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Autumn Newsletter 2014 Dorothy Lincoln-Smith, President [www.arts-nsal.org](http://www.arts-nsal.org)



The NSAL Convention, May 14-17, 2014 sponsored by the Ohio River Valley Chapter featured woodwind finalists from Chapters across the US. The judges: Grant Cooper, Linda Strommen, Robert Turizziani, and Carol Wincenc (NSAL Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement Award) chose:

**Julia DeRosa, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$10,000, Chautauqua Chapter, pictured at left with Chapter President, Margaret Johnson.**

**Other Awards: 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$8000. Anna Maria Brumbaugh, Florida East Coast Chapter; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$6000. Rebecca Swain**

**Chapman, El Paso Chapter; Honorable Mentions: \$1000. Laura Elizabeth Kaufman, Washington DC Chapter and Hannah Hammel, Virginia/North Carolina Chapter.**

Also featured at the Annual Meeting was the **Winston Voice Winner, Anastasia Malliaras**, Central Illinois Chapter, pictured below with members Judy Park, Sylvia Arnstein, Nadja Altstetter, Joy Thornton-Walter, Carl Altstetter, Anastasia Malliaras, Donna Cultra, Mary Jane Cultra, and Terence Cultra.



**Winston Visual Arts** Chair, Chris Cosdon, presented a DVD of the work of 1<sup>st</sup> place winner **Megan Ward**, Virginia/North Carolina Chapter. She also read the artistic statement and showed slides of 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner **Lucas Cuatrecases**, New Jersey Chapter.

**Dana Ljubicic**, winner of our 2014 **CalArts** award created a DVD which was viewed at our session in Charleston. In May I visited the campus in Valencia, CA to meet with Sarah Nelson, Assoc. Dir. of Development and found CalArts to have an extremely strong educational philosophy which is recognized internationally as a hub of creative innovation. More about CalArts is on our website.



Congratulations to Carla Jones-Batka, Woodwind Category Chair, Bill Batka, and Mary Ann Osborne, Annual Meeting Chair (Not pictured - Jean St. Germain Woodwind Competition Chair)



Kudos to Ohio River Valley Chapter President, Jeanne Tassé, and Charles Pridgeon, National Recording Secretary

(All photos courtesy of Judy Park and Alyce Erickson)



Changing of the guard.... A big THANK YOU to **Catriona Tudor Erler**, President 2012-2014, for a job well done! New officers are: Dorothy Lincoln-Smith, President; (pictured at right with Catriona) Judy Park, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Sandy Charles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Carla Jones-Batka, Recording Secretary; Anne Lauder, Treasurer; Ruth Ann Proudfoot, Assistant Treasurer; and Sarah Moore, Historian.



Featured on National Public Radio's **FROM THE TOP** with Christopher O'Reilly, on June 1, was soprano **Virginia Mims**, Florida East Coast chapter, pictured below with Alyce Erickson, 2009 recipient of the NSAL Arts Advocacy Award and Juan Suarez, a Winston Voice winner.



### **Iowa Young Writers' Studio Program**

NSAL is pleased to partner with the Iowa Young Writers' Studio program, sponsoring one student each year to attend one of the summer sessions. Iowa will send 4–6 accepted student applications to the Literature Committee which will choose one student for NSAL to sponsor for \$2500. Our Literature Chair is Carey Wall.

A Strategic Planning meeting led by Susan Klein and Les Deck was held at the Annual Meeting; complete information on the session is posted on the website.

At the New Board Meeting on Sunday May 18, there was discussion of an NSAL travel program. Three possibilities were brought forward: a trip to Cuba, a tour of gardens in Italy, and a Danube Waltz cruise. The committee formed was Judy Park, Alyce Erickson, Catriona Tudor Erler, and Fran Goldstein. Watch for their information on this exciting program.

### **Future Sessions**

**May 26-31, 2015**

DRAMA

St. Louis, Missouri  
Sandy Charles, Annual Meeting Chair; Michael/Carol Bernstein and Kathy Fulstone, Drama Chairs

**May 17-22, 2016**

MUSICAL THEATER

Phoenix Arizona; Anne White, Annual Meeting Chair; Harold Dean and, Christy Welty, MT Chairs

**May 2017** DANCE

Location TBA

**May 2018**

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
Chautauqua Chapter

**May 2019** DRAMA

Washington DC Chapter  
(NSAL 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Alicia Klaffky, Lynn Hessick, Fran Goldstein and Doni Lystra are preparing a letter to members for donations to NSAL's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund. Please watch for this information in your mail, and I hope you will respond positively for the many NSAL endeavors on our Wish List.

At a recent Master Class in Chicago Judy Park again enjoyed the work of **Carol Wincenc**, our 2014 Gold Medal recipient. Ms. Wincenc is pictured at right working with Hannah Hammel, a participant in Chicago as well as in the NSAL session. Judy's essay, "In Praise of Carol Wincenc," is on our website.



*Having been a member of NSAL since 1971, I am now honored as the 2014-2016 National President. The next two years promise to be exciting; the mission of NSAL is strong and it is a joy for our organization to have the ability to award outstanding monetary prizes in Arts and Letters. I hope you will all make plans to attend the conference in St. Louis May 26-31, 2015, and in Phoenix May 17-22, 2016. I am delighted to invite you to my home on May 19, 2016 for the President's reception! Meanwhile, I wish all success to chapters and look forward to visiting your locale during the coming two years. Please let me know the best time in your schedules.*

**ONWARD! ---Dorothy Lincoln-Smith**