

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 22, 2022
Temple Sinai, Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President, at 10:39 am

Members in Attendance: 24

Introduction of new members, guests:

Nancy Podewils-Baba introduced her two guests, Sophie Ralston and Julie Wong. Newest member James Gales was present.

Minutes from the August 20, 2022, General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary – not present.

No additions or corrections. Motion to approve: Eileen Fuller. Seconded by Jean Hare. All in favor of approving the Minutes as emailed with the agenda, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink, Treasurer – Not present.

The August and September Treasurer's Reports were emailed with the agenda and are provided for the member's information. These reports will be reviewed and approved at the November 12, 2022 Board Meeting.

Board Nominations for 2023:

Former President Kay Tietz nominated Ronnie Rector to serve as President for two more years. There were no other nominations. Ronnie accepted to unanimous approval.

All of the SWS Board Members have graciously accepted another year in their respective Board positions. Thank you all! Anette Rink, Vickie Behrens and Sally DuPre will be continuing as Treasurer, Secretary and Membership Chair, respectively, through 2023. Bess Inouye, Librarian, and Fran Johnson, Hospitality, also accepted continuation in their positions.

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

- Frank Eber, "Beyond Technique: Finding Individual Expression". October 19-21
Workshop Report: Attendees thought the workshop was excellent with each student receiving ample attention and positive critique. Eber's demo will begin at 1:00.

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- Breanne Craig, Member Demo, January 14 "Pet Portraits"
Breanne will be painting a portrait of a SWS member's pet. Send pet photos to Ronnie's email by October 29, 2022, for consideration. Breanne will select one for a close-up front facing image of a pet.
- Soon Warren, "Painting Vibrant Watercolors," March 22-24, Demo March 25, 2023
- 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 4-6, Demo October 7

Jennifer and Anita asked members to suggest guest artists for 2024.

Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

Bess brought dozens of books to sell, with proceeds to benefit Art Angels. Books will be for sale at each General Meeting. There were no prices and members were to donate for the books they took.

Bess reported that we have 150 DVD and two new DVD's (A Semi-Abstract Landscape by Sterling Edwards and Mastering Yupo, Techniques for Synthetic Paper by George James) and 2 new books (The Encyclopedia of Watercolor Landscapes by Hazel Soan and Watercolor Workshop Handbook by Robert Wade) were donated by Anette Rink and Linda Halicki.

The lists of books and DVD's are available on-line and you can make a request through the Library portal on the SWS website or email Bess directly at www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com/library.

Also, dozens of Judy Berland's matted paintings were for sale, with proceeds to benefit Art Angels.

Biographer: Linda Parisi.

No report. Email new or updated biographies to Linda.

Membership: Sally DuPre

Sally reported 139 registered members, 24 members present today, and 2 guests in attendance. All members must re-register online for the 2023 membership year.

Newsletter: Linda Halicki

Former Vice President Linda Halicki volunteered to take the Newsletter Chair position.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Upcoming Programs:

- Children's Workshop - Wilbur D. May, December 10, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Caughlin Ranch Elementary (4 classes); Peavine Elementary (2 classes); Spanish Springs Elementary (3 classes) and Lois Allen Elementary School.

Nancy said she needs helpers for most of the upcoming programs, and passed around a sign-up sheet. Nancy also requested donations for the Annual Art Angels Silent Auction, to be held at the December 3 potluck. Framed or matted and in cellophane sleeve, starting bid at one-third of their value. The donated paintings will be on display at Wilbur May and volunteers are needed to sign up to sit at the museum and to sell tickets for chances to win paintings donated by our guest artists.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith

The search is on for a new Exhibit Coordinator for 2023-2024. This person reaches out to the various venues in town to schedule our exhibits and assists exhibit chairs as needed. Marjee has all exhibits scheduled for 2023, so the new Coordinator be looking for exhibit venues starting in 2024. Marjee will be able to pass along her contacts and suggestions. This job requires a car and some storage of supplies.

