

New Braunfels ART LEAGUE

October 2022 Newsletter

Mike Ziegler, Editor



From Our President

Dear NBAL Members,

Goodbye summer and hello fall. Now if the weather would just cooperate. I'm sure you would all welcome a few cooler days. I am definitely ready for a change in my wardrobe.

Have you walked by the gallery recently after dark? Our new canopy now has LED lighting.



We have a dial located in the stair hallway that allows us to select a color of our choosing. Currently it is set with blue perimeter lighting. In the center of the canopy is a strip of white LED sidewalk lighting. The addition of this lighting increases our visibility to all the many people who frequent the downtown during the night.

We are now looking for a member or members to take on the project of dressing the 2 large alcove windows at the front of the building. These windows are now extremely visible. We need them to be updated at least twice a year. One thought would be classes and workshops on one side and possibly a history of NBAL on the other side. But we are open to creative suggestions from whomever volunteers for this job. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Goode at goodcreative@gmail.com.

Have you seen the ***Piece by Piece*** show? It will be gracing our walls until October 8th. It has been a spectacular success bringing into the gallery many new artists from outside our community. Hopefully some of these creative souls will become active in future shows.

Our next show, **ARToberfest** will soon be on display. Love this show! It too is open to non-members. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the reception. Until then, keep those creative juices flowing!

Sincerely,
Nanette Scranton

Open Positions for 2023

We have several positions open that need to be filled for 2023. These positions are essential to the day-to-day operations and to the financial wellbeing of the organization.

- The position of **Workshop Chairman**: Responsibilities include scheduling multi-day workshops with regional/national artists, processing artist contracts, processing workshop registrations and payments, and tracking enrollment numbers. The chairman must be comfortable using email, Word, and Excel programs. This position qualifies for the number of work hours required of displaying members. Please express your interest in this position to nbaltreasurer@gmail.com.
- **Gallery Assistant**: This job takes care of all the printing and stocking of the Docent Desk Forms, Guest Book, NBAL Business Cards, Artist Cards, Jewelry Cards, Thank You Notes, and the Labels for Shopping Bags. Also purchases the Desk Calendar, Brown Craft Paper, Bubble Wrap, Masking Tape, Packing Tape, Small and Large Shopping Bags, Small and Large Jewelry Boxes and Stamps. Makes sure the thank you notes have envelopes and get mailed. The Gallery Assistant should come into the gallery once a week to check on everything and restock items as needed. This position qualifies for the number of work hours required of displaying members. Please express your interest in this position to Mary K. Hammond 1st VP at mkhstudio16@gmail.com
- **Chamber of Commerce Team Leader**: Serves as a liaison to the Chamber, promotes NBAL to the through the Chamber, coordinates the activities of NBAL with the Chamber, attends mixers to promote NBAL, makes sure NBAL events are placed on Chamber website, and passes out postcards or other promotional information to Chamber members. Please express your interest in this position to Marlene Silcocks, Parliamentarian at marnietx100@gmail.com.

Further details of these Team Leader jobs can be found in the Job Description Notebook in the workroom.

Treasurer's Report July 2022

Marcie Helmke - Treasurer

nbaltreasurer@gmail.com

Top Ten Sellers: Rendy Spangenberg, Anna Cochran, Mary Shepard, Eilen Thedford, Rosemary Barta, Donna Hays, Joe Meyer, Kathy Boss, Debra Cooper, Brigitte Saidi

Total Sales: Aug 2022 \$ 7542.98

 Aug 2021 \$ 14936.53

39 artists sold a total of 73 pieces with an average price of \$ 103.31

Highest priced item \$ 700

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

Please remember that docents do NOT have electrical access at the docent desk. The electrical wiring for our phone and credit card machine run through the basement and the wiring is very fragile. Constant tugging on the wires at the desk will result in a break in the circuit and we will lose credit card/phone service. Docents need to access the electrical outlets along the walls.

Similarly, the IPOD setup in the workroom should not be disturbed. If you need to charge personal devices, please bring your own charging cords. Unplugging the IPOD results in a loss of the SONOS signal.

Have you Moved? Changed emails?

If you have a change of mailing address, phone number, or email address, please submit the change to nbaltreasurer@gmail.com. That will trigger an update to your membership records.

Studio for Lease

Studio #1 upstairs at the gallery will be up for lease beginning January 1. The fee is \$250 per month. Members should submit a letter of interest to nbaltreasurer@gmail.com by November 1st. If multiple members are interested, a lottery drawing will take place at the November general meeting.

NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP
mkhstudio16@gmail.com

Note to all NBAL Members

OCTOBER 1 started our membership drive for next year.

Be sure to use the form titled **NBAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023**.

