

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
May 8, 2021, 10:31 a.m. Temple Sinai, Reno

**Call to Order:** Diane Sewell, President

**Members in Attendance: 36**

**Introduction of new members, guests:**

New members: Carole Ann Ricketts, Claudia Hutchings, Lori Bishop, Sherry Klingensmith, and, Anita Watson.

**Recruits for Board and Chair positions:** Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor

Ronnie Rector briefly described the open SWS positions. As a volunteer with SWS, you have the flexibility to use your talents and strengths to cover the basic duties required for the position. Copies of the job descriptions were available at today's meeting for those who might consider any of the open positions. Each position requires a 2-year commitment.

**Currently Open:**

Two open volunteer positions were filled at this general meeting. A big thank you to Sandy Retter who volunteered to fill the Library Assistant position and Vicki Curwen who will be the Challenge Assistant. Bess Inouye, Library Chair and Judy Berland Challenge Chair, as well as SWS appreciates and welcomes our newest volunteers!

The Biographer position remains unfilled. This volunteer is responsible for maintaining two 3-ring artist biography binders, as well as getting them to the Exhibit Coordinators prior to all Exhibits (not required for Library Exhibits).

**Vacant in 2022:**

The following positions will be vacant in 2022. Volunteering for these openings early this year will give the new volunteers time for on-the-job training with the current volunteers.

- Vice President: This position is a voting Board position. The Board is discussing the idea of expanding the current position into a workshop committee-type platform. This set-up is ideal for three SWS members who work well together who can divide up the tasks as follows:
  - VP and Workshop Coordinator – similar to Exhibits Coordinator
  - Workshop *Artist* Chair
  - Workshop *Registrant* Chair

Newsletter Chair

Newsletters are prepared and distributed every 2 months.

Scholarship Chair. This position is currently under Board discussion.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anette Rink, Treasurer

Annette presented the previously emailed April 2021 Treasurer's report.

Diane Sewell made a motion to approve, seconded by Vickie Behrens. All voted in favor of approving the Treasurer's Reports, none opposed. The April, 2021 Treasurer's report is approved.

**Workshops and Demonstrations:** Linda Halicki, Vice President

**2021 Workshop Artists**

- Paul Jackson Workshop May 5-7, demo today at 1:00 p.m. There were 19 students. Linda compiled the workshop feedback results which were made available at today's meeting.
- Ronnie Rector Member Artist Workshop June 25-27 - online registration is open. There are currently 13 registrants for this weekend workshop.
- Lauren McCracken Workshop August 10-13, demo Aug. 14th at 1:00 p.m.- registration is now open.
- Carl Purcell Workshop October 13-15, demo October 16th at 1:00 p.m. - registration opens July 1st. This is Carl's return visit to SWS.

**2022 Workshop Artists:**

- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Demo, January 15
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22

**2023 Workshop**

- January TBD
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13
- June TBD (Member Artist Month)
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 10-13, Demo October 14

**Exhibits:** Marjee Smith, Exhibits Coordinator Annual Judged Exhibit

"A Breath of Fresh Art" May 5 through June 6.

Exhibit Chairs: Judy Welsh, Kathy Martin, and Maria Hatjopoulos. Eileen Fuller and her crew (Anette Rink, Kathy Martin, Marjee Smith, Maria Hatjopoulos, Joycette Dapra, Carol Ann Rickets and Judy Welsh) did a wonderful job hanging the Art. The take-in was conducted on Tuesday, May 4. Twenty-nine artists entered a total of 54 framed art and 42 bin art. Prizes will be distributed on the take-down date of June 9, 11 to 1 p.m. After the meeting, the following awards, judged by Paul Jackson, were announced by email:

Merit Awards:

- Abstract: "Up, Up and Away" Nancy Podewils-Baba
- Florals & Still life: "Yellow Irises" Joycette Dapra
- Fur Fins & Feathers: "Rocky Raccoon" Eileen Fuller
- Landscape and Architecture: "Late in The Day" Reid Sewell
- Portraits: "Walking in Fresh Air" Gail Kramer

