

Sierra Watercolor Society

sierrawatercolorsociety.com

March/April 2022

EXHIBIT NEWS

- **Spring Exhibit** – “A Promise of Spring” at McKinley Art Center at 925 Riverside Drive in Reno. The exhibit has been up since February 7 and will remain through April 1, 2022. The Take-Down day is April 4, from 9 to 4.



'Down by the Riverside' by Judy Welsh is part of the “A Promise of Spring” exhibit

- **Artown Exhibit in July** – Wilbur D. May Museum. Take-in July 5 (check date - Museum is closed on Tuesdays) Take-down August 10. Please consider volunteering to chair this exhibit. You'll get lots of help with Eileen Fuller's stellar hanging crew!
- **July Exhibit during Art Town** - Wilbur D. May Museum. July during Art Town. Take-In 7/5/22. Take Down, 8/10/22. Double Diamond Room. **EXHIBIT CHAIR NEEDED**
- **Fall Exhibit in October, Judged** by Frank Eber – Wilbur D. May Museum. 11/9/22-12/11/22. Take-In 11/8/22, Take-Down 12/14/22. **EXHIBIT CHAIR NEEDED.**
- **Winter Exhibit** - November-December, Wilbur D. May Museum. 11/9/22-12/11/22. Take-In 11/8/22, Take-Down 12/14/22. **EXHIBIT CHAIR NEEDED.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March/April, 2022

I am so excited about the addition of non-traditionally framed artwork to our Standing Rules, and must thank the ladies who attended our January 12 Board meeting for their unanimous support of the add: Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Anette Rink, Vickie Behrens, Diane Sewell, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Judy Berland, Bess Inouye, Marjee Smith, Sally DuPre, and Maria Hatjopoulos. These ladies represent a strong showing of our “usual suspects,” those members who will step up to volunteer for tasks that keep Sierra Watercolor Society going.

Oh, you can see it coming, can't you?

Yes, we need volunteers. Right now we are in dire need of a member (or a team) to step up to Chair the Artown Exhibit July 5 through August 10, the annual Judged Exhibit October 16 to November 30, and the Winter Exhibit November 8 to December 14.

You will have lots of assistance/assistants, trust us. We just need a warm body to assist with herding the cats. This is a great way to meet the members, possibly make some new friends, and help this great group strut our stuff.

Email me! ronnierector@yahoo.com or presidentsierrawatercolor@gmail.com

ART ANGELS

Art Angels has resumed **classroom visits**: at Spanish Springs Elementary School. As of this posting, we have gone to two fourth grade classes: the first with 29 students, the second with 32 students. We will be going to a third 4th grade class at Spanish Springs on 2/24. The students have been very receptive and have created some wonderful artwork! Many thanks to helpers Vickie Behrens, Graciela Mancini, Irene McEachern, Chris Kjaer, and Gail Kramer for helping the students feel inspired and for changing water, blow-drying paintings, helping with clean-up, etc.! All volunteers needed to fill out a Volunteer Application, either at the school or at WCSD headquarters in the Washoe County Complex on 9th Street, back of Bldg. B, before helping; but this application and background check are good for the school year at any WCSD school.

I have sent emails to some other teachers in the school district, and we are beginning to get more requests for Art Angels to visit. These are the classes scheduled so far for the rest of the spring, and I will **need helpers for each**:

Friday, April 22, 12:00-3:30 p.m. Peavine Elementary, 1601 Grandview Ave., Reno (Mr. Frost): 4 helpers

Thursday, April 28, 12:00-3:30 p.m. Peavine Elementary, 1601 Grandview Ave., Reno (Mrs. Hall): 4 helpers

Monday, May 2, 12:00-3 p.m. Jesse Hall Elementary, 185 Shelby Drive, Sparks (Ms. Suda): 3 helpers

Friday, May 13, 12:00-3 p.m. Jesse Hall Elementary, 185 Shelby Drive, Sparks (Mrs. Madden): 3 helpers

Friday, May 20, 12:00-3 p.m. Jesse Hall Elementary, 185 Shelby Drive, Sparks (Mrs. Martindale): 3 helpers

Wed, May 25, 11:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Caughlin Ranch Elem., 4885 Village Green Pkwy, Reno (Mrs. Mezzetti): 3 helpers

Please let me know if you have ?s or are available to help with any of the above classes. Thank you!

The next **Art Angels Community Workshop will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Truckee Meadows Boys & Girls Club, 2680 E. 9th Street, Reno.** So far I have 14 children (ages 6-12) signed up to participate, along with three instructors and five helpers. We hope to have eight tables of instruction in their gym, so I need a few more instructors and a couple more helpers. Please let me know if you are interested and available. Thanks.

