

Sierra Watercolor Society

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May/June 2021

EXHIBIT NEWS

The Annual Judged Exhibit, "**A Breath of Fresh Art**" will be held at the Wilbur D. May Museum in Reno, NV from Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. to Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Co-Chairs are Judy Welsh and Kathy Martin. Our May workshop artist, Paul Jackson, will be our judge. We will have the usual judged show categories and exhibit rules in effect.

Take-in will be **May 4**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Take-down will be **June 9**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: the exhibit is up until Sunday, June 6 but the May Museum is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays so **Take-down will take place on Wednesday, June 9.**

A reminder to all members and the family and friends who visit our exhibit with you: Only the SWS show is free to visitors! Even if your painting is in the SWS exhibit, members and their parties cannot enter the rest of the Wilbur May Museum without paying the entry fee.

FREE PAPER SAMPLE OFFER: Hope Thompson is working on getting the prizes and the following offer was made to the Society by Hahnemühle paper in exchange for a \$200 gift certificate to use for prizes for the judged show. It will run for the next year as our sponsor.

Hahnemühle's New COLLECTION of watercolor paper. The Collection is an acid-free, 100% cotton, vegan surface-sized, mould-made paper. US residents only. Send your email request to receive:

2) 6" x 8" cold-pressed sample sheets sent to you at no cost via US mail.

Email USAartists@hahnemuehle.com and mention SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY. Include your shipping address.



Best of Show 2020 Annual Judged Exhibit
"Variations On A Theme"
"Cab Forward - Sparks" by Reid Sewell

The Artists Co-op Of Reno presents The Sierra Watercolor Society, July 1 - 31, Ronnie Rector Chair.

Artists may have 2 "alternatively framed or not" paintings to hang and up to 3 bin art.

Art can be dropped off between 6/26 - 7/1 during Co-op hours of 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Take-down is 7/31, 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. Please no clip frames or easel backed frames.

Paintings on supports such as Aquaboard, watercolor canvas, Yupo, etc., do not require matting or framing under glass, as long as they are protected from surface damage by layers of wax, varnish or other permanent protective sealer. Sealed paintings must be presented in a professional manner, where all outer edges are neat and clean, or painted as an extension of the work as with a gallery-wrapped canvas. Sealer must be completely dry. *Contact Ronnie if you have any questions on acceptable painting surfaces, sealing, or framing.*

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, DIANE SEWELL

MAY/JUNE 2021

It seems like Spring has, at last, sprung and I am happy for the warm weather. Thank you to all the SWS Board for all they do to have kept us running normally this past year.

We have new members and old members which we will be happy to meet and see at our first real general meeting, in such a long time, on May 8. Also, be sure to see our exhibit at May Museum running May 5th to June 6th, "A Breath of Fresh Art". I am sure it will be the best.

- Diane

Treasurer's Report - February 2021

2021 February	Income	Expense
Art Angels	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Workshop	\$ 1,395.00	\$ 36.45
SWS	\$ 840.00	\$ 1,089.69
TOTAL	\$ 2,385.00	\$ 1,126.14
Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 21,686.81	
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 22,945.67	

Treasurer's Report - March 2021

2021 March	Income	Expense
Art Angels	\$ -	\$ -
Workshop	\$ 3,895.00	\$ 925.94
SWS	\$ 455.00	\$ 1,555.88
TOTAL	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 2,481.82
Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 22,945.67	
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 24,813.85	

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!

www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com

OFFICERS	
President	Diane Sewell
Vice President	Linda Halicki
Treasurer	Anette Rink
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Archivist	Alicia Cobb
Art Angels	Nancy Podewils-Baba & Linda James
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Be sure to send any address, phone and/or email changes to Membership Chair SALLY DUPRE at: sdupre@medicine.nevada.edu or 775-232-8362. Send items for the JULY/AUGUST 2021 newsletter to Newsletter Chair LISA JEFFERSON by JUNE 20, 2021 at: ljeffersondesign@gmail.com



Banner artwork "Tenderhearted" by Elizabeth Barile. This painting was included in the 2020 Annual Judged Exhibit "Variations On A Theme"

MORE NEWS FROM THE BOARD

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS For 2022:

- Vice President - committee of 3-4 persons. Arrange and facilitate workshops with leading watercolor artists.
- Scholarship Chair - work with local entities to award SWS scholarships.
- Newsletter Chair - create and post bi-monthly newsletter on website.
- Library Assistant - Bess Inouye will take over as Library Chair but she will need an assistant.
- Challenge Assistant - Judy Berland will continue as Challenge Chair but will need an assistant to help with the Challenges at meetings.

All other chairs will remain for at least one more year.

