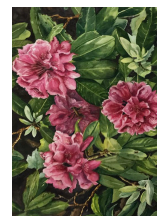




#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Board & General Meeting: March 25th  
 Next free public demo: March 25th  
 Next Exhibit: May 10th  
 Next Workshop: March 22-24

## March/April 2023



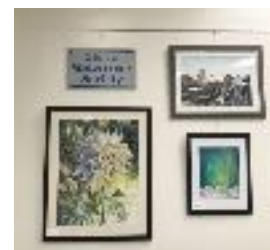
BANNER artist:  
 Kathryn Dudley "Summer Sweetness"

### EXHIBIT NEWS

#### SPARKS LIBRARY EXHIBIT: "TRANSITIONS"

Open daily

The Sparks Library exhibit opened on February 4, with 32 beautiful paintings by 18 members of SWS. Reid Sewell again served as "Compliance" checker, and Graciela Mancini and Anette Rink helped Nancy Podewils-Baba with artwork tagging. Eileen Fuller again took charge of hanging the exhibit, with excellent assistance from Anette. The exhibit covers two walls and an exhibit case. Take-down is Saturday, April 1, from 11-2.



### Coming up...

Spring Exhibit

**Wilbur May Museum, May 10th thru June 11th**

Judge: Betty Carr

Take-in May 9, 11-1; Take down June 14, 11-1

*Chairperson needed*

July Artown

Reno Public Market

*Chairperson needed*

Winter Exhibit

Wilbur May Museum

*Chairperson needed*



#### January's Watercolor Expressions exhibit



Diane Sewell  
 "Appaloosa Mom  
 and New Love"

Reid Sewell  
 "The Observers"

James Gayles  
 "Sea Turtle"



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - Ronnie Rector

I had the most amazing day yesterday (President's Day). I got together with one of the ladies I paint outside with and we went out to Virginia City. We've talked a few times about painting in the graveyard and that was the plan. When we arrived, it was still covered in snow, and where the snow had melted, there was lots of deep, sticky yellow mud. So we wandered the graveyard enjoying the quiet, the views, the sunshine and the "residents." We found one who had been born in Massachusetts, died in Bodie, was buried in Virginia City and his tombstone was made in Sacramento. Now there's a story!



Abandoning the idea of setting up our easels in the snow, we took several photos, then headed down Six Mile Canyon, where we found an incredible rock formation and decided "Here's our subject." We painted there by the side of the road, flanked by a burbling stream of treated effluent (it still sounded wonderful and looked pretty, considering its origins), and got to watch Lyon County firemen arrive just down the road from us in two blue EMT vehicles, disappear around the back side of the cliff we were painting, only to reappear minutes later at the very top ("You're messing with my composition!"), dark blue uniforms against bright blue sky.

The sun was out and it got to be in the 60's, which was incredibly welcome after all the snow and bitter cold of the last few weeks. We stayed there for a couple hours, then drove back through Carson City, stopping by what's left of the old Lompa Ranch for some photos of cattle, windmills, and old barns, and met up with one of the other ladies in time to share photos, stories and Chinese food.

You never know where the day will take you, but being with friends with the same interests can be such a spirit-mending experience. Here's hoping you, too, can get out and enjoy some friendship and beautiful weather!

Ronnie



January 14th demo  
by member Breanne  
Craig at Reno Public  
Market (temporary  
location)

January 14th general  
meeting at Reno  
Public Market  
(temporary location)



## Board Members

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## COMMITTEE CHAIR NEWS

**MEMBERSHIP** - Sally Dupre, [sdupre728@gmail.com](mailto:sdupre728@gmail.com) or (775) 232-8362

*SWS membership registration for 2023 is now available - ONLINE ONLY.*

**Important - to renew or signup, please go to the SWS website registration page, [sierrawatercolorsociety.com/membership-info.html](http://sierrawatercolorsociety.com/membership-info.html)**

Membership is still a mere \$35.00 for the entire year, and you may pay by check or credit card. After you complete the membership application, you will be sent an email confirmation. It might be a good idea to make a copy of this confirmation and store it in a file on your computer or take a picture of it and store it on your smart phone.



Recently there has been a flurry of new members joining (several rejoining):



Karolyn Bader  
Sandra Cath, Incline Village  
Taylor Craig, Reno (SWS youngest member)  
Dylan Doroskar-Thurman, Reno  
Patty Fox, Spring Creek  
Tracy Games, Reno  
Shirley Green, Auburn  
Connie Hanley, Reno  
Dyanne Howden, Reno  
Pamela Jones, Bishop

Shannon Kindle, Grass Valley  
Clara Lawson  
Stephanie McGee, Reno  
Jeani Quinlan, Reno  
Maureen Rector, Washoe Valley (no relation to Ronnie)  
Jinny Tomozy, Reno  
Marti Ryan, Reno  
Claudia Ward, Reno

**EXHIBITS** - Sharon Reed [smreedaz@gmail.com](mailto:smreedaz@gmail.com)

Please give a big “thank you” to our outgoing coordinator, Marjee Smith, and welcome incoming coordinator Sharon Reed!

