



## July 2023 Newsletter

### From Our President

Flora Biggs

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Dear NBAL Membership:

It is July time to celebrate our Flag and Declaration of Independence which says that:

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal,  
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights,  
that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

The first flag was designed by Betsy Ross in 1776 with 13 stars and stripes representing the first 13 colonies. According to history, from more than one source, the present flag was designed in 1958 by Robert G. Heft, an Ohio high school student. The students were given an open ended project in American History. Robert cut up a flag and added 2 stars to the 48, because he had heard that Hawaii and Alaska were going to be added as states. His teacher gave him a B- because the number of stars was incorrect. The teacher agreed to change the grade to an A if the flag was ever declared to be the official flag of the United States.

Robert wrote 21 letters and called Washington 18 times. One day in 1960, President Eisenhower called Robert and invited him to come to Washington because his Flag had been accepted as the official United States flag by Congress. Robert's flag was flown over the White House for the first time on July 4, 1960. Only 63 years ago! Robert's teacher changed the grade to an A. Just a bit of history.



### **Meeting Time Change:**

The times for our July 18<sup>th</sup> meetings have changed. This gives the members who have a full-time job an opportunity to attend the General Meeting and meet other members. Diane Parker has arranged for Marnie Silcocks to demonstrate mosaics. Marnie will furnish supplies so attendees can make a mosaic piece. A donation to Marnie for supplies is suggested.

Executive Board Meeting	<b>2:00 – 4:15P</b>
Team Board	<b>4:15 – 5:45P</b>
General Meeting	<b>6:00 – 8:00P</b>

### **Potluck:**

August 15 will be our annual Potluck Meeting at 6:00 PM. NBAL will furnish the meat and each attending member will bring their favorite dish to share. After a short business meeting, 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.

Have a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> and don't forget to enjoy a traditional Independence Day hot dog!

Sincerely,  
Flora Biggs

## **Treasurer's Report May 2023**

Top ten sellers: Diane Parker, Mary Shephard, Rendy Spangenberg, Joe Eby, Shelley Henderson, Gina Cumberland, Jolene Oyer, Teri Dauk, Anna Cochran, Karen Spangrud

Total Sales:	May 2023	\$ 8505.54
	May 2022	\$ 10,352.05

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  
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The Clover machine accepts all forms of credit/debit payment. It does not matter if the customer hands you an actual card, uses contactless payment, or Apple Pay - the machine processes their credit card info to our bank. You are still REQUIRED to obtain a signature on the charge receipt for our records.

The method of payment is still incorrectly checked on sales invoices. You **MUST** look at the customer's charge receipt to know how it was processed: debit, Mastercard, VISA, etc... , then circle the method on the sales invoice.

Be sure to verify the dollar amount on the Clover screen matches the total on the sales invoice **BEFORE** you charge the account.

## NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP

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### Docent Training

**Joe Eby** trained 15 new displaying members last month.... **WAY TO GO JOE!!!** 😊

Please be sure to help these new members with all the different tasks that their new jobs require.

During one of the training sessions, I was asked how many displaying members do we have? Here are the latest numbers from Dyan Lee, our Membership Team Leader. **301 Total Artists at NBAL, 86 new members from January to June, and 147 Displaying Members. ...THANKS DYAN!!** 😊

### Gallery Staffing

**Vicki Smith** has worked hard to get all of our new displaying members on the schedule and the new docent calendars printed and up on the wall. .... **THANK YOU, VICKI S.!!!** 😊

New displayers: Thank you so much for joining us. Be sure to mark your time sheets when you come to work at the gallery starting this July. Everyone is responsible for keeping their timesheets up to date so please check them when you come in.

### Special Events

#### JULY 7 is First Friday!

**The TRPA (Two Rivers Plain Air) Team is presenting a MOVIE NIGHT with popcorn and drinks in the Bower Classroom from 5PM to 7PM.** The movie is a documentary that highlights the history of Plein Air. Afterwards, **Myra Knapp, Sherry Wooley, and Joan McBride** will be providing a short demo on how to prepare and paint in Plein Air and/or Quick Draw competitions. Both informative and fun so come and join us!

