



# NEWS FROM THE BOARD

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, RONNIE RECTOR

February 2018:

I just finished scanning several years of old newsletters I inherited as your President and I must say, it's been fun! Like an archaeological dig, the many layers of articles and photos have brought back really wonderful memories. It was also fascinating to see how our newsletter has changed through the years, taking on the personality of the individual Newsletter Chairs.

All the events held and awards given over the years, how artists come together to hang exhibits, hold meetings and attend parties; all are celebrated. To see talents stretched through workshops and challenges, the effort expended to reach out to our community through Art Angels, scholarships and demonstrations; and also bittersweet to see how many members have come and gone.

All of these thoughts hit me as dusty and faded pages rolled through my scanner, and made me so thankful that I am a part of this growing group of amazing artists.

Each new volunteer donates not just their time, but new ideas, talents and energy to the group. I can't wait to see where our latest group of volunteers takes us, and I hope you're excited about the future, too! Which reminds me (you knew it was coming, right?!?)...we're still looking for someone to get the member name tags made. Contact me if you have about 2 hours a month to spare; that's all it takes.

Enjoy your February! Ronnie Rector

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
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Be sure to send any address, phone and/or email changes to Membership Co-Chair SALLY DUPRE at: [sdupre@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:sdupre@medicine.nevada.edu) or 775-232-8362. Send items for the March newsletter to Newsletter Chair LISA JEFFERSON by February 20 at: [ljeffersondesign@gmail.com](mailto:ljeffersondesign@gmail.com)

### SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

Treasurer's Report

Thursday, December 31, 2017

11/1/2017 Wells Fargo Opening Balance \$ 27,515.07

|               | Income            | Expenses          |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Art Angels    | \$ 1,155.00       | \$ 269.65         |
| Workshops     | \$ 1,020.00       | \$ -              |
| Operating     | \$ 700.00         | \$ 860.96         |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <u>\$ 2875.00</u> | <u>\$ 1130.61</u> |

12/31/2017 Wells Fargo Closing Balance \$ 29,550.56

Income less Expenses: \$ 2,035.49

**MEMBERS** - be sure to visit our website, under Forms & Rules, to view our **Bylaws and Standing Rules**. There's information on exhibits and framing, how long elected officers serve, and so much more!

[www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com](http://www.sierrawatercolorsociety.com)



2018 officers from left to right: President Ronnie Rector, Vice President Linda Parisi, Treasurer Laurel Sweigart, Secretary Carol Baker

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## 2018 WORKSHOPS

| DATES              | ARTIST                 | WEBSITE                     |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| March 7-9, 2018    | Michael Reardon (FULL) | www.mreardon.com            |
| May 9-11, 2018     | Michael Holter         | www.michaelholter.com       |
| August 14-17, 2018 | Julie Gilbert Pollard  | www.juliegilbertpollard.com |
| October 9-12, 2018 | David Lobenberg        | www.lobenbergart.com        |

### January Demo



Eva Stramer Nichol's gave a great demonstration on January 13 after the regular meeting.

### Michael Reardon Workshop is Full

The Workshop on March 7-9, 2018 is full but you can still attend the free Demo after the General Meeting on Saturday, March 10 at 1:00 pm.



### Michael Holter Workshop

May 9 - May 11, 2018 (Demo on May 12)

Texas artist, Michael Holter works in both watercolor and oil. Michael's work has received numerous awards and recognition and can be found in private and corporate collections in the US and several foreign countries. His current work falls into two categories: watercolor figurative, and oil landscapes (both plein air and studio). Michael has owned and operated two galleries. This workshop will focus on the use of watercolor to paint exciting paintings of people and places. You will explore the use of light and shadow to create interesting compositions and achieve dynamic results.

Michael will demonstrate his approach to creating his award-winning paintings and also show you several high-speed video demonstrations.

Many watercolorists have an aversion to painting people and with that in mind, special attention will be paid to the steps Michael uses to paint his award-winning figurative paintings. He will break down the process, from how to use the camera to capture exciting painting subjects, to adding sparkle to the finished piece.

And by the end of the workshop you will feel confident that you can complete successful paintings.



MEMBER FEE: \$255 (Deposit: \$130)  
 NON-MEMBER: \$315 (Deposit \$155)  
 REGISTRATION BEGINS: February 1.  
 Register soon to get your space. For more information contact Linda K. Parisi at [parisiart@msn.com](mailto:parisiart@msn.com) or 360-589-9330

*Website for further information:* [www.michaelholter.com](http://www.michaelholter.com)



# ART ANGELS



Hi, Everyone! The New Year has just begun, and we are already off to a great start! To date we have had one class in 2018: at Jesse Hall Elementary with a new teacher, who loved what we brought to her students! Thanks go to **Alicia Cobb, Linda James, and Gail Kramer**, for making everything go so smoothly! We will have another class on 1/30, which I will report on in the next newsletter. I was able to get several sign-ups at the SWS meeting on 1/13—thank you!-- but there are still classes coming up for which I need helpers. These are:

