

# Sierra Watercolor Society

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July/August 2022

## EXHIBIT NEWS

**Fall Judged Exhibit**, Sparks Heritage Museum, “**In the Limelight**” Judge: Frank Eber, Take-In October 16; Take-down, November 30. Co-Chairs are Judy Welsh and Michelle Hall.

**Winter Exhibit “A Time For Challenges”** November 9 through December 11, Wilbur D. May Museum, Take-in November 8, Take-down December 14. Co-Chairs Sandi Sailing and Carolyn Runnels. One wall will be hung with Challenge Paintings, honoring Judy Berland.

## ADDITIONAL NEWS

**Reception at Main Museum**, July 16, 12 - 3 p.m.

**Larry Jacox, Celebration of Life**, July 16, 4 - 7 p.m. at **Artists’ Co-Op Gallery of Reno**.

**Annual Holiday Party**, December 3rd.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have lost too many wonderful artists recently: Donna Chouteau, Joan Shonnard, Will Sullivan, Larry Jacox, Judy Berland, and my heart has been very heavy each time a new email comes to me with another name. Passing along news about those...passing along...is very hard. But I do know each one of you holds fond (and funny) memories of these people. I know I do.

So the following is a comforting poem by Joyce Grenfell that I quoted recently in a card to a friend. I hope you find it a small bright light in your day, as well:

If I should die before the rest of you,  
Break not a flower nor inscribe a stone.  
Nor, when I'm gone, speak in a Sunday voice.  
But be the usual selves that I have known.  
Weep if you must,  
Parting is Hell.  
But life goes on,  
So sing, as well.

I hope summer brings with it all the great wonders of our area (except fires, of course). Go outside, sketch in the park, get a little bit of a sunburn, and be thankful...as I am for all of you.

Ronnie

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## ART ANGELS

**Classroom Visits:** Art Angels went to five schools and eleven elementary classrooms this spring, and we have already scheduled six classroom visits for the 2022-23 school year (in November-December 2022 and April 2023). Recent classes were at Peavine Elementary, Jesse Hall Elementary, Lois Allen Elementary, and Caughlin Ranch Elementary. All the students were excited to be able to learn about watercolor and to paint what they wanted--and to have their "masterpieces" put into a mat, ready to frame. Linda James has resumed some of the instructing; thank you, Linda! And thanks also to Vickie Behrens, Graciela Mancini, Anita Watson, Gail Kramer, Christy Fermoile, and Susan Tissier for their enthusiasm and incomparable help!

**Workshops:** We held a spring workshop on May 7th (the day before Mother's Day) at the Truckee Meadows Boys & Girls Club. Because of the great number of other Mother's Day events happening that day, we had only fifteen participants, but they all loved the experience, and most signed up to participate in the upcoming Artown Workshops. Linda James, Alicia Cobb, and Marilyn Kuenzli-Howell instructed, and George Baba, Vickie Behrens, Christy Fermoile, Chris Kjaer, Sherry Klingensmith, Gail Kramer, Nancy LeSage, and I changed water, blow-dried paintings, and put on the mats. Thanks, all of you, for making the experience so meaningful!

## PUBLICITY

Getting the word out is primarily through online calendars, Facebook, and announcements at the monthly Reno Arts Consortium meetings, as well as notifying Newcomers of our upcoming events. We are all ambassadors for SWS, but please let me know if you find

other opportunities for me to share information about our exhibits, receptions, artist demos, etc. Thanks.

Please call me if you have questions or want to help with any of the above activities.  
Thank you!

Nancy Podewils-Baba, Art Angels/Outreach Coordinator, 775-343-8100

## **PAINTING CHALLENGE**

### **In memory of Judy Berland**

The Sierra Watercolor Society meets 5 times a year and at each meeting the Challenge Chair, Judy Berland, presented a themed challenge to the members to bring to the following meeting. The paintings are displayed unsigned and members vote for their favorite based on adherence to the challenge theme and quality of work. First, second, and third place winners receive ribbons and prizes!

#### **August 20 Challenge:**

“Piece of the Pie”. A Close up of an object that belongs to a bigger picture. Such as a painting of KEYS as part of the lock, the LOCK as part of a door. Or the subject can be attached to nature, such as CLOUDS as part of the sky; flower petals, leaves or stems as part of the flower or plant. Portraits in profile will be accepted.

#### **Rules for all Painting Challenges**

Entries will not be accepted unless they meet the following Challenge rules exactly - NO EXCEPTIONS

1. Do not sign your painting.
2. Entries must fit the theme.
3. Entries must be matted (they do not need to be framed).
4. Entries may only be submitted into one Challenge. You may not enter a challenge painting into a second Challenge, even if it fits the theme.
5. Entries must be new, having been painted specifically for the Challenge.
6. Entries cannot have been shown in an exhibit prior to the Challenge.

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## **News from Library Chair - Bess Inouye**

Our website contains a list of all the videos and books we have. There are 148 DVDs on file, 25 checked out and 115 Books on file, 19 checked out. To place DVDs or Books on HOLD, please email Bess at: [binouye8@gmail.com](mailto:binouye8@gmail.com).

