

New Braunfels ART LEAGUE

November 2023 Newsletter

From Our President

Flora Biggs

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Dear NBAL Members:

November is when we gather with family and friends to give thanks for our bountiful blessings. Thanksgiving brings special treats for everyone with great food and visiting. Don't forget the Wurstfest celebration Nov. 3-12, 2023. Enjoy!!! Be sure to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 5.

According to Google, our forefathers named the November moon the beaver moon because it was their last opportunity to set beavers traps for warm winter clothing and bedding.



Google also marks November 11, 1918, as Armistice Day. This day marks the formal agreement to officially end World War 1. On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, in 1918 allied forces and Germany came together to sign the peace treaty. USA fought Germany again in the 1940's.

Meeting reminder: November 21, 2023 in the Bower Classroom

- **Team Board meeting 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM**
- **General membership meeting 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

IMPORTANT: Election of 2024 officers is on the agenda. A quorum of 20 is needed to conduct business.

A Big Treat for everyone!!! Diane Parker will demo a colorful collage. Visitors are welcome.

Sincerely,
Flora Biggs, President



Attention Membership! Foundation Repair!

Flora Biggs, President
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NBAL is going to have a major foundation repair bill on the rear of our building. Insurance does not cover the repair. We are in the process of getting bids. We will be using our savings but do not want to deplete the entire account. If you are looking to make an end of year charitable donation, consider donating to NBAL for the foundation repair. Donations should be marked "foundation repair."

Treasurer's Report September 2023

Top ten sellers: Gina Eby, Diane Black, Joe Eby, Joy Fonvielle, Mary Shepard, Myra Knapp, Dyan Lee, Marlene Silcocks, Jolene Oyer, Gina Cumberland.

Total Sales:	Sept 2023	\$10,904.41
	Sept 2022	\$7812.84

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
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Please record the correct method of payment of the sales invoice. "Debit" means a debit card was used. You will see the word "debit" on the charge receipt.

Please remember to remove the artist tag from artwork when it is sold. The tag needs to be paperclipped to the sales invoice with the payment.

Directions for the sale of ornaments are posted on the docent desk. Sales tax IS charged. NBAL should be listed as the "artist" on the sales invoice.

Membership paid at the docent desk is payable by cash, check, or credit card. Please ensure that a 2024 membership form is completed entirely with the payment. Do NOT write a sales invoice. Memberships ARE listed on the daily sales log.

Studio Available in 2024

Marcie Helmke

nbaltreasurer@gmail.com

Studio #1 upstairs will be available beginning January 1st. The studio is \$250 per month on an annual lease. Members who have paid their 2024 membership fees are eligible. Please email nbaltreasurer@gmail.com if you are interested in the studio. If more than one member is interested, a lottery drawing will be held at the November 21st general meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS 2024

Robin Roberts-Walker – Parliamentarian

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A proposed slate of NBAL Executive Board of Officers for the 2024 year was announced at the General Membership Meeting in September. This slate will be voted on during the November 21 general membership meeting.

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

President Emeritus

Parliamentarian

Mary Hammond

Vicki Houston

Joan Ehlert-McBride

Gretchen Goode

Jeanne Balkman

Marcie Helmke

Chase Willett

Elaine Felder

Robin Roberts-Walker

If you know of an NBAL member who you would like to nominate for any of these positions, nominations can be made from the floor with the approval of the person being nominated. Newly elected executive officers and appointed team leaders will take office on January 1, 2024.

2024 Membership Fees Now Due

Membership and display fees for 2024 are now due. Fees can be paid by check, cash, or credit card. A **2024** membership form is required even if your contact information has not changed. Incomplete submissions will be returned to the member. Please remember that renewals received after December 31 incur a late fee of \$10 per category.

NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP

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Note to all NBAL Members

Pay your NBAL membership dues and display fees for 2024!!!

Thank You to those of you who have already taken care of this.

Total for general membership \$40 & Total for displaying membership \$80.

Please pay and turn in your membership form as soon as possible to hold the job you currently have. Be sure to mark the bottom area with the job you plan to do next year; or, if you are a docent, indicate the day you want to work. This is also the time to let us know if you would like to change jobs for next year. Follow the directions at the bottom of the form.

After November 26, any days not claimed will be posted for the new displaying members jurying in on the first Saturday of December.

Gallery Staffing

Docents missing a workday:

Vicki and I are very worried about how many of you are missing dates on your timesheets. We know that some of it is because you may have forgotten to write down when you have worked so, please double check your **timesheets**. We are planning to reformat the timesheets with better/simpler instructions for next year to make the whole process easier... stay tuned.

