



December, 2020 Newsletter

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From Our President

Hello Fabulous NBAL Members,

This is my last communications to you before the new year. It has been my honor to lead NBAL through this past year. Was it a challenge? You bet! Will we survive. Yes, Ma'am! (or Sir!) We will continue as artists and people of the world, staying safe and creating our ART.

My last job is to remind you that people still are working behind the scenes for YOU. Our fantastic financial team is doing the tedious job of getting you what you deserve when sales are made. Janet Chang and Nancy Reese are part of that team who makes sure that all of those details are complete. Thank you, Ladies.

Your new President is someone you know, Nanette Scranton. I feel very confident she can do the job in grand fashion. She will have a terrific board with old and new faces. Be sure to welcome Cheryl Lewis, 1st Vice President and work with her when the Gallery needs something. The others continuing on the board are Mary Hammond, 2nd Vice President, who does a stellar job of scheduling the special shows for the year AND making sure the prospectuses are up to date and correct. She also takes professional care of the Jury Days, twice a year. You never see the work behind setting up everything for these shows and events. It takes hours on the computer and time in the Gallery. Our 3rd Vice President, Bruce Clark, is an expert in advertising and publicity. Our advertisements and publicity have really put NBAL in the spotlight this year. Keeping up with all of that is a challenge! Our Secretary, Corinne Babcock, has now moved to Tucson, Arizona so we wish her well. She did an outstanding job of keeping track of our meetings and motions. We are sure Gretchen Goode will continue that standard. Last, but definitely not least is J.R. Couser, our Parliamentarian this year. He has been so patient with all of us during the Constitutional revision and the Gallery Rules update. J.R. has kept the board on track for several years. Tom Meyer will do a wonderful job too.

Thank you, board, for making us look good all year long. You were a wonderful sounding board and a calm voice when the situation demanded it. I am not leaving NBAL. I will return to the Submission Team and hopefully see you then.

Keep decorating your world with your beautiful art.

Sincerely, Kathy Perales

Announcements:

**NBAL dues will go up \$5.00 in all categories on January 1, 2021. Please join or renew now to avoid the increase. Payments must be received at the gallery OR postmarked by December 31 to avoid late fees.

**Displaying Members, on the days that you work in the Gallery, please remember to clean every day - several times a day. It is imperative for you to be cleaning and wiping after each customer. Keep NBAL in good stead and open during this challenging time.

**Please welcome one of our new members, Izzy Mason, who is the new resident of Studio #2.

**Please note that the Studio Fees will be going to \$4.00/session starting in January. Teachers, please note that; students, please be prepared to pay the increased fee.

**It is becoming more and more imperative for you, as members, to sign on the whiteboard to the left of the back door, when you are parked in one of the three parking spaces along the alley. More and more people are parking in those spaces at night illegally and that leaves no room for our members who rent studios or work in the Gallery at night.

Current Show: Small Works for Big Holidays

Judge's Comments for the Overall Show

Very strong show overall! I love having difficult judging decisions because it makes me feel like I have earned my fee. I could have awarded twice as many places. The strong works that caught my eye all had certain elements of originality, strong design, clever humor, showed experienced handling of the artist's medium, or a good combination of these factors.

Congratulations to all of you for showing your work and best wishes for a successful show!

[Click here to see the full **Small Works For Big Holidays** show and the list of award winners and lots of photos .](#)

Annual Christmas Fundraiser for the NBAL Galley

Once again, the Wednesday Paint Group will be sponsoring a sale of Christmas ornaments as a fundraiser for NBAL. We hope that you will once again donate handmade tree ornaments to make this event a success.

You can donate anytime through December's Small works shows.

The beautiful ornaments will be used to decorate the gallery tree. All proceeds will be donated directly to NBAL. A big thank you to Gina Cumberland for chairing this event. Questions? Email Gina at gcumberland@yahoo.com

Next Show: Artist of the Year 2020

Jan. 5 to Jan. 31, 2021

The first special show of every year is the NBAL *Artist Of The Year* show for the top award winners of 2020. In 2019, there were 40 eligible artists and 26 participated in the *Artist Of The Year* show.

Submission: Tuesday, Jan 5, 9am-1pm

Show Opens Wed., Jan 6th

Reception: Friday, Jan 8th, 5 – 7:30 pm IF POSSIBLE

Pickup: Sunday, Feb 7th, 10 am – 5 pm (Sunday schedule)

The Prospectus has been sent to eligible members.

Treasurer's Report October 2020

Top Ten Sellers: Kathy Perales, Garrett M Smith, Richard Lopez, Padi Civello, Janet Chang, Darryl Patrick, Gina Eby, Nanette Scranton, Marta Roberts, Bruce Williams

Total Sales: Oct 2020	\$	4404.72
Oct 2019	\$	5367.44

27 artists sold a total of 43 pieces with an average price of \$99.84.

Highest priced item \$ 625.

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

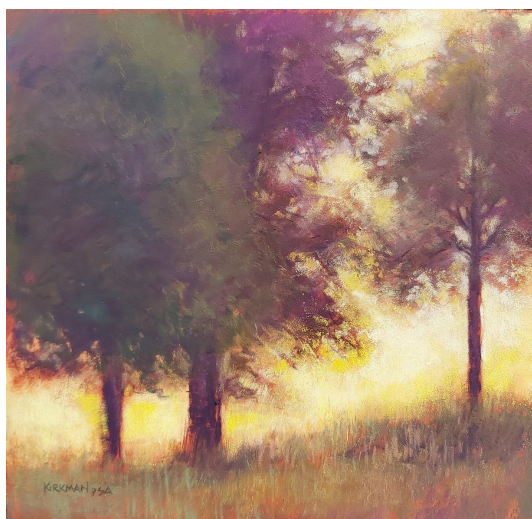
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### 2021 Workshops

#### “Capture The Light”

Pastel Workshop with Rita Kirkman, PSA, IAPS/E

August 20-22, 2021



\$250 for NBAL Members,  
\$280 Non-members  
\$50 Deposit Required

For Beginner to Advanced.

Learn to capture light with an innovative underpainting technique! Receive helpful hints and tips from Rita's 40+ years of experience with pastel. Instruction will emphasize value and temperature



**We are thrilled to announce our newest Displaying Members:**

New Artist to New Braunfels Art League who are now NBAL Displaying Members:

Janet M. Olson - Oil & Acrylic & Water Media

NBAL General Members who are now Displaying Members:

Alex Gilmore – Wood (3-D)

Bill Sullivan - Oil & Acrylic

Marion (Joe) Meyer - Jewelry

Peter Szarmach - Photo & Digital Art

Susan Best - Oil & Acrylic

James (Jim) Adamko – Found Object

Sandy Parks - Oil & Acrylic

Renee Bejbl - Oil & Acrylic & Drawing Media

Juanita Garza - Oil & Acrylic

NBAL Displaying Members who are now approved in another media:

Susan Calafrancesco - Photo & Digital Art

Donna Hays - Water Media

## **2020 Executive Board Officers**

President – Kathy Perales

2nd VP – Mary Hammond

Secretary - Gretchen Goode

Parliamentarian – J.R. Couser

President Emeritus – Elaine Felder

1st VP – Nanette Scranton

3rd VP – Bruce Clark

Treasurer - Marcie Helmke

Asst. Treasurer – Flo Biggs

