

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
General Meetings Minutes
January 16, 2021, Noon
Via ZOOM

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, President

Members in Attendance: 22

Sierra Watercolor Society Dues

Registration is open on the SWS website. All new memberships and renewals will require the completion of the registration form online.

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki

2020 Recap

There were several changes to workshops and Demos due to COVID restrictions:

- Eric Wiegardt - March 17-20
There was a small group of participants who braved the initial threat of COVID and repercussions, as the Silver Legacy shut down in the middle of the workshop. The workshop took a significant financial loss, but greatly earned members respect for not cancelling the last minute. Eric is scheduled to return for another workshop in March, 2023.
- Soon Y. Warren, May 5-8
Workshop and Demo was cancelled and rescheduled to May, 2022.
- Tricia Leonard, June 26-28
Tricia's June abstract workshop had 12 registrants.
- Paul Jackson, August 12-14
Workshop and Demo was cancelled and rescheduled for May 5-7, 2021
- Barbara Nechis, October 13-16
Workshop and Demo was cancelled by SWS. In November Barbara conducted a 11/2-hour online critique session for SWS members, 14 paintings were analyzed
- Eva Nichols, Member Artist, December 5
Eva conducted a Christmas card painting Zoom session with 11 registrants.

2021 Status

There was discussion about on-line vs. in-person workshops. Some artist associations have moved to on-line options. Linda Halicki reported that, in general, other association workshops are on-line though 2021 or in-person by late spring, early summer. Supplemental workshops, artists who are available to commute by driving, substitution artists and member teacher workshops were also discussed.

- Dana Childs, Demo 1 p.m. January 16, following the general meeting (via ZOOM)

The following 2021 workshop schedule was discussed:

- Betty Carr, Workshop, March 17-19, Demo March 20
It was unanimously decided to hold the March general meeting on-line; therefore, Betty's workshop will be a Zoom. Registration will be opened soon.
- Paul Jackson, Workshop, May 5-7, Demo May 8.

The majority of the members at the meeting indicated that they would be willing to attend the in-person workshop, as the artist is not available to do on-line workshops. Registration will soon open for this workshop.

- Ronnie Rector, Member Artist, Workshop, June 25-27
This will be an in-person workshop, following Covid-19 health protocols in place at the time.
- Lauren McCracken Workshop, August 10-13, Demo August 14
To be discussed at future meetings.
- Carl Purcell Workshop, October 13-15, Demo October 16
To be discussed at future meetings

Art Angels, Community Outreach and Publicity Reports: Nancy Podewils-Baba
Nancy reported that there are no school programs scheduled at this time. There was a brief discussion about opening up the program to private schools as well. The majority of the Art Angel volunteers have indicated that they are not willing to attend the school programs at this time of active Covid restrictions.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith, Exhibit Coordinator

- 2020 Annual Judged Exhibit, President Diane Sewell, Chair
“Variations on a Theme” was held at the May Museum. Ten paintings were sold. The People's Choice Winners were:
1st Place: Ronnie Rector, “Norte Dame II - St Genevieve”
2nd Place: Karen Sullivan, “Still Standing”
3rd Place: Maria Hatjopoulos, “Peaceful Moment”
- 2021 May Judged Exhibit, Wilbur D. May Museum
The next judged exhibit will be held in the Garden Room of the May Museum, with Paul Jackson scheduled to judge. This will replace the December 2021 judged show. The name of the exhibit is to be decided. Exhibit name suggestions will be distributed to members for decision. If the designated judge, is unable to attend, David R. Smith was suggested as a backup. Linda Halicki will follow up with both artists.
- Artist Co-op Reno Presents the Sierra Watercolor Society!
Eileen Fuller reported that the exhibit will be held in July during Artown. Take-in will be June 26 to July 1. Take down will be July 31. 35% commission; 25% for ACR members. Artists are allowed to submit two framed paintings and up to three bin art paintings. The theme is open. Ronnie Rector will chair this exhibit.

Video Library: Cheryl Keaveney

Members were advised to hold on to library materials until the next in-person meeting.

Challenges: Judy Berland

- January on-line Challenge: “Utopia, Shanghai-la, Paradise” People’s Choice winners were:
1st Place: Ronnie Rector, “Polonia, Milos, Greece”
2nd place: Judy Berland, “Paradise”
3rd place Lynn Schmidt, “East of the Sierras”.
- March on-line Challenge: Abstracted Realism
The paintings will involve using abstract painting techniques applied to realistic objects. Barbara Nechis paintings are examples of Abstract Realism.

Board Meeting Calendar, 2021: Time and location to be determined based on Covid-19 restrictions. Dates for the SWS Board Meetings are: February 13, April 10, August 7, September 11, November 13.

General Meeting Calendar, 2021: Time and location to be determined based on Covid-19 restrictions. Dates for the SWS General Meetings are March 20 (Zoom) May 8, August 14, October 16; December 4 - Holiday Pot-Luck

Member and Guest Announcements:

Eileen Fuller - President, Artist Co-op Reno (ACR), reported:

- ACR is currently holding its Annual Artists Supply Sale during the month of January. Local artist can sell their supplies.
- There will be a fundraising show for the Animal Ark Wildlife Sanctuary, January 31 to February 28. Sale proceeds will assist with the everyday operations and care of the animals. Take-in on or before January 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take-down will be February 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Latimer Art Club Zoom meeting in February.

Hope Thompson reported that she received an email from Jerry's Artarama requesting nominations of artists in-need for a \$1000 grant from the "Jerry Goldstein Fund" Ronnie Rector suggested the email be forwarded to St. Mary's art center in Virginia City.

Nancy Podewils-Baba reported that she received an email from the City of Reno regarding a grant for artist in-need.

Motion to Adjourn:

Diane Sewell moved to adjourn the January 16, 2021 SWS General Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Ronnie Rector seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Finalized 3/22/21

Approved: March 20, 2021, General Meeting