- Friday, February 9, 12:20-3 p.m. Anderson Elementary, 1055 Berrum Lane (Ms. Cashell): need one alternate
- Thursday, February 22, 12:20-3 p.m. Anderson Elementary, 1055 Berrum Lane (Mrs. Hall): one alternate
- Friday, March 2, 12:55-3:30 p.m. Bernice Mathews Elementary, 2750 Elementary Dr. (Mrs. Piccinini): 3 helpers, 1 alternate
- \*Friday, March 23, 12:25-3 p.m. Libby Booth Elementary, 1450 Stewart (Deb Jones): need one alternate
- \*Monday, April 16, 11:50-3 p.m. Anderson Elementary, 1055 Berrum Lane (Ashley West): one helper, one alternate
- Friday, April 27, 11:40-3 p.m. Jesse Hall Elementary, 185 Shelby Drive, Sparks: need two helpers, one alternate

*\*Linda James will instruct these classes.*

The Spring Art Angels Workshop will be at the Wilbur D. May Museum on Sunday, May 6, from 1-3 p.m. (set up starting at 11:30), one week before Mother's Day. I already have two instructors—thank you, **Linda James & Gail Kramer!**—and two helpers—**Cheryl Keaveney & Bess Inouye**, as well as one matter-greeter: **Kathy Martin**—but need six more instructors, six more general helpers, and one more person to greet the children & mat the paintings. We have 20 children already signed up!

Please let me know if you are willing and able to help with any of the above Art Angels events, or if you have questions. Thanks so much!

Nancy Podewils-Baba, Art Angels Coordinator  
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Winners of the January Challenge:  
Kay Tietz, Linda James, Tricia Leonard

## **NEW LIBRARY BOOKS!**

SWS Librarian Linda Halicki has received some large donations of wonderful art books that you can check out. Linda will have the library table set up with DVD's and Books at every meeting.

Please remember to bring your borrowed DVD's and Books to the next General Meeting so that others may have the opportunity to check them out!

**Thank you!**

## **DUES ARE DUE!**

Mail your \$30 before March 15 to

**SWS Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 70564, Reno, NV 89570**

## MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



There's a new FREE weekly watercolor newsletter! You can sign up on the American Watercolor Weekly website and get it sent right to your email.

Rosemary & Co

Have you heard about Rosemary & Co Brushes? They are a British company that has quality, affordable brushes of every shape and size for every medium. A series 33, size 4 Kolinsky Sable is \$7.97 USD! They ship all over the world.



### Ian de Hoog | Winter Mountain Watercolor Landscape, Step by Step

Excerpts from an article on the *Daniel Smith* website, where you can read the entire article.

Painting mountain landscapes can be daunting. In this article I will take a winter mountain scene and break it down into easily approachable steps.

#### Step 1

**Starting with the lightest washes I began this painting with the sky.** Using clean water and a large brush I wet the base of the mountain tops. Turning the support upside down I applied a wet wash of French Ochre just below the area I brushed with clear water and I work the yellow up in to the moistened area. **For the clouds I add some water to Lavender until it was a nice thick creamy texture.** I darkened it with a touch of Moonglow and while the sky still had some sheen to it, I scrubbed in the Lavender mixture to form the clouds and left to dry.

#### Step 2

**For the base wash on the mountains I mixed up a very light wash of Moonglow** and worked from the mountain tops down to the bottom.

#### Step 3

**Building with another layer of Moonglow that is only slightly darker than the previous wash, I quickly add the texture of the rocky mountain face** as well as some of the tree textures on the distant hills. While the wash is still wet, I used a fan brush to splatter in a little clean water to break the wash up a little.

#### Step 4

**For my first pass on the foreground trees I mix up a large batch of Perylene Green with a bit of Cascade Green.** I use a very large rigger brush and start with the tallest peaks, working each peak concurrently and I progress from top to bottom. Once the wash has reached the bottom and is still wet, I quickly drag in some thick Neutral Tint to form tree trunks and then I splatter in some thick Cobalt Teal Blue that helps to break the wash up a little by adding some texture and also helping to lighten the wash a bit and this is left to dry.

#### Step 5

**For the final touches, I reused the dark wash from the previous step and add more depth to the foreground trees.** Once this has dried, I mixed up some thick Chinese White and spatter that on in successive layers to create the feeling of a light snowfall.

**Before I even added a brushstroke I had my main trio of colours picked out.** For this painting I chose French Ochre as my light, Moonglow as my middle and Perylene Green as my dark.

