



## October 2023 Newsletter

### From Our President

Flora Biggs

[NBALpresident@gmail.com](mailto:NBALpresident@gmail.com)



Dear NBAL Membership:

We are at the beginning of the last quarter of a fast-paced year. Expectations were for cooler weather and rain, but lady luck has not brought us the much-craved moisture and coolness. Express News says we should expect above average temperature through part of December.

Our in the sky phenomenon in October is the annular solar eclipse on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> viewed from Oregon to Texas. Be sure to wear special glasses to protect your eyes.

How could we not mention Halloween. May all your Goblins be friendly and cheerful.

Prince Solms Inn, downtown New Braunfels, celebrates its 125th year anniversary on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Several of the New Braunfels Art League artists will have paintings on display from the October 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. While you are downtown watching the Two Rivers Plein Air painters, drop by the Inn.

September has been a busy month spent planning for all the activities in October. You will need to read the newsletter to be informed. There is the announcement of the new 2024 Board and many other exciting events.

The Greater New Braunfels Art Council (GNBAC) **Fall Into Art Festival** will kick off Friday October 20 at 5pm with a VIP Wine and Cheese Reception. The festival and reception will be held at the Columbus Club Hall at 111 Landa St. At this reception, awards will be presented to the **2023 Arts Champion**. For tickets, follow this link: [www.gnbac.org](http://www.gnbac.org). All money raised supports the local arts community and the Community Endowment for the Arts.

Sincerely,  
Flora Biggs [NBALPresident@gmail.com](mailto:NBALPresident@gmail.com)



# Treasurer's Report August 2023

Top ten sellers: Gerlyn Friesenhahn, Brent McCarthy, Deb Hagemeyer, Donna Foreman, Bruce Clark, Gina Eby, Vicki Houston, Ellen Glisan, Bob Bogucki, Melanie Chaffin

Total sales:	Aug 2023	\$ 5241.87
	Aug 2022	\$ 7542.98

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

[nbaltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:nbaltreasurer@gmail.com)

Please use the calculator at the desk to complete sales invoices. This will help reduce arithmetic errors.

NONE of the sales paperwork should be taped, stapled, or folded. Use a paper clip to attach paperwork. The cash collected for a cash sale should be paper clipped to the invoice.

Be sure to READ the charge receipt. **DEBIT** should be circled for any debit card sales.

## Membership Beware!

### PARKING ADVISORY:

Active Downtown parking enforcement is under way. Please be mindful of the parking rules as posted.



(Ord. No. 2009-50, § 1, 7-27-09; Ord. No. 2011-14, § 1, 1-24-11; Ord. No. 2019-45, § 2, 7-22-19)



### [Link to Parking Map](#)

This link will take you to an easier to read downtown map.

## PROPOSED SLATE of OFFICERS 2024

Robin Roberts-Walker – Parliamentarian

[robin@robenhroberts.com](mailto:robin@robenhroberts.com)

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

**President**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## NBAL Gallery Information

Mary K. Hammond - 1st VP

[mkhstudio16@gmail.com](mailto:mkhstudio16@gmail.com)

### Note to all NBAL Members

**Starting on October 1, the collection of NBAL membership dues and displaying fees for 2024 will begin...** Membership dues are now \$40, and the displaying fees are now \$40 for next year.

**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, write down 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 docent days not claimed will be posted for the new displaying members jurying in on the first Saturday of December.**

### Team Positions that need to be filled:

**Cleaning or Maintenance Team Member** – This job is perfect for those who work a full-time job because the worker can set their own hours to come into the gallery to work. Team

members will work 2 dates in each month and will need to also sign the Housekeeping check off list. (2 Slots)

**Reception Team** – Work hours are from 4:00pm to 8:30pm, for any Friday reception and 1:00pm to 5:30pm for 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 event the Board and Team Leader choose. 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. Keep an email contact list with all the NBAL Members. Attend Submission Days for Special Shows to sign up the General Members to be guest docents.

### **Up-Date on Two Rivers Plein Air:**

- \$4,250 raised from Sponsors.  
Support Services/In Kind Amount - Desserts \$400(2Tarts), Drinks \$500(Tri-City), Registration Day Food \$250(Arlan's)
- 35 Artists to participate in the TRPA event.
- 45 Artists have signed up to do the QUICK DRAW event.

**Docents who have missed a workday** due to bad weather or are scheduled to work on a holiday when the gallery is closed will need to make up the day. We have some jobs we need help with at our event that will count as a full workday.

- 2 spots for helping at the Quick Draw at Krause's Café, Monday, October 9 from 4:00pm – 7:30pm.
- 2 spots to help, where needed, at the TRPA reception. Either at the docent desk or with the reception team. Friday, October 13 from 3:00pm – 8:00pm.

**PLEASE contact me at [mkhstudio16@gmail.com](mailto:mkhstudio16@gmail.com) to sign up!**

## **NBAL Special Show News**

*Gerlyn M. Friesenhahn 2<sup>nd</sup> VP*  
[gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com](mailto:gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com)

**Current Show “Centex Rejuvenance” curated by Johnny Duncan**, August 28-October 8, 2023, **45** Artists are presenting a group exhibition curated by Jenkins2d that features Texas contemporary artists of all styles, vibes, textures, and heart. The opening reception brought in many new visitors to our gallery and early sales have been good.

