

# New Braunfels ART LEAGUE

## March 2023 Newsletter

### From Our President

Flora Biggs

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Dear NBAL Membership,

February gave us another ice storm, UGH. I am aware of only one casualty other than the beautiful trees of Comal County. A docent fractured an ankle while surveying the tree damage at home. Hopefully, most did not receive too much freeze damage.

The weather has not cooperated with the re-striping of the parking lot. It is still on the agenda. Thanks to the docents that dealt with the inconvenience of a water outage caused by the construction on Castell Ave.

How many of our members know that we have 2 fire escapes for the classrooms and studios upstairs? One is in the upstairs kitchen area. Signage will soon be added. The second emergency exit is the double doors located at the foot of the front stairs. These doors are easily opened.

**Set your clocks.** Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, brings us Daylight Savings time.

**Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup> will be NBAL meetings day:**

Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 am

Team Board Meeting: 12:30 – 1:45 pm

General Member's Meeting: 2:00-4:00 pm

For our General Member's meeting, Mary Elle will demonstrate her watercolor technique using Japanese tape to mask off areas. Mary has written an article which

appeared in an artist magazine. Should be exciting to learn something new. Be sure to be there.

Sincerely and Happy St. Patrick's Day,  
Flora Biggs



## SILENT AUCTION

NBAL is holding a silent auction during the Youth Show reception March 5, 1-5PM. We are accepting donations of art for the auction. All proceeds will benefit children's/youth programs at NBAL. To donate, please label each piece of donated art Silent Auction and leave in the kitchen. All questions may be directed to Flora Biggs at [NBALPresident@gmail.com](mailto:NBALPresident@gmail.com). Bidding is 1-4:30PM. Art pick-up and payment for the winners will be from 4:30-5:00PM at the docent desk.

## Introducing New Executive Board Member

At the February meeting, the Executive Board appointed a new Assistant Treasurer to fill the unexpired term ending December 31, 2023. We welcome Chase Willett to the Board! Chase brings multiple years of banking and IT experience to the position.

## Treasurer's Report January 2023

Top ten sellers: Diane Parker, Peter McCullough, Gina Cumberland, Janet Avery, Barbie Moroney, Renee Bejbl, Diane Black, Billy Butler, Joe Eby, Dyan Lee

Total sales:	Jan 2023	\$ 5657.70
	Jan 2022	\$ 7735.37

45 artists sold a total of 68 pieces with an average price of \$82.01.  
Highest priced item \$900

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

## Road Closure

Please be aware that the road construction crew put out a new sign last week indicating that Castell Street will be closed Feb 27 - March 10. It is uncertain exactly what that means in regard to accessing the back alley for parking.

## Docent Tip of the Month

Marcie Helmke - Treasurer

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Q: How do I know when I need to change the paper on the Clover machine?

A: When the receipt coming out of the Clover has a red/pink ink stain down the middle, it is time. That is your warning. The Clover will not print if it is out of paper. (Please do NOT replace the paper until you see the red streak.)

Please remember that part of the closing duties for the docent team is to ensure that ALL thermostats have been set correctly for overnight. Please look whether the unit is on "heat" or "cool." When heating, thermostats are kept at 70 while the gallery is open and 65 when the gallery closes. When cooling, thermostats are at 75 when the gallery is open and 80 when we close at night. This is an easy way for NBAL to conserve energy as well as reduce our utility cost.

Part of the job description for the finance team includes collecting the funds left in the drink jars and donation jar. Docents should NOT be collecting the donation jar money.

Thank you notes are written to customers for sales over **\$50**. We do NOT send notes to our fellow members, nor do we mail outside the US. Please copy the mailing address correctly when addressing the thank you note.

## NBAL Gallery Information

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### Note to all NBAL Members

**Below are the two newest changes to NBAL Gallery Rules.** I know it is just now March, but we have found two rules that needed to be altered by just a few important words. You can also find these posted at the back of the Docent Reference Notebook.

## **DISPLAY CRITERIA FOR MAIN GALLERY AND SPECIAL SHOWS**

### **Gallery Rules section 7, General Rules, page 18.**

Artwork left by **an artist** ~~a member whose membership has expired by~~ 90 days or longer shall be considered abandoned and become the property of the Gallery for disposal at the sole discretion of the Board with no obligation to the artist.

### **Gallery Rules section 7, Display Requirements, page 22.**

d. Use of Plexiglas in lieu of glass is encouraged for works larger than 16"x20" because of the weight of the work. ~~Plexiglas is required on works 24"x36" or larger.~~ Pastel and charcoal works are exempt due to the static electric charge of Plexiglas **but must not weigh more than the 15 pounds weight restriction.**

This means that the focus will be on the weight of the artwork not size to determine if Plexiglas is required.

## **Gallery Staffing**

**Sub Lists are now posted on the clipboards above the Docent Work Desk in the backroom.** If you missed the email that I sent out.... Or I missed you 😊 .... And if you would like a copy to have at home, please email me and I will send it to you.

