

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 11:00 a.m.
Maker's Paradise, 299 E. Plumb, Reno**

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President at: 11:00 a.m.

Members in Attendance: 21

Door prizes:

Names drawn were Linda James and Graciela Mancini. Vicky Curwen will no longer be able to donate books from her personal library for door prizes - does anybody else have books to donate? Should we continue with door prizes?

Minutes from the August 19, 2023, General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes emailed with the agenda. Sally DuPre made a motion to approve as emailed; seconded by Anita Watson, none opposed.

Treasurer's Reports: Anette Rink, Treasurer

The August and September 2023 Treasurer Reports were emailed. These were reviewed and approved at today's Board meeting.

Bylaw Updates:

All members need to read the following suggested changes. Ronnie will be sending out a member email for voting.

Student Rate Membership Fee – Bylaw change:

SWS to provide up to 10 complimentary Juvenile memberships per year to ages 8 to 18 to encourage future watercolor artists; after one year students can continue by paying membership fees or requesting a sponsorship from a SWS member.

- Student rate shall be a 50% discounted membership fee.
- The official one-year free membership will begin November 1st, following the date the student signs up.
- After the first year, if the student cannot afford the 50% discounted membership rate, the student must make a request for continued SWS member sponsorship to the Board for approval.

Board Member Term of Office – Bylaw change:

Current By-Laws: *Article V, Section 2: Each officer shall serve from January 1 until December 31, He or she may not hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive years.* The Board discussed and agreed that members may hold the office for longer than 3 years and the by-laws should be changed to reflect no term limits.

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

- Sterling Edwards, October 4-6, Today's Demo.

2024

- Donna Jeanne Koepp, White Wolf Studio, Gouache. January Demo.
- 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

Library: Bess Inouye

The library had a successful book sale at our last meeting in August. We currently have 150 DVDs and 66 books. Nine of the books are newly acquired. Please go online for a listing of the DVDs and books to check their status. Email me if you'd like to place a DVD or book on hold.

Membership: Sally DuPre

137 members. 2024 membership registration begins November 1. All signups need to be done online.

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 were circulated at the meeting.

Exhibits: Sharon Reed

Ongoing and Future Exhibits:

The winter show exhibit postcards are now available for distribution.

Sharon 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 take-down). 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 pm. *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

Today’s Challenge: “Nightscares”

Today’s raffle winner was Laurel Sweigart

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.

Vicky Curwen will no longer be able to serve as a Challenge co-chair.

Scholarship Program: Kathryn Dudley (absent)

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.

Announcements:

Today’s Sterling Edwards demo will begin at 1 p.m.

Ronnie Rector

- October 4 through January 25, 2024, Capital City Arts Initiative presents artist James Gayles’ “Windows to the Soul” exhibit, located at the Carson City Courthouse Gallery.
- October 13-15 St. Mary’s Art Center will present “Godmonster of Indian Flats” events, to include movie showings, Godmonster art and more.

Eileen Fuller

- October 1 through November 5, the Artists Co-op Gallery of Reno presents Latimer Art Club’s annual miniature show. There was an impressive number of entry artists, and quite a few paintings have already sold.
- October 14th, 1-3pm, guest speaker Mark Hammon (owner of Neada Fine Arts) will present “Thoughts on being a Successful Artist” at the Moana Nursery Design Center, 1190 Moana Lane.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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

Approved: January 20, 2024