

New Braunfels ART LEAGUE

February 2023 Newsletter

From Our President

Flora Biggs

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Dear NBAL Membership:

I cannot believe that January is already in our rearview mirror. We had a great Artist of the Year show. If you did not see the show, you missed a big treat.



At the January general meeting, Trace's demo was full of humor, instructions, and history. With a twist, pat and swirl to his sculpture, it changed in an instant. His class is on Thursdays at 1pm if you want to learn sculpture.



February brings Valentine's Day - the holiday of Love. Do not forget your Honey; time to celebrate with art, candy, and roses.

The city is still working on Castell Street. No promised date of completion. On a good note, someone filled a couple of potholes in the alley. The Board is looking for a solution to restripe the NBAL parking area which does not cost a fortune. We will keep you updated as we get closer to a solution.

Sincerely,

Flora Biggs

Treasurer's Report December 2022

Marcie Helmke - Treasurer

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Top ten sellers: Debra Cooper, Barbara Blaschke, Gina Cumberland, Anna Cochran, William Hughes, Joe Meyer, Marilyn Hamilton, Deborah Hagemeyer, Joan Ehlert-McBride, Teri Dauk

Total Sales:	Dec 2022	\$9219.90
	Dec 2021	\$10,743.44

53 artists sold a total of 125 pieces with an average price of \$51.14
Highest priced item \$350

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

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Please be aware that there is a handbook at the desk should any questions arise during your workday. It may be helpful to review the handbook to refresh your memory as some procedures may have changed since your training session.

NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP

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Gallery Staffing

Subs and Sub Lists

I am working on completing our Sub Lists now, and hope to have them to you before the end of this month. If you forgot to mark the sub information, please contact me and let me know which of the two lists, or both, you would like to be on. Pay to Work or Will Trade Days.

SOMETHING NEW – Docent Teams who are scheduled to work on holidays, when the gallery is closed. Displaying Members have the obligation to work 12 days per year for NBAL to maintain their displaying status. If your docent workday falls on a holiday, you have missed a day and will be required to make up the day you were off. Your name is being placed on an Emergency Sub List for the Gallery Staffing Team Leader to use. Once you have worked the needed 12th day, your name will be removed from the list. Please be sure to mark your Timesheet with the date that you worked this make-up day.

We know that in the past we never followed up to make sure that this day was made up by the docents, but this year we feel that we will have to start doing so. Just in January alone, we have lost two docents due to illness and have had to change their status to INACTIVE. We are experiencing more last-minute emergencies and illnesses than in the past; and we feel that we need to have a plan in place for filling workday slots in a quick and more organized manner.

Gallery Staffing will call and request your help when we have a need for staffing due to illness, death, or emergency. We may need to fill a slot quickly, so if you are contacted, please respond promptly.

Emergency Subs

If you need a sub at the last minute (*same day or next day*) due to illness, death, or emergency, then please contact: Vicki Smith, vickiportersmith@aol.com, 830-822-5802

Special Events

Valentine Saturday at the Gallery on Feb 11, from 2PM to 5PM. Come by and tell others to stop by too. Diane Parker will have nice surprises for all that do.

Gallery Assistant

Due to a Change in Our Budget - This will be updated in the Docent Reference Notebook

Write *THANK YOU* notes for all sales over \$50.

It used to be all sales over \$25. We also plan to phase out the Thank You Notes, Envelopes, Return Address Stickers and replace them with Postcards by the end of the year.... Or sooner.

Docents: please handout our new (green) NBAL Rack Cards to visiting customers who are interested in joining or participating in our shows. In the past, we handed them the prospectuses from the bulletin board, but that is a lot of paper and ink walking out the door. The new rack card has a QR code (square) that they can scan and get all of the show information at one time.

NBAL Special Show News

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SPECIAL SHOW WINNERS

2022 Artist of the Year: Nell Anderson
1st Honorable Mention: Myra Knapp
2nd Honorable Mention: Rendy Spangenberg

Canyon Lake HS teacher named New Braunfels Art League's Artist of the Year

- By Catherine Wilson, The Herald-Zeitung



Current Show “Anything Goes” 1/31/23 – 3/3/23

87 Artists...60 Displaying Members, 27 General Members

189 Art Entries

Reception Friday, February 3, 5:00 PM – 7:30PM Awards Presentation at 7:00 PM

Upcoming Show “Teen Spring Show” 3/4/23 – 3/26/23

This show is open to Comal County Middle and High School students. All Comal County ISD, New Braunfels ISD, private school and home school students in middle school and high school are welcome to submit art. Submission Day is Saturday, March 4, 10AM – 2PM. Please see our website for information and documents needed.

Ornament Fundraiser

A **BIG** thank you to all the artists who shared their talents this year by creating ornaments to sell at the gallery. The project raised \$1218.54!

Printer for Sale

Much like that car the little ol’ lady drove only to church on Sundays, NBAL has a printer for sale that has only been used every six weeks or so to print the art tags for our special shows. Lots of life still left in it!

