



## December 2022 Newsletter

### From Our President



Dear NBAL Members,

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. I am still trying to recover. This will be the last time I share my thoughts with you as your president. It has been a privilege to serve these last two years and I am in debt to many for the help and support received. I especially want to thank my husband, Gene. He has been there for me during the most challenging times. Sometimes dropping everything to come to gallery. Our wonderful, delightful, old, 1913 building is in constant need of attention. Several times over the last two years, I tried to convince him to join and become the next president.

I hope you all have been to the gallery to see the ***Small Works for a Big Holidays*** show. It was wonderful to see that 13 general members entered artwork into the show. New faces are so important to the success of NBAL. I mentioned last month that we, as an organization, have a much greater mission than selling artwork. We exist to promote visual art, provide education to the community, provide access to teachers, workshops, classes, field trips and to support each other as we grow as artists. Seeing 13 general members participating in a show gives evidence to the success of our mission.

As of January 2023, we will be welcoming Flo Biggs as the new NBAL president. Let's keep NBAL strong and growing by supporting Flo and all our board members this coming year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Sincerely,  
Nanette Scranton

## Open Positions for 2023 Team Leaders

We still have a position open that needs to be filled for 2023. This position is essential to the day-to-day operations and to the financial well-being of the organization.

- **Docent Training Team Leader(s):** Responsible for training all Displaying Members on the gallery rules and guidelines for working and displaying at NBAL. Checks the written instructions in the “Docent Desk Reference Notebook” to assure that information is correct and current. Reports members who have completed training to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gallery Staffing Team Leader, and Membership Chair. Docent training will be held following the jury process, or as needed to include new displaying members or members needing retraining. Interested, need further information regarding this vital position, contact Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP at [mkhstudio16@gmail.com](mailto:mkhstudio16@gmail.com)
- **Reception Team Members:** The Reception Team needs additional team members. The Reception Team works Special Show Receptions and any Special Events held at the NBAL Gallery up to 12 days required to maintain displaying status. Friday reception work hours are 4pm-8pm and Sunday receptions are 1pm-5pm. Contact Gerlyn Friesenhahn at [gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com](mailto:gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com).
- **Housekeeping Team Members:** help keep the building clean. An ideal position for individuals that like to work alone. Work hours can be flexible to fit a busy lifestyle and do qualify for the number of work hours needed for displaying members. Please express your interest in this position to Nanette Scranton at [Nanette.scranton@live.com](mailto:Nanette.scranton@live.com).

Further details about the Team Leader positions can be found in the Job Description Notebook in the workroom.

## Treasurer's Report October 2022

Marcie Helmke - Treasurer  
[nbaltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nbaltreasurer@gmail.com)

Top ten sellers: Marilyn Hamilton, Barbara Blaschke, Will Wehmeyer, Joe Meyer, Shelley Henderson, Chester Leeds, Gina Eby, Terry McCaffrey, Peter Szarmach, Nanette Scranton

Total Sales:	Oct 2022	\$10,136.26
	Oct 2021	\$ 4,680.10

56 artists sold a total of 113 pieces with an average price of \$85.97

Highest priced item \$535

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

## Docent Tip of the Month

Marcie Helmke - Treasurer  
[nbaltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nbaltreasurer@gmail.com)

Please remember that all docent procedures are available at the desk. Take some time to read them over. Many procedures are also outlined with diagrams or pictures. Please note that ALL paperwork needs to be completed in entirety. This includes totaling sales on the Daily Sales Log.

The Technology Policy notebook is still on the docent desk. Every volunteer working the desk needs to review the policy and sign the acceptance form before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

With the upcoming jury day, we are scheduling docent training sessions for the new displaying members. Policies and procedures change with time. If you would like a refresher course, please contact Carol Erwin, docent trainer, to be added to a session.

## NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP  
[mkhstudio16@gmail.com](mailto:mkhstudio16@gmail.com)

### Note to all NBAL Members

**Thank You to all who have paid their 2023 NBAL Membership.** Keep your fingers crossed that we jury in a good group of displaying members this 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of December. By my count we have about 15 slots to fill.

### Gallery News

Sad news.... Long time NBAL Member and friend to many of us, Janette Hastings passed away Nov. 17. Her family held a small gathering in Kerrville. If you would like to send a card to her husband Walter, the address is in the 2022 Yearbook.

### NBAL General Members

If you would like to help the gallery by being a docent, then you need to attend the next Docent Training Day, Saturday December 10 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sat). Please contact me to be put on the training list.

