

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2022, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artist Co-op, 627 Mill Street, Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President, at 10:30 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large: Ronnie Rector, Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Vickie Behrens, Diane Sewell, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Bess Inouye, Marjee Smith, and Maria Hatjopoulos.

Minutes from the April 9, 2022, Board Meeting Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes emailed with the agenda. Jenny Amrhein made a motion to approve; seconded by Diane Sewell. All voted in favor to approve, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report for March, April, and May: Anette Rink, Treasurer (absent)

Jenny Amrhein made a motion to approve the March, April and May Treasurer's reports as emailed with the agenda; seconded by Maria Hatjopoulos. All voted to approve, none opposed.

2022 Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

- Keiko Tanabe, "No Fear Approach to Watercolor", August 17-19, Demo August 20, 1:00 p.m. General Meeting. Registration is now open. Twenty-one sign-ups to date; we need 23 to break even. Member rate: \$245; non-member \$305. In response to a question at the last general meeting, this workshop will not include Plein-air.
- Frank Eber, "Beyond Technique: Finding Individual Expression". October 19-21 (changed from 4-days to 3), Demo October 22, 1:00 p.m. Registration opened July 3. Member rate: \$260; non-member \$320. Participation is limited to 18.

2023 Workshop Discussion

- Breanne Craig, January, Demo Only
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25, 2023.
 - Currently discussing with artist:
 - change from 4 days to 3
 - Artist's requested pricing at \$460 each for 16 to 24 students and additional \$30 for additional students. This item will be reviewed and discussed at future meetings.
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13. This artist has indicated a preference to stay with a member vs. Hotel.
- 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

Bess reported that the library currently has an overabundance of books, 115 currently. The Board discussed making some of these books available for sale to members at future meetings.

Biographer: Linda Parisi (absent)

Membership: Sally DuPre (absent)

Ronnie reported two new members were recently added to the roster.

Newsletter: Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair

July/August Newsletter: Item deadline was June 20. Marie reported that the draft was emailed today for review.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba

2022 Programs completed:

- Spanish Springs Elementary, Sparks: February 10,17, 24.
- Lois Allen Elementary, Sun Valley: March 31, June 2.
- Peavine Elementary, Reno: April 22, 28,
- Jesse Hall Elementary, Sparks: May 2, 13, 20
- Caughlin Ranch Elementary, Reno: May 25
- Spring Community Children's Workshop, Boys and Girls Club: May 7
 - There were 15 participants. Instructors were Linda James, Alicia Cobb, and Marilyn Kuenzli-Howell.
- Artown, Wilbur D. May, July 1
 - There were 27 participants in the morning session and 25 in the afternoon. Instructors were Nancy Podewils-Baba, Vickie Behrens, Linda James, Virginia McLaughlin, and Maryanne Quaglieri.
 - \$250 received from Artown and \$77 in donations and raffle.

Upcoming Programs:

- Children's' Workshop - Winter, Wilbur D. May, December 10, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Peavine Elementary and Lois Allen Elementary School scheduled for November/December 2022 and April 2023.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith

2022 Exhibits:

Artown Exhibit, Wilbur D. May Museum, "Art Matters." July 6 through August 9. Co-chairs: Gail Kramer and Nancy Podewils-Baba. Take-in was July 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-down is August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There were 27 participants and 47 paintings hung by Eileen Fuller's crew. The reception is Saturday, July 16, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, "In the Limelight," October 16 through November 29. Judge: Frank Eber, Take-in October 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down November 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Co-chairs are July Welsh, Michelle Hall, Tricia Leonard, and Virginia McLaughlin. Hope Thompson is currently 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; Take-down December 14. Co-Chairs are Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels. One wall will be hung with Challenge paintings, honoring July Berland.

2023 Exhibits:

February/March Exhibit, Sparks Library, January 30 through March 30, Take-in January 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Take-down is April 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May Exhibit, May 10 through June 11, Judge: Betty Carr, Take-in May 9; Take-down June 14, 11 a.m. to 1 pm.

Nancy volunteered to contact Reno Public Market for an exhibit venue in 2023.

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. Twenty SWS members submitted paintings in time to be seen on the website. For this show, each member can enter up to 3 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. Ronnie recently emailed registration forms to participants for completion.

Challenges:

August 20, General Meeting 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 a 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.

Irene McEachen has acquired all of Judy's artwork and the list of Challenges July had planned.

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

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

Announcements:

A celebration of life is planned for Larry Jacox July 16, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Artist Co-op. Please bring drinks or food to share.

Motion to Adjourn:

Anita Watson made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 10:20 a.m. seconded by Bess Inouye.

Approved: November 12, 2022