Abstract:

- First: "Fisherman Warf" J. Berland

- Second: "The Golfer" Mary Ann Quaglieri
- Third: "Heaven Came Down" Cheryl Tietz

Florals & Still Life:

- First: "Three Friends" Linda James
- Second: "Monarch Landing" Victoria Behrens
- Third: "Floral Study" Carole Ann Ricketts

Fur, Fins and Feathers:

- First: "Sardines" Carol Ann Ricketts
- Second: "Not Very Lady Like" Ronnie Rector
- Third: "Waiting for Spring" Sherry Klingensmith

Landscape and Architecture:

- First: "Spring Thaw" Judy Welsh
- Second: "San Francisco" Tricia Poulos Leonard
- Third: "East Fork Ranch" Eileen Fuller

Portraits:

- First: "Portrait of the Artist" Larry Jacox
- Second: "Quin Remembered" Lori Bishop
- Third: "Targeting the Release of Teen Emotions" Alicia Cobb

Best of Show:

- "Legacy" Ronnie Rector

Artist's Co-Op Reno Presents the Sierra Watercolor Society! Chair: Ronnie Rector, July 1- 31, Take in is June 26 to July 1; and, Take-down is July 31, during Co-op hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CoOp is handling all advertising, hanging. SWS Members are required to fill out proper ACR paperwork. Commission is 35% (25% if you're an ACR member). Two framed paintings to hang, up to 5 years old maximum and 3 bin art. Paintings may be "alternatively framed". See the SWS March/April newsletter for complete details.

**Video Library:** Bess Inouye

Bess introduced herself as the new Librarian and thanked the members who mailed back library materials during the COVID period and those that returned theirs today. She reported:

- The on-line library list will be updated soon and members will be notified.
- Members can order DVD's and Books for pick up at the next scheduled General Meeting by filling out the on-line form "SWS DVD/Book Request". Requests are filled on a firstcome, first-serve basis, the limit is 4 items.
- Newly purchased DVDs are Paul Jackson's, The Illusion of Glass and the Color of Sunset. On order is his book, "Painting Spectacular Light effects in Watercolor".
- Members may leave an on-line review of your DVD or Book.
- Please notify Bess of condition issues with the DVD's; and/or if you have any recommendations for new DVDs or books.

**Membership:** Sally Dupre

102 total members.

**Newsletter:** Lisa Jefferson

No report

**Challenges:** Judy Berland

**May's Challenge:** "Repetition".

Eight paintings were submitted for this challenge. Winners are: 1st Place - Vickie Behrens; 2nd Place - Vicki Curwen; and, 3rd Place - Judy Berland

Judy reported that the August Challenge will be "Lake Tahoe". August is vacation time and we are starting to be "unlocked"; so, either plein air or paint from a photograph some place at the Lake. The entry must have at least one tree; one distant mountain and of course, the Lake. You can add people, animals, flowers, and/or abstract it. Challenge paintings can be any size however, Judy recommends that artists use size 11x14 to have the option of submitting the challenge paintings at future exhibits.

**Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity:** Nancy Podewils-Baba

Nancy reported that Art Angels visited Mariann Beddoe's 2nd- 4th grade classroom (18 students) at Riverview Christian Academy. The teacher has asked Art Angels to come back again next year. Nancy thanked Vickie Behrens, Linda James and Laurel Sweigart for assisting Nancy to make the experience successful.

Washoe County School District is not able to have visitors this school year.

Nancy passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet for the following upcoming Art Angel opportunities:

- Saturday, May 15 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30
- Riverview Christian Academy, on Monday, May 19, 12:00- 3:00 p.m. for 5 - 8 grade students
- Friday, July 9, Artown "Discover the Arts" workshops 9:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00.
- Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Nancy mentioned that both Betty Carr and Paul Jackson have graciously donated paintings for the Raffle that will take place between November 27 and December 4. The paintings are now being framed at Eagle Framing. Eric Wiegardt also donated an original watercolor for the Silent Auction with proceeds to benefit Art Angels and a giclee for the Raffle.

