



October 2021 Newsletter

Mike Ziegler, Editor

From Our President



Dear NBAL Members,

Isn't it wonderful? We are not only welcoming in a new month, but a new season, and a new show. I think everyone, artists, and art appreciators, have enjoyed the **All Creatures Great or Small** show. I visit the gallery frequently and have overheard many complements from art patrons. I think your imaginations went wild for this exhibit.

You should be receiving this newsletter just prior to the opening of the **56th Annual "ARToberfest"** show. This is always a spectacular event, our only juried show for 2021, and opened to all artists wishing to participate. The competition for awards will be challenging. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the reception on October 8, from 5pm to 7:30pm. To all you participating artists, best wishes and have fun!

Thank you, to everyone who participated in the September General Membership Meeting. Sharing time with other artists and art lovers is what makes NBAL a great organization. While I am saying thank you, I want to express my gratitude to a very special NBAL member. This person is one of those behind-the-scenes individuals that does a couple of jobs for NBAL. In her first role, she organizes a team that touches the lives of many.

I am speaking of Carol Bissett, our Community Art Reach Team Leader for Adults. Twice a month, her team of volunteers work with adults from Rock Haus. Rock Haus offers care and enrichment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Creativity and the love of art is a force that brings us together. If you would like to be part of this fun outreach, just send her an e-mail at carol.bissett@gmail.com.

Carol's second position for NBAL is as our representative to the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council. She has served on the Arts Council board for 5 years and represented us there the past 3 years. Sadly, she will be stepping down in 2022 and would like to pass the torch to a new NBAL member. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the local arts scene. This council represents a coalition of local art and cultural organizations all working together. If you are interested and would like to learn more about the opportunity, please e-mail carol.bissett@gmail.com.

In closing, remember - time flies, and there is always another show. So, keep those creative juices flowing!

Thank you, Nanette Scranton

First Vice President's Message

By Cheryl Lewis

NBAL Membership Form

It is time to renew your membership status. Please be considerate of those who do the bookkeeping, work schedules and yearbook by paying your fees between October 1 and December 31. You will see a change to the form, so please read it carefully and check the appropriate boxes. ALL displaying members must check off the jobs that he/she would like to do to earn their required work hours to maintain their displaying status. Under the box for DOCENT, you will see that we are asking you to select your first and second choice for your workday. If you are a general member and would like to help with the running of the gallery then please mark the box next to the job or jobs, you would like to do. This is a volunteer option for you. Please keep in mind that we always need docents.

Docent Survey

On the docent desk in the Main Gallery, you will find a **docent survey** that we are asking ALL the docents to please fill out. This survey is asking what you think the NBAL gallery hours should be and what kind of work schedule you, as a docent would like to do. We are taking this survey because we are frequently asked why we are not open later hours to take advantage of the New Braunfels night life and we would like to see if it is possible to make some changes. Please note that the first box is one that says, "Leave the Schedule Alone!" Each selection has positive and negative statements, and any changes will most likely limit how many docents work at a time to two. On the back we have also given you the chance to write any comments you have or suggestions. If you are a general member and you would like to voice your opinion, then please do so. We want everyone to have a say. Please print your name and a contact number you can be reached at so that we can talk with you about any of the suggestion you may have. We will let you know what the numbers are sometime next month.

NBAL General Members Who Work to Help Keep Us Open

The Executive Board would like to send out a special thanks to our general members who volunteer their time to NBAL. These people go above and beyond to do the jobs they do and deserve our appreciation.

Deborah Alvarado – Reception
Rita Ball – Gallery Staffing
Jeff Bartels – Housekeeping
Carol Bissett – Community Art Reach/Adult and Greater NB Council
Rita Greene – Docent
Marcie Helmke – Treasurer
Emmie Ikels – Historian
Bridget Kieschnick – Docent
Cheryl Kridel – Docent
Julie McCollum – Submission
Vickie Moon Merchant – Social Media and Reception
Lisa May Stewart – Web site
Yvonne Taber – Docent
Karen Tiller – Reception
Sherry Wooley – Chamber of Commerce and Special Events

If you would like to join this wonderful group of volunteers, then please be sure to mark one or more of the boxes at the bottom of the new membership form.

2022 Membership Renewal and Information

By CJ Adams

Starting October 1st, you can renew your membership for 2022. Things to remember:

- Please check your information as listed in the current Yearbook. Send any changes to nbalmembership@gmail.com.
- To be listed in the 2022 NBAL Yearbook, your membership renewal form and fees must be accepted by NBAL no later than close of business on December 31st.
- Use the new Membership form, not an old version. Forms are available on the website and at the Gallery.

Thank you for tending to this as soon as possible.