**Next Show “Two Rivers Plein Air”** October 9-14

Quick Draw Registration: Mon Oct 9, 10am-1:30pm, Quick Draw Painting 3-5pm

Meet and Mingle: Mon, October 9 @ Krause's 5-7pm (ticketed event)

Reception and Awards: Fri, October 13, 5-8pm at the gallery

## Following Show “ARToberfest” October 18-November 19

Submission Day Mon, October 16, 9am-12noon

Judging Tues Oct 17, 10am - 1pm, Pick up works not accepted 3-5pm

Reception and Awards Sun, October 22, 2-4:30pm

The **2024 Special Show Schedule** will be published soon. We are still in need of help to run the Shows. Co-chairs are needed. Please get involved! Choose the judge and present the awards at receptions. The show schedule and sign up will be on the workroom bulletin board. Please contact me at [gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com](mailto:gmfriesenhahn@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

## NBAL Membership Accolades

Nanette Scranton, Digital Communications Coordinator

[Nanette.scranton@live.com](mailto:Nanette.scranton@live.com)

No accolades were received this month. **If you have an accolade to share** (story and/or photos) with the membership, please send to [Nanette.scranton@live.com](mailto:Nanette.scranton@live.com) by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month. Format preferred is a word document and photos as JPGs.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER FOR NBAL

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 over 2 weeks, we will begin selling ornaments in conjunction with the **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Artoberfest** show. 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](mailto:gcumberland@yahoo.com)

THANK YOU!

# New Workshops!

Larry Johnson, Workshops  
[drjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:drjohnson@gmail.com)

We have two 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.



**Joan Fullerton's October workshop has two seats left!** We had two last-minute cancelations and one of these seats could be yours!

*Joan's classes are amazing! This perennial favorite will fill. [Register now](#) to grab this opportunity!*



## Tom Lynch's Online Watercolor Class is Nov 10-11

This workshop is priced to sell at just \$110! You can attend the workshop from your home studio or meet with us in Bower Classroom to watch it on the large-screen TVs as you paint!

If you like COLOR, CONTRAST, SUNLIGHT, & SHADOW then this class is for you. [Register now!](#)



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!](#)

## Other workshops coming in 2024 include:

- [Joan Fullerton, Feb 29-Mar 3](#)
- [Monika Pate, April 19-21](#)
- [Marla Baggetta, Sept 6-8](#)
- [Elizabeth St. Hilaire, Oct 18-20](#)

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

You can register for all 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!

## New Photography Classes!



New Photography courses have been added recently to the lineup, with a total of three classes now being offered. Now there are 4-week, one-day, and 4-hour classes designed for every skill level, from beginner to intermediate to advanced! The One-on-One courses tailor the content to your specific interests!

[Learn more here!](#)

- 1) **Essentials of Photography** This one-month course is perfect for beginner to intermediate photographers! **A new round of four classes begins Oct 4, 2023**, and the first Wednesday of every month!

[Find complete details and cost/registration info here!](#)

- 2) **Essentials of Photo Editing** is a highly individualized one-day photo-editing workshop held on a Saturday each month. **The next class is planned for October 21, 2023.**

The topics and strategies we will learn are ideas common across all the major editing platforms. Once you understand them, a few minutes of editing can take an average picture to new levels!

[Find complete details and cost/registration info here!](#)

- 3) **One-on-One Courses** are unique highly personalized courses designed to meet the needs of photographers who are already confident in their photographic skills, but want to continue to learn new techniques, skills, or strategies. Some of the sessions will be held in a fully equipped photographic studio at the Art League; others may take place at a variety of other locations, depending on the student's interests. The goal is to help good photographers rapidly learn new techniques or skills they want to have and help them expand their photographic range.

[Find complete details and cost/registration info here!](#)

For more information on photography classes, please contact Larry Johnson at [drjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:drjohnson@gmail.com) or 512-740-6205.

[Learn more about Johnson's work here.](#)

## Ongoing Adult Classes

Detailed information on ongoing adult classes can be found online at:  
[TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com](http://TheNewBraunfelsArtLeague.com)

## Two Rivers Plein Air Program Sponsors

We wish to thank the following businesses that have partnered with NBAL to make the Two Rivers Plein Air event a reality for the community of New Braunfels.

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### Krause's Café

148 S. Castell Ave.,  
New Braunfels



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### Johnson Furniture Co.

283 S. Seguin Ave,  
New Braunfels



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### ART COTTAGE

307 West San Antonio St.,  
New Braunfels





## Huisache Grill & Wine Bar

303 W San Antonio St.,  
New Braunfels

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## Riverstone Advisors, LLC

480 W. Mill St.  
New Braunfels



## Gallerie at Gruene

1633 Hunter Road, Suite A,  
Gruene TX



## AMMO

240 Comal Avenue,  
New Braunfels



## The Crossing

322 W. San Antonio St.  
New Braunfels



**Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre**  
290 W. San Antonio St.  
New Braunfels



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**First Commercial Bank**  
1336 E. Court Street,  
Seguin, TX



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**Comaltex Insurance Agency Inc.**  
1110 Eikel Street,  
New Braunfels



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**Griffith Ford, Inc.**  
Located in  
Uvalde, San Marcos, & Seguin



## The Faust Hotel

240 S Seguin Ave  
New Braunfels



## 2tarts Bakery

139 N. Castell Avenue, "Sweet" 300  
New Braunfels



## CEMEX

2682 Wald Rd  
New Braunfels



## Water 2 Wine

185 S. Seguin Ave.  
New Braunfels



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## Moody Bank

401 Main Plaza  
New Braunfels



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## Arlan's Market

559 West San Antonio St  
New Braunfels



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## Tri-City Distributors

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New Braunfels



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## 2023 Board Officers

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