

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 7, 2023, 9:45 a.m.

Maker's Paradise, 299 E. Plumb, Ste., 155, Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President at 9:50 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large: Ronnie Rector, Jennifer Amrhein, Anita Watson, Anette Rink, Diane Sewell, Nancy Podewils-Baba, Bess Inouye, Sharon Reed, Sally DuPre, Graciela Mancini and Linda Halicki

Minutes from the August 19, 2023, Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary Minutes emailed with the agenda. Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve; seconded by Diane Sewell, none opposed.

Treasurer's Reports: Anette Rink, Treasurer

The August and September Treasurer's Reports were emailed with the agenda for the member's information.

Linda Halicki inquired about the \$1,710.25 in bank charges which was stated on the January-September, 2023 Profit and Loss statement. Anette explained that it was the cost of doing business through Square.

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve; seconded by Bess Inouye, none opposed.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents Jennifer and Anita will be completing the Vice-President term at the end of this year.

13 registered for the Sterling Edwards workshop. It was a great workshop - informative and educational. Sterling is a wonderful instructor.

2024

- Donna Jeanne Koepp (White Wolf Studio, Gouache), Demo: January 20
- Iain Stewart, March 6 – 8, Demo: March 9
- Jeannie Vodden, May 8 – 10, Demo: May 11
- Lisa Jefferson, Member Artist, June 20 – 22.
- Brenda Swenson, August 14 – 16, Demo August 17
- David R. Smith, October 16 – 18, Demo: October 19

2025

No bookings yet, however Keiko Tanabe has expressed an interest in conducting a workshop in August 2025. Dongfeng Li is interested in doing a workshop. Anita will contact him about a date in 2025.

Proposed Changes to the SWS Bylaws:

Per Article VI: Amendments, our "...Bylaws may be revised upon ten (10) days written notice prior to any general membership meeting. Majority vote of members present is needed to pass any revision or amendment."

Proposed bylaw changes are included in today's General Meeting agenda. Ronnie will be sending out a membership email for the voting.

Scholarship Program: Kathryn Dudley (absent)

Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

The August general meeting book sale was a success, with 50 books sold!

Biographer: Vacant

Membership: Sally DuPre

137 members. November 1st will be the start of the 2024 membership drive.

Newsletter: Linda Halicki

November/December is the upcoming issue, with an October 20th submission deadline.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba **Classroom**

visits:

Three more classes have been scheduled for the 2023-24 school year at Spanish Springs Elementary in February 2024. Helpers are still needed at the December 4, 11, and 18, 12:30-3:30 p.m. visits to Poulakidas Elementary. **Children's Workshops:**

The next children's workshop will be held on December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Wilbur May Museum. Although five helpers and five instructors have signed up, more Instructors and helpers are needed. Nancy will take workshop flyers to the Poulakidas classes, Wilbur May Museum, other schools, libraries, Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Silent Auction and Raffle:

This year's event will be held December 2-9, at the Wilbur May Museum. On opening day Nancy will bring the raffle paintings donated by our workshop artists, as well as Judy Berland's remaining paintings to be "sold" for an Art Angels donation. People who want to donate a painting or two for the silent auction can bring them to the Winter Exhibit entry day, November 19, or early December 2 (preferably by 9:30am) at the SWS brunch.

Encore of the "Community Perspectives" exhibit and commissioned music performance: October 23rd, 7:00 p.m., Reno Little Theater

RLT has agreed to host this event and allow SWS to hang the artwork from the Artown exhibit (whatever has not been sold or committed to another exhibit) at no charge (vs. their usual fee of \$850). The event will be free, with donations accepted - donations will be split between SWS and RLT. The artwork will be on display (and available for sale) in their lobby and hallway for several days, being hung either October 16th, October 22, or October 23, depending on whether their current production is extended. Monica Houghton has arranged for Steinway Galleries to deliver a baby grand piano, and the musicians will play "our" commissioned piece, "Let's Hope" plus four of Monica's other original compositions. Nevada Arts Council did accept the SWS grant, and we should find out about the reimbursement amount and receive money shortly. Nancy created a flyer, with the help of her friend Norm Lamont, and will disseminate it to several arts locations, as well as the 60th Anniversary Celebration of KUNR, to be held on October 10 at RLT. She has also created a program and evaluation form to be used on October 23. **Publicity:**

Nancy continues to share information about SWS at monthly Reno Arts Consortium meetings. She also sends notices of our events to KUNR, Double Scoop and Reno Arts News, as well as posts them on her Facebook page. Recently Nancy joined Ronnie Rector to represent SWS at the Double Scoop Art Fest.

All Art Angels volunteer sign-up sheets and silent auction/raffle shift sign-up sheets will be available at the general meeting.

Social Media Publicity: Carolyn Runnels (absent)

Exhibits: Sharon Reed

Ongoing and Future Exhibits:

The winter show exhibit postcards are now available for distribution.

Sharon has contacted the Incline Village library for a possible exhibit. There is a slot in January of 2025, but a summer date would be more feasible for members.

2023.

- An Encore of “Let’s Hope” music will be at Reno Little Theater on Monday, October 23rd, at 7 p.m. and SWS paintings will be displayed.
- Winter Exhibit, November 22, 2023 through January 3, 2024, “Art to Light Up Your Life” Wilbur May Museum
Take-in Sunday, November 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down Thursday, January 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Registration deadline is November 12. Reception during Holiday Brunch on December 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Chairs: Diane and Reid Sewell and Marjee Smith.

2024

- McKinley East Gallery, February 19 through April 12, 2024
Take-in Thursday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (McKinley staff to do all hanging and takedown). Artists to pick up work on Tuesday, April 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is February 1. The reception is Thursday, March 7, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. *Chairperson needed.*
- Washoe Public Library, 301 South Center St., Reno, May 6 through June 21
Take-in Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Take-down Sunday, June 23. Registration deadline is April 28. Reception date to be determined. *Chairperson needed.*
- Reno Public Market – Maker’s Paradise, Artown Exhibit, July 1 through July 31,
- Take-in Sunday June 30; Take-down Thursday, August 1. Reception is Saturday, July 20, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration deadline is June 23. *Chairperson needed.*
- Fall Exhibit, Wilbur May Museum, Tentative dates: September 1 - 29 *Chairperson needed.*
- Winter Exhibit, Wilbur May Museum, Tentative dates: December 2024 – January 2025 *Chairperson needed.*

Challenges: Graciela Mancini and James Gayles

October 7 General Meeting Challenge: “Nightscape”

January 20 General Meeting Challenge will be “The Value of Value Studies”. Members will need to bring two paintings - their value study, and the resulting artwork.

Meeting Calendar

2023: December 2 is the Holiday Brunch.

2024: January 20, March 9, May 11, August 17, October 19; December 7 will be the annual holiday party at the May Museum.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Halicki, substituting for Secretary Vickie Behrens.

Approved: January 20, 2024