NBAL Special Show Information

By Mary K. Hammond 2nd VP

Current Show “56th Annual ARToberfest” Data:

Will post numbers in next newsletter.

Last Day: Saturday, November 13 (You may start picking-up show artwork any time after 3 PM)

Pick-Up: Sunday, November 14 (All Day Long)

Upcoming Show:

The next show will be “Small Works for Big Holidays”. Please remember that there is a size limit. Art no larger than:

- 2D, a total of 37 inches (H+W) outside edge of frame
- 3D, a total of 30 inches (H+W+D)

Submission Day: Monday, November 15, 9 AM – 1 PM

Reception: Sunday, November 21, 1:30 – 3:30 PM. Awards Presentation 3:00 PM.

Gallery will remain open until 5:00 PM.

Show news for NBAL Members:

Artist of the Year

The first posting of who is eligible to participate in the “Artist of the Year” 2021, which will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, is now on the Special Show bulletin board. It will be updated after the judging of “Artoberfest” and then again after “Small Works for Big Holidays”. I will be contacting the eligible artists with a RSVP note and the prospectus after “Artoberfest”.

Special Shows for 2022

Shows for next year are set and are as follows:

- "Artist of the Year" 2021
- "Anything Goes" – Co-chair Carol Erwin
- Teen Spring Gallery Show – Co-chair Nell Anderson
- "Lasting Impressions" (Canyon Lake Art Guild)
- "The Wonders of Water" – Co-chair Diane Parker
- "Texas"
- NEW "Taking it to the Streets" – Co-chair Gretchen Goode (From old country roads to the bustling streets of the big cities. Opportunities for an artistic shot are all around us in our daily lives. Let's all try to capture a monument in time.)
- NEW "Piece by Piece" – Co-chair Marlene Silcocks (Open to ALL ARTISTS! This Show will focus on Mosaics, Collage, Assemblage 3D Sculptures, Assembled Jewelry, Stained Glass, Fused Glass and Fiber Art Quilts. Special invite to Austin Mosaic Guild and Fiber Artists of San Antonio)
- "Artoberfest"
- "Small Works for Big Holidays"

All these shows need Co-chairs to help run the show. If you want to help, please contact any of the Co-chairs listed above or me at mkhstudio16@gmail.com.

Studio Available for Lease

By Nanette Scranton

We have one studio available for lease: Studio 1 upstairs. The lease would be from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The monthly cost for the studio is set at \$200.

If you are interested, a request to be considered as a tenant must be submitted in writing to the Treasurer at nbaltreasurer@gmail.com by November 1, 2021. If there is more than one member expressing interest, a lottery at the November general membership meeting will occur. If you have questions about the lease agreement, please e-mail the Treasurer.

Treasurer's report August 2021

By Marcie Helmke, Treasurer

Top Ten Sellers: Mary McIntosh, Laura Allee, Brent Mc Carthy, Marlene Silcocks, Greg Lambert, Robin Roberts Walker, Gretchen Goode, Ralph Nordenhold, Leola Jahns, Tom Bender.

Total Sales: August 2021	\$ 14,936.53
August 2020	\$ 5,482.95

47 artists sold a total of 112 pieces with an average price of \$133.23.
Highest priced item: \$ 1,100

A detailed financial report of the Art League balances is furnished to the Board monthly and is available to anyone upon request.

Executive Board Announces 2022 Board Slate

By Tom Meyer

At the September 21st General Membership meeting, the Executive Board announced the 2022 Executive Board slate.

President	Nanette Scranton
1 st VP	Mary Hammond
2 nd VP	Mary Ellen Gaubatz
3 rd VP	Gretchen Goode
Treasurer	Marcie Helmke
Assistant Treasurer	Flora Biggs
Secretary	Susan Best
Parliamentarian	Marnie Silcocks

The Election will be held at the General Membership meeting on November 16 at 2:00pm in the Bower Classroom. All NBAL members are encouraged to attend and vote.

Docent Tip of the Month

By Marcie Helmke

Q. How do I accept monetary donations? Donations may be made to NBAL via cash or check. We do NOT accept donations via charge card at this time. No sales ticket is written up. The treasurer will send an IRS receipt to the donor.

Q. How do I accept donations of materials? Donations of physical materials are placed on the donation table in the workroom. The donor should submit a list of items being donated as well as his/her name/address. This list may be placed in the treasurer's file folder in the workroom. The treasurer will send an IRS receipt to the donor. Docents DO NOT issue tax exempt receipts.

Q. What do I do if a nonmember/salesman calls the gallery asking for personal contact info for the Executive Board? Please take a message for the Board member. The Board member will return their call. Do NOT give out personal info from the NBAL yearbook to nonmembers.

Annual Christmas Fundraiser for NBAL

Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming!!

