



August 2023 Newsletter

From Our President

Flora Biggs

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Dear NBAL Membership:

The “Love That Red” show winners have been chosen. It is a wonderful show and worth your time. You may find a piece of art in the show or the main gallery you can't live without or for a gift. There are beautiful pieces to choose from.

August 15 will be our annual Potluck Dinner Meeting at 6:00 PM. NBAL will furnish the meat and each attending member will bring their favorite dish to share. After visitation and dinner, we will have an art exchange. If you are interested in the art exchange, bring a piece of your art and you will go home with someone else's art. Each piece of donated art will be numbered and the participating artists will draw numbers to claim their prize.

NBAL has many upcoming activities that have been announced via e-mail and social media. The first one is helping Prince Solms Inn celebrate its 125th year anniversary. The second one is the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council (GNBAC) Fall into the Arts event. Both are in October, which gives you the needed time to prepare.

Hopefully, all of you are surviving what us native Mississippians call the end of Dog Days of Summer that are always hot and miserable. August is also when children head back to school, which causes a big increase in traffic. Remember to drive safely in school zones.

A little news from the internet about August which has two full Moons this year! The full Sturgeon Moon reaches its peak on **Tuesday, August 1, 2023**, and then a full Blue Moon on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023**—and it will be the closest super moon of the year! Search to learn more about the two full moons of August. It is called Blue Moon because it is the 2nd one in the same month. Thus, the phrase “Once in a Blue Moon”.

Sincerely,
Flora Biggs NBALPresident@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report June 2023

Top ten sellers: Rendy Spangenberg, William Hughes, Donna Hays, Ellen Glisan, Mary LaFond, Diane Black, Brent McCarthy, William Hammond IV, Terry McCaffrey, Juanita Garza

Total sales:	June 2023	\$ 11,213.79
	June 2022	\$ 9449.45

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

Art Open Mic Night A New Opportunity for all!

Join fellow artists on Sat Aug 26 at 5:30 pm at the NBAL building for Art Open Mic Night. Bring along whatever project you are working on and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow creative souls. The event is open to all artists age 12 and up. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is the studio fee of \$4.00. We will meet in the Kitchen. Need more information: contact Marcie Helmke at nbaltreasurer@gmail.com or 830-608-4757.

NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP
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Note to all NBAL Members

Below are changes to NBAL Gallery Rules regarding membership fees and studio fees.

After the NBAL budget was reviewed by the Executive Board, it was decided that it was time to discuss raising the membership and studio fees with our Team Board so we could get their input before any changes were made. Our number of visitors and money transactions/intake at the docent desk (Sales, Fees, & Donations) are a little better than last year, 2022 Jan to July 5,820 visitors/\$56,106.47 intake, compared to 2023 Jan to July 6,602 visitors/\$56,851.67 intake. Unfortunately, the cost of living has gone up and we fear it will continue to rise in the upcoming election year. We are seeing a noted increase in the cost of utilities, paper products, drinks, ink, paper, and printing, which we use a lot of.

At the Team Board meeting we all agreed to tighten our belts and make some changes.

1. We will be phasing out our **thank you cards** and replacing them with a **postcard** that will be put directly into the customer's hand/bag. This will save us printing, envelopes, and postage.
2. Water and sodas will now be \$1.
3. Submission fees for special shows will be raised starting 2024 by \$5 each entry. Next year they will be \$25 (1), \$30 (2), and \$35 (3).
4. Studio fees will be raised in 2024 from \$4 to \$5 per student for use of the studio/classrooms.
5. **Starting this October for 2024 membership...** NBAL Membership will go from \$35 to \$40 for next year, Display Fee will go from \$35 to \$40 for next year.

Total for General Membership \$40 & Total for Displaying Membership \$80.

These changes were voted on by the Executive and Team Board with all in agreement.

What can you do to help? The best way you can help us is to watch our energy output. Please double check that all the lights are off when you leave, fans are off and thermostats set at the correct settings. Please continue to document our visitors and money intake on the log sheets so that I can continue to gather those numbers for the future.

What I plan in the future: I plan to meet with Vicki Houston, Joe Eby, and Vicki Smith to see if we can change, shorten, or cut out some of the paperwork we use at the docent desk and in the gallery. WE USE A LOT OF PAPER, and I would like to see if we can change that so please bear with me as I try to figure it out. If anyone has suggestions, please email me.

Docent Training

Joe Eby sent out a letter reminding us to double check our work and math at the docent desk. These little mistakes add up and make our Finance Team crazy!

