

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2021, Noon
Via ZOOM

Call to Order: Linda Halicki, Vice President
(Absent: Diane Sewell, President; Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor)

Members in Attendance: 20

Approval of the January 16, 2021 general meeting minutes: Linda Halicki, Vice President
Additions or corrections: Correction to November board meeting date.

Hope Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Nancy Podewils-Baba.

Treasurer's report: Linda Halicki, Vice President
(Absent: Anette Rink, Treasurer)

Linda presented the February treasurer's report. The report will be added to the April 10 board meeting agenda, for approval.

Linda reminded everyone that several memberships have expired as of March 1. Don't miss out on being able to show your work in upcoming exhibits, as well as the many benefits of being a member of SWS.

Recruits for 2022 board and chair positions: Linda Halicki, Vice President

Linda announced that there are five positions opening in 2022.

- Vice President/Workshop Coordinator
Linda Halicki's two-year term ends this year. It has been suggested that the Workshop Coordinator become a three or four-member committee position. Hope Thompson asked if this change is allowed according to the by-laws. This item will be added to the next Board Meeting agenda for further discussion and clarification.
- Newsletter chair
Lisa Jefferson's 4 years as Newsletter Chair ends this year.
- Scholarship Chair After 9 years, Kathryn Dudley's position as Scholarship Chair will end this year. As far as Kathryn's Facebook Publicity duties, this is being handled by the Website Coordinator, Julene Hunter. When Julene posts SWS information to Instagram, it is simultaneously posted on Facebook.
- Library Assistant
This position assists the Library Chair, Bess Inouye.

- **Challenges Assistant**

This position assists the Challenge Coordinator, Judy Berland, during general meetings. Nancy Podewils-Baba has volunteered to check-in the May challenges at the general meeting. Assistance will be needed for future general meetings.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki, Vice President
2021 Workshops

- Betty Carr, Workshop, March 17-19, Demo March 20. Linda reported that Betty Carr's workshop had a small wonderful group of four participants, one of which was Betty's twin sister. Linda recorded the 9-hour workshop. After editing, this recording may be available for sale. The demonstration was also recorded and will be distributed to members. At the demonstration today, Linda announced that Betty Carr will be donating her demo painting to the Art Angel's auction.

The remainder of 2021 workshops are planned to be held in-person. Precautionary Covid protocol will be followed:

- Paul Jackson Workshop May 5-7, demo May 8th at 1:00p.m. - online registration is open. There are currently 9 signed up.
- Ronnie Rector Member Artist Workshop June 25-27 - online registration is open. There are currently 6 signed up for this weekend workshop.
- Lauren McCracken Workshop August 10-13, demo Aug. 14th at 1:00p.m. - registration opens May 1st.
- Carl Purcell Workshop October 13-15, demo October 16th at 1:00 p.m. - registration opens July 1st. This will be a return visit to SWS.

Exhibits: Linda Halicki, Vice President
(Absent: Marjee Smith, Exhibit Coordinator)

- Annual Judged Exhibit "A Breath of Fresh Art" Co-Chairs: Judy Welsh and Kathy Martin May 5 through June 6. Paul Jackson to judge. Postcards will be available for distribution on takein day, May 4th, and also at the May 8th general meeting.

A suggestion was made by one of the workshop registrants to have Paul take students through the exhibit and discuss and analyze the paintings.

- Artist's Co-Op Reno Presents the Sierra Watercolor Society! Chair: Ronnie Rector, July 1-31, take-in June 26 to July 1, during Co-op hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Watercolor paintings up to 5 years old, properly wired and taped for hanging, including those "alternatively framed or not" will be allowed for this exhibit. A description of alternative framing is included in the latest March/April newsletter.

Hope Thompson informed the group that she is not getting overwhelming responses from vendors who usually donate prizes for the winners of the judged exhibits. It was suggested that she send out the current list of vendors to the membership for new vendor suggestions. Hope requested that all vendor contact information be sent to her directly so that she can continue to coordinate the contacts. This item will be added to the next Board Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Scholarships: Kathryn Dudley

This is the final year of our 4-year commitment of \$1500 per year to UNR. The scholarship is to be funded now and distributed for the 21-22 school year. Kathryn reported that the scholarship check was recently mailed. She mentioned that this is a good time to look at alternatives to the UNR scholarships, especially since there are no watercolor courses and very few watercolorists at UNR. Some suggestions for future scholarships are, the Holland Project and TMCC. As this is Kathryn's last year as Scholarship Coordinator, she is willing to assist the new volunteers with setting up the future scholarship program.

Video library: Bess Inouye
(Absent: Cheryl Keaveney, Librarian)

Bess is the Video Library Chair now and reported that she will not know the status of the Video Library until the next in-person general meeting.

Challenge: Judy Berland

- **March On-line Challenge: "Abstract Realism"**. Judy reported that there were 14 paintings submitted for this challenge. Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor, will announce the winners next week.
- **May's Challenge: "Repetition"**. Judy discussed the Challenge rules and showed some example paintings. As also described in the latest newsletter, the painting must have a minimum repeat of five objects, based on the size of the objects and the width of the mat. One of the Challenge objects can have a "surprise" difference or the colors may be different, but the objects must be the same.
- August's Challenge will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity Reports. Nancy Podewils-Baba, Art Angels and Community Outreach Coordinator.

- **Spanish Springs Elementary School, tentatively scheduled for May.** Nancy reported that the Art Angels contact at the school will discuss the Covid protocols with the Principal before the workshop is finalized. As of yet, there are no visitors allowed at the school. This is expected to change as Covid restrictions loosen up.
- **Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Nancy reported that, per her discussion with the May Museum, the museum has increased capacity under Covid guidelines and will be able to accommodate 3 students per table with a maximum of 24 participants.
- **Artown "Discover the Arts", Friday, July 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Nancy reported that Artown is moving all activities outdoors. However, per our request, Artown will

allow our workshop to be held indoors this year. We will tentatively accept 24 participants for each morning and afternoon session.

- Saturday, November 27, 9:30-11:30 a.m. May Museum

More volunteers are needed to assist with the workshops. Nancy is looking forward to more presence in the community as Covid restrictions are lifted.

Nancy reported that workshop and exhibit flyers are going out for distribution on-line.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dates for the SWS Board Meetings are: Apr. 10; Aug. 7; Sept. 11; Nov. 13

General Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m. Precautionary Covid protocol to be followed. Dates for the SWS General Meetings are: May 8; Aug. 14; Oct. 16; Dec. 4 – Holiday Pot-Luck at the May Museum.

Member and Guest Announcements:

Kathryn announced that 2021 marks the Latimer Art Club's 100th anniversary of "continuous membership in an Art Club". To mark the anniversary, Latimer's first art exhibit for 2021 will be held April 1 - 30 at the Reno Artist Co-op. The Club will also be displaying juried member art at the Nevada Museum of Art. SWS members are encouraged to join Latimer Art Club which includes all art media.

Linda Halicki announced that she will be recording today's Betty Carr Demonstration for distribution to members next week.

Motion to Adjourn:

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to adjourn the March 20, 2021 SWS General Meeting at 11:45 p.m., seconded by Kathryn Dudley, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary
Finalized: May 29, 2021

Approved: August 14, 2021 General Meeting