled “Articide” which was ably performed by her “troupe”. The players were Carole Meyers, Jym Paris, Laura Storck, Sheila Fox, Leroy Forney, and Maria Singer. They were helped along musically by our own “toy” band. The musicians were Cynthia Arkin, Anders Hansen, Bob Lee, Beverly Shin, and her friend. Bad “art” jokes were told by Michael Guinn. As usual, Welsh rarebit was served along with many other tasty treats and palatable drinks. The tradition lives on.



The Plastic Club Toy Band; melodicas, xylophones, and a kazoo.

upcoming Shows

August: Members’ Choice

September: “Music”

October: Photographic Society of Philadelphia

November: American Color Print Society

December: “Fire in your Belly”

Prospecti can be found at the Club or on our Web Site.

Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner and General Membership meeting will take place Sunday, September 17th from 5- 9PM. Please reserve early to assure a place. Seating is limited. The Reservation Form can be found on our web site. You may come to just the meeting if you choose.

MODELS ARE ARTISTS

The Plastic Club uses eight models a week for its workshops and we change them regularly over the weeks and months to provide a diverse array of body types for our participants to work from. The models are a diverse group and have many talents. Many are artists of the usual type, using paper, canvas, and clay to express themselves. Some, however, have other talents like music, poetry, dance, or theater. Every year since 2004, the Plastic Club has showcased these multitalented people in our Model Are Artists show. This year’s edition opened on Sunday, July 9th with a copious amount of food and drink at the reception. We had a live painting performance by **Maddie Pfaff**, original poetry was read by **Jym Paris**, a sensuous dance was performed by **Irene Reinke** and her friend, and **Dennis Rooney** sang songs and played the guitar. Beyond this, we recognized the models for the creative people they are. Their works were juried by **Jody Sweitzer** and she awarded prizes to **Nellie Carnes**, **Ellie Macfarlane**, **Jaq Masters**, and **Quinn McNicol**.

Shows in the Showcase No 1: Pincushions

For those of you who sew, a pincushion is part of your sewing kit. Generally, they are of the red “tomato” variety. But, if you’re **Elaine Klawans**, a pincushion could be almost anything, any shape, any size. Elaine has a myriad of pincushions (over 1100!) that she has collected over the years from all over the place. It’s truly a museum-quality collection. During May and June, she showed a small part of her collection in the display case. We’ll never look at a pincushion the same way again!

Shows in the Showcase No. 2 Stuffed Animals

Our President, **Rick Wright**, among other talents, has a very fine hand when it comes to operating crane claw machines found in arcades and amusement parks. This month he is showing a small part of his collection of stuffed animals he has “rescued” from these machines over the years. The colorful collection will be on view until September. Take a look.



Models Maria Singer, Jaq Masters, Madison Pfaff, Dennis Rooney, Jym Paris, Pam Cole, Bonnie Barden, Kevin Huang,