Future Art Angels Workshops are scheduled at the Wilbur D. May Museum: on Friday, July 1 (9:00-11:30, 12:30-3) and on Saturday, December 10, 9-11:30. Let me know if you are available to instruct or to help with either, both or all of these workshops. Call me if you have questions. Thanks so much!

PUBLICITY

I continue to represent SWS at the monthly meetings of the Reno Arts Consortium and to post information about our exhibits and workshop demos on online calendars and social media. Please let me know if there are

other opportunities to get the word out to our community about all the wonderful things SWS is doing. Thank you.

Nancy Podewils-Baba. Art Angels/Outreach Coordinator 775-343-8100; njpodewils@gmail.com

Note that the fall (possible juried) show and the Winter Exhibit would overlap in November 2022. If so we have 10 months to get several paintings done so we can enter both shows!

Exhibit Chairs are needed for all of the 2022 events.

PAINTING CHALLENGES

Challenges created by Judy Berland

The Sierra Watercolor Society meets 5 times a year and at each meeting the Challenge Chair, Judy Berland, presents a themed challenge to the members to bring to the following meeting. The paintings are displayed unsigned and members vote for their favorite based on adherence to the challenge theme and quality of work. First, second, and third place winners receive ribbons and prizes!

March 2022 Challenge: "BLACK AND WHITE"

Paint anything you want (keeping future exhibits in mind) but only use black and white, (or Indigo or Sepia instead of black) white being the paper, Chinese white watercolor or white gouache (any white non water-based paint or collage must only be 10%).

This can be an exhibit ENTRY (see Nicolas Lopez from Peru who only does black and white 1st prize landscapes) or a VALUE STUDY for your exhibit entry.

May 14, General Meeting Challenge: "SIGNS"

Since the March Challenge was black and white, the May challenge will be paintings with big, bright colors. Judy presented two themes, "Joy" and "Signs". The group decided on "Signs". These must be very colorful paintings of signs or murals, on buildings, etc.

Rules for all Painting Challenges

Entries will not be accepted unless they meet the following Challenge rules exactly - NO EXCEPTIONS

1. Do not sign your painting.
2. Entries must fit the theme.
3. Entries must be matted (they do not need to be framed).
4. Entries may only be submitted into one Challenge. You may not enter a challenge painting into a second Challenge, even if it fits the theme.
5. Entries must be new, having been painted specifically for the Challenge.
6. Entries cannot have been shown in an exhibit prior to the Challenge.

Contact Judy Berland if you have any questions.

DVD LIBRARY - BESS INOUE

145 DVDs on file

116 Books on file

27 DVDs were added to our library list from an anonymous donor. Artists include: Don Andrews, Judi Betts, Jeanne Dobie, Joe Francis Dowden, Mike Hernandez, Chuck McLachlan, Clara O'Connor, Stephen Quiller, Thomas Schaller, Hazel Soan, Eric Wiegardt and Lian Quan Zhen. These DVDs are listed on-line as "New – 2022 Donation".

Jenny Amrhein donated over 60 books acquired from the estate sale of a former SWS member, Melba Oliver. Wendy Marshall donated *Secrets to Painting Realistic Faces in Watercolor* by Carrie and Rick Parks and Linda Halicki donated *Strengthen your Paintings with Dynamic Composition* by Frank Webb. *The Artist's Sketchbook* by Albany Wiseman with Patricia Monahan was donated anonymously.

Members who wish to place any library materials on HOLD, please email Bess at binouye8@gmail.com so she can put them aside for pick up at the next scheduled General Meeting. Look for upcoming Book Sales at the General Meetings!

2022 - 2023 WORKSHOPS AND DEMOS

DATES	ARTIST	OPEN DATE	DEMO DATE	WEBSITE
Mar 9-11, 2022	DON ANDREWS	Dec 1	Mar 12	www.donandrewsstudio.com
May 10-13, 2022	TBD; Soon Warren to be rescheduled at a later date.			
Jun 24-26, 2022	LORI BISHOP	Mar 1	-	
Aug 17-19, 2022	KEIKO TANABE FRANK	May 1	Aug 20	www.ktanabefineart.com
Oct 18-21, 2022	EBER	July 1	Oct 22	www.frankeber.com
January 2023	Demo only, TBD			
Mar 21-24, 2023	Eric Wiegardt		Mar 25	www.ericwiegardt.com
May 10-12, 2023	Betty Carr		May 13	www.bettycarrfineart.com
June 2023	Member Artist		TBD	
Aug 16-18, 2023	workshop Julie Cohn		Aug 19	www.juliecohnfineart.com
Oct 3-6, 2023	Sterling Edwards		Oct 7	www.sterlingedwards.com

Workshops are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.

