

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Temple Sinai, Reno

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, Outgoing President at 10:30 a.m.

Members in attendance: 35

Installation of 2022 Officers, Diane Sewell

Members leaving office to be commended for their service to Sierra Watercolor Society:

- Diane Sewell, Outgoing President
- Linda Halicki, Outgoing Vice-President
- Alicia Cobb, Archivist (absent)
- Lisa Jefferson, Newsletter (absent)

Installation of New Officers:

- Ronnie Rector, President
- Anita Watson, Co-Vice-President
- Jennifer Amrhein, Co-Vice President
- Anette Rink, Treasurer
- Vickie Behrens, Secretary

New Committee Chairs:

- Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair
- Linda Parisi, Biographer (absent)
- Vickie Behrens, Archivist

The newly installed President, Ronnie Rector thanked the members and started the meeting and by reading the SWS Mission Statement.

Introduction of new members, guests:

New members: Gracielia Mancini.

Approval of Minutes from the October 16, 2021, General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Minutes emailed with the agenda.

No additions or corrections. Motion to Approve: Vicki Curwen; Seconded by Nancy Podewils- Baba. All in favor of approving the minutes as emailed, none opposed. Minutes of the October 16, 2021, General Meeting minutes are approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink, Treasurer

Treasurer's reports for October, November and December emailed with Agenda.

- October 2021 Treasurer's report was approved at the November 13, 2021, Board Meeting.
- November/December 2021 and the 2021 year-end Treasurer's report provided for members' information. These will be reviewed and approved at the February 12, 2022, Board meeting.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents. Anita reported that she and Jennifer have been working with Linda Halicki to transition to Co-Vice President duties for 2022/2023. She updated the members on the following scheduled workshops. Workshop Flyers were available at the meeting.

2022 Workshops and Demonstrations

- Lori Bishop, Member Artist. Today's demo starts at 1:00 p.m.
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12. Registration is open now.
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14. Registration opens on February 1.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26. Registration opens March 1.
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20. Registration opens May 1. Further discussions regarding if this workshop will be plein air.
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22. Registration opens July 1.

Recap of Holiday Party, Carol Ann Rickets (absent)

No report

Video Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

There are currently 118 videos and 53 books. Twenty-seven new DVDs were recently donated and are available. Also available is a new publication, Four Seasons in Contemporary Watercolor by Chris Forsey. Jenny Amrhein donated books to the library from a former members estate.

Biographer: Linda Parisi (absent)

No report

Membership: Sally Dupre, Membership Chair (absent)

Ronnie Rector reported that there are currently 59 registered members. Membership registration for 2022 began on November 1. She reminded members to fill out the standard online registration form each year. Current 2021 membership will lapse on March 1 unless members re-register.

Newsletter: Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair

Maria reported that Lisa Jefferson completed the January/February 2022 newsletter, and she will be preparing future 2022 newsletters.

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Nancy reported on the following workshops and activities and passed around volunteer sign-up sheets.

Art Angels 2021:

Community Children's Workshops: Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Forty-two children signed up, and twenty-four showed up. There were 5 member Instructors and 7 assistants. Art Angels received a \$20 tip.

Art Angels Raffle and Silent Auction on November 27, 9:30 a.m. - December 4, noon. We had five paintings donated to the Silent Auction by guest artists and 17 paintings donated by SWS members. In addition, Eric's Wiegardt's original full-sized painting, "Calella, Spain" was sold for \$350.

In total SWS raised \$855 from raffle tickets and sold all but three Silent Auction paintings, for a total of \$1060. All proceeds will go to Art Angels for workshop and classroom supplies.

Art Angels 2022:

Spring Community Children's Workshop is tentatively scheduled for on April 30 or May 1. The May Museum is not available. Nancy is meeting with the facilities coordinator Boys and Girls Club of Reno, and it looks like a good option. More information will be provided.

Art Angels Classroom Visits - Spanish Springs Elementary School on February 10, 17 and 24.
Winter Community Children's Workshop tentatively scheduled for December.

