

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Temple Sinai, Reno

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, President called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Members in Attendance: 27

Introduction of new members, guests:

New members: Carole Ann Ricketts, Claudia Hutchings, Lori Bishop, Sherri Klingensmith and Anita Watson each introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes from the August 14 General Meetings: Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor Minutes emailed with the agenda.

No additions or corrections. Motion to Approve: Nancy Podewils-Baba; Seconded by: Jenny Amrhein. All in favor of approving the minutes as emailed, none opposed. Minutes of the August 14, 2021, General Meeting minutes is approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink

August 2021 Treasurer's report emailed with agenda and approved at the September 11 Board Meeting. Note: \$208 was raised from for Art Angels from Nancy Gunderson's estate supplies sale.

Board Nominations for 2022:
For President:

Kay Tietz nominated Ronnie Rector. There were no other nominations. Ronnie Rector accepted the nomination. Kay Tietz motioned to approve; Kathryn Dudley seconded. The nomination of Ronnie Rector as President is approved.

For Secretary and Treasurer:

Anette Rink and Vickie Behrens will be continuing as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, through 2022.

Board Nominations for 2022-2023
For Vice President:

Eileen Fuller nominated Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson as Co-Vice Presidents. There were no other nominations. Jennifer and Anita accepted the nomination. Eileen motioned to approve; Nancy Podewils-Baba seconded. The nomination for Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson as Co-Vice Presidents is approved.

Diane Sewell read the following to the members present:

To provide clarification, the Board awarded one free workshop during the VP's two-year term at their August 7 meeting. During the August 14 general meeting, a member voiced their concern that a 501C3 non-profit could not offer a free workshop as it would be considered paying a member, which goes against IRS requirements. In an email to Board members, Ronnie Rector

conveyed her subsequent discussion with an executive director of another large 501C3 charitable organization, reporting that he stated that SWS can certainly provide a free seat in a workshop to a Board member, as part of our Operating budget, under "Training," if SWS is paying for the workshop and not paying the Board member. This is considered a training opportunity that 'enhances' the Board's knowledge of processes important to our organization. The Board agreed that the Vice-President's workshop coordinator duties are essential and vital to keep our organization going. At the Board's September 11 meeting, this award was further clarified to state that, if the Vice President's position is split, the one workshop fee will be split equally for up to 3 people filling the position.

Vacating Board and Chair Positions, Diane Sewell, President

Currently Open:

Biographer: Nancy Podewils-Baba presented a brief overview of the Biographer position and well as the guidelines for submitting information for inclusion in the binder. Biography binders are available for members to review.

Newsletter Chair: The newsletter can be prepared using a simple format with any software program that the volunteer is familiar with. Lisa is available to advise the new volunteer. Maria Hatjopoulos volunteered to take over as Newsletter Chair in 2022.

Exhibit Coordinator:

This position must be filled for Exhibits to continue in 2022

Scholarship Chair: This position is currently on hold until further discussions regarding future scholarships.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki, Vice President

2021 Workshop Artists

Carl Purcell: Today's Demo starts at 1:00 p.m.

2022 Workshop Artists:

- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Public Demo January 15 at 1:00 p.m. The subject of this Demo on will be the "Human Eye"
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Public Demo March 12 at 1:00 p.m. Linda suggested that members check out his monthly Zoom sessions. These are \$35 each.
- *Soon Warren, May 10-13, Public Demo May 14 at 1:00 p.m. This is a workshop that was rescheduled due to last year's Covid restrictions.
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26. This workshop subject will be "Portrait Painting"
- *Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20. This artist is known for her plein Air painting. A member asked if this workshop/ Demo will be done as plein air. This might be a possibility; more information will be provided closer to the workshop.
- *Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22

*These visiting artists would make excellent judges for our group, if we can find an Exhibit Coordinator, Exhibit Chair, and a venue.

Video Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

Currently we have 118 videos and 53 books. As noted in the last newsletter, we have an addition to the DVDs generously donated by Linda Halicki, "*Four Seasons in Contemporary Watercolor*" by Chris Forsey.

Suggestions for the acquisition of new videos and books for our library can be emailed to Bess at: binouye8@gmail.com for presentation to the Board.

Membership: Sally Dupre, Membership Chair

Sally reported that we have 115 members, with 27 members present today. Renewal of membership dues opens on-line on November 1. When renewing, members MUST fill out the registration page again for the membership to renew properly.

Newsletter: Lisa Jefferson, Newsletter Chair

No report

Website: Julene Hunter

No report.

Scholarship: Kathryn Dudley, Scholarship Chair

Kathryn Dudley provided an exceptional discussion of why it is so important to volunteer.