ALL NBAL members: Let's get ready for this special, annual, event. Participation by everyone is needed to make this year's ornament sale a success. Let's get to work; donations will be accepted through Christmas.

We will begin selling ornaments in conjunction with the **56th Annual Artoberfest** show. Each ornament should be tagged with a sale price. Special tags are available in the workroom. Place the sales price on one side of the tag and your name on the other side. There is a collection box in the workroom. All proceeds will be given back to NBAL.

Questions? E-mail Gina Cumberland, Chairperson, at gcumberland@yahoo.com
THANK YOU!

The Housekeeping Team Needs Help

By Nanette Scranton

This help could be you! If you are a displaying member who needs greater flexibility in your work schedule or a non-displaying member interested in greater involvement, this maybe the job for you.

Laraine Romine's team needs the addition of two more workers. This is the team that helps keep the building clean. Workdays and hours are flexible. If you are ready to sign-up or need more information, contact Laraine at lrromine01@gmail.com.

Art Outreach Fun

You're Invited!

By Carol Bissett



Our NBAL Art Outreach Team meets twice a month to lead art play with Rock Haus clients. We are seeking additional volunteers for this fun outreach program. If you would like to join us and give either one or two Monday mornings a month, contact carol.bissett@gmail.com. We are currently meeting at Oakwood Church Pavilion to work with these developmentally delayed adults. We have two teams, one meets on first Monday morning, the second on third Monday morning of each month. We have a lot of fun together!

Seeking Representative for Greater New Braunfels Arts Council

GNBAC Needs You!

Our Art League is a long-time member of the local arts umbrella called Greater New Braunfels Arts Council. This 45 year old entity is comprised of over 25 local art organizations. We share ideas and strategies, help each other be successful, and plan Arts Council events that promote our members. After five years on the board, I am stepping down and seeking a replacement. If you are interested, contact me at carol.bissett@gmail.com. The Arts Council meets 9-10 times a year and right now we are working hard on our upcoming events: Dinner with the Arts (October 22) and the annual Fall into Art Festival. The Festival is October 23-24 at the beautiful outdoor venue Headwaters at the Comal and is a fundraiser for local art groups. To end our year, we will host Caroling on the Plaza. Contact me if you have a heart for local art and wish to serve as a contributing member to its board.



Up Coming – One Time Events

Leila Reynolds – Painting Abstracts with Acrylics

Offering a **ONE-DAY class for PAINTING ABSTRACTS WITH ACRYLICS** on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the New Braunfels Art League. The cost is \$85.00, which includes all supplies and studio fee. Limit of 15, ages 15 and over. (Bring your daughter, son, grandchild!) Beginner's welcome

Michelle Schroeder - Wreath Making

Instructor: **Michelle Schroeder (@WreathsandAccentsbyMichelle)**

Time: Saturday, October 23 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Cost: \$48

Room: Memorial Room

The class is limited to 6 participants. Get together to learn and create a mesh wreath with a sign (Happy Fall Y'all) and wired ribbons for fall! No experience needed. All supplies included and hands on instruction provided. The class in September was loads of fun! Contact Michelle at 713-805-8487 or msdancegal@gmail.com to sign up! See more about Michelle on [Facebook](#).

Who wants to join us at this fundraiser for the local arts scene?

Mingle with other artists at this beautiful event, entertained by comedic Dueling Pianos.

Tickets for sale at Greater New Braunfels Arts Council: www.gnbac.org.

Or contact carol.bissett@gmail.com for more information.



Let's Get Ready for 2022

By Barbara Blaschke

Now seeking suggestions for 2022 workshops. Share those great ideas by contacting Barbara at barbarablaschke6@gmail.com or text 830 513 3928.

2021 Workshops

Still Life: Putting it all Together by Laura Lawson Allee

October 15, 16 & 17, 2021, 10AM - 4PM



Cost \$250 for NBAL Members; \$285 for Non-Members

In this workshop students will paint looser and more confidently while learning the fundamentals of how to create a still life painting from direct observation. During the workshop, each student will do a still life painting of their setup. Through this practice, you will learn about color, perspective, application of paint and composition. We will explore interesting brush work and mark making.

COLOR THEORY for PAINTERS #1 with Roberta Buckles

2-Day Workshop – November 6-7, 9am-4pm

NBAL Members \$260/Non-members \$295



This hands-on, fully loaded, serious yet fun 2-day workshop is meant for serious Oil or Acrylic Painters of all levels. Bring your materials and your willingness to jump in! You will get wonderful learning materials to take home with you, too!

See the New Braunfels Art League website, TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com for full descriptions of the Workshops.

Make check payable to NBAL and be sure to indicate on your check the workshop you will be taking, along with a phone number and email address. This is important so you can receive updates about the workshop, supply lists, and any other pertinent information.