1. Fill out the entire sales receipt/invoice.
2. Fill in all the blanks on the Daily Sales Log.
3. Use the tax chart (it is on the desk) to figure out the tax on each item.
4. Use the calculator to do the math.
5. Count the change box at the beginning of your shift and at the end... If you do this, you will catch any mistakes that may have been made with cash.
6. Look at the notebook with the CLOVER credit card machine information if you have any questions. Changing the paper... look how the old roll is in the machine before you pull it out and try to put the new roll in. 😊
7. Look at the Daily Sales Log notebook, located behind the wrapping table, next to the docent work desk to see your team's and other's past log sheets. If you see any mistakes marked in red, then you will be more likely to remember it next time. Also, it is good to see what art is selling and the price it was sold for.

Artists, PLEASE watch your handwriting when filling out your Artist Inventory Sheet and your Artists' Cards on your artwork... your 5 may look like a 6 to the rest of us!



Special Events

Signup for TRPA Quick Draw Event at the NBAL docent desk along with the sign-up for \$15 guest tickets for the Meet and Mingle. The cutoff for buying these tickets will be September 1, which is when we need a headcount to give to Krause's Café.

There are still some blanks on the TRPA Manpower Schedule that is posted on the door between the kitchen and gallery if you want to help out. 😊

EVERYONE!!!

**It is *Hot and Dry*, so the back door is sticking again!!!
EVERYONE when exiting from the backdoor
please turn around and push
on the door, then pull on it to make sure it is
closed and locked.**

NBAL Special Show News

Gerlyn M. Friesenhahn 2nd VP
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Current Show “Love That Red” July 18 – August 27, 2023

89 Artists are exhibiting 170 creative artwork entries. This is our largest show so far this year!

Next Show “Centex Rejuvenance” curated by Johnny Duncan, August 28-October 8, 2023

Opening Reception Friday, September 1, 5 – 7:30 PM

Centex Rejuvenance is a group exhibition curated by Jenkins2d that features TX Contemporary artists of all styles, vibes, textures, and heart. This exhibition is a shock to the system and will reverberate the pulse of what we know as Texas Art. Please plan to attend and support this group of artists!

The **2024 Special Show Schedule** is nearing completion. Thank you for the ideas you submitted for show themes. By popular request, we are planning to bring back “**All Creatures Great or Small**”, “**Wonders of Water**”, and “**Piece by Piece**” and will have previously successful show themes. Please consider signing up to be a co-chair for a show next year. The co-chair's role is to select the show judge, assist the judge on submission day and present the awards at the reception. We have simplified the co-chair task list, making it **much easier to be a co-chair** by having the Submission Team handle many of the tasks. Please contact me at gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com if you would like to be a co-chair next year.

Robin Roberts-Walker

Parliamentarian

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It is the time of year that we look for willing members to serve on the Executive Board. It is a rewarding job and does take time and commitment. All members have now or have had a previous career that could be helpful to the operation of the gallery.

We are currently looking for 2nd Vice President who is responsible for submission and displaying of the art for the shows. Must schedule and name the shows for the following year. Oversee the submission group who receive the paintings for the show. Is responsible for the award ceremony and reception and attends the monthly board meetings.

There is a job description with guidelines for the job in a Black Binder in the kitchen area. Previous 2nd VPs are always willing to help you.

If you are willing to accept the challenge contact:

Robin Roberts-Walker, Parliamentarian at robin@robinhroberts.com or
Nancy Bower, Chair of Nominating Committee at p.w.bower@att.net

NBAL Art Reach Group PLEASE HELP!

Carol Bissett, Community Art Reach for Adults

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Your NBAL Art Reach Team is seeking volunteers to help us lead monthly art projects in the community. This art creation is for adults who are willing and excited to make art with us. We currently have a team at Westside Community Center and are seeking additional members for nursing homes. Two facilities have asked us to come.

Only one day per month is required. And it is fun! Contact Carol Bissett at carol.bissett@gmail.com if you think this might be for you.

Hot off the Press!

Gretchen Goode, 3rd VP
goodecreative@gmail.com

Important message to all our mural artists. This is a time sensitive opportunity.



**We are
accepting bids
for a MURAL**

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is seeking bids for the Highway Visitor Center. If you are interested, kindly contact Brittany at brittany@innewbraunfels or call 830-625-2385 to schedule a meeting.

Bids, Bids, and more bids!