### **2022 - 2023 WORKSHOPS AND DEMOS**

DATES	ARTIST	DEMO DATE	WEBSITE
Aug 17-19, 2022	KEIKO TANABE	Aug 20	
Oct 18-21, 2022	FRANK EBER	Oct 22	<a href="http://www.frankeber.com">www.frankeber.com</a>
January 2023	Demo only, TBD		
Mar 21-24, 2023	Eric Wiegardt	Mar 25	<a href="http://www.ericwiegardt.com">www.ericwiegardt.com</a>
May 10-12, 2023	Betty Carr	May 13	<a href="http://www.bettycarrfineart.com">www.bettycarrfineart.com</a>
June 2023	Member Artist workshop	TBD	
Aug 16-18, 2023	Julie Cohn	Aug 19	<a href="http://www.juliecohnfineart.com">www.juliecohnfineart.com</a>
Oct 3-6, 2023	Sterling Edwards	Oct 7	<a href="http://www.sterlingedwards.com">www.sterlingedwards.com</a>

*Workshops are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.  
Register for workshops online on the Sierra Watercolor Society website at [www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com](http://www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com)*



**Workshop August 17-19, 9am-4pm (free public demo August 20, 1pm)  
KEIKO TANABE “No Fear Approach to Watercolor”**

Registration opens May 1.

Watercolor can be the most exciting medium, but is often said to be more unforgiving or difficult than other mediums. This workshop is for those who refuse to believe that myth and are determined to have fun without struggling too much!

Keiko will teach you to confidently capture the essence of a subject to convey certain moods and atmospheres in this no-fear approach to watercolors. Through small studies and step-by-step demonstrations, she will explain her methods and techniques that students will apply to their class work. She will share her decision-making process that enables students to understand key elements and how to make them work in a painting.

Any level is welcome, but previous experience in watercolor is beneficial. [www.ktanabefineart.com](http://www.ktanabefineart.com)



**Workshop October 18-21, 9am-4pm (free public demo  
October 22, 1pm) FRANK EBER “Beyond Technique:  
Finding Individual Expression”**

Registration opens July 1 - price to be determined

A painter's painter, Frank Eber works in a direct, loose style influenced by the Old World masters. Typical in his art are color mixes and light that evoke nostalgia while remaining absolutely in the present. Frank's watercolor workshops reach beyond technique, encouraging individual expression and observing the elusive balance of forces that create beauty in painting.

All levels are welcome but students should have an understanding of the watercolor medium and of simple one point perspective. Frank stresses a

solid foundation in the basics, “...so that our focus is on creating timeless art. An emotional link is necessary in our work, as well as the connection to the vibrancy of everything we paint.” [www.frankeber.com](http://www.frankeber.com)

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: [www.SierraWatercolorSociety.com](http://www.SierraWatercolorSociety.com) WORKSHOP QUESTIONS:

[swsworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:swsworkshops@gmail.com)

## **MORE NEWS FROM THE BOARD**

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

September 10, 2022

Starts at 9:30 am

Artists Co-Op Gallery of Reno

627 Mill Street, Reno, NV

All are welcome

### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

August 20, 2022

Social time starts at 10:00 am followed by the General Meeting at 10:30 am. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon. The Free Demo by Keiko Tanabe is open to the public and starts at 1:00 pm. Meetings are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.

<b><u>Officers, 2022:</u></b>	
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**MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Sally Dupre.** Be sure to send any address, phone and/or email changes to Membership Chair SALLY DUPRE at: [sdupre728@gmail.com](mailto:sdupre728@gmail.com) or 775-232-8362.

**MESSAGE FROM NEWSLETTER CHAIR -** Send items for the Sept/Oct 2022 newsletter to [mariahatjopoulos@gmail.com](mailto:mariahatjopoulos@gmail.com) by August 20, 2022. Please reference SWS in subject.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE BIOGRAPHER - LINDA PARISI**

As the new biographer, please send me updated biographies for our notebooks. Also, if you are a new member, please send me a bio so I can update. Remember that you must be current in your dues. I will purge the biographies at the end of March.





## MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHIVIST

SWS Archives: If any members have Exhibit postcards from previous years that they want to add to the Archives, please bring them to the next general meeting. Or if you have other SWS documents/flyers that you think we should add to our archive folders at Nevada Historical Society, please contact Vickie Behrens at: [nana2ej@gmail.com](mailto:nana2ej@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2022

All membership renewals and new applications need to be submitted online! Just mailing a check does not automatically renew your membership!

**MEMBERS** - Information for Members can be found on the MEMBERSHIP page on our website. You can join or renew your membership with SWS, view the Bylaws and Standing Rules, enter, and get information on exhibits, learn how long elected officers serve, and so much more.

## TEACHING MEMBERS

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at [presidentsierrawatercolor@gmail.com](mailto:presidentsierrawatercolor@gmail.com). Please!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
8/17/22	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Keiko Tanabe	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
8/20/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Keiko Tanabe	Ronnie Rector, President
9/10/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Ronnie Rector, President
10/18/22	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Workshop by Frank Eber	Jennifer Amrhein & Anita Watson Co-Vice Presidents
10/22/22	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Frank Eber,	Ronnie Rector, President
11/12/22	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Board Meeting at Artists' Co-op Gallery, Reno	Ronnie Rector, President
12/3/22 Brunch	10:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Holiday	