Register for workshops online on the Sierra Watercolor Society website at www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com



March 9-11, 9am-4pm (free public demo March 12, 1pm)

DON ANDREWS "Landscape Workshop"

Registration is now open - **Member \$245 Non-Member \$305**

Learning to paint with watercolor should be fun! Don's landscape workshop is geared specifically for artists eager to paint and study in a no-stress studio environment. Artists of all levels will benefit from a more personal understanding of the painting possibilities. Each day Don will address a major visual concern; light, color, granulation, organizing nature and utilizing negative space are just a few subjects to be covered. This workshop will be packed with demos, discussions, individual help, as well as personal and group critiques.

www.donandrewsstudio.com

SOON WARREN'S workshop has been cancelled. She has family coming from South Korea and they cannot speak English so she wants to be with them. Jenny and Anita are looking at options to fill the spot and will be sending out inquiries to see if there's someone of similar caliber available. We think this is probably a VERY important and once in a lifetime event for Ms. Warren, so we believe we should let her out of her contract.



June 24-26, 9am-4pm ("weekend" workshop)

LORI BISHOP "Drawing and Painting a Portrait"

Registration opens March 1 - price to be determined

As a forensic artist, Lori worked with the US Secret Service and FBI Academy for ten years before retiring and moving into fine art.

She has taught art at the Fallon campus of Western Nevada College and in private workshops as well. Currently she continues with her teaching in her home studio.

"For me, teaching art is about sharing every single thing I know as openly and honestly as possible. I feel that it's important to pass on information that my students can sort through until they find their own voice, their own expression. That is the exciting and rewarding part of teaching for me."

Lori will be going into detail drawing and painting a portrait.



Workshop August 17-19, 9am-4pm (free public demo August 20, 1pm) KEIKO TANABE “No Fear Approach to Watercolor”

Registration opens May 1 - price to be determined

Watercolor can be the most exciting medium, but is often said to be more unforgiving or difficult than other mediums. This workshop is for those who refuse to believe that myth and are determined to have fun without struggling too much!

Keiko will teach you to confidently capture the essence of a subject to convey certain moods and atmospheres in this no-fear approach to watercolors. Through small studies and step-by-step demonstrations, she will explain her methods and techniques that students will apply to their class work. She will share her decision-making process that enables students to understand key elements and how to make them work in a painting.

Any level is welcome, but previous experience in watercolor is beneficial.

www.ktanabefineart.com



Workshop October 18-21, 9am-4pm (free public demo October 22, 1pm) FRANK EBER “Beyond Technique: Finding Individual Expression”

Registration opens July 1 - price to be determined

A painter's painter, Frank Eber works in a direct, loose style influenced by the Old World masters. Typical in his art are color mixes and light that evoke nostalgia while remaining absolutely in the present. Frank's watercolor workshops reach beyond technique, encouraging individual expression and observing the elusive balance of forces that create beauty in painting.

All levels are welcome but students should have an understanding of the watercolor medium and of simple one point perspective. Frank stresses a solid foundation in the basics, “...so that our focus is on creating timeless art. An emotional link is necessary in

our work, as well as the connection to the vibrancy of everything we paint.” www.frankeber.com

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: www.SierraWatercolorSociety.com WORKSHOP QUESTIONS: swwworkshops@gmail.com

VALERIE P. COHEN SHOW

Next summer, Valerie P. Cohen (CWA, SDWS) will have a show at the USFS Schulman Grove Visitor Center, in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, in California's White Mountains.

She will exhibit watercolors (and a few inks) of that range and the Great Basin.

Valerie P. Cohen

VALERIEPCOHEN.COM

215 Lindley Way

Reno, NV 89509-3724

(775) 828-4283



“White Mountain, Geologic Chaos,” by Valerie P. Cohen
India Ink on Arches 300lb., 18”x30”

MORE NEWS FROM THE BOARD

NEXT BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2022
Starts at 9:30 am
Artists Co-Op Gallery of Reno
627 Mill Street, Reno, NV
All are welcome

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

March 12, 2022
Social time starts at 10:00 am followed by the General Meeting at 10:30 am. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon. The Free Demo by Lori Bishop is open to the public and starts at 1:00 pm. Meetings are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.

