Dear NVC Members,

Spring was a busy time for the NVC and NOMA. In March we hosted Art in Bloom presented by IBERIABANK. The event included a patron party, lecture series and concluded with a luncheon and fashion show by Saks Fifth Avenue. Following Art in Bloom, our volunteers were busy with NVC’s annual Egg Hunt and Family Festival. A record-breaking number of over 1500 children and parents attended.

In May, our general meeting included a presentation by Pam Bryan on “The Art of Collecting” and lunch was provided by Café NOMA. Susu Stall and Laurie Milani hosted a Studio Salon at the gallery of artist Ashley Longshore. The event was a big success.

As we approach the fall, NVC and the NOMA community have a lot to look forward to. Our general meeting will be August 28, at 10:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Mel Buchanan, NOMA’s RosaMary Curator of Decorative Arts and Design, and will speak about the Decorative Arts Gallery installation, John Bullard’s upcoming pottery exhibit and more. A light lunch will follow.

September will bring us LOVE in the Garden presented by Whitney Bank. Our Co-Chairs Olivia Carisella, Eleanor Davis, Glendy Forster, Joanna Giorlando, Kathleen Mix, and Carol Short are working hard on the event. The party is September 22 and will feature over 60 restaurants and food trucks, a cocktail contest sponsored by SKYY Vodka and plenty of music and fun.
In October, Susu Stall and Laurie Milani will host another Studio Salon at the gallery of artist Nicole Charbonnet. November brings us to our final event, The Odyssey Ball, November 4, presented by IBERIABANK. Our wonderful Co-Chairs Carmen and Kelly Duncan, Shaun and Foster Duncan, Sweet and Ben Dupuy, and Kitty and Stephen Sherrill are planning an elegant evening at NOMA.

We hope you can attend all of our events this fall. I have had the pleasure of working with great volunteers all year and have been impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm these volunteers display every day for NOMA.

Sincerely,

Lynda Warshauer
NVC Chair

Preview: LOVE in The Garden presented by Whitney Bank

By Carol Short

On Friday, September 22, 2017, NOMA will hold its annual LOVE in the Garden fundraiser. Don your garden party casual attire and join our LOVE Chairs, Olivia Carisella, Eleanor Davis, Glendy Forster, Joanna Giorlando, Kathleen Mix, and Carol Short for a delightful evening of dining and dancing under the majestic oaks of the Sydney and Walda Besthoff Sculpture Garden.

This year’s LOVE, presented by Whitney Bank, will honor New Orleans artists – Anita Cooke, Simon Gunning, Karoline Schleh, and Bob Snead.

At 7:00 p.m. the Sculpture Garden gates glide open for the Patron Party. The moonlit merriment begins as patrons wend their way through the garden to the rhythmic sounds of Kinfolk Brass Band for an evening of dancing and gastronomic delight. LOVE kicks into high gear at 8:00 p.m. to the sounds of BRW as Garden Party guests arrive and join in the fun. They will savor LOVE bites from over 60 of the city’s finest restaurants and caterers while sipping LOVE Potions created by eleven of New Orleans’ most celebrated bartenders vying to win the LOVE Cocktail Challenge presented by SKYY Vodka! At 10:00 p.m., the Late Night Party will be in full swing with DJ Brice Nice performing while food trucks share their specialties with the crowd until midnight.


For ticket information, visit www.noma.org or call the NVC office at (504) 658-4121
NOMA will commemorate the city’s Tri-centennial and highlight NOMA’s and Odyssey’s integral place in New Orleans’ cultural life and history. Odyssey — now in its 51st year — has created its own New Orleans tradition. Odyssey: A Celebration 300 Years in the Making presented by IBERIABANK will continue this legacy on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in NOMA’s enduring marble halls.

The 2017 Odyssey presented by IBERIABANK is the New Orleans Museum of Art’s signature event which raises funds for NOMA to present world-class exhibitions and arts education programming.

The Odyssey Ball celebrates and enhances the New Orleans Museum of Art in an evening of unparalleled elegance. Critically important to our treasured museum and the wide community it serves, Odyssey raises the funds necessary to support NOMA’s nationally-recognized exhibitions and educational programs, which bring more than 250,000 annual visitors to the museum and sculpture garden.

This year’s energetic event chairs include Carmen and Kelly Duncan, Shaun and Foster Duncan, Sweet and Ben Dupuy, and Kitty and Stephen Sherrill.

Guests will enjoy entertainment by the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and acclaimed DJ/Violinist Timothee Lovelock as well as a tailgate for the LSU/Alabama game. The Exhibition featured during Odyssey will be East of the Mississippi in the Ella West Freeman Galleries, the first exhibition to exclusively explore a vivid chapter of America’s photographic history through 130 photographs and a handful of paintings from the eastern half of the United States, ranging chronologically from the 1840s to the 1890s that helped shape evolving mythologies of the American wilderness, revealed the impact of the Civil War on the physical landscape, and played an important role in both industrialization and environmental preservation.

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“Rhythm and Blooms” heralded the opening of the Art in Bloom festivities on March 15th this year. The joint venture between NOMA and the Garden Study Club burst into the Great Hall filling virtually every viewing space at the museum with fabulous floral highlights. The event’s chairs for 2017, Quincy Crawford and Sarah Feirn, ensured the spectacle’s success with their enthusiasm and hard work. Members of garden clubs from the entire metropolitan area participated. Their interpretations of NOMA’s offerings encompassed every imaginable creative evocation.

With IBERIABANK as its presenting sponsor and entitled “Rhythm and Blues,” this year’s program included the ever-popular Preview Party, show-casing mouth-watering delights. The silent auction was deemed one of the best ever. The event’s tour de force speakers, James Farmer and Laura Dowling, were not only informative but highly entertaining.