**DVD/BOOK LIBRARY** - Bess Inouye, [binouye8@gmail.com](mailto:binouye8@gmail.com)

Currently we have 149 DVDs and 83 books. All DVDs and books will be brought to the March General Meeting for members to browse and check out. Next book sale will be during the May General Meeting, with donations going towards Art Angels. To view both DVD and book lists, please visit the online library, [sierrawatercolorsociety.com/library.html](http://sierrawatercolorsociety.com/library.html)

To place DVDs and/or books on HOLD please send an online website request or email Bess directly.

**NEWSLETTER** - Linda Halicki, [halickilinda@gmail.com](mailto:halickilinda@gmail.com)

Please send items for the May/June 2023 issue to Linda by **April 20th**. It's helpful to reference “SWS Newsletter” in the subject.

**PUBLICITY** - Nancy Podewils-Baba, [njpodewils@gmail.com](mailto:njpodewils@gmail.com) or (775) 343-8100

I sent information about our events to Newcomers, Double Scoop, KUNR, and the Reno Arts Consortium. I also ran radio messages about the Silent Auction & Raffle on KUNR, and posted messages on Facebook about our exhibits. But each of us is an ambassador for SWS, so spread the word about our wonderful group!



## COMMITTEE CHAIR NEWS, continued

**ART ANGELS** - Nancy Podewils-Baba, [njpodewils@gmail.com](mailto:njpodewils@gmail.com) or (775) 343-8100

We have resumed our classroom visits and have gone so far in 2023 to two 4th grade classes at Spanish Springs Elementary School: serving 28 students and 25 students, respectively. The teachers and students were very receptive, and the students created some beautiful artwork! Many thanks to Linda James (who instructed the first class) , Gail Kramer, Graciela Mancini, and Sherry Klingensmith for helping the students feel so special! We have the following classes scheduled for this Spring, with the number of needed helpers indicated:



Thank you note, Mrs. Gant's  
4th grade at Spanish  
Springs Elementary

- Thursday, March 9, 12-3:30 p.m. Poulakidas Elementary 5th grade  
9600 Mojave Sky Drive: (need 1 alternate)
- Friday, April 7, 12-3:30 p.m. Pouakidas Elementary 5th grade  
9600 Mojave Sky Drive (need one helper, one alternate)
- Friday, April 21, 12-3:30 p.m. Peavine Elementary 5th grade (have enough helpers! :)
- Friday, April 28, 12-3:30 p.m. Peavine Elementary 5th grade  
1601 Grandview Ave. (need one alternate)
- Tuesday, May 9, 12:45-3:30 p.m. Lois Allen Elem. 3rd grade  
5155 McGuffey Road, Sun Valley (need two helpers)
- Tuesday, May 16, 12:45-3:30 p.m. Lois Allen Elem. 3rd grade (need one alternate)
- Tuesday, May 23, 12:45-3:30 p.m. Lois Allen Elem. 3rd grade (need one alternate)
- Tuesday, May 30, 12:45-3:30 p.m. Lois Allen Elementary 3rd grade (have enough helpers! :)

Art Angels Spring Workshop will be held on Sunday, May 7th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center Street. We need **2 more instructors and five more helpers**, and will need you to arrive by 10:30 a.m. We will also be setting up that morning, starting about 9:15, and I can use **2-3 more people to help set up**.

Save the Date: The Artown Art Angels Workshop will be held on Friday, July 14th at the Wilbur D. May Museum. We will need instructors and helpers for both morning and afternoon sessions. Please call me at 775-343-8100 if you have questions or can help with any of the above activities. Thank you so much for your support of Art Angels and the children we serve!



