

# New Braunfels ART LEAGUE

## January 2023 Newsletter

### From Our President

Flora Biggs

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### Happy New Year from NBAL President

2023 is here!! Hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year that left you with great memories to cherish.

Be sure to express your appreciation to Nanette and Marlene for the jobs well done for NBAL as President and Parliamentarian. Welcome Robin Roberts-Walker as the new Parliamentarian. As the new president, I want to thank you in advance for the help I will need from each of you.

Thank you for being a member of The New Braunfels Art League and my hope is that you will have a prosperous year selling art. We each are the face of the gallery each time we greet a visitor/customer. The success of the gallery depends on all of us, so let's make it a great year.

**Members' Bi-Monthly Meetings:** Next meeting January 17, 2023.

**Executive Board Meeting 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Team Board Meeting 12:15 – 1:45 PM**

**General Membership Meeting 2:00 – 4:00**

All Members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome. Trace Guthrie, our sculptor instructor will demo and give a door prize, **which is a very good reason to attend**. He will share his skills and knowledge in his entertaining way. All meetings are held in the Bower classroom.

**Gallery News:** Nanette Scranton and Marnie Silcocks contracted with Turney Lighting and Electric to complete the LED lighting upgrade in Elaine Felder Gallery. The room is much brighter.

Felicia Miller, President of Greater New Braunfels Arts Council presented Nanette Scranton with a \$1,000 check from the Community Endowment for the Arts. We all need to thank Marcie

Helmke for the work she undertook in applying for this grant on behalf of NBAL. The grant is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Flora Biggs

## Open Position on the Board for 2023

The Gallery needs an Assistant Treasurer. If you have a financial background or desire to learn, please contact Marcie Helmke [nbaltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nbaltreasurer@gmail.com).

## Price Change for 2023

The Board

Inflation has impacted everyone's lives including operating expenses at the gallery. Escalating costs are forcing us to increase the price of sodas and water to 75 cents each.

## Treasurer's Report November 2022

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

Top ten sellers: Janet Chang, Gloria Garcia, Shelley Henderson, Joe Eby, JoAnn Beissner, Gina Eby, Betsy Ferraro, Rendy Spangenberg, Myra Knapp, Trace Guthrie

Total sales:	November 2022	\$ 6,790.11
	November 2021	\$ 10,011.10

36 artists sold a total of 77 pieces with an average price of \$81.43.

Highest priced item \$950

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 be sure you have signed the Information Security policy notebook. This is a requirement in order to man the docent desk.

Please review the Docent Handbook located at the docent desk. It contains the procedural guidelines to follow during your workday. The most common error is incomplete or incorrect paperwork. The daily sales log needs to be completed entirely in order for the finance team to post sales accurately.

If the Clover machine is not printing, you are OUT of paper.

## NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP  
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### Gallery Staffing

GREAT NEWS!!! With the new displaying members who juried in, we now have the docent desk staffed and the Team positions filled. The new "Docent Schedule and Team List" is up on the bulletin board along with the large calendars for you to use. I sent out these to all the docents to have them at home. If for some reason, I missed you or you would like a copy, please contact me and I will get them to you.

THANKS TO VICKI SMITH, who helped get all your names on those calendars and is now our Gallery Staffing Team Leader.

New 2023 TIMESHEETS are in the notebook labeled TIMESHEETS. I have added an EMERGENCY CONTACT box to the top of this form, please take the time to fill this box in and encourage your team mates to do the same. You may be the one needing to make the call.

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

### Sub Lists

PLEASE... Please ... please be sure to fill out the information about subbing. 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. If you have scheduled a substitute to take one of your days or have traded with someone, BE SURE to write their name under your name with their phone number **on the large calendar**, so that they get called with the reminder to work.

## **Docent Training**

THANK YOU, JOE EBY who will step in as Docent Training Team Leader for 2023.

Nancy Bower and I trained 16 new displaying members, and 3 general members who will be helping at the Docent Desk and as Subs. THANK YOU NANCY!

## **Special Events**

New Special Events Master Schedule is on the bulletin board for you to see. It shows all the events happening at the gallery on one sheet. THANK YOU, DIANE PARKER who helped set this all up.

## **Gallery Assistant**

THANK YOU, VICKI HOUSTON for taking over this challenging task. If you see that we are missing or running low on any of the wrapping supplies, artist cards or paperwork for the Docent Desk, please help her out and call her to let her know.