#### DANIEL SMITH Colours used in this painting:

French Ochre, Moonglow, Perylene Green, Cobalt Teal Blue, Lavender, Neutral Tint, Cascade Green, Chinese White  
Final Painting Below, "SNOWFALL" by Ian de Hoog



# MORE MEMBER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Eva Nichols is teaching the following Watercolor classes in February:**

## **Truckee Meadows Community College**

Sign up at TMCC, Reno, NV

Phone: 775-673-7000

www.tmcc.edu

“Watercolor Technique 1”

Tuesdays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm; 4 sessions

February 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2018

## **NEVADA FINE ARTS**

1301 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV

“Watercolor Collage For Everyone”

Saturday, February 17th 10-4 PM

Cost: \$65.00 - Supplies Needed.

To sign up: Call or email Eva at:

530-414-1289 \*\*\* [evanichols@me.com](mailto:evanichols@me.com)

## **Atelier Truckee // Take A Workshop**

10128 Donner Pass Rd., Truckee, CA 96161

530-386-2700

“Painting Valentine’s Cards in Watercolor”

Saturday, February 10th 3:00 - 5:30 PM

\$55.00 All Materials Provided.

To sign up please go to:

[www.ateliertruckee.com](http://www.ateliertruckee.com)

## **Still time to register for EVA’S**

### **WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP IN CHINA**

Yellow Mountain National Park, Eastern China

Workshop Dates: March 23-28, 2018

(6 days/5 nights)

\$895 per student Double Occupancy\*

\$1095 per student Single Occupancy

\*\$100 Discount for non-painting Spouse or Friend

Workshop fee includes: Accommodations, All

Meals + All watercolor supplies.

Transfers from Beijing to Huang Shan & return

Full description on [www.beautyonlocation.com](http://www.beautyonlocation.com)

**For FREE watercolor demos check out Eva’s YouTube Channel!**

## **TEACHING MEMBERS**

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**Eva Stramer Nichols** 530-414-1289

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## **RONNIE RECTOR will be teaching:**

“**Silver Watercolor tips, Tricks & Techniques**” at TMCC on Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Registration is already happening online. Visit [wdce.tmcc.edu](http://wdce.tmcc.edu) for details.

“**Stained Rice Paper Collage Technique**” is a 2.5 day/3-night Workshop at St. Mary’s Art Center in Virginia City, Thursday May 3 to Sunday May 6, 2018. This is limited to 7 students and should be fun *and* sticky! Email Ronnie for full details at [ronnierector@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnierector@yahoo.com), or catch her at one of our meetings!

**TRICIA LEONARD** is offering two classes at TMCC Community Education, starting in February. They are:

**Fearless Creating** - Learn about the stages of creativity and how to move through hurdles that all artists face. Visual artists, dancers, actors, musicians and writers can all benefit from this course. Starting on February 5th at 10:am. There are six sessions.

**Acrylic Painting for Retirees** - Discover the playfulness of art by learning to paint with acrylics. Starting February 9th from 9 to 12. There are nine sessions.

To sign up for these classes, go to [wdce.tmcc.edu](http://wdce.tmcc.edu)

The Artist’s Co-op Gallery February show

## **Things We Love**

February 1st until February 24th

The reception will be February 4th from 1 to 4 and we hope you will attend!

The Co-op is open 11 to 4 every day

We are still looking for someone willing to try **GRANT WRITING** for our Art Angels program. It’s not hard. If you can read instructions, write a letter and fill out some forms, that’s about it.

**NANCY PODEWILS-BABA** will be exceptionally happy to assist. Please contact her if you feel you have a couple of hours here and there to help out our Association.

***Do you have any SWS memorabilia at home that is worthy of archiving? Please bring it to KATHY MARTIN at our March meeting so she can include it in our historical documents.***

## ...AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

| DATE             | TIME                    | EVENT                                     | CONTACT                      |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 2/10/18          | 10 a.m. to Noon         | Board Meeting, Renown                     | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 3/7 to 3/9/18    | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.        | Michael Reardon Workshop                  | Linda Parisi, Vice President |
| 3/10/18          | 10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m. | General Meeting & Demo by Michael Reardon | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 4/7/18           | 10 a.m. to Noon         | Board Meeting, Renown                     | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 5/9 to 5/11/18   | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.        | Michael Holter Workshop                   | Linda Parisi, Vice President |
| 5/12/18          | 10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m. | General Meeting & Demo by Michael Holter  | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 8/4/18           | 10 a.m. to Noon         | Board Meeting, Renown                     | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 8/14 to 8/17/18  | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.        | Julie Pollard Workshop                    | Linda Parisi, Vice President |
| 8/18/18          | 10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m. | General Meeting & Demo by Julie Pollard   | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 9/8/18           | 10 a.m. to Noon         | Board Meeting, Renown                     | Ronnie Rector, President     |
| 10/9 to 10/12/18 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.        | David Lobenberg Workshop                  | Linda Parisi, Vice President |
| 10/13/18         | 10 a.m.; Demo at 1 p.m. | General Meeting & Demo by David Lobenberg | Ronnie Rector, President     |

General meetings, demonstrations and workshops are held at  
 Temple Sinai, 3405 Gulling Road, Reno, NV.