*Bids are due
August 16th 5pm*

**DO MORE OF WHAT YOU
Love**

Facebook Fun Facts

By Vickie Merchant

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If you want to see the results of Marnie Silcock's demonstration after the membership meeting in July, see our Facebook page.

If you want to learn more about becoming a sponsor for the Two Rivers PleinAir Event, see our Facebook page.

Are you curious about who the Winners are for "LOVE THAT RED", see our Facebook page.

Want to learn which classes are meeting, see our Facebook page.

Want to learn more about NBAL's upcoming workshops, see our Facebook page.

Want to see photos of the opening of "LOVE THAT RED", see our Facebook page.

What is the name of our Facebook page? **The New Braunfels Art League**

Don't be misled by similar but out of date Facebook pages.

We hope you will LIKE AND SHARE – not just VIEW our Facebook page to increase our presence on Facebook. Are you one of the 2,397 followers? We hope so.

Thanks for your support of NBAL's Facebook page. You never know what will pop up next!

Take My Advice!

Myra Knapp, Librarian

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I love giving advice, don't we all? My advice to you is this: Do not miss this great opportunity. What? Library book sale. When? Before and during the upcoming NBAL Potluck dinner on AUGUST 15, 2023. The sale starts at 5 p.m. before the potluck. Where? Upstairs in the Bower Classroom. Why? So you can have the opportunity to purchase some fantastic books for your own enjoyment. Books will be \$3 with some rare books just a little bit more. How? Put this information on your calendars so you won't miss this great event. Hope to see you there.

New to the Newsletter NBAL Membership Accolades

Our very own Robin Roberts-Walker shares that she was accepted into the Texas Watercolor Association's national show. The show will hang until August 11 at the University of the Incarnate Word Kelo Art Center. Address: 4301 Broadway in San Antonio. If you love watercolor, it is worth the trip.



Wednesday's watercolor group took a field trip in June to Incarnate Word Kelo Art Center to see the Texas Watercolor National show.



If you have an accolade to share (story and/or photos) with membership, please send to Nanette.scranton@live.com by the 24th of each month. Format preferred is a word document and photos as JPGs.

New Workshops!

Larry Johnson, Workshops

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We have three more workshops planned for 2023, five in 2024, and even one already planned for 2025! You can learn more and even register online for any workshop on the NBAL website.



In **Al Slavin's September 8-10 workshop**, you will be painting a landscape of your choosing using his unique technique and paying close attention to values, composition, atmospheric perspective, and lighting. There will be an emphasis on how to paint clouds and trees with depth and color. Join Al for a fun-filled three days with the students leaving with a completed painting and an increased knowledge of what it takes to make a solid painting.



Joan Fullerton's October workshop is currently sold out. This perennial favorite is currently waitlist only; contact Larry Johnson to get on it. But not to worry! **She is coming back Feb 29 - Mar 31, 2024** and registration is open via the website!



Tom Lynch's Online Watercolor Class is Nov 10-11

He has prepared a preview video for his November 10-11, 2023, online session. It gives a great sense of how he does his class and his personality. If you are considering joining us in the Bower classroom to paint and view this workshop together, this will help tilt the scales! See the video at bit.ly/NBALpreview or use the QR code presented here!

Coming in 2024, we have five fantastic workshops scheduled:

Vie Dunn-Harr, Jan 19-21, Joan Fullerton, Feb 29-Mar 3, Monika Pate, April 19-21, Marla Baggetta, Sept 6-8, and Elizabeth St. Hilaire, Oct 18-20.

See the website (<https://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com/workshops.html>) or the kitchen bulletin board for more details!

Ongoing Adult Classes

Detailed information on ongoing adult classes can be found online at: [TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com](https://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com)

Two Rivers Plein Air Program Sponsors

We wish to thank the following businesses that have partnered with NBAL to make the Two Rivers Plein Air event a reality for the community of New Braunfels.

Krause's Café

148 S. Castell Ave.,
New Braunfels



ART COTTAGE

307 West San Antonio St.,
New Braunfels



Huisache Grill & Wine Bar

303 W San Antonio St.,
New Braunfels

Riverstone Advisors, LLC

480 W. Mill St.
New Braunfels



Johnson Furniture Co.

283 S. Seguin Ave,
New Braunfels



Gallerie at Gruene

1633 Hunter Road, Suite A,
Gruene TX

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AMMO

240 Comal Avenue,
New Braunfels



The Crossing

322 W. San Antonio St.
New Braunfels



Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre

290 W. San Antonio St.
New Braunfels



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