If you would like to volunteer to help out NBAL at the docent desk as an **Emergency Sub**, please contact: Vicki Smith, [vickiportersmith@aol.com](mailto:vickiportersmith@aol.com), 830-822-5802

## **Special Events**

Coming up in April, **en Vivo Theatrical** will be performing a one act play in the Bower Classroom. The play will be John Logan's Tony Award winning play RED. The play focuses on the working relationship between the well-known painter Mark Rothko and his assistant Ken as they prepare a set of murals for the Seagram building in New York in 1959.

There will be three performances: two after-hours shows on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 PM and an afternoon performance Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 PM.

We will be posting the information for tickets soon.

## **NBAL Special Show News**

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

This show is open to Comal County middle school and high school students. All Comal 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.

## **Artist Opportunity**

Water 2 Wine, a downtown boutique winery, wants the phrase “Love Always Wins” painted somewhere on their premises. Not many details yet, but if this is a project you’d like to considered, contact Gretchen Goode at 773-771-3364 or by e-mail at [goodecreative@gmail.com](mailto:goodecreative@gmail.com).

## **Larger than Life**

Myra Knapp, Librarian  
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Welcome to the world of the oversized, extra-large, gigantic, coffee table sized books. Sometimes bigger is better and in these grand books, the artwork is beautiful, and the text is focused on a specific topic - Maynard Dixon, Van Gogh, Sorrolla, Degas, Hopper, or the California Impressionists plus many, many more subjects.

Did you know that these larger books are waiting for you on the library shelves of your New Braunfels Library? These beautiful books are assigned left over space on the bottom shelves as they are all just a wee bit too tall to stand proudly next to the average sized book. These beautiful books are not often picked up and taken home as they are just plain overlooked. Some of the most important books on famous artists and art movements can be found in these larger-than-life books. Take pity on them — check out one or two of these amazing books. You can’t miss them. Just look on the lower shelves in the library. They are pure enjoyment.

Don’t forget - your library is always open. Get the key at the front desk to open a world of enjoyment and entertainment in art.

## Facebook FUN!

By Vickie Merchant

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NBAL's Facebook page is continuing to grow with over 2,022 followers. The Friends' page has grown to 89 members. Please invite other NBAL members to join this private page to catch up on the latest news and techniques being shared.

Many thanks to those who LIKE and SHARE our posts. That's the singular way NBAL's presence is known especially regarding communication using social media in today's world.

Check out the new look of our

website, <https://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com/>

We are still fine tuning things but think it will make a great first impression on visitors to the site.

## Ongoing Adult Classes

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

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

## Registering for NBAL Workshops – Update!

Larry Johnson, Workshop Leader

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As we mentioned last month, we've been working to improve the process for registering for NBAL workshops.

We've made substantial progress and are announcing two new ways to register. For those who prefer pen and paper, we've added a new print-based registration form to the back of all the flyers, putting everything you need to register in a format that fits easily in the envelope with your check. Check out the new approach in the info bins in the kitchen.

For those who prefer to submit their workshop registration online, we have also just launched the [online version](#) of this form, which captures all your info and send you a confirmation email as well.

Either of these methods helps you complete the first step in registering — but we also need your \$100 deposit or full payment to make your registration complete.

As we noted last month, 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.

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## Upcoming Workshops

Work proceeds on booking new workshops for both 2023 and 2024, so look for new topics and instructors soon! All Workshops are presented in the Bower classroom.

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### Impressionism with Robin Cheers

*Loosen Up!*

*Simplify and Suggest to Create Impressionistic Paintings*

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

\$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. *Learn more about Robin at [robincheers.com](http://robincheers.com)*

This session has made its minimum and will run.



## Intro to Watercolor Techniques & Methods

*A Two-Day Beginner's Hands-On Workshop with Glenn Cernosek*

2-day workshop, May 20-21, 2023

\$205/NBAL Member, \$240/Non-Members, \$100 Deposit



Watercolor painting can feel intimidating to someone just starting out with the medium, but even if you have never picked up a paintbrush, Glenn Cernosek will get you started on creating beautiful works of art with watercolors. This class is uniquely aimed at those who are beginners or even absolutely new to watercolors. The instructor is providing everything attendees will require. We've made the class just two days to make it more affordable to budding artists. *Learn more about Glenn at [cernosek.com](http://cernosek.com).*

This course is proving very popular but there are still plenty of seats – Please help us promote it!

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## Learn to Paint Light

*A Three-Day Oil Painting Workshop with Al Slavin*

3-day workshop, September 8-10, 2023

\$345/NBAL Member, \$380/Non-Members, \$100 Deposit



In this workshop you will be painting a landscape of your choosing using Al's 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. Al will be going over the basics of good oil painting: color, values, composition, media, canvas preparation, and technique. This is a course for all levels of painters. *Learn more about Al at [alslavin.com](http://alslavin.com).*

This session has just been booked – Please help us promote it!



## Acrylics with Joan Fullerton

*Contemporary Approaches for Self-Expression*

4-day workshop, October 12-15, 2023

\$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 at [joanfullerton.com](http://joanfullerton.com).*

Please help boost this session any way you can — it has not yet made its minimums and Joan is a fabulously loved instructor!

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**New!! [Register Online!](#)**

Or if you prefer — [Download the printable Registration Form](#)

*Workshop fees are refundable until 30 days before the workshop*

*Attendance is limited to adults 18 and older.*

## 2023 Board Officers

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