In the future, Nancy will be soliciting small original paintings to be donated to the Art Angels Silent Auction. Volunteers will be needed to "babysit" the Silent Auction and Raffle.

Nancy reported that Kris Vagner from Double Scoop is doing a great job publicizing our exhibits and demos. In addition, SWS information has also been sent to the online calendars of: KUNR, Reno News and Review and the RGJ.

**Scholarship:** Kathryn Dudley, Scholarship Chair

Kathryn reported that the 4th year of the SWS scholarship was funded and the money was donated to UNR in March. The \$1500 scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in Water Media in Fall 2021. Student Wes Lee, who has graduated from UNR, has been the recipient of previous year's scholarships.

**Board Meeting Calendar, 2021:** Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dates for the SWS Board Meetings are: August 7; September 11; November 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 August 14; October 16; December 4 – Holiday Brunch at the May Museum. The May Museum Winter Exhibit will be in November and December.

**Member and Guest Announcements:**

**Artist Co-Op Gallery Reno, Eileen Fuller**

To show and sell at Artist Co-Op Gallery, artists must obtain an application at 627 Mill Street. The following shows are scheduled this year:

- "Reno Interrupted" May 1 - 30. A hopeful display of activities that didn't happen in 2020 that we missed and would like to see back, such as Balloon Races, Air Races, Riverfest, Artown, and Reno Open Studios. Many guest artists and photographers are participating. No opening reception, however, Co-Op is hosting mini-gatherings though out the month.
- "A Salute to Veterans" June 1 - June 30. This is a fundraiser for VA Sierra Nevada counselors who help the homeless vets. 40% commission.
- "Draw", August 1 - August 31. Ink, charcoal, scratchboard, colored pencil, etc. Watercolors are allowed but with drawn objects prominent.

**Latimer Art Club, Vicki Curwen**

The Latimer Art Club is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. The Nevada Museum of Art is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. The original LAC members helped to establish the NMA in 1931.

- Eight paintings were sold in April at LAC's first 2021 event at Artist Co-Op.
- The next LAC meeting is scheduled for June 6.
- "Northern Nevada Landscapes" Nevada Museum of Art, July 10 - September 1. LAC members are submitting paintings via email to be juried by the Nevada Museum Committee. Paintings will be in the gallery by the Cafe and Auditorium.
- On July 30, Noon, Eileen Fuller will speak about the Latimer Art Club at the Nevada Museum of Art's "ArtBite" in the Auditorium.
- "Lorenzo Latimer and the Latimer School" show opens in the Nevada Museum of Art's main gallery July 31 to March, 2022. Jack Bacon and Ann Wolfe of NMA will premiere a new book for sale with photos of the show paintings.
- "The Power and Beauty of Water" July 15 to August 15, Show and Art Sale at the Wilbur May Museum.
- 14th Annual Statewide Miniature Show, October 1 - November 14 at the Artist Co-Op Reno. Phyllis Shafter will be the judge.

**Watercolor Plein Air in Carson City, Annette Rink**

- Annette announced a Call for Artists for a Juried competition, September 7 - 10. Early Bird entry deadline May 31; Final Entry Deadline is June 30. Flyers are available at the today's meeting.

Reno Open Studios, Kathleen Dudley

- Reno Open Studios is August 20 - 22 featuring 29 Artists. Holiday sales in November. Tricia Poulous Leonard announced that she is signing and selling her book at today's meeting, "The Artist's Map to Success".

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Diane Sewell made a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2021 SWS Board Meeting at 11:25 a.m. seconded by Ann Simons, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary

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Approved: August 14, 2021, General Meeting

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