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity: Nancy Podewills-Baba

Art Angels:

- Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Nancy reported that, to date, there are 22 sign-ups: 7 instructors and 8 helpers. Additional volunteers for alternates (to fill in for unforeseen volunteer absences) are still needed. Nancy and husband George will set up for the workshop on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving.

Nancy stated that we will be returning to the classroom and currently have 3 classes at Spanish Springs Elementary School scheduled for January. Volunteer sign-up sheets for these workshops were circulated at the meeting.

- Art Angels Raffle and Silent Auction on November 27 - December 4. Nancy explained the purpose of the Raffle/Auction and announced that she will be accepting donations of original watercolor paintings (preferably framed, small and affordable at the Winter Show take-in date, or by arranging to meet, prior to the start of the Auction/Raffle on November 27.

Guest artists who donated paintings for the raffle are Betty Carr, Eric Wiegardt, Paul Jackson, Ronnie Rector and Carl Purcell. All paintings are framed. Raffle tickets will be sold between November 27 (day of Art Angel's workshop) and December 4 (day of the brunch). Volunteers to oversee the Silent Auction and Raffle, answer questions, sell raffle tickets, as well as to help call the raffle winners are still needed. Sign-up sheets were circulated.

Publicity/Outreach:

Nancy reported that she joined Newcomers and put information about our Demos, Winter Exhibit and Art Angels Silent Auction and Raffle into their community calendar. She also posted information about today's meeting Demo on Facebook and Street Scene, as well as online calendars.

Exhibits: Exhibit Coordinator - Vacant

Upcoming Exhibits:

- Winter Exhibit at May Museum, "Celebration of Color" Chair: Diane Sewell, November 3 - December 5. Take-in November 2; Take-down December 8.
- Artown, at the May Museum, July 6 to August 7, 2022. Take in July 5; Take-down August 10, 2022. This exhibit will only happen only if we have an Exhibit Coordinator and Exhibit Chair.

Challenges: Judy Berland

Today's General Meeting "Celebration!"

The winners were 1st Place: Ronnie Rector; 2nd Place: Vickie Behrens; and 3rd Place: Jennifer Amrhein.

January Challenge for January 15 General Meeting: "Use It or Lose It"

Traditionally, January's challenge is to "Make a Silk Purse out of a Sow's Ear" - take an old painting and improve upon it-- use an existing painting as a background, and then develop it further. Judy announced that artists could "lose the background or leave it and add something to change up the painting. She passed around examples of altered paintings. It is acceptable to use gouache. No photo of the original painting is needed for this challenge.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dates for the next SWS Board Meetings in 2021 are: November 13. **2022 dates are:** February 12; April 9; July 9; September 10; November 12.

General Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m. Dates for the next SWS General Meetings in 2021 are: December 4 – Holiday Potluck at the May Museum. **2022 dates are:** January 15; March 12; May 14; August 20; October 22; December 3 (Holiday Party).

Other Discussions/Announcements:

Announcements:

Eileen Fuller

- She will be the hanging crew chair for the November take-in of our upcoming exhibit. Nancy Podewils-Baba will be there to assist, and handle take-in of donated paintings for the Art Angels silent auction and raffle.
- The exhibit of current Latimer member's art at the NV Museum of Art comes down tomorrow, still a little time to see it! The actual Latimer exhibit upstairs will remain until March 2022.
- Latimer's annual Miniature show received 189 entries.
- Reno Artists Co-Op: November 14 will be the reception for the Christmas show, and January will be the annual supplies sale.
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Kay Tietz:

The last remaining Splatter Group, the "Splatter Girls," Vicki Curwen, Eileen Fuller, Kay Tietz and Leslie Kuhn, will hold a reception for their current exhibit at the Sparks Heritage Museum on 11/5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Wine and snacks will be available. This group was created when the late Nancy Gunderson, President of SWS in 2012/2013, facilitated the creation of different "Splatter Groups," SWS members

with similar interests in art - including a plein air group, a critiques group, a 'just get together every Wednesday and paint' group, etc.

Kathryn Dudley:

Reno Open Studios will have 18 artists represented at an exhibit 11/12 through 11/14 at the Summit Mall, 10-5.

- A new gallery in town, the Reno Fine Art Collective, 200 South Virginia (behind the Chase Bank at Virginia & Pine) will host 30 artists in all mediums. Kathryn will present their inaugural "First Friday Artist Talk," on Oct.22. There will be wine & food.
- 2022 Watercolor Live is coming up January 26 - 29, a world-wide event featuring 4 days of workshops and break-out sessions online with amazing instructors, like Alvaro Castagnet, Michael Holter and Julie Gilbert Pollard. There is a big discount when buying your tickets early.

Motion to Adjourn:

Ronnie Rector made a motion to adjourn the General Meeting. seconded by Nancy Podewils-Baba, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor

Draft Submitted: November 5, 2021

Approved: January 15, 2022