

SIERRA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Reno Artist Co-Op, 627 Mill Street Reno

Call to Order: Diane Sewell, President. 9:30 a.m.

In Attendance, Board Members, Committee Members and Members at Large:

Board Members: Diane Sewell; Ronnie Rector; Linda Halicki; Anette Rink; Vickie Behrens.

Committee Chairs/Members: Nancy Podewils-Baba; Judy Berland; Sally DuPre; Lisa Jefferson; Sherry Klingensmith

Approval of Minutes from the April 10, 2021 Board Meeting: Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Nancy Podewils-Baba made a motion to approve, with no additions and corrections, seconded by Sally DuPre. All voted in favor to approve the April 10, 2021 minutes as emailed, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Anette Rink

Linda Halicki asked about the \$550 Legal Fees line item on the January - May, 2021, Profit and Loss Report. Anette reported that this was an error which was corrected to \$50 in the January - June, 2021 report. There was a brief discussion and clarification regarding the Art Angels supply and Hospitality expenses as well as an announcement of Art Angel's recent donations.

1. May, 2021
2. June, 2021
3. July, 2021

Linda Halicki made a motion to approve, with no additions and corrections, seconded by Ronnie Rector. All voted in favor to approve the May, June and July Treasurer's reports as emailed, none opposed

Vacating Board and Chair Positions, Ronnie Rector, Past President/Advisor

The Board discussed the filled, upcoming and current vacant positions. There are two more general meetings prior to the beginning of the new terms. Job Description will be available at the next General Meetings.

Recently filled positions:

Library Assistant, Sandy Retter
Challenge Assistant, Vicki Curwen

Currently Open:

Biographer

Vacant in 2022:

Vice President. This position is a voting Board position. Discussions continue about the possibility to divide the position into a Workshop Committee-type platform, overseen by a VP/Workshop Coordinator – similar to Exhibits Coordinator, using additional volunteers as Workshop *Artist* Chair and Workshop *Registrant* Chair.

Linda Halicki provided the board with a summary of the workshops completed since 2005 as well as future workshops. She reviewed the duties associated with the position, and her willingness to advise the new volunteer. Nancy volunteered to temporarily assist with the Workshop reports to the board as well as contacting the Artists if needed.

Vickie Behrens brought up for discussion, previous Board discussions regarding a discounted or complementary workshop fee in recognition of the large scope of duties and responsibilities associated with the Vice President's position.

After discussion by the Board, Anette Rink made a motion to provide one free workshop during the VP's volunteer's two-year term of office. This incentive will be provided to the current Vice-President, Linda Halicki, for the workshop in October that she will attend during her final term of Office, and to the new 2022 volunteer.

Anette Rink made a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Jefferson. All voted in favor to approve.

Archivist: Currently filled by Alicia Cobb. There was a brief discussion of the duties of this position. Vickie Behrens volunteered to fill this position and will discuss the duties further with the current Archivist and will contact the Nevada Historical Society.

Newsletter Chair: Lisa Jefferson reviewed the duties associated with preparation of the newsletter and mentioned that 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.

Exhibit Coordinator: There was a brief discussion of the Exhibit Coordinator's responsibilities. Anette volunteered to continue the website exhibit duties that she is currently doing using Constant Contact.

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

Workshops and Demonstrations: Linda Halicki, Vice President

2021 Workshop Artists

- Paul Jackson Workshop May 5-7, Demo May 8. There were 19 students.
- Ronnie Rector Member Artist Workshop June 25-27. There were 21 students.
- Lauren McCracken Workshop: Cancelled -- Sign-ups did not meet the minimum requirement.
Lauren's Demo will be replaced by Colleen Reynolds, Member Artist. Colleen will paint "Jerry the Bullfrog". The Demo flyer has been posted to the website.

Carl Purcell Workshop October 13-15, demo October 16th at 1:00 p.m. - registration opened July 1st.
There are 23 sign-ups to date. The maximum allowed is 24.

Linda passed around the feedback results for the Paul Jackson and Ronnie Rector workshops.

2022 Workshop Artists:

- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Demo, January 15
- Don Andrews, March 9-11, Demo March 12
- Soon Warren, May 10-13, Demo May 14
- Lori Bishop, Member Artist Workshop, June 24-26
- Keiko Tanabe, August 17-19, Demo August 20
- Frank Eber, October 18-21, Demo October 22

2023 Workshop

- January TBD
- Eric Wiegardt, March 21-24, Demo March 25
- Betty Carr - May 10-12, Demo May 13
- June TBD (Member Artist Month)
- Julie Cohn, August 16-18, Demo August 19
- Sterling Edwards, October 3-6, Demo October 7 (These are new dates to accommodate an event at the Temple)

Video Library: Bess Inouye, Librarian (absent)

Membership: Sally DuPre, Membership Chair

Sally reported there are currently 110 members. The 2022 membership drive begins on November 1.

Newsletter: Lisa Jefferson, Newsletter Chair

Send newsletter materials to Lisa by August 20 for the September and October newsletters.