Now is the time to take up one of the positions and get the full benefit of the current chair's experience while they're still in office. Contact the current chair or the SWS President for more information and if you are interested in these positions.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING - May 8, 2021

The General Meeting will be an In-Person Meeting with social hour starting at 10:00 am and the general meeting starting at 10:30 am. Any snacks should be single wrapped and bring tongs if you have them. Lunch begins at 12:00 noon. The Free Demo by Paul Jackson will be from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Masks will be required and Covid 19 protections will be in place. Meetings are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - August 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

at Artists Co-Op Gallery, 627 Mill Street, Reno, NV

LIBRARY NEWS

Remember all those DVD's and books you checked out in January 2020 or even October 2019? You'll need to round them up and bring them in to the May meeting. Bess Inoue is our new Librarian and she could use a helper to check in and check out DVD's. Please consider being a Library Assistant and contact Bess or our president to help out.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please remember to register online on the website when starting or renewing your membership if you are mailing a check. Just sending the check does not register or re-register members. This applies to members who ONLY send in the check and skip the online registration. The less preferred option is to print out the registration form and include it in the mailing with the check. You can always register and pay by credit card. Not registering leaves a lot of loose ends for the Membership Chair and Treasurer to pick up. Thank you!

BIO BOOKS COORDINATOR NEEDED. Who wants to take care of the "Bio Books" we provide at those exhibits where the books can sit out and our guests can look up artists in the show for more information? Fairly easy. You store the current binders, put a notice in the newsletters for members to send you their updates, swap out their old info in the binder with the new stuff, done. Then when an exhibit opens, you get the binders to the Exhibit Coordinator, who will return them to you when the exhibit is complete. Someone please take this on!

- Diane and Ronnie

PAINTING CHALLENGES

Challenges created by Judy Berland

The Sierra Watercolor Society meets 5 times a year and at each meeting Challenge Chair, Judy Berland, presents a themed challenge to the members to bring to the following meeting. The paintings are displayed without names 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! An assistant is needed to help with the challenges at the meetings.

Current Challenge...

May 2021 Challenge: "REPETITION"

Definition: exactly the same over and over"------(but this challenge cannot be en masse, already done)!!!!
Repetition goes back to Monet and Mondrian, but Warhol is the King, and Linda Baker the Queen, leaving her mass of clothespins, locks, etc. to paint a row of empty mason jars horizontally and recent win: identical chairs diagonal and in perspective. (Many artists have done bikes in a stand including Linda).
The SWS Challenge DIFFERENCE: minimum repeat of 5, based on size of objects and width of mat, but one, and only one, of the objects can have a surprise, OR the colors can be different, but the objects must be the same. (EX. Lauren McCracken's "Gumballs" in one of his empty mason jars). Bring your unsigned entries to the May 8 General Meeting. Contact Judy with questions.

Start thinking about your paintings for the next Challenge...

August 2021 Challenge: LAKE TAHOE

August is vacation time and we are starting to be "unlocked"; so either plein aire or photograph some place at the lake. Your entry must have at least 1 tree, 1 distant mountain, and of course the lake, MINIMUM. You may add people, animals, flowers, abstract it, change it, but MINIMUM is a must to be accepted.

And the WINNERS are...

March 2021 Challenge: "ABSTRACT REALISM" (recognizable but not realistic)



1st Place: Anette Rink's
"Rhododendron Puzzle"



2nd Place: Linda James'
Untitled moonrise piece



Tied for 3rd Place: Laurel Sweigart's
untitled orange and blue coastal image



Tied for 3rd Place: Eva
Nichols' "Blue Woman in
Cosmos"

RULES FOR ALL 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.

Contact Judy Berland if you have any questions.

ART ANGELS

Art Angels has begun to blossom again: hooray! After over one year away from our classroom visits, we were invited to Mariann Beddoe's 2nd-4th grade class at Riverview Christian Academy on April 8. I instructed and was assisted beautifully by **Vickie Behrens, Linda James** and **Laurel Sweigart**. Of course, we all wore masks, but otherwise were able to change water, blow-dry paintings, etc., as we usually do. We had 17 students, all of whom seem to enjoy mixing colors and creating a personal work of art, which we matted. We will be going to another, older class at Riverview on May 19.

