

**SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

March 25, 2023, 11 a.m.

Maker's Paradise Meeting Room, 299 E. Plumb, Ste. 155, Reno

Call to Order: Ronnie Rector, President at 11:02 a.m.

Members in Attendance: 33

Introduction of new members, guests:

Guest: Katie Linares

Minutes from the January 14, 2023 General Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Minutes emailed with the agenda. Motion to approve: Vicki Curwen. Seconded by: Linda Halicki. Opposed: None. Approved as emailed.

Treasurer's Reports: Anette Rink, Treasurer

The January and February Treasurer's Reports were emailed with this agenda for the member's information. These were reviewed at this morning's Board meeting and were approved as emailed.

2023 Workshops and Demonstrations: Jennifer Amrhein and Anita Watson, Co-Vice Presidents

Artist workshop display boards for Betty Carr and Lisa Jefferson are on display at today's meeting.

- Soon Warren, "Painting Vibrant Watercolors", March 22-24, Today's Demo starts at 1 p.m.
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13. Registration is now open.
- Lisa Jefferson, Member Artist Month, June 22 – 24. Registration will open in April.
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 4-6, Demo October 7

Anette announced an upcoming workshop by Keiko Tanabe and a juried watercolor competition in Carson City as part of Watercolor Carson City. The workshop is on August 4th and 5th. The competition deadline is April 15th. More signups are needed for both. Up to three pieces can be submitted with awards for Best in Show, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Register at the website - see flyers available at today's meeting.

Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian

All 83 books and 149 DVDs will be available at today's general meeting until 12:30 p.m. The book sale will be at the next meeting, May 13.

Membership: Sally DuPre

There are currently 110 members. Sally reminded everyone that each year you must register need to go on-line to register for membership.

Newsletter: Linda Halicki

The March/April Newsletter is posted on the SWS website.

Please send items for the May/June 2023 issue to Linda by April 20th. It's helpful to reference "SWS Newsletter" in the subject.

Art Angels: Nancy Podewils-Baba

Classroom visits continue with 4 classes completed at Spanish Springs Elementary and one at Poulakidas Elementary. There are upcoming classroom programs at Poulakidas; two at Peavine Elementary and four at Lois Allen.

Art Angels Spring Workshop will be held on Sunday, May 7th, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center Street. Still looking for participants and helpers. Nancy will contact teachers to promote participation.

The Artown Art Angels Workshop is changed from July 14 to Friday, July 21st at the Wilbur D. May Museum.

Sign-ups for Art Angels volunteers will be available at the meeting.

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Exhibits: Sharon Reed

2023 Exhibits:

- “Watercolor Expressions,” January 19 through February 28, 2023. Reno Public Market Gallery. Kathryn Dudley, Exhibit Chair. Take down is April 7 between 1 and 5 p.m.
- February/March Exhibit, Sparks Library, “Transitions.” Take-down is April 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Annual Judged Exhibit, May 11 through June 18, Title is “Spring into Art.” *Wilbur May Museum.* Judge: Betty Carr, Take-in May 10 11a.m. to 1 p.m.; Take-down June 21, 11 a.m. to 1 pm. Co-Chairs committee: Sharon Reed, Judy Welsh, Marjee Smith, Cheryl Keaveney, Julie Sulahria (Take-down only), Chris Kjaer, James Gayles; Hope Thompson – Prizes.
- July Artown Exhibit 2023, July 1 through July 29, – “Community Perspectives” at the Reno Public Market, Plumb Lane. Take-in is June 30, 2 to 5 p.m. Take down is July 30. Artist’s reception is July 22, 2 – 5 p.m. Co-Chairs: Nancy Podewils-Baba and Kathryn Dudley.

Challenges: James Gayles

General Meeting Challenge: “Paint a White Object”

March Challenge Raffle announced by Vicki Curwen: Winner: Ruth Carraher

May 13th General Meeting “Chiaroscuro” Challenge:

Chiaroscuro, in art, is the use of strong contrasts between light and dark, usually bold contrasts affecting a whole composition. It is also a technical term used by artists and art historians for the use of contrasts of light to achieve a sense of volume.

Meeting Calendar, 2023: May 13, August 19, and October 7. Board meeting at 10; General meeting at 11; demo at 1. Holiday Party is December 2.

Announcements:

Ronnie Rector

- Framed paintings are available from Judy Berland’s Estate
- Soon Warren paintings and note cards are available for purchase.

Kathryn Dudley:

- Nevada Fine Arts Sale, last day today.
- She will be demonstrating watercolor figures at WASH Sacramento on April 10.
- Paper samples from Nevada Fine Arts and paint donated by Kathryn are available to members.

Eileen Fuller:

- Artist Co-op – Alan Wright is guest artist for one more week.
- Next Artist Co-op show is Abstract Attractions. April 1 – 30, opening reception April 2, 12 to 4 p.m.
- Latimer will be at the May Museum for Artown, Reception is July 15, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Latimer Paint out schedule available at today’s meeting. Next paint out is April 1
- Next Latimer meeting is April 8th, 1 to 3 pm. Guest speaker is Craig Mitchell, “Finding the Artist Within”

Reid Sewell presented properly framed samples and discussed the fine points of framing for exhibits. Kathryn Dudley presented an example of correct metal framing and hardware. She will email a list of materials she uses as well as a template that can be used for a Certificate of Authenticity.

Two raffle prizes were presented.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion adjourn the Meeting at 11:39 by Kathryn Dudley, seconded by Jenny Amrhein.