Scholarship: Kathryn Dudley, Scholarship Chair (absent)

Sally DuPre suggested scholarships to elementary and middle school Teachers rather than students. The Board discussed using the \$1500 scholarship funds in the form of art supplies, gift certificates or teacher workshops with supplies provided. The teacher workshops could be at the Temple or at the schools with art supplies provided. Nancy volunteer to discuss the idea with her Art Angel teacher contacts. This item will be discussed further at future Board Meetings.

Website: Julene Hunter (absent)

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

Art Angels:

Nancy reported on the Friday, July 9, Artown "Discover the Arts" workshops at the May Museum. The sign-ups were slow in the beginning, then with a deluge of calls in the last 2 days, the workshop ended up with 21 children in the morning with 5 on the waiting list--who were unable to be accommodated--and 13 children in the afternoon. The three instructors in the morning were: Alicia Cobb, Marilyn Kuenzli-Howell and Nancy. Two instructors in the afternoon were Anette Rink and Nancy. Volunteers were Kathy Martin, George Baba, Vickie Behrens, Nancy LeSage and Gail Kramer. The response was positive as reflected in the evaluations.

Nancy contacted everyone who completed the July 9th workshop evaluations and the people who were on the waiting list, to notify them of the next workshop, as a result, we have 19 children registered for the Saturday, November 27 workshop at May Museum, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Nancy reported that a mother from the July 9th workshop put her in contact with the principal of the new elementary school in South Reno, she is waiting to hear from him to schedule a workshop at the new school.

Publicity:

Nancy sent the Colleen Reynolds Demo flyer to Reno Art Consortium participants and posted the information on several on-line sites as well as sent to Double Scoop and Art Spot Reno. She contacted Newcomers about possibly being included on their calendar and will attend their informational coffee.

Exhibits: Marjee Smith, Exhibits Coordinator (absent)

- Annual Judged Exhibit "A Breath of Fresh Art" May 5 through June 6.
Co-Chairs: Judy Welsh, Kathy Martin, and Maria Hatjopoulos.

The take-in was conducted on Tuesday, June 9. Twenty-nine artists entered a total of 54 framed art and 42 bin art. Prizes were distributed at the June 9 take-down date. Paul Jackson judged the exhibit. The awards were announced by email. The payments for sold paintings were mailed out in early August.

There was discussion about whether one artist can win in more than one category. The consensus was in favor of *not* dictating the awards decided upon by the Exhibit Judge.

Digital photos of some of the paintings are on the website and Lisa Jefferson will use those in the next newsletter.

- Artist's Co-Op Reno Presents the Sierra Watercolor Society! Chair: Ronnie Rector, July 1- 31, Take-in was June 26 to July 1 and Take-down was July 31, 22 artists entered a total of 39 framed art and 24 Bin Art. Paintings sold were: Nancy Podewils-Baba's Bin Art, "Fun with Flowers" and "Lunch Time"; Diane Sewell's "A Garden of Beauty" and Judy Welsh's Bin Art, "The Lake".
- Winter Exhibit at May Museum, November 3 through December 5; Take-in November 2; Take-down December 8. Diane Sewell volunteered to be the Exhibit Chair. Judy Berland will provide suggestions to Diane for the Theme of the Winter Exhibit.

Challenges: Judy Berland

August Challenge for August 14 General Meeting: "Lake Tahoe"

August is vacation time and we are starting to be "unlocked"; so, either plein air or paint from a photograph some place at the Lake. The entry must have at least one tree; one distant mountain and of course, the Lake. You can add people, animals, flowers, and/or abstract it.

October Challenge for October 16 General Meeting: "Celebration"

Past and future celebrations which could be your own or Festivals and celebrations around the world. Some examples are: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve; Graduation (mortar board in the air) Easter Eggs, The Rose Parade. Your birthday, past birthdays, Weddings, or Anniversaries. State Fairs and Festivals are all great to paint, but can we participate? It's a challenge!

Board Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Reno Artist Co-op, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Dates for the next SWS Board Meetings are: September 11; November 13

General Meeting Calendar, 2021: Location: Temple Sinai 10:30 a.m. Dates for the next SWS General Meetings are August 14; October 16; December 4 – Holiday Pot-Luck at the May Museum.

Other Announcements:

Ronnie will not be at the August 14 General Meeting
Vickie will not be at the October 16 General Meeting

Ronnie announced that Kay Tietz has donations from Nancy Gunderson's husband which will be sold at the next general Meeting. Proceeds are to be donated to Art Angels.

Artist Co-op is looking for donations for the Parking Lot Expansion. The last SWS donation was two years ago for the Co-op's Building fund. This item will be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

Anette requested that since there are two other major Art Clubs (Latimer and Artist Co-op) in the area, meetings should be coordinated so they do not overlap. Apparently, the recent meetings that were scheduled concurrently was an unusual occurrence that does not typically happen.

Motion to Adjourn:

Annette Rink made a motion to made a motion to adjourn the August 7, 2021 SWS Board Meeting at 11:15 a.m. seconded by Lisa Jefferson, which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Behrens, Secretary

Approved: 9/11/2021