### Gallery Staffing

New 2023 TIMESHEETS will be in the notebook January 2. Please be sure to fill out the information about subbing. Our new sub system seems to be helping our members find the replacements that are needed, but we cannot keep this going unless you help by letting us know when you can sub. Remember that there are two lists: Pay to Work and Will Trade Days. I plan to check the timesheets at the end of January and have the New Sub Lists out in February.

I have added an EMERGENCY CONTACT box to the top of everyone's timesheet. There have been a few times we felt that it would be good to have these numbers. Please take the time to fill this box in and encourage your teammates to do the same. You may be the one needing to make the call.

If you are a general member who is helping as a docent or are on a team.... You also have a timesheet, be sure to look for it in the TIMESHEET NOTEBOOK

## **NBAL Special Show Information**

Gerlyn Friesenhahn 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
[gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com](mailto:gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com)

**Current Show "Small Works for Big Holidays" 11/22/2022 – 1/1/2023**  
54 Artists...41 Displaying Members, 13 General Members  
213 Art Entries

### **Jury Day Saturday, December 3, 10am-12pm**

Please read the **Jury Process Information** and **How to Become a Displaying Member**, found on the NBAL website and on the gallery show bulletin board.

### **Upcoming Show "2022 Artist of the Year" 1/3/2023 – 1/28/2023**

This show is open to NBAL members (as of 1/1/22) who have won Best of Show, placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at any NBAL Special Show during the year. Artists have been invited to participate by submitting 3 pieces of their original works of art to be judged as a body of work. One entry needs to be from the media in which the artist won at a NBAL show during the past year.

Submission Day Tues., Jan. 3, 2023

Reception Fri., Jan 6, 5pm-7:30pm (Awards Presentation at 7:00pm)

### **2023 Special Show Schedule**

Next year's show schedule will be available on the gallery show bulletin board in the next few days. Thank you to members who volunteered to become co-chairs for a show next year. The first show for all NBAL members will be "Anything Goes" which will have Submission Day on Monday, Jan 30, 9AM-12pm.

## **Facebook FUN!**

By Vickie Merchant  
[vickie.moonmerchant@gmail.com](mailto:vickie.moonmerchant@gmail.com)

## **The New Braunfels Art League**

We are happy to welcome our two new team members, Magi Hernandez and Christine Tyler to social media. Magi has some great ideas to increase our presence on Facebook including short videos, and Christine will be amping up our Instagram posts.

## Friends of the New Braunfels Art League

Everyone on this private site has been so excited to receive information regarding recent activities at the gallery. There they learned that Joan McBride is facilitating a plein air event on Tuesdays; Marta Roberts posted some lovely jewelry she created; Suzanne Shield-Polk is selling a pottery wheel, and others are sharing their latest work. What a great way to communicate your interests, share your art, or share a few techniques! You can also access this information if you are a member of NBAL and ask to join. You will be admitted as soon as the Membership Roll can be checked.

## Word of Caution

If you find yourself at *New Braunfels Art League* on Facebook, this is NOT our Official Page. Add **THE** at the front to find our page, please LIKE the official page and SHARE with all your Facebook friends. We need help to get the word shared about our awesome gallery and special shows. BEST of the BEST!

## PARLIAMENTARIAN

Marlene Silcocks

[marnietx100@gmail.com](mailto:marnietx100@gmail.com)

## REMINDER TO ALL

**YAY!!!** The new NBAL 2023 Yearbook will soon be here. Have you renewed your membership OR joined NBAL?

**REMINDER:** If you want your name and information to be listed in the NBAL 2023 Yearbook, **December 31, 2022**, is the last date to renew membership or join. It must be **RECEIVED** at the gallery by this date.

**WHY?** Because the new 2023 Yearbook goes to print January 2, 2023. If received after December 31, you will not be included. And, did you know your renewal fees are increased. No exceptions!

## ELECTED 2023 NBAL EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

**President** – Flora Biggs

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Mary Hammond

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Gerlyn Friesenhahn

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President** – Gretchen Goode

**Secretary** – Susan Best

**Treasurer** – Marcie Helmke

**Parliamentarian** – Robin Roberts–Walker

**President Emeritus** – Elaine Felder

Newly appointed Executive Officers and appointed Team Leaders will take office on January 1, 2023.

## **FINAL QUOTE FOR THE YEAR 2022**

### **Who said....?**

“If you hear a voice within you say, ‘You cannot paint’, then by all means, boy, PAINT, and that voice will be silenced.”