Sample artwork from Caughlin Ranch Elementary

A note from Linda James: Please save new art supplies or items that look new which you aren't using for the Art Angels basket raffle. Items we have included in the past are pads of watercolor paper, watercolor paint sets, brushes, watercolor pencils, how to books, regular colored pencils, drawing pads, pencils and erasers. Bring them to a SWS meeting and Linda James will store them until Artown in July. Thank you!  
Linda

## UPCOMING 2023 WORKSHOP/DEMO ARTISTS



March - Soon Warren,  
[soonwarren.com](http://soonwarren.com)



May - Betty Carr,  
[bettycarrfineart.com](http://bettycarrfineart.com)



June - Lisa Jefferson,  
[facebook.com/lisajeffersonart](https://facebook.com/lisajeffersonart)



August - Julie Cohn,  
[www.juliecohnfineart.com](http://www.juliecohnfineart.com)



October - Sterling Edwards, [sterlingedwards.com](http://sterlingedwards.com)

## 2023 WORKSHOP & DEMO SCHEDULE

WORKSHOP DATES	FREE DEMO	FEATURED ARTIST	SUBJECT
March 22-24	March 25	Soon Warren	"Creating Vibrant Color in Watercolor"
May 10-12	May 13	Betty Carr	"Light, Color and the Western Landscape"
June 22-24		Lisa Jefferson	Member Artist Month
August 16-18	August 19	Julie Cohn	To be determined
October 4-6	October 7	Sterling Edwards	To be determined

Workshops are held at Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno, NV. Register for workshops online on the Sierra Watercolor Society website at [www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com](http://www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com)

### PAINTING CHALLENGES



After significant member input and long deliberation, the Challenge committee has introduced a modification. Their hope is that this change will increase the number of entries, and foster an educational experience:

At each General Meeting, instead of a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner, every member who ENTERS the challenge will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the meeting, one name will be drawn, and the winner will receive a prize worth \$50.

The new format will begin at our **March** meeting.

#### **March 25th** General Meeting "Paint a White Object" Challenge

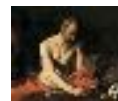
From Challenge co-chairs, Graciela Mancini and James Gayles:

"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!

#### **STAY TUNED! May 13th** General Meeting "Chiaroscuro" Challenge

There will be an in-depth presentation at our March meeting.



#### RULES FOR ALL CHALLENGES (Entries must meet the following Challenge rules exactly - NO EXCEPTIONS):

- Do **not** sign your painting.
- Entries must fit the **theme**.
- Entries must be **new**, having been painted specifically for the Challenge.
- Unless your painting will be a sealed painting, entries must be **matted** (no need to be framed).
- You may not enter a challenge painting into a **second** Challenge, even if it fits the theme.
- Entries cannot have been shown in an **exhibit prior** to the Challenge.



## A FOCUS ON VOLUNTEERISM:

Featuring new member, *Sharon Reed*



"Blooming Cactus"

Sierra Watercolor Society welcomes Sharon as our new exhibit coordinator!

Sharon and her husband relocated to Reno about three years ago from Prescott, Arizona, bringing them close to loved ones. They enjoy the amenities that a small metropolis has to offer, without losing climate similarities and nearby natural beauty.

Developing artistic skills came later in Sharon's life. After retiring from a pharmaceuticals profession, she searched for a fun hobby. She joined Sedona's "Wine, Women and Watercolor" group, which eventually led to tutelage under various proficient artists.



"White Petunias"



"Polar Express"

Why volunteer? Sharon was at the right point to take on volunteer work when Marjee Smith inquired if she was interested in the position.

Painting is an isolating activity, and Sharon is ready to increase her interaction with fellow artists.

Without doubt, it will be a pleasure to have Sharon as a member of our SWS "team"!

*"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."* Audrey Hepburn

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*  
Helen Keller



"USS Constitution"

# MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TEACHING MEMBERS

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Eileen Fuller's Co-op announcements:

- March will be our annual photography invitational: Photo Fandango XVII, AND SWS member Alan Wright will be our guest artist. Reception is Sunday March 5 from 12-4.
- Beginning February 20 until April 7, ACR also has an outside show at McKinley Gallery West, 925 Riverside Drive, with a reception on Thursday March 2 from 5-7PM.

Eileen 775-233-4796





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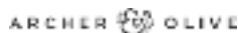
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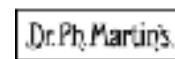
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3/22 - 3/24/23	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.	Soon Warren workshop	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
3/25/23	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - Noon	Board Meeting General Meeting	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
3/25/23	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Soon Warren demo	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
5/10 - 5/12/23	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.	Betty Carr workshop	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
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6/22 - 6/24/23	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.	Lisa Jefferson workshop	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
8/16 - 8/18/23	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.	Julie Cohn workshop	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
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8/19/23	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Julie Cohn demo	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
10/4 - 10/6/23	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m.	Sterling Edwards workshop	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
10/7/23	10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - Noon	Board Meeting General Meeting	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno
10/7/23	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Sterling Edwards demo	Reno Public Market, Makers Paradise classroom, 299 Plumb Lane, Suite 155 Reno