Publicity:

Nancy continues to collaborate with the various community Art agencies. A suggestion at the last Community Children's Workshop was to provide more publicity regarding these programs. This suggestion will be followed up by Nancy.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith

Marjee reported on the following exhibits:

2021 Exhibits:

- Winter Exhibit "Celebration of Color", Wilber D. May Museum, Chair: Diane Sewell, Nov. 3 – Dec. 5. Thirteen paintings were sold. Thank you to Eileen Fuller and her crew for the usual excellent job of hanging the art. People's Choice awards: 1st – Lisa Jefferson's "Hen and Chicks;" 2nd – Judy Welsh' "Exuberance," 3rd – Kathryn Dudley's "First Light."

2022 Exhibits:

- McKinley Gallery (East), "Promise of Spring", February 7 through April 1, 2022. Ronnie Rector, Chair. Take in will be January 27 and 28, between 9 and 4. Take down is April 4. SWS standing rules apply with one painting per person and paintings 4 years old or less. The McKinley team will hang the show and will create the publicity, including the postcard. Artist reception to be scheduled. Online registration must be done by January 21 so we can provide Ashley at McKinley with the inventory information.
- Artown Exhibit in July – May Museum. Take-in July 5: Take down August 10. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or this exhibit won't happen.*
- Summer Exhibit, September, Sparks Library, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Chair. Dates TBD.
- Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, October 16 through November 30. Judge: Frank Eber. Take in will be October 16. Take down is November 30. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or this exhibit won't happen.*
- Winter Exhibit, Wilber D. May Museum, November 9 through December 11. Take in will be November 8. Take down on December 14. *Must have an Exhibit Chair or this exhibit won't happen.*

Challenges: Judy Berland

Judy reminded everyone that these challenges are for members to challenge themselves and experiment. She encourages all members to participate.

- January Challenge "Use It or Lose It" Take an old painting and paint a new subject directly over it. Seven paintings were entered. Winners: 1st Laurel Sweigart; 2nd Carolyn Runnells; 3rd: Nancy Podewils-Baba.
- March 12 Challenge: "Value Study". This challenge will follow-up on the value studies demonstrated by Carl Purcell at his workshop. This painting can be any size and can be the value study you use for a painting in an upcoming exhibit. Paint colors for this challenge are to be indigo and white; black and white; or sepia and white. If the indigo or sepia is not dark enough, a drop of black is permitted. Judy passed around photos of examples.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2022: Location: Reno Artist Co-Op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. February 12, April 9, July 9, September 10, and November 12

General Meeting Calendar, 2022: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m.
March 12, May 14, August 20, October 22, December 3 (Holiday Party)

Other Discussions/Announcements:

Ronnie Rector provided a quick comment on two upcoming art events; more info will be forthcoming:

- Plein air event at the Reno Arboretum, Saturday June 4, 2022. SWS and Latimer were requested to participate.

- Reno Tahoe International Art Show, September 8-11, Reno Sparks Convention Center, website RTIASHOW.com. This show will showcase Local Artists and Bespoke Furnishing. SWS and Latimer were invited to participate as well as Galleries from around the country. There will be extensive publicity which will include advertising in Architectural Digest and other well-known publications. This event is being held during the Reno Balloon Races. There is no cost to SWS/Latimer to participate. More information will be provided.

- Eileen Fuller announced the following upcoming events:
 - Artist Co-op Art Supply Sale, ending January 28.
 - Artist Co-op Exhibit “Past Treasures” February 1-28, opening reception. Over 80 pieces of art donated by the patrons of the Artist Co-op Gallery. All proceeds from the sale will be added to the building fund.
 - Latimer Art Club guest speaker/presenter Charles Muench, “Conversations with Nature”, February 12, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., Moana Nursery, 1190 Moana Lane, Reno. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Motion to Adjourn:

Ronnie Rector, New President, ended the meeting by recognizing and thanking the 2021 Board and Committee Chairs.

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to adjourn the General Meeting at 11:24 a.m. seconded by Kay Tiez.

Respectfully Submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Approved: March 12, 2022