## **Gallery Appearance/Display**

The gallery looks great because of the wonderful job that Gina Cumberland does by keeping all the artwork current and organized. We are so lucky to have Gina staying on in this position. THANK YOU, GINA!

## **NBAL Special Show Information**

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

## **Jury Day was December 3, 2022 – Congratulations to New Displaying Artists**

21 Artists Submitted  
19 Artists Accepted  
17 New Displaying Artists  
6 New Members to NBAL

### **New Artists to NBAL who are now Displaying Members:**

Ellen McPeek Glisan - 3D Media/Metal

Kylee McCoy – Drawing Media

Flore Chevaillier – 3D Media/Pottery

Steve Ferrell – 3D Media/Jewelry

Candice Haugdahl – Photography & Digital Art

**NBAL General Members who are now Displaying Members:**

Melissa R. Nairn – Oil & Acrylic

William Hughes – Oil & Acrylic

Bob Bogucki – 3D Media/Pottery

Mary Elle – Water Media

Peter McCullough – 3D Media/Wood

Christine Tyler – Photography & Digital Art

Arthur Severance – Photography & Digital Art

MiHyun Choi – Oil & Acrylic

Izzy Mason - Oil & Acrylic and Drawing Media

Lisa Hood – Photography & Digital

Cheryl Jividen – Oil & Acrylic

Daniela Hundley – Water Media

**NBAL Displaying Members who are now approved in another media:**

Vicki Houston – Water Media

William Schmelzer – Oil & Acrylic

**Current Show “Small Works for Big Holidays”**

Show ends Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Artists please pickup your artwork.

**Upcoming Shows in January**

**“2022 Artist of the Year” 1/3/2023 – 1/29/2023**

This show is for NBAL Members who won Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a show in 2022. Forty-seven members who are eligible, have been invited to participate in this show. The Artist of the Year will be awarded a \$500 cash prize. Two Honorable Mentions will be awarded a \$75 cash prize.

**Submission Day:** Tuesday, January 3, 9 am – 12pm

**Reception and Awards Presentation:** Friday, January 6, 5-7:30pm

## **“Anything Goes” 1/30/23 – 3/3/2023**

This is an open theme show for NBAL members. For this show only, any subject matter and media are allowed including artwork done in a classroom or workshop. There are 5 Media categories and each category will award 1<sup>st</sup> (\$100), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$75), 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50) and 2 Honorable Mentions (\$25).

**Submission Day:** Monday, January 30, 9am-12pm

**Reception and Awards Presentation:** Friday, February 3, 5-7:30pm

The 2023 Show Schedule and Show Prospectuses/Artists Inventory Log Sheets printed copies are available on the Show Bulletin Board.

## **Facebook FUN!**

By Vickie Merchant

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NB Art League Facebook presence is increasing. We now have 1,940 followers. This is thanks to those who “**Like**” and “**Share**” the posts. When your friends “Like” our posts, they are invited to become followers of our page.

Our Facebook team is growing. Magi Hernandez is the new Social Media Team Leader and Christine Farinas Tyler will be helping to increase our Instagram followers.

The number of members who subscribe to ***Friends of the NB Art League*** is growing; up to 71 members. But there are so many more NBAL members who could join. This member-only page is open to all NBAL members. We hope you will use this page to share your work and techniques or anything art related with other members.

Vickie Merchant will be the webmaster and is currently working to update the 2023 website with new information.

We are excited about 2023 and hope you will continue to assist us with sending new information to [NBALFacebook239@gmail.com](mailto:NBALFacebook239@gmail.com)

## **Attention Pastel Artists!**

Myra Knapp, Librarian

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NBAL Library has something new just for you:

Clean off those dirty pastels in a bowl of rice? Use pumice to prepare your pastel paper? Take those pastels out plein air painting? Good grief! - this is amazing! Where did I get this

information? — In one of the many books on PASTELS that I just processed and is now waiting for you on the library shelves at 744. The collection of books on pastel painting has quickly grown thanks to the generous donation from the Jodie Taylor family. I will be processing five new pastel DVDs soon so be the first to check out some of these new resources. The library is always open to you 24 - 7. Enjoy!

## Ongoing Adult Classes

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

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

## 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](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**

## 2023 Board Officers

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