REPEATED Instructions for scheduling workdays for 2023 in case you missed them:

1. 2023 NBAL Memberships will be taken starting OCTOBER 1 through DECEMBER 31 of 2022.
2. **If you like your docent workday or the team position you are on and you want the same workday/position next year**, then you must **pay your fees by NOVEMBER 26** to hold those workdays/positions. Please write in your 1st choice on the bottom of the membership form for the workday/team you are on and want to stay on.
3. **If you do not like the workday/team position that you are on now and you want to change it for next year**, then you will need to **pay your fees by NOVEMBER 26** and write in your 1st choice and a 2nd choice along with CHANGE next to them on the membership form. I will do my best to work with you to make it happen. Please keep in mind that I cannot put you on a day that is already fully staffed, but I will make the change for you if an opening comes up. (Example: If you want 1st Wednesday and a 1st Wednesday docent does not pay by Nov.26, then you will get their spot.)
4. **IF YOU DO NOT PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND DISPLAY FEES BY NOVEMBER 26 THEN YOUR DOCENT WORKDAY/TEAM POSITON WILL BE OFFERED TO THE NEW JURIED MEMBERS COMING IN ON DECEMBER 3.**
5. After the new juried displaying members are placed, the open slots then become first paid, first placed.
6. If you pay after November 26 then please be sure to mark 1st and 2nd choice at the bottom of the membership form and I will do my best to place you there. **NO GUARANTEES!**

PLEASE PAY ALL NBAL FEES BY NOVEMBER 26, by doing so you will help us to create the work schedules and calendars needed to run the gallery efficiently.

Housekeeping/Maintenance Team

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the members of this team. They are doing a fantastic job of keeping our building looking clean and fresh. The team leader is Laraine Romine. Members of the team include Marta Roberts, Judy Loggins Coffman, Margaret Isensee, Mary LaFond and Shawn Hansen. When you see one of these industrious individuals, be sure to thank them for their work.

Special Events

October First Friday – October 7th

We will be hosting a Downtown Association Wine Stop. If you would like to help pour wine, please contact Margaret Byrne or Anne McCoy. Music will be provided by Fred Helveston, and an Art Demo by Leila Reynolds will be happening.

NBAL Special Show Information

Gerlyn Friesenhahn 2nd VP

gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com

Current Show “Piece by Piece”

71 Total Artists – 27 Displaying Members, 5 General Members, 39 Visiting/Non-members
136 Total Art Entries

These are great numbers bringing many new visiting artists to the NBAL gallery.

Upcoming Show “57th Annual ARToberfest”

This show is open to outside artists and is juried.

Submission Day is Monday, October 10, 10am-2pm

Judging is Tuesday, October 11, 10am-1pm

Pick up for works not accepted is Tuesday, October 11, 3-5pm

Reception is Sunday, October 16, 2-4:30 pm

Jury Day Reminder:

Submission Day: Saturday, December 3, 10am-12pm

Pick up: 4-5pm

2023 Special Show Schedule

Next year's show schedule is being finalized with 2 popular show themes returning, including "Art in Bloom" and "Love that Red". Please consider signing up to become a co-chair for one of the 2023 Special Shows. Being a co-chair is an exciting way to experience Submission Day, select and assist a judge, and announce the award winners at the reception. You can contact me gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com or sign up on the 2023 Special Show Schedule on the bulletin board in the kitchen workroom downstairs.

Next year the "Two Rivers Plein Air Festival" will return in October 2023 with a Quick Draw competition in which NBAL Members may choose to participate. More details will follow but you may want to take a class or learn how to become a Plein Air painter now so you can be part of this big event.

Thank you

A very special thank you to Ann McCoy who has been the Reception Team Leader for many years and will be stepping down from this position at the end of this year. A warm welcome to Marnie Silcocks who has volunteered to become the new Reception Team Leader for 2023.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Marlene Silcocks
marnietx100@gmail.com

APPROVED BYLAW CHANGES SEPT GENERAL MEETING

The NBAL Bylaw changes and additions recommended by the Executive Board concerning Executive Board E-Voting and Executive Board Job Descriptions were unanimously approved during the General Membership Meeting September 20. Copies of the new updated Executive Board and Team Leader's Job Descriptions are found in the Job Descriptions Notebook in the workroom.

PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS 2023

A proposed Slate of NBAL Executive Board of Officers for the 2023 year was announced at the General Membership Meeting. To be voted on during the November 15 General Membership Meeting.

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

3rd Vice President

Padi Civello

Mary Hammond

Gerlyn Friesenhahn

Gretchen Goode

Secretary
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Assistant Treasurer
President Emeritus
Parliamentarian

Susan Best
Marcie Helmke
Flora Biggs
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 appointed Executive Officers and appointed Team Leaders will take office on January 1, 2023.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER FOR NBAL

Christmas is coming, Christmas is coming!!

ALL NBAL members: Let's get ready for this special, annual event. Participation by everyone is needed to make this year's ornament sale a success. Let's get to work; donations will be accepted through Christmas.

In just six weeks, we will begin selling ornaments in conjunction with the **56th Annual Artoberfest** show. Each ornament should be tagged with a sale price. Special tags will be available. Place 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!