IF you are missing workdays... Look at the large calendar and sign up on any highlighted box. We cannot have everyone showing up on the same day to make their time up. You may also sign up to help with our last reception for the year (Nov26) contact Marnie Silcocks. We will also need help with Wassailfest (Dec7). There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Laraine is in charge of the event. Helping with housekeeping can be done at any time. Contact Laraine Romine as she always has jobs that help keep our building looking beautiful. ***No matter what you do or when you come to work.... Put it on your timesheet!***

Up-Date on Two Rivers Plein Air

Thank You to all the wonderful people who helped with this event! From the volunteers who helped with check-in, reception, and manning the docent desk to **Vicki Smith** and **Eilen Thedford** who set up the still lifes, we could not have done it without you.

Special thanks to my TRPA Team: **Deb Smallwood** – Secretary/Event Chairman Assistant, **Myra Knapp** – Artist Relations/Gallery Display, **Marcie Helmke** – Budget & Financial Management, **Kathy Perales** – Check-in/ Artists' Gift bags, **Sherry Wooley** – Sponsor & Artist Relations, **Gerlyn Friesenhahn** – Staffing/Reception/Judge Contact, **Gretchen Goode** – Publicity/Signage/Printing, **Vickie Moon Merchant** – Social Media/Advertisements, **Nanette Scranton**- NBAL Newsletter/Advior, **Marnie Silcocks** – Reception Team, **Diane Parker** – Special Events.

We made \$2,690 profit... not as much as we had hoped but still much better than the 2019 event. We did have good sponsorships and hope to get more for next year by starting the process earlier in January.

Please keep in mind that this is the first time for this competition in this format. We should see the profits increase as we get better at running the show in the future.

Team Positions that need to be filled:

Cleaning or Maintenance Team Members – This job is perfect for those who work a full-time job because the workers can set their own hours to come into the gallery to work. Team members will have 2 dates in each month and will need to also sign the Housekeeping check off list. (2 Slots)

Reception Team Members – Work hours are from 4:00pm to 8:30pm, on any Friday Reception and 1:00pm to 5:30pm on Sunday Receptions. See Special Show Schedule for dates. Yes, these hours count as a full workday. This team is also called to help with special events such as “Wein & Saengerfest”, “Wassailfest” and any other special events the Board and Team Leader chooses. They will work 12 times a year. (2 Slots)

Gallery Staffing – This job can be mostly done at home on the computer. The calendars, lists, and timesheets are already created and would just need to be kept up to date.... a lot of cutting and pasting in WORD documents and fillable pdfs. Duties include keeping an email contact list with all of the NBAL members and attending submission days for special shows to sign up the general members to be guest docents.

NBAL Special Show News

Gerlyn M. Friesenhahn 2nd VP

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Current Show “ARToberfest”

93 Artists entered **210** works of art.

52 Displaying Members, **22** General Members and **19** Visiting Artists made entries.

Thank you to Marnie Silcocks, the co-chair for this large, juried show. She selected and assisted the Judge, Jeff Dell, who presented the awards during the reception.

Next Show “Small Works for Big Holidays” 11/21/23 – 1/2/24

Submission Day Mon. Nov 20, 9am – 12pm

Reception Sun. Nov 26, 2pm – 4:30pm, Awards presentation at 4pm.

Make plans to do some of your holiday shopping at the gallery!

Jury Day submission Saturday Dec. 2, 10-am-12pm, Pick-up art 4-5pm

PLEASE VOTE TO HELP US DECIDE WHETHER WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE AWARD RIBBONS! We have noticed many winners are not taking their ribbons after the show ends. Because the costs continue to increase, we want to know if you would rather have an award certificate instead of a ribbon. We would continue to place ribbons on the winning art during the show and will continue to give money awards to the winners.
Send me an email gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com with your vote:

**Yes - to keep giving ribbons
Or
No - to give certificates instead.**

Facebook Fun Facts!

By Vickie Merchant
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What a month October was! Oh my! October began with a BANG with 36 Plein Air Artists painting all over the New Braunfels area. Many thanks to Jolene Oyer, Ralph Nordenhold, Karen Stephenson, the Art Cottage, and a myriad of others for running around the area and capturing the artists on site.

We showcased the Quick Draw event, winners, participants, guests and sponsors with slideshows and collages as well as the reception for Plein Air Artists, winners, and participants.

Our Facebook reach expanded to 16,900 (number of people who saw our posts) with an engagement (someone liked, clicked, or commented on the posts) of 5,650. Not only were we seen by people in the US, but our posts also were seen by those in Canada, Mexico, Nigeria, UK, Bangladesh, China, Dominican Republic, Israel, and Italy (probably Gretchen since she was there). In the US, we reached 2,633 Facebook folks. Of course, many were in Texas, but out-of-state people loved our posts too. We even gained almost 50 new followers to bring our followers to 2,627. (In January 2021, we had 700 followers.)

Currently, the Artoberfest winners' and participants' entries are shared. Thanks to everyone who LIKED, SHARED, or COMMENTED on our posts. We couldn't do it without you!