HP Officejet Pro 8100 e-Printer -- \$200. Includes printer, power cord, USB cable, CD, User Manual, four new but out-of-date black ink cartridges and original box. Needs a color ink cartridge. Print from anywhere using your mobile device. Check out the specs: www.hp.com/OJP8100

If interested, please contact nbalpresident@gmail.com.



Unleash Some Beauty!

Myra Knapp, Librarian
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Here is a fun fact: did you know that there are approximately 391,000 species of plants currently in the world today, and of those, about 369,000 are flowering plants? That is a whole lot of blooming!

The shelves in your NBAL Library are bulging with books on how to paint flowers. I just counted 56 beautifully written and illustrated books that are patiently waiting for you to crack their covers and unleash a world full of beauty. I personally guarantee that just browsing this collection of books will get you inspired and well on your way to creating some amazing floral artworks — this is a perfect time for you to get your brain in shape so you can create several blockbuster pieces to enter into the NBAL's springtime special show, "Art In Bloom" on May 1st.

Dash upstairs, go through the Bower classroom and enter your NBAL Library. As you open the door, look to your left to the end shelf and you will see the label marked "Flowers." The Dewey Decimal number on the spine is 758.4 so you won't have any trouble finding this section. Check out a few books and get motivated. The world really needs your artwork. Enjoy!

Facebook FUN!

By Vickie Merchant
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Thanks to all of you who follow our New Braunfels Art League Facebook page. This page has 1,600 likes and 1,900 Followers. We hope you will LIKE and SHARE this page with your personal followers. That will really increase our presence in the Facebook world of social media.

We also have an Instagram account. Anything you would like to post on either social media platform can be if you send it to nbalfacebook239@gmail.com The reason we have to limit postings on this site is because other mischievous folks want to post unauthorized information.

We hope, as a Member of NBAL, you have asked to Join "Friends of the NB Art League." It is a Members Only Group and a perk of your membership, whether you are a General or Displaying Member. It's a new opportunity to share tips or your work as an artist.

Have you noticed the videos of "Member Artist Spotlight" on Facebook. Magi Hernandez is randomly selecting a piece of art hanging in the gallery and videos the information about the artist based on the biographies on file. Check it out....it could be you!

Ongoing Adult Classes

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

TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com

Registering for NBAL Workshops

Larry Johnson, Workshop Leader

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We're working to improve the process for registering for NBAL workshops, and the first part of that, the **appropriate way to register and pay**, has been in place for some time. Please make a note that the official, best, and most secure way to register for a workshop is to send your check to the official NBAL Post Box, as noted on the workshop flyers:

New Braunfels Art League
P.O. Box 310325
New Braunfels, Texas 78131-0325

Make checks payable to New Braunfels Art League and be sure to include in the envelope the name of the workshop you will be taking, your phone number, and a good email address.

In the coming weeks we hope to refine this process further with both a paper registration form, and a registration form online.

Stay tuned!

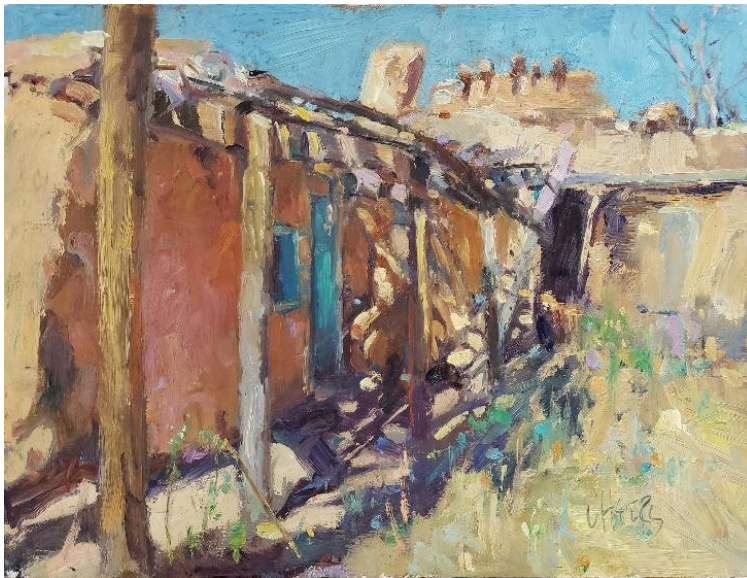
2023 Workshops

Presented in the New Braunfels Art League's Bower classroom
We do have spaces available in the following Workshops

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.

“Contemporary Approaches for Self-Expression” Acrylics with Joan Fullerton

4-day workshop, October 12-15, 2023

Cost: \$465/NBAL Member, \$500/Non-Members, \$100 Deposit



Join us as we jump into a dynamic “playground of innovation” full of inspiring demonstrations, lectures, encouragement, and practice. You will learn how to coax an image out of an abstract background, and how to paint non-objectively utilizing only the power and intricacies of shape, color, and line.

Joan is especially gifted in helping students gain more freedom in the creative process and discover their own unique artistic voice.

Learn more about Joan here: [JOAN FULLERTON WORKSHOPS - Joan](#)

[Fullerton Art Workshops](#)

See the New Braunfels Art League website, 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.**

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