<u>Officers, 2022:</u>	
President	Ronnie Rector, 1 year
Vice President	Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson
Treasurer	Anette Rink, 1 year
Secretary	Vickie Behrens
Past Pres./Advisor	Diane Sewell
<u>Committee Chairs:</u>	
Archivist	Vicki Behrens
Art Angels	Nancy Podewils-Baba, Linda James
Biographer	Linda Parisi
Challenges	Judy Berland, Vicki Curwen

Community Outreach	Nancy Podewils-Baba
DVD Library	Bess Inouye, Sandy Retter
Exhibits Coordinator	Marjee Smith
Facebook/Instagram	Handled via Website
Hospitality	Fran Johnson, Ann Simons, Marilyn Howell
Membership	Sally DuPre, Lynn Schmidt
Newsletter	Maria Hatjopoulos
Publicity	Nancy Podewils-Baba
Website	Julene Hunter

MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Sally Dupre. Be sure to send any address, phone and/or email changes to Membership Chair SALLY DUPRE at: sdupre728@gmail.com or 775-232-8362.

MESSAGE FROM NEWSLETTER CHAIR - Send items for the May/June 2022 newsletter to mariahatjopoulos@gmail.com by April 20, 2022.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2022

All membership renewals and new applications need to be submitted online! Just mailing a check does not automatically renew your membership!

MEMBERS - Information for Members can be found on the MEMBERSHIP page on our website. You can join or renew your membership with SWS, view the Bylaws and Standing Rules, enter and get information on exhibits, learn how long elected officers serve, and so much more.

TEACHING MEMBERS

Eileen Fuller (775) 233-4796
Eva Stramer Nichols (530) 414-1289
eileenfuller@sbcglobal.net
evanichols.com; beautyonlocation.com

Tricia Leonard (925) 640-1156

Coleen Reynolds (775) 461-0846
triciastudio.com; triciastudio@att.net
colleenreynoldsartist@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM OUR BIOGRAPHER - LINDA PARISI

1. As the new biographer, please send me updated biographies for our notebooks. Also, if you are a new member, please send me a bio so I can update. Remember that you must be current in your dues. I will purge the biographies at the end of March.
2. Spanish Springs show was great. Hope some of you were able to attend. They are very helpful the library and I would recommend you chatting with Bill if you are interested in being a part of the rotation. (I have a photo if you want)
3. Linda K. Parisi will be a guest at the Artist Co-Op of Reno during the month of April. Hope you can swing by and see some of my paintings. Thanks in advance

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHIVIST

SWS Archives: If any members have Exhibit postcards from previous years that they want to add to the Archives, please bring them to the next general meeting. Or if you have other SWS documents/flyers that you think we should add to our archive folders at Nevada Historical Society, please contact Vickie Behrens at: nana2ej@gmail.com

...AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS!

Canson, Inc.

www.cansonstudio.com



Chartpak, Inc.

www.chartpak.com

Cheap Joe's Art Stuff

www.cheapjoes.com

Creative Catalyst Productions

www.ccpvideos.com

Golden Artists Colors, Inc.

www.goldenpaints.com

Grafix Arts

www.grafixarts.com

Jack Richeson & Co., Inc.

www.richesonart.com

Judson's Plein Air Outfitters

www.guerrillapainter.com

M. Graham & Company

www.mgraham.com

MacPherson's Art

www.macphersonart.com

Martin/F. Weber Co.

www.weberart.com

Nevada Fine Arts

www.nvfinearts.com

Salis International

www.docmartins.com

Strathmore Artist Papers

www.strathmoreartist.com

Tara Materials

www.taramaterials.com

Tombow

www.tombowusa.com

Winsor & Newton; ColArt Americas, Inc.

www.winsornewton.com



www.JerrysArtarama.com



PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SPONSORS WHEN SHOPPING FOR ART SUPPLIES!



Sierra Watercolor Society
P. O. Box 70564
Reno, NV 89570
www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
3/9-11, 2022	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Don Andrews	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
3/12/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Don Andrews	Ronnie Rector, President
4/9/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Ronnie Rector, President
5/10-13, 2022	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Soon Warren	Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
5/14/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Soon Warren	Ronnie Rector, President
6/24-26, 2022	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Member Artist Workshop by Lori Bishop	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
7/9/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Ronnie Rector, President
8/17-19, 2022	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Keiko Tanabe	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
8/20/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Keiko Tanabe	Ronnie Rector, President
9/10/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Ronnie Rector, President
10/18-21, 2022	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Frank Eber	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
10/22/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Frank Eber	Ronnie Rector, President
11/12/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Dec 2022 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon Chair
		Ronnie Rector, President	Holiday Brunch