2022 Exhibits:

- Fall Judged Exhibit, Sparks Heritage Museum, "In the Limelight" October 17 through November 29. Judge: Frank Eber. Take-down November 30, 11 to 1. Exhibit Co-Chairs Judy Welsh and Michelle Hall. Reception October 27, 3-5.

- Winter Exhibit, “A Time for Challenges,” November 9 through December 11, Wilbur D. May Museum, Take-in November 6, 11 am to 1 pm. Take Down December 14, 11 to 1. Registration opens October 17 and closed midnight Wednesday, November 2. Exhibit Co-Chairs Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels. One wall will hang with Challenge paintings, honoring Judy Berland.

We need a chair to manage the SWS Holiday Potluck, December 3, 10-12, Wilbur D. May. Some supplies are stored at Marjee’s home.

- Reno Tahoe International Art Show, September 8-11. 89 paintings were hung, with 6 sold. RTIA did not offer us the same display space in 2023.

2023 Exhibits:

- February/March Exhibit, Sparks Library, January 30 to March 30. Take in January 29, 10 am to 2 pm. Exhibit Chair: Nancy Podewils-Baba.
- May Judged Exhibit, May 10 through June 11, Location to be announced. Judge Betty Carr, Take in May 9, Take down June 14, 11 am to 1 pm.
- July Artown Exhibit 2023 – The new “Art Collaborative” at Reno Public Market, Plumb Lane, will host the SWS Artown 2023 exhibit. Thank you, Kathy Dudley.

Challenges: Graciela Mancini, James Gayles and Vickie Curwen

General Meeting Challenge, today “Opposites Attract”, vote for one.

Today’s winners were:

- 1st place Vickie Behrens
- 2nd place: Linda James
- 3rd place: Sherry Klingensmith

January 14, 2023 General Meeting Challenge: “Splatter Watercolor Technique.” Experiment with splatter painting using a flick of brush, toothbrush, eye dropper, spritz bottle over any background. James Gayles has some samples on his website. Julie Gilbert Pollard uses a splatter technique in her videos. Graciela implored the members to “DO IT! Watercolor is all about constantly learning!”

Board Meeting Calendar, 2022: November 12, 2023, 9:30-11 am at Reno Artist Co-op.

General Meeting Calendar: December 3, 2022 Wilbur May Museum Holiday Party. 2023 dates are January 14, March 25, May 13, August 19 and October 7.

Announcements: Eileen Fuller announced that the Latimer Art Club’s 15th Annual Miniature show is being hosted by the Artist Co-op of Reno (ACR) until November 6. Come vote for your favorite and maybe take home a mini by an artist friend.

The Holiday Show at Artist Co-op open November 13 through December 30. Two receptions, November 13 and December 11. Donations of art supplies are being accepted for the sale in January, proceeds to benefit the Co-op building fund.

The February show will be “Nevada Landscapes”. If you’re on the email list, you’ll be invited to enter that show.

Ralph and Cherlyn Bennett are retiring from the Artist Co-op after 35 years. New member artists, an acrylic painter, a pastel artist and a photographer were selected. If you haven’t done so before,

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please apply to be a guest artist for a month in 2023. Eileen will continue to be president at ACR for another year.

A teacher with WCSD has a 25 pack of Arches 140 pound for sale \$250 (\$400 retail). He also has 2 giant rolls, 51 inches by 10 yards each, of Arches 140 pound for sale for \$150 each (retail \$260). See Eileen for contact info.

Kathryn Dudley spoke about the new Reno Public Market (RPM), at the corner of Plumb and Virginia, which will have a 'soft opening' soon. The gallery, called "Makers Paradise," is 1,000 square feet, with several options for dining in the same building. She added that the gallery team there is very excited about having Sierra Watercolor Society hold our exhibits and meetings there. Eileen Fuller asked about allowing Latimer there, as well. Board needs to check to see if we have a contract with the Temple and how that will affect our future location. The RPM is also looking for artists for an exhibit starting the Sunday after Thanksgiving and for a Veteran's event in early December. They anticipate a grand opening in January.

Motion to adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 by Vicki Curwen, seconded by Eileen Fuller. Meeting adjourned.

Approved: January 14, 2023