

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
May 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Temple Sinai, Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President at 10:37 a.m.

Members in Attendance: 33

Introduction of new members, guests:

No new members present

Guest: Greg Clark

Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2022, General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

No additions or corrections. Motion to Approve: Nancy Podewils-Baba; Seconded by: Jean Hare. All in favor of approving the minutes as emailed, none opposed. Minutes of the March 12, 2022, General Meeting are approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink, Treasurer

Anette reported that we are holding steady financially, with a positive outlook.

February Treasurer's report approved at the April 9, 2022, Board Meeting. March and April 2022 Treasurer's report emailed with Agenda, provided for members' information. These reports will be approved at the July 9 Board meeting. Please forward any comments to the Board for discussion.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein, Co-Vice President, Anita Watson (absent)

Announcements:

Eliminating the 4-day workshops based on suggestions from workshop: This will also keep the workshops affordable. The Board agreed to eliminate 4-day workshops.

2022 Workshops

- Joseph Cibere, May 18-20, Demo on May 21
There were 18 participants. Thirteen evaluations were completed, and all feedback was positive. Participants reported that the workshop was entertaining and fun.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, cancelled.
- Keiko Tanabe, "No Fear Approach to Watercolor", August 17-19, Demo August 20, 1:00 p.m.
Registration is now open. 22 sign-ups to date. Member rate: \$245; non-member \$305. In response to a question from a member, this workshop will not include a plein air outing.
- Frank Eber, "Beyond Technique: Finding Individual Expression". October 19-21 (changed from 4days to 3), Demo October 22, 1:00 p.m. Registration opens July 3. Member rate: \$260; nonmember \$320. Participation is limited to 18.

2023 Workshops

- January, Demo Only, Breanne Craig
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25 (Currently discussing with artist a change from 4 days to 3)

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- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13
- Lisa Jefferson, Member Artist Month, June 22-24, 2023
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 3-6, Demo October 7

Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian (absent)

In Bess's absence, Sandy Retter is available to assist with the library.

Biographer: Linda Parisi

Linda reported that she is in the process of updating the biography books. She requested that if members have updated biographies or photos, please send to her in Word or Jpeg format, so they can be easily downloaded and printed. Or you may print your biography and drop it off at the Artist Co-op, and she will collect them there.

Membership: Sally DuPre, Membership Chair

Number of Members registered to date: 124

Name tags available: 3

Newsletter: Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair

The May/June Newsletter is posted on the SWS website.

Maria asked that newsletter items for the next newsletter be submitted by June 20, and reminded everyone when submitting items by email, note "SWS Newsletter" in the email subject line.

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

2022 Reports:

- March 31, Lois Allen Elementary, Sun Valley, 2nd grade class of 30. Instructor: Nancy Podewils-Baba. Assistants: Vickie Behrens, Graciella Mancini, and Laurel Sweigart.
- April 22, 28, 12:00-3:30 p.m. Peavine Elementary School. Two 5th grade classes. Instructor: Nancy Podewils-Baba. Assistants: Vickie Behrens, Graciella Mancini, and Anita Watson.
- May 2, 12:00-3 p.m. Jesse Hall Elementary, 3rd Grade. Instructor: Nancy Podewils-Baba. Assistants: Vickie Behrens, Graciella Mancini, and Linda James
- Saturday May 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Boys and Girls Club was completed with 18 children participating. Thanks to instructors: Alicia Cobb, Linda James, and Marilyn Kuenzli-Howell; and assistants: Vickie Behrens, Gail Kramer, Calista Tate, George Baba, Nancy PodewilsBaba, Sherry Klingensmith and Chris Kjaer.
- May 13, 20 12:00-3 p.m. Jesse Hill Elementary, 3rd Grade. Instructors Nancy Podewils-Baba and Linda James. Assistants: Linda James; Vickie Behrens and Graciella Mancini.

2022 classroom visits – volunteers needed:

- May 25, 11:00 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Caughlin Ranch Elementary, Kindergarten
- June 2, 1:30 p.m. Lois Allen Elementary

2022 Community Programs – Volunteers needed:

- Artown Workshops, Wilbur May, July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; 12:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; This workshop is currently publicized on the Artown 2022 website.
- Saturday, December 10, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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Exhibits: Marjee Smith (absent) Ronnie Rector, President

McKinley Gallery (East), "Promise of Spring," February 7 through April 1, 2022,

The award for People's Choice is a tie! Ronnie Rector for "Whale Watchers" and Jean Hare for "Aspens".