Workshop fees are non-refundable for cancellations within 30 days of the workshop.

Mail to: Barbara Blaschke, P.O. Box 3166, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133
Contact information: barbarablaschke6@gmail.com; Cell 830 513 3928

You will be signed up for a workshop when your deposit is received. If the workshop is full, you will be contacted to confirm you want to be on the waitlist.

Ongoing Adult Classes

Painting:

Myra Knapp - Oil Painting Class

Thursdays 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: 6-week sessions \$175 plus a \$24 studio fee. A supply list will be sent to new students. Contact Myra at 830-481-3361 or email at kattknapp@sbcglobal.net. See more about Myra at www.MyraKnapp.com

Al Slavin – Oil Painting

Comprehensive oil painting method from canvas prep to varnishing. All levels welcome. Tuesday 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Cost \$165 for five sessions plus \$20 studio fee. In the Bower Classroom. See more about Al at www.alslavin.com. Contact Information: 210-287-5785.

Frances Fontaine - Acrylic/Oil Painting Class

Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost: 6-week sessions \$150 plus \$24 studio fee. Contact Frances at 318-773-7732 or email at <mailto:franfontaine32@gmail.com> See more about Fran at www.FranFontaine.com.

Eilen Thedford - Ongoing: Solving Problems in Acrylics

Join this Supportive Group to take your acrylics to the next level. Experience helps, but it's not required! In this class, students continue to explore a variety of techniques including multimedia and collage. Mondays 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Cost: \$175 for six sessions. Contact Eilen for an updated schedule at 817-368-4637 or email eilen@paintingsbyeilen.com. See more about Eilen at www.paintingsbyeilen.com.

Mary Shepard - Watercolor Facilitator Class

Watercolor and acrylic only. 2nd Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$10 plus \$4 studio fee. Contact Mary at 830-336-4001 or email mshepard@gvtc.com.

Anne McCoy – Watercolor

Watercolor and acrylic only. Mondays 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Cost: \$25 plus \$4 studio fee. Contact Anne at 830-629-6836.

Wednesday Watercolor Group

All mediums except oils. Wednesdays 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Studio fee \$4. Get together to paint and help each other. No Instruction. Everyone is welcome. Contact Information: Lynn Gabenski, 830-287-4122, gavenski@mac.com

Leila Reynolds - Painting with Cold Wax and Oil

Cold Wax and Oil Classes. Thursday, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The classes are limited to six participants; experience with oil paints is helpful but not required. \$35.00 per class, plus studio fee, with a commitment for a minimum of four classes. Classes will include conversations about abstractions; how to develop an abstract, information about cold wax medium; resources; and much more. New techniques for working with cold wax medium will be offered each week. A supply list will be available when enrolling, and a basic beginners kit is available for \$30.00.

Tools and materials will be available for in-class use. Contact Leila Reynolds, leila.r.43@outlook.com or 830-643-1372.

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Drawing, Pastel, & Journaling:

Eilen Thedford - Ongoing: Drawing

From beginner to experienced: Basic Drawing 101, Extended Basics, Advanced Problems, Creative Approaches, Design Basics, Drawing Through Art History, and the newest entry: Drawing For Traveling. Mondays 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$175 for a 6-week session. Contact Eilen for an updated schedule at 817-368-4637 or email eilen@paintingsbyeilen.com. See more about Eilen at www.paintingsbyeilen.com.

Pottery & Sculpture:

Trace Guthrie - Clay Sculpture

Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost: \$20 plus \$4 studio fee. No commitment for consecutive classes, pay as you go! Contact Trace at 210-219-3864 or email tguthrie7@gmail.com. See more about Trace at www.traceguthrie.com.

Padi Civello of Blue-Eyed Cow Studio - Hand building Useful Pottery Vessels

Monday 10:00am - 12pm. Cost: \$180. Cost includes firing and glazing of 2 of your favorite pieces. Any additional pieces you would like fired and glazed will cost \$2.75 per pound. There is a \$4 studio fee payable each class to NBAL and \$20 fee for a bag of clay. Students will undertake a variety of projects that will incorporate slab construction. The art of pottery making is very therapeutic, so please join me for a new adventure in pottery making. Class begins on the first Monday of each month. Contact Padi Civello at (504) 858-5606 or civellopadi@yahoo.com. See more about Padi Civello [here](#).

Mark Your Calendar:

No Team Board or Member Business Meeting in October. Mark your calendars for November 16, 2021.

2021 Board Officers

President – Nanette Scranton
1st VP – Cheryl Lewis
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3rd VP – Bruce Clark
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Treasurer - Marcie Helmke
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Parliamentarian – Tom Meyer
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