P.S. Don't forget to check out www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com for recent listings of classes and workshops! You'll be surprised by what you find.

NBAL Membership Accolades

Nanette Scranton, Digital Communications Coordinator
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We are excited to share that Marcie Helmke was this year's NBAL nominee for the 2023 Arts Champion Award. This is an award that is presented each year by the Greater New Braunfels Art Council (GNBAC). She was selected and the award was presented at the VIP Wine & Cheese Reception that kicked off the annual October Fall Into the Arts Festival. Congratulations Marcie! You have been our champion for many years.

A special submission from Janet Avery

Dear Submission Team:

I have had the privilege of being your "leader" for the past three years. In reality, the team doesn't really need a leader because you all work so well together and have for long before I came along.

No matter the multitude of issues that pop up each submission day, you all have dealt with these things with grace, humor, smiles and solutions. Issues might be illegible handwriting, incomplete forms, mixed-up art tags that don't agree with the inventory logs, missing hanging hardware, wet paint, copyright issues, unacceptable subject matter, oversize pieces, overweight pieces and on and on.

We have received many compliments on how smoothly submission days (and jury days) are run, making it easy for artists to showcase their art in our beautiful gallery. The shows are carefully and professionally hung and are a testament to your hard work. As I prepare to move to Santa Fe, I leave you in Gerlyn's capable hands as your next leader. Thank you all for being the ROCK STARS that you are!

Janet Avery
Submission Team Leader

Submission Team: Flo Biggs, Nancy Bower, Anna Cochran, Gay Fly, Marilyn Hamilton, Bette Holley, Julie McCollum, Kathy Perales & Debbie Smallwood

If you have an accolade to share (story and/or photos) with the membership, please send to Nanette.scranton@gmail.com by the 24th of each month. Format preferred is a word document and photos as JPGs.

Annual Christmas Fundraiser for NBAL

ALL NBAL members: The annual Christmas ornament fundraiser is currently underway. Thank you to those that have already donated ornaments. More are always needed. Donations will be accepted through Christmas.

Each ornament should be tagged with a sale price. Special tags will be available. Place the sale price on one side of the tag and your name on the other. All proceeds will be given back to NBAL. Questions? E-mail Gina Cumberland, Chairperson, at gcumberland@yahoo.com Thank You!

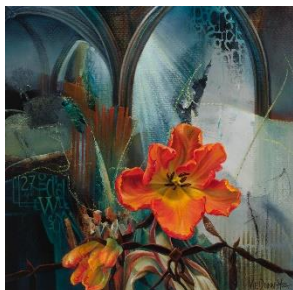


New Workshops!

Larry Johnson, Workshops
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While we have concluded our Program of 2023 Workshops, we already have six workshops planned for 2024, and more coming in 2025! You can learn full details about any workshop on the NBAL website, and online registration is available.

Note: Tom Lynch's November 2023 Online Watercolor Class was cancelled due to low enrollment. Tom has processed refunds for those who registered.



In **Vie Dunn-Harr's Jan 19-21 workshop**, she will introduce movement and abstraction as the foundation of any subject matter. Like an expedition, participants will immerse themselves into unfamiliar territory and be challenged creatively. Her group demos are extraordinary; she works personally with each participant, encouraging them to realize new strengths and expressions.

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)



Joan Fullerton's Feb 29-Mar 3, 2024 workshop is already fully subscribed. You can still sign up for the waitlist! With this much time until her class, we will definitely have some cancellations. *Joan's classes are amazing!*

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)



Monika Pate, April 19-21, 2024. During this 3-day workshop, students will explore a variety of techniques to create realistic glass objects in transparent watercolor. A simple still life will be used to learn how to approach the variety of shapes, colors, values and texture of glass and reflective surfaces.

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)



Marla Baggetta, Sept 6-8, 2024. Learn to see like a poet, not a novelist, and unlock your creative potential for a more pure and honest result as a painter! This workshop will include demonstrations, individual mentoring, and positive, actionable critiques. This is a fast-paced, lively, and just plain fun workshop for both the beginner and experienced artist!

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)



Elizabeth St. Hilaire's Oct 18-20, 2024 workshop is already fully subscribed!

You can still sign up for the waitlist! With this much time until her class, we will definitely have some cancellations. *Her students are some of the most committed I have seen and her workshops are very highly regarded!*

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)



David Lobenberg, Nov 1-3, 2024. After this three-day workshop, open to both watercolor and acrylic painters, you'll be wowing people with your own Mess Around portraiture creations! For over a decade, David has been teaching this out-of-the-paint-box style of portrait painting in workshops across the United States and Canada.

[Learn more here!](#)

[Register now!](#)

Click on any of the above listings to see complete information about the workshop.

You can register for any of these sessions right now via the online form at:

<https://form.jotform.com/230390334096150>

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

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