Social Media News

Vicki Moon Merchant

Friends of the New Braunfels Art League

We are so excited to announce that 61 NB Art League Members have joined our private Facebook page, "Friends of the New Braunfels Art League." Only paid NBAL members may join this group. The Membership List is checked before any new participants can join. This page is a perk of NBAL as

members can post any art related information that they want to share with other NBAL members.

Facebook Page

The NBAL Facebook page is still growing. Please “Like” and “Share” the information with your friends so that we can continue to publicize our message with a larger audience.

If you have information to share on the main NBAL page to all our followers, please send to NBALFacebook239@gmail.com and it will be posted. I am especially interested in receiving photos taken at receptions, First Fridays, workshops and other NBAL events.

Website

Soon we will be reformatting our website. Do you have a website you like? Send the URL (website’s address) or name so it can be considered in our redesign. Send the information to the gmail address above.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

2022 Día de los Muertos Art Contest

The New Braunfels Chamber’s Hispanic Business Alliance (HBA) hosts the Annual Dia de los Muertos festival in Downtown New Braunfels. This community festival features kids’ activities, live entertainment, food trucks, arts & crafts, face painters, vendors, shopping, and more.

Join in the celebration of Hispanic culture by taking part in the 2022 Dia de los Muertos art contest. To learn more about participating in this art contest and the great prizes, click on this link: [Dia de los Muertos art contest](#)

Austitch Charity Auction

Austitch is an Austin-based group of fiber artists. Their mission is to connect and enrich the Austin community by presenting an annual virtual auction of fiber art. This year's goal is to support the Austin Bat Refuge, an organization that rehabilitates bats and spreads positive messaging around this adorable animal that is vital to our ecosystem. Their online auction is going to be held October 12th-16th. Go to <https://sites.google.com/view/austichtexas/home> for more information on this virtual auction and past events.

The Greater New Braunfels Art Council (GNBAC) Fall Into Art Festival

Just a reminder of this upcoming event. NBAL will have a booth at this years event. Come and see the wonderful work created by Joe Meyer, Donna Hays, and Carolyn Hutchins.



2022 Workshops

Presented in the New Braunfels Art League Classroom

We do have spaces available in the following Workshops

MOSAIC MANDALA DESIGN with DIANNE SONNENBERG

October 8 - October 9, 2022, 10am – 5pm

Cost: \$285 NBAL Members/\$320 Non-members; \$50 Materials Fee per student



No experience necessary. Dip a toe into this fun and exciting technique.

Each student will receive their own design materials kit, put together by Dianne specifically for workshop participants. Participants will learn how to effectively use tools to expand their design capabilities. Using a combination of instruction and exercises, we will design and create an individual mandala with personal significance

Still Life Oil Painting with Qiang Huang

3-day workshop November 11 – 13, 2022 10am – 5pm

\$450/Member \$485/Non-Member \$100 Deposit



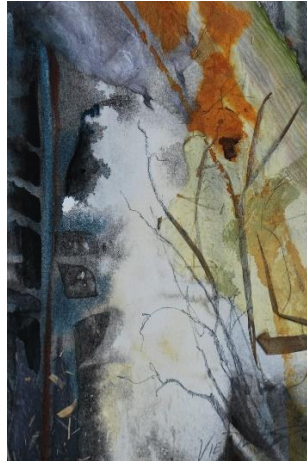
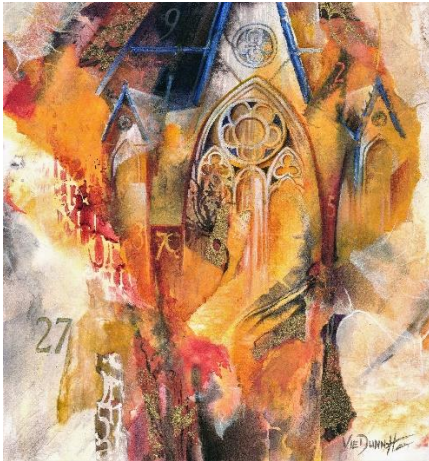
Qiang Huang's (pronounced Chong Wong) paintings are known for their remarkable accuracy and expressive brush strokes.

During the workshop Qiang will demonstrate his unique approach to painting still life, giving tips on setting up a still life, using dramatic lighting, making bold and loose strokes, manipulating edges, adjusting values, and mixing colors to create powerful and accurate representations on canvas.

Watercolor Collage Workshop Vie Dunn-Harr, Instructor

January 20-22, 2023 10 am – 5pm

Cost \$410 members, \$445 non-members



Like an expedition, participants will immerse themselves into unfamiliar territory and be challenged creatively. They will be given a new perspective on many aspects, including “art” and “self expression”. Watercolor collage is a technique which offers an exhilarating way to trust the creative process and discover many possibilities.

In this workshop Vie will introduce movement and abstraction as the foundation of any subject matter. She will do group demos and work personally with each participant, encouraging them to realize new strengths and expressions.

See the New Braunfels Art League Web [TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com](http://www.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.**

Ongoing Adult Classes

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

<http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com/classes.html>

2022 Board Officers

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