Artown Exhibit, Wilbur D. May Museum, "Art Matters." July 6 through August 9. Registration closes June 24.

Take-in Tuesday, July 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down, Wednesday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Co-chairs are Gail Kramer and Nancy Podewils-Baba. In addition to complying with SWS Standing Rules, the following apply: up to two framed, waxed or varnished and 4 bin art of any age in good condition; paintings may not have been entered in more than 1 previous show; 12 x 16 minimum size encouraged; maximum size is full-sheet; no more than one full-sized sheet painting, \$10 entry fee; and registration must be completed on-line. Volunteers are needed.

Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, "In the Limelight," October 17 through November 29. Judge:

Frank Eber, Take-in October 2 (*note date change*); Take-down November 30. Co-chairs so far are Judy Welsh, Michelle Hall, Tricia Leonard and Virginia McLaughlin. Hope Thompson is at work soliciting prizes. The Artist reception date is pending.

Winter Exhibit, "A Time for Challenges," November 9 through December 11, Wilbur D. May Museum, Take-in

November 8 (*note date change*); Take-down December 14. Co-Chairs Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels. *Note the Exhibit title change, in honor of Judy Berland. One wall of this exhibit is hoped to be paintings completed for her challenges through the years.*

Other Exhibits:

- Reno Tahoe International Art Show, September 8-11 (during the Reno Balloon Races), Reno Sparks Convention Center, website RTIASHOW.com. This event will showcase local artists and bespoke furnishings. SWS and Latimer were invited to participate, as well as Sierra Arts, Indigenous Peoples, and UNR's art department. There is no cost to these groups to participate. To date 20 SWS members have submitted paintings which can be seen on the website. For this show, each member can enter 2 paintings. Full sheet and half sheet paintings are encouraged. No age limit on the paintings. Take-in and take-down dates are pending. We will need sitters for the weekend.
- May Arboretum Paint-Out Amongst the Perennials: Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Register online; 3 categories – students, non-competitive, competitive. Judges are being signed up (we have James Gayles and possibly Craig Mitchell and Kris Vagner), a "wet painting" sale, live music, and we are hoping for a couple food trucks, too. Ronnie Rector is part of the planning committee.

Challenges: Judy Berland

The Board voted to increase the prizes for the challenges: 1st Place = \$30; 2nd Place = \$20; 3rd Place = \$10.

Today's General Meeting Challenge. "Signs"

1st Place: Joycette Dapra

2nd Place: Ronnie Rector

3rd Place: Vickie Behrens

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August 20 Challenge: "Piece of the Pie". A Close up of an object that belongs to a bigger picture. Such as a painting of KEYS as part of the lock, the LOCK as part of a door. Or the subject can be attached to nature, such as CLOUDS as part of the sky; flower petals, leaves or stems as part of the flower or plant. Portraits in profile will be accepted.

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

General Meeting Calendar: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m.
August 20, October 22, December 3 (Holiday Party and Silent Auction)

Other Discussions/Announcements:

As most of you are aware, member Donna Chouteau passed away last October from COVID. Member Vicki Curwen met recently with a friend of Donna's, to retrieve a lot of painting supplies she had. These are available at today's General Meeting and offered for sale/donations to Art Angels. We will not be putting prices on any of the items, just asking that you make a sincere donation to SWS for whatever items you can use such as, paints, paper, brushes, mat boards, frames. Our Treasurer, Anette Rink, took in the donations and encouraged members to consider the reasonable value.

Nancy Podewils-Baba announced that Joseph Cibere donated an original painting for the Art Angels Silent Auction.

Anette Rink announced the 2nd Annual Watercolor Plein Air event in Carson City, September 15-18. Registration is open, the deadline to register is July 1. This is a juried watercolor competition and charitable fundraiser event. Flyers are available at the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Linda Halicki.

Respectfully submitted: Vickie Behrens

Approved: August 20, 2022