**NBAL will also be a DTA Beer Stop on Friday, July 7.** We share this honor with Clay Casa and our sister gallery the Art Cottage. If you have not had the chance to visit the Art Cottage, this would be a great night to do so. It's located at 307 West San Antonio St., right behind the Huisache Grill.

## “TWO RIVERS PLEIN AIR”

The Quick Draw Early Registration is 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.

## HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!!

The “Two Rivers Plein Air” Team needs help with manning this event. *PLEASE* take a look at the work schedule posted on the door between the kitchen and gallery for the sign-up sheets if you want to help out.

Put your name in a square .... Or two!! 😊

## NBAL Special Show News

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### Current Show “TEXAS” June 13-July 16, 2023

58 Artists are exhibiting, 118 creative artwork entries.

Artists, please pick up your “Texas” artwork entries on Sunday, July 16 to make space for our next show.

### Next Show “Love That Red” July 18-August 27, 2023

**Submission Day** Monday, July 17, 9AM - 12PM

**Reception** Sunday, July 23, 2-4:30 PM

Thank you for submitting theme ideas for the 2024 Special Shows. We had some wonderful suggestions and plan to select themes for 3 shows to go along with our most successful previous show themes.

## Robin Roberts-Walker

Parliamentarian  
[robin@robinhroberts.com](mailto:robin@robinhroberts.com)

If you are interested in serving NBAL as a member of the board, the following positions are open.

### 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Duties other than subbing for the president:

Oversees jury process, submission team and show chairperson assignments, oversees *Artist of the Year* show.

### SECRETARY

Records minutes for Ex Board, Team Board and Gen. Membership meetings, send draft and final version to president.

More detailed information on these positions can be found in the job description binder found on the bookshelves behind the wrapping table.

These positions are open to all membership.

## Facebook Fun Facts

By Vickie Merchant

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Did you know that from May 26-June 22, 2023, The New Braunfels Art League had:

2,292 interactions on Facebook

2,089 interactions on Instagram

Our Facebook reach was almost 8,000.

We also had MANY views of our posts – No actions, just views. While you're viewing, please LIKE or SHARE.

*Friends of NB Art League* number 100. We would love more NBAL members to join. I'll be sending out invitations soon to our members. Please accept the invitation. The info there will be enhanced by your contributions about techniques, where groups are meeting in the community, your art, what not to do.... Our top contributors on Friends are Joan Ehlert McBride, Kathleen Trocmet, Gaye Sekula and Shelley Henderson.

Why are these numbers important? The more you LIKE and SHARE, the more people see our posts and want to come and visit.

Did you know that Michelle Clark was in Germany recently and visited Braunfels, Germany. A local small art gallery is located just below the castle named "Gini Mazzinis – Lebendige Kunst Ecke", which means living art corner. Gini was excited to hear we had a local artist art gallery here in NB and asked if I would share her info as we are sister cities. So here is Gini at her gallery. Reach out to her on Facebook- A kindred spirit.

Our newly designed website has had many more visits since its launch. Not been there? Take a look [www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com)



## Take My Advice!

Myra Knapp, Librarian  
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I love giving out 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.



## Hands-On Adobe Lightroom Workshop

With Photographer Larry Johnson

July 22, 2023. 10 am – 5 pm, with a break for lunch from 1:00-2:00.

Limit 12 students    \$85/student    Bower Classroom

**Overview:** This is a highly individualized hands-on Lightroom workshop focused on both Lightroom CC, which works seamlessly across all your devices, allowing access to your collections on any device, as well as the web, as well as Lightroom Classic, which adds the ability to tether your camera and to powerfully manage your archive of images.

Attendees will learn techniques they can apply to their own photos, with individual assistance and guidance from the instructor as they edit. There will be a balance of presentation and hands-on, with one hour of presentation and two hours of hands-on editing planned for each of the morning and the afternoon segments.

This class is appropriate for all levels of photographer. We'll cover Lightroom from soup to nuts, starting with how to set up your catalog, and import your images, and then on to all the features that are at your disposal within the Lightroom suite of tools. Plan to bring lots of images to work on!

**Want to Register or have Questions?** Text or call Larry Johnson at 512-740-6205, or email [drjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:drjohnson@gmail.com)

# New Workshops!

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, 2014** 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](https://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](http://TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com)

## 2023 Board Officers

President – Flora Biggs

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Mary Hammond

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