**Have a joyous holiday season!**

## **Treasures and Legacy**

Myra Knapp, Librarian  
[Kattknapp@abcglobal.net](mailto:Kattknapp@abcglobal.net)

Our beloved friend, stellar artist and former member, Jodie Taylor, whom we lost earlier this year, will be remembered through his family’s thoughtful gifts to NBAL. We will miss Jodie and we send our sincere thank you to his wife, Hazel, for remembering NBAL through her donation of over 80 art books from Jodie’s personal library collection. This thoughtful gift will be incorporated into our NBAL Library. What a lovely legacy and tribute to Jodie. Thank you, Hazel Taylor and family.

I will be processing these books as quickly as I can for you to enjoy. You can check the library shelves for many wonderful books on pastel painting, oil painting, drawing as well as several DVDs by master pastel painters Albert Handel, Richard McKinley and others. The library is such a wonderful resource for you and it is through gifts like these that our library can offer our members hundreds of beautiful books on art. The library is open any time you come in. Come browse a bit - and find a treasure.

## **Ongoing Adult Classes**

Detailed information of ongoing adult classes can be found online at:

[TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com](http://TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com)

## **2022 Workshops**

Presented in the New Braunfels Art League Classroom

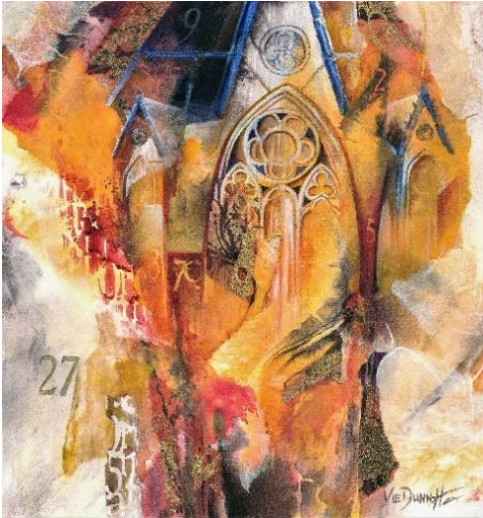
**We do have spaces available in the following Workshops**



## Watercolor Collage Workshop with Vie Dunn-Harr

January 20-22, 2023, 10 am – 5pm

Cost: \$410 members, \$445 non-members



Like an expedition, participants will immerse themselves into unfamiliar territory and be challenged creatively. They will be given a new perspective on many aspects, including “art” and “self expression”. Watercolor collage is a technique which offers an exhilarating way to trust the creative process and discover many possibilities.

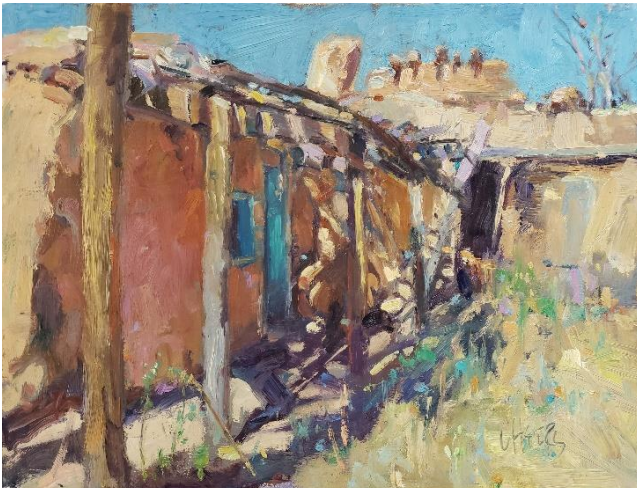
In this workshop Vie will introduce movement and abstraction as the foundation of any subject matter. She will do group demos and work personally with each participant, encouraging them to realize new strengths and expressions.

### Loosen Up!

## Simplify and Suggest to Create Impressionistic Paintings With Robin Cheers

3- day workshop, April 14-16, 2023, 10am – 5pm

Cost: \$400 NBAL Member, \$435/Non-Member, \$100 Deposit



Learn to quickly capture your first impression by seeing and painting simple shapes and value relationships. Starting with a strong foundation frees you up to explore color harmony, edges, and brushwork to create impressionist style paintings full of color and light. Trust the power of suggestion to simplify and make more expressive, impactful paintings.

See the New Braunfels Art League Web [TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com](http://TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com) for full descriptions of the Workshops. **Workshop fees are non-refundable for cancellations within 30 days of the workshop. Workshops are for adults 18 and older**

## 2022 Board Officers

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