

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

January 14, 2023, 11 a.m.
Reno Public Market, 2nd Floor, Reno

Call to Order: Anita Watson, Co- Vice President, at 11:08 a.m.

Members in Attendance: 41

Introduction of new members, guests:

New Members: Taylor Craig, Stephanie McGee

Guest: Jeani Quinlan

Installation of 2023 Officers, Kay Tietz, Nomination Committee and past President

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

Outgoing Chairs: Kay Tietz

Out-going chairs were acknowledged and thanked:

- Maria Hatjopoulos, Newsletter Chair
- Linda Parisi, Biographer
- Marjee Smith, Exhibit Coordinator
- Exhibit Chairs Ronnie Rector, Gail Kramer, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Judy Welsh, Michelle Hall, Tricia Leonard, Ginny McLaughlin, Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels.
- Holiday Party Committee: Gail Kramer, Ginny McLaughlin and Marjee Smith.

Returning and New Committee Chairs:

- Nancy Podewils-Baba, Art Angels, Publicity and Outreach (absent)
- Linda James, Art Angels, Assistant
- Graciela Mancini and James Gayles, Challenges
- Bess Inouye, Librarian
- Sandy Retter, Library Assistant
- Fran Johnson, Hospitality
- Sally DuPre, Membership
- Lynn Schmidt, Membership Assistant
- Linda Halicki, Newsletter Chair
- Website, Julene Hunter
- Vickie Behrens, Archivist
- Sharon Reed, Exhibit Coordinator
- Kathryn Dudley, Scholarship Chair

Open Chair Positions:

- Biographer

Welcome to New Meeting venue – Reno Public Market

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Kathryn Dudley welcomed SWS to the new Reno Public Market and spoke about her family's history of the property as well as described our new meeting and workshop home. SWS will be one of the first groups to use this space.

Maker's Paradise representative, Larry Silva introduced his partner Tom Franco and welcomed SWS and offered a few words regarding our new space and art-related events. They are looking forward to developing and managing art events, as well as offering training programs for artists.

Today's Survey – Challenges

Graciela spoke to the members about her intent to survey the membership for suggestions to increase interest and participation in the General Meeting Painting Challenges. Apparently, some members may be intimidated by the "contest" part of the challenges. Graciela will discuss her findings at the next meeting.

Minutes from the October 22, 2022 General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Minutes were emailed with the agenda. Kathryn Dudley made a motion to approve as emailed, seconded by Tracy Poulos Leonard. All voted to approve, none opposed.

Treasurer's Reports: Anette Rink, Treasurer
October through December 2022 Treasurer's Reports were emailed with the agenda for the member's information. These were reviewed at this morning's Board meeting and approved as submitted.

2023 Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

- Breanne Craig, Member Demo, January 14, "Pet Portraits"
- 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

Lisa Jefferson briefly described the subject of her workshop as realism in Landscape with emphasis on masking, painting water, rocks, and trees.

2024 Workshops and Demonstrations:

Brenda Swenson – August
David Smith – October
Kate Aubrey – pending.

Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

Due to weather conditions and the locations of today's meeting, books and DVDs were not available today. Materials will be available at the March General Meeting. All materials are available online. We have 150 DVDs and 83 books including two new DVDs by Joseph Zbukvic. The book sale has been rescheduled for the May General Meeting.

Biographer: Vacant

This position is open. Volunteers are encouraged to fill this opening.

Membership: Sally DuPre

To date, 72 members are registered; 39 members signed in at today's meeting.

Newsletter: Linda Halicki

Linda reported that she has received feedback from several members with ideas for future newsletters.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba (absent) Linda James

Linda James announced that she has the sign-up sheets for Art Angels and the Sparks Library Exhibit. Thanks to all Art Angels volunteers! Upcoming school programs are at Spanish Springs, Peavine and Lois Allen Elementary schools.

The Silent Auction raised \$620 in raffle sales and \$720 in painting donations.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith, Sharon Reed

Marjee Smith introduced the new Exhibit Coordinator, Sharon Reed, and took a few minutes to recruit volunteers for 2023 Exhibit Chairs.

2022 Exhibits:

- CLOSED - Winter Exhibit, "A Time for Challenges," November 9 through December 11, Wilbur D. May Museum, Co-Chairs were Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels. People's Choice – Reid Sewell's "Liberty Bell Mountain."

2023 Exhibits:

- January 19 through February 28, Reno Public Market Gallery, "Watercolor Expressions", Take-in January 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down February 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration closes January 12. Kathryn Dudley, Exhibit Chair.
- February/March Exhibit, Sparks Library, "Transitions," 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. Registration deadline is February 1, 2023. Exhibit Chair: Nancy Podewils-Baba
- May Exhibit, May 10 through June 11, Location to be announced. Judge: Betty Carr, Take-in May 9; Take-down June 14, 11 a.m. to 1 pm. Need an Exhibit Chair or this exhibit will not happen.
- July Artown Exhibit 2023– Kathryn Dudley let us know that the new "Art Collaborative" at the Reno Public Market, Plumb Lane, is delighted to host the SWS exhibit during Artown 2023. Need an Exhibit Chair or this exhibit will not happen.

Challenges: Graciela Mancini and James Gayles

General Meeting Challenge: "Splatter Painting."

- 1st Place: Judy Welsh
- 2nd Place: Marjee Smith
- 3rd Place: Kay Tietz

March Challenge Discussion:

"Paint a white object."

For this challenge, pick any white object you like and experiment with different ways to depict it.

Per our Challenge co-chairs, Graciela Mancini and James Gayles: "Since watercolor paper is usually white, it requires some tricks to give the illusion of volume to the object. A white flower, a white tablecloth, a white vase or cup. Anything that's white. You will find that when you paint it, there's color in the shadows and highlights." So, grab that white paper and start defining the subtleties of form, shape, values and WHITE!

She reviewed notes from Artists with the goal of finding out how watercolorists paint white objects. White is the hardest color to express, therefore it is necessary to use the color of the paper to represent it. Some points to consider:

- In nature, true white is suffused with reflection and shadow.
- A white object picks up subtle shades from around it, green from foliage, blue from sky, etc.
- Placing a white object against a dark background.

Meeting Calendar, 2023: March 25, May 13, August 19, and October 7. Board meeting at 10; General meeting at 11; demo at 1.

Announcements:

Door prizes winners are Graciella Mancini, Sally DuPre, Laurel Sweigart.
Lynn Schmidt announced that the sign-up sheet to order badges is available.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 11:51 a.m. by Diane Sewell, seconded by Tricia Poulos Leonard.

Approved Date: March 25, 2023