

Updates, Continued

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Living Liberty Memorial and Sculpture Park

new progress will soon be evident in the field that will house the monument. The acre and a half site for the monument has been donated by Scott and Jana Smith and is located adjacent to the West side of the Kimballton Cemetery. Work on updated conceptual sketches and an architectural model will soon be displayed in the NCAG Gallery. ■

NCAG announces Winners of First annual "Liberty" Poster Design Contest and Annual Student Art Show.

Area high school art students were invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to protecting liberty in America. Students used paint, ink, colored pencils, to design posters that illustrated how much they value liberty in our country in the 21st century. Winning submissions and runners-up are displayed in the NCAG Gallery.

FIRST PRIZE \$100.00

Rachael Smith

SECOND PRIZE \$50.00

Morgan Bailey

THIRD PRIZE \$25.00

Katrina Millard

Runners-up:

Jen Neville

Emily Greving

Shaina Madsen

DeAnn Irlmeier

Heather Fierz ■

The "Little Mermaid Trail" Trailhead Nears Completion

The *Little Mermaid Trail* in Kimballton, Iowa is a recent recipient of one of the Danish Great Places project grants. In its completed form, the trail will connect the Danish Villages of Kimballton and Elk Horn, Iowa. This summer Kimballton began developing their *Little Mermaid Park* into a trailhead. Troy Muller, NCAG Art Director, was commissioned by the city to sculpt eight statues depicting eight of the most popular fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen, Denmark's most renowned storyteller. The bronze statues that will soon surround the *Little Mermaid* fountain include: *Thumbelina*, *Steadfast Tin Soldier*, *Little Match Girl*, *Emperor's New Clothes*, *Princess and the Pea*, *Ugly Duckling*, *Tinderbox* and *The Snow Queen*. Each 20" statue will sit on a pedestal that will be outfitted with a toll free phone number, that when dialed, a caller will hear the story of each fairy tale. Each statue will feature a dedication plaque available for a donor to purchase a lasting memorial for a loved one. A grand opening and dedication will take place Friday, November 29th at 10:00a.m in the *Little Mermaid Park*. ■

Welcome new Board Members

JIM O'KEEFE

Jim is a retired Naval Commander and native of Huntley, Wyoming. Jim graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1972. He served as a gunnery officer on the USS Charles Berry and spent 2 years serving in Korea, Japan, and Vietnam. He then became a helicopter pilot doing search and rescue missions and flight instruction. He ultimately became the Nuclear Safety and Security Officer for the United States Pacific Command, responsible for half of the US nuclear arsenal. Jim retired in 1994 and started several software companies. He now lives in Elk Horn, IA and often writes for the Danish Villages Voice.

ROZANN THOELKE

Rozann was born and raised in San Diego, CA. She loves the arts and Art History. She currently serves as an administrative assistant for the Karadah Project headed by Rick Burns. She resides in Audubon, IA and serves as the President of the Women's Relief Society in the local congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. ■

International Art Exchange

NCAG is collaborating with the Iraqi – American Reconciliation Project (IARP) in Minneapolis to bring our next International Art Exhibit to Kimballton for Tivoli Fest 2014. IARP supports reconciliation between Iraqis and Americans through art, education, health and cultural exchange supports. This exhibit will feature prominent contemporary Iraqi artists. We are hoping to have the exhibit open daily throughout the summer of 2014. ■

EVENTS

Second Annual NCAG Open House and Veterans Celebration Dinner and Activities

Sunday, November 10th,
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Celebrate veterans with NCAG at our second annual *Veterans Celebration and Open House*. The highly popular musical duo, The Polka Police, will be entertaining at the Cottonwood Barn again this year with their unique brand of vibrant "rock-polka" to celebrate Veterans on Sunday November 10th. The artwork of veterans will be displayed in the gallery; a barn dance and bonfire will round-out the evening. A variety of tasty homemade chilly stews and deserts will be provided. NCAG would love the chance to further describe our mission to support veterans and military families and share the successes we've had in the past year! The event is free and open to the public. ■

Grand Opening and Dedication for "Little Mermaid Trail"

Friday, November 29th,
10:00 AM

In the Little Mermaid Park
Kimballton, IA 51543 ■

Veterans in Business Forum at UNO

NCAG was recently represented at a Veterans in Business monthly meeting at the Thomson Alumni Center on the campus of University of Nebraska at Omaha. At the meeting, a short promotional video detailing our mission was premiered in front of an audience of about 50 business men and women, most of whom were veterans. ■

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