- The scheduled visits at Spanish Springs Elementary had to be cancelled because of COVID, but we look forward to returning there next school year, as well as returning to other familiar classrooms and reaching new ones. I will share the schedule, once we have it.
- The first Art Angels Workshop in 17 months will be held at the Wilbur D. May Museum on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. We will be able to have three students per table, for a maximum of 24 students. Depending on the number of instructors, each instructor will probably cover two tables. If you are interested in instructing or helping with this special event, please let me know. To date, we have 8 children registered.
- Also at the Wilbur D. May Museum, we will be doing two Discover Watercolor Workshops on Friday, July 9 as part of Artown 2021. The first workshop will run from 9:00 (set-up)-11:30 a.m., the second one from 12:45-3 p.m. Again, let me know if you are available to instruct or to help. Thank you.
- Our final Art Angels Workshop of the year will be on Saturday, November 27, at the Wilbur D. May Museum, from 9-11:30 a.m.
- We will have our "usual" (except for 2020) Art Angels Raffle and Silent Auction from November 27 through the SWS brunch on Saturday, December 4. We will raffle off paintings donated by our visiting Guest Artists and will do a Silent Auction of members' small, original paintings (preferably framed). All proceeds will go to purchasing watercolor paper, mats, tape and replacement paints for the Art Angels classroom visits and workshops, which are free to all participants. Please let me know if you have a painting or two you would be willing to donate to this cause, and/or if you would be willing to monitor the Silent Auction and sell raffle tickets. Thank you. On a special note, **Eric Wiegardt** generously donated a large, unframed original painting to be auctioned off, to benefit Art Angels; starting bid will be \$250, with painting valued at \$750.

PUBLICITY

I usually attend the monthly Reno Arts Consortium meetings, but **Linda Halicki** filled in for me in April, since I was out of town. Anyone is welcome--currently meeting via Zoom the third Thursday morning of each month--and it's a great way to meet others in the arts community. Let me know if you want to attend, and I will send you the link. I will also be posting information about our upcoming exhibits and artist demos on several Online Calendars.

Stay safe, and let me know if you have questions or can help with any of the above. Thank you, and Happy Painting!

Nancy Podewls-Baba, Art Angels/Outreach Coordinator

2021 & 2022 DEMOS & WORKSHOPS

DATES	ARTIST	OPEN DATE	DEMO DATE	WEBSITE
May 5-7, 2021	PAUL JACKSON	Feb 1	May 8	www.pauljackson.com
June 25-27, '21	RONNIE RECTOR	Mar 1	-	www.ronnie.rectorsonline.com
Aug 10-13, '21	LAURIN MCCRACKEN	May 1	Aug 14	www.lauringallery.com
Oct 13-15, 2021	CARL PURCELL	July 1	Oct 16	www.carlpurcell.com
Jan 15, 2022	LORI BISHOP, Demo only	-	Jan 15	
Mar 9-11, 2022	DON ANDREWS	Dec 1	Mar 12	www.donandrewsstudio.com
May 10-13, 2022	SOON WARREN	Feb 1	May 14	www.soonwarren.com
Jun 24-26, 2022	LORI BISHOP	Mar 1	-	
Aug 17-19, 2022	KEIKO TANABE	May 1	Aug 20	www.ktanabefineart.com
Oct 18-21, 2022	FRANK EBER	July 1	Oct 22	www.frankeber.com

Workshops are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV • Questions? email Linda - halickilinda@gmail.com

2021 & 2022 DEMOS & WORKSHOPS, continued

Now available on the SWS website

ONLINE WORKSHOP - BETTY CARR

5 hour edited recording of her SWS 3 day Workshop from March 2021

Digital Access: \$100

PAUL JACKSON

“The Illusion of Glass”

In-Person Workshop

May 5-7, 2021 9:00am to 4:00pm

Members \$345 Non-members \$405

For registration, please visit:

SierraWatercolorSociety.com

Workshop contact:

halickilinda@gmail.com

- Ready to expand your watercolor vision to include glass illusions?
- Want to participate in a fun, information-packed workshop, receiving full, interactive attention?

Registration is required through the SWS website.



Through informal lectures, discussions, demos and critiques, absorb sound and decisive instruction when you participate in Paul Jackson's May workshop. Beginners welcome. Participants will be required to respect appropriate social distancing, face covering, and disinfectant cleaning. For further images and information: <https://www.pauljackson.com>



Ronnie Rector

“All Things Watercolor” 3 Day In-Person Workshop

June 25-27, 2021

Now open for registration

Members \$120

Non-member \$180

Join SWS member (and past president) Ronnie Rector as she guides you through a painting while sharing some of the best tips, tricks and techniques she has learned along her artistic journey. If there is time and interest, we will spend a day on the batik watercolor on rice paper process.

www.ronnie.rectoronline.com

Registration is required through the SWS website.

Registration opens May 1, 2021

LAURIN McCracken Workshop

August 10 - 13, 2021

See the SWS website for more details and to register

MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Rabbit Brush Run", watercolor by Colleen Reynolds

Colleen Reynolds presents:

Call to Artists!

