

## Updates, Continued

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### **Unforgetting Iraq: In Search of Recovery –Exhibition Closes on Labor Day**

as humans to recover from traumatic, devastating events and of our ability to extend compassion to cultures that are different than our own. The medium of art was used to foster a dialogue between our two cultures in order to respectfully address sensitive but important issues. The exhibition also served as a touchstone to veterans and active duty servicemen and women of the US Armed Forces, including their families, offering them a chance to reflect upon the war and assist in the healing of their emotional wounds. ■

### **Second Annual “Liberty” Poster Design Contest— DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

NCAG has extended the deadline for area art students to once again showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to protecting liberty in America. Students may use paint, ink, colored pencils, photography, digital prints or any other media to design a poster that will show others how much you value liberty in our country in the 21st century. The new deadline is October 15, 2014. ■

*“Every child is an artist.  
The problem is how to  
remain an artist once  
he grows up.”*

— Pablo Picasso

### **“Unforgetting Iraq” Dinner was Tasty & Insightful**

A special dinner was held in the NCAG Gallery at the opening the exhibit Unforgetting Iraq: In Search of Recovery of as a thank you to major donors and art professionals. The thought provoking artwork that surrounded guests represented a joint effort between New Century Art Guild and the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project, based in Minnea



Retired Army LTC Rick Burns discusses current situation in Iraq.

The speaker for the evening was Mr. Rick Burns, an expert on the effect and aftermath of modern warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is also an expert in compassion and translating that compassion into action. Rick worked as an Army Civil Affairs officer to better understand the needs of citizens caught up in the ravages of war. After two tours in Iraq, he went to Afghanistan as an Army civilian to assist military commanders to better understand the indigenous culture. Through this work of helping locals deal with endless government and infrastructure problems, Rick saw firsthand the daily issues faced by families living in an unstable society. After he returned stateside, Rick launched the Karadah Project in 2010, which sought (and continues to seek) to help those left behind in the wake of the war. ■

### **Winner and Finalists of 2014 Competitive Student Scholarship Announced**

New Century Art Guild wishes to congratulate Kaitlyn Van Patten as the winner of our First Annual Competitive Student Artist Contest and the recipient of the 2014 Visual Art Merit Scholarship. The scholarship award includes a \$500 payment toward tuition at the student’s school of choice for the next academic term, evaluation of portfolio and academic/career direction by a professional artist and an invitation to exhibit artwork at NCAG gallery for the November 2014 Open House. The level of talent and creativity evident in all the submissions, especially the six finalists, was substantial and inspiring.

The finalists include:

**Alison Ranniger  
Ashley Miller  
Cameron Renkly  
Elissa Eppen  
Carlin Ring**



Charcoal drawing by scholarship winner, Kaitlyn Van Patten

## EVENTS

### **Third Annual NCAG Veterans Appreciation and Open House**

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014  
2:00 PM

This year’s open house will feature a circus theme that will pony rides, army vehicle rides, face painting, a “tattoo” artist, caricature artist, cake walk and chili cook-off. Everything will be purchased with a tickets sold at the door for \$1. Two art galleries on Kimballton’s Main Street will be open to the public to view artwork including US Army veteran Roberta “Bert” Leaverton. Her artwork may be viewed in the gallery during a tasting of local wines beginning at 5:00p.m. A chili cook-off will be held at the Cottonwood Barn at 6:00pm. Chili cooks will vie for prizes, determined by the most tickets that they collect. Proceeds will go to NCAG’s student and veteran art scholarships. Entertainment will be provided by the popular singing-duo the “Polka Police”. This is a family friendly event, and is free and open to the public. ■

### **Juried Veteran Art Exhibit to Open at Metro Community College**

Thursday, November 6th, 2014  
Opening Reception 4:00 PM  
Metro South Campus  
“2nd Floor Connector Bridge.”

New Century Art Guild and Metro Community College in Omaha Nebraska are excited to announce Metro’s 2014 Military and Veteran Juried Art Exhibition. The juried exhibition is open to any artist, 18 years of age or older, that has served, or is currently serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces. Works should be submitted as digital images by September 30, 2014 to: [www.mccneb.edu/humanitiesvisualarts/veteranjuriedartshow.asp?Theme=1](http://www.mccneb.edu/humanitiesvisualarts/veteranjuriedartshow.asp?Theme=1) ■

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