On top of all this outpouring of beauty and fun, Saks Fifth Avenue’s fashion show in the Pavilion of the Two Sisters, featuring airy summer frocks, was a complete hit with appreciative onlookers.

As always, the proceeds from the event benefit both NOMA and the many grants awarded by the Garden Study Club to worthy, horticulturally-oriented civic improvement projects. So once again, good fun, gorgeous flowers and good causes fused together in the splendor of Art in Bloom.
Spring Studio Salon — by Lynda Warshauer

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In May, artist Ashley Longshore guided Salon guests through her gallery and demonstrated her approach to art. Before the tour Ashley shared her approach to life and talked about the connectivity of social media, hard work and believing in yourself. Working with the artist is a group of young women that Ashley mentors and travel with her all over the world. Her art has been featured in Forbes and Vogue magazines and in 2016 she was honored by NOMA at Love in the Garden. Ashley has a loyal following on social media and has a list of high profile collectors including Wall Street elites and celebrities like Blake Lively, Salma Hayek and Penelope Cruz. Be sure to follow Ashley Longshore on Instagram!

SAVE THE DATE: The next studio salon is set for Wednesday, October 4th at Nicole Charbonnet’s studio.

NOMA Volunteer of the Year

Courtesy of NOMA Publications

Charlotte Lewis, who was born and raised here in New Orleans, received her bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Tulane’s Newcomb College. After a brief period as a high school teacher, Charlotte joined the UNO Mathematics Department. By the time she retired in 2009, Charlotte was the Director of the Department of Instructional Media and Technology at UNO.

Charlotte joined us at NOMA in 2010 to volunteer in our Sculpture Garden. For the last seven years, Charlotte has welcomed visitors to the garden every Monday morning, with hardly any absences. She has proven to be a truly reliable and dedicated volunteer, supporting the sculpture garden manager in any way she can. Charlotte puts her math skills to good work, maintaining the office records for the Sculpture Garden, and providing accounting for weekly donations and sales.

When she’s not at NOMA, Charlotte continues to volunteer her free time to other important New Orleans institutions, such as the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas and the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, where she serves as President-Elect of the Symphony Volunteers.

NOMA is truly blessed to have this incredible woman as a volunteer and could not be more deserving of our recognition as 2016’s Volunteer of the Year.
NOMA Egg Hunt and Family Festival

By Tara Tolford

A new record of over 1,500 children and their parents and families attended this year’s spectacular Egg Hunt and Family Festival, held April 1st this year. This year’s unstoppable co-chairs Genevieve Douglass and Lauren Flower ensured a day of delight for the whole family, with art activities, games, face painting, a petting zoo, tasty treats, and entertainment from DJ Audio Jocks and Jojo the Clown, as well as special appearances by the Elmer Bunny, Alice and the Mad Hatter, and Curious George.

Many thanks to this year’s lead sponsor, Catherine Burns Tremaine, as well as to “Fun and Games” sponsors Fidelity Bank and Pelican Publishing Company. We can’t wait for the fun to return next year!

Children and Families enjoy the beautiful NOMA Egg Hunt and Family Festival, 2017
Photos Courtesy Roman Alakhin
Read About Art with NOMA Book Club
By Faye Lieder

The Bowl is Already Broken, by Mary Kay Zuravieff was first on the reading list of the NOMA Book Club when it began in 2008. The book club now has about 200 members. 15-30 members attend book discussion groups, which are held once monthly, rotating Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at noon, with one additional Wednesday meeting 1:30-3:00 per month. There are no December meetings.

Selected books can be fiction or non-fiction and are all related to art, artists, art museums, NOMA’s collections and exhibitions. The yearly book list is announced before January, to give readers time to acquire them or add them to Kindle. Most are available at the public libraries.

Under the direction of NOMA Librarian Sheila Cork, who has a Master’s Degree in Library and Information Science, the club also offers curatorial programs, Field Trips and Meet the Author receptions.

To join the club, contact Sheila at 504-658-4117 or scork@noma.org.

INSIDE TIP: September’s selection is Oil and Marble: a Novel of Leonardo and Michaelangelo by Stephanie Storey. The rest of the 2017 books are equally intriguing.

Give the Gift of NOMA Volunteer Committee Membership!

Share the wonderful NVC experience—including Studio Salons, lectures, docent tours, art trips, and events—with a friend or loved one by giving them a gift of membership!

Recipients will be sent a gift card as an acknowledgement of your thoughtfulness. For more information, call the NOMA Volunteer Committee at 504.658.4121. Checks should be made payable to the NOMA Volunteer Committee and mailed to the New Orleans Museum of Art, PO Box 19123, New Orleans, LA, 70179.

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NOMA Volunteer Committee General Membership Meeting

New Orleans Museum of Art
Monday, August 28th, 2016, 10:30 A.M.
Stern Auditorium
Program featuring:
Mel Buchanan
RosaMary Curator of Decorative Arts
A light lunch will follow in the Great Hall
Please encourage NVC membership and bring a guest!

Flowers for the Freeport-McMoran Great Hall

The NOMA Volunteer Committee invites New Orleans Museum of Art members and friends to help provide the beautiful floral arrangements in the Freeport-McMoran Great Hall by making a gift to the NVC Flower Fund.

Gifts may be made as a memorial, an honorarium, a commemoration of an event, or just for the love of flowers! Recipients or their families will be notified of the gift and acknowledged in Arts Quarterly. For more information, contact the NVC office at 504.658.4121 or email nvc@noma.org

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