1st Annual Watercolor Plein Air in Carson City Nevada Juried Competition

September 7 - 10, 2021

"Early Bird" Entry Deadline - May 31, 2021
(Save \$10 off Entry Fee)

Final Entry Deadline - June 30, 2021

Notification of Jury selection - July 6, 2021

Three painting days, September 7, 8, 9

Auction Gala and Awards

Nevada Governor's Mansion

Friday, September 10, 4:00-7:00 pm

Awards Ceremony, Painting Auction, Cash
Bar, Live Music

Over \$2500 in cash prizes, Top prize \$1000

Go to www.colleenreynolds.com
for more information and to register
or scan the QR code below.



TRICIA POULOS LEONARD



I've been interviewed about my book, The Artist's Map to Success, and my online courses (Watermedia and Mixed Media, Watermedia Batik, and the Painter's Tool Box) on two podcast - Get Messy Art and Life Blood. The Messy Art Interview is now up and Life Blood will be up the first week in May. These are fun podcasts to listen to while driving or working out. I recommend them!

www.triciastudio.com

www.GetMessyArt.com

Life Blood: <https://georgegrombacher.com/money-savage-personal-finance-podcast/>

- Tricia



Northwestern Nevada's premier studio tour is back!

RENO OPEN STUDIOS

Reno Open Studios will be hosting their annual event.

August 20-22, 2021

We have 6 members of SWS participating again this year and look forward to having you attend our tour. Please look for our brochures coming soon.

MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHING MEMBERS

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Please contact teaching members for class and workshop schedules.



CLASSES BY EVA NICHOLS

For updated information on Eva's complete workshop & show schedule please go to:

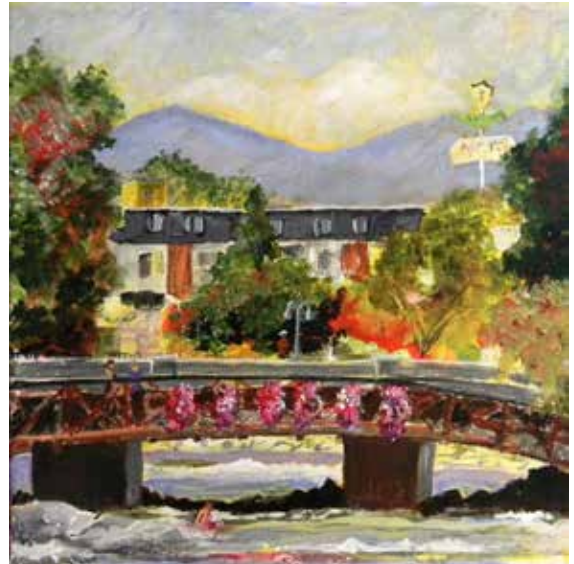
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TRICIA POULOS LEONARD

Plein Air Acrylic Workshop

July 23rd, 24th and 25th

The workshop will be held in the park area next to the Truckee River in downtown Reno. The Workshop will be open to beginning through experienced acrylic painters. We will be painting scenes along the river in the morning from 9 to 12, eat sack lunches and, as a bonus, I will conduct a mural tour the first afternoon and a Nevada Museum tour the second day. The third day will be lunch (participants pay) at a local restaurant when we will share our paintings. The workshop will be from 10 to 15 participants. The cost is \$120 per person which will include the museum entrance fee.

If you wish to sign up, send Tricia an email at tricialeonardstudio@gmail.com.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
5/5-5/7, 2021	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Paul Jackson Workshop	Linda Halicki, V. President
5/8/2021	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m.	General Meeting & Demo by Paul Jackson	Diane Sewell, President
6/25-6/27, 2021	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Ronnie Rector Workshop	Linda Halicki, V. President
8/7/2021	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Diane Sewell, President
8/10-13, 2021	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Laurin McCracken Workshop	Linda Halicki, V. President
8/14/2021	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting, Demo by Laurin McCracken	Diane Sewell, President
9/11/2021	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Diane Sewell, President
10/13-15, 2021	9 a.m. to 4 p.m	Carl Purcell Workshop	Linda Halicki, V. President
10/16/2021	10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m	General Meeting & Demo by Carl Purcell	Diane Sewell, President
11/13/2021	9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m	Board Meeting, Artists Co-op Gallery, Reno	Diane Sewell, President
Dec 2021	10:30 a.m. to 12:00	Holiday Brunch	Chair

General meetings, demonstrations and workshops are held at Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.
 Board meetings are held at The Artists Co-op Gallery of Reno, 627 Mill Street, Reno, NV.