Nevada Watercolor Society



Nevada Watercolor Society Newsletter

October 2022

Octrober 12th Meeting Will Be In Person at 7:00 p.m Next Virtual Board Meeting Date: October 5th at 7:00 pm

President's Message



Hello all! Welcome to October. The calendar says that it is Fall, but the weather is slow in catching up. Maybe we are in for a mild winter.

We had our September meeting in person at the Spanish Oaks Clubhouse. It was a pot luck meeting with the judging of our Summer Challenge. The theme of the challenge was "Blue". We had a tie for 1st place between Barbara Stanton and Sharon Menary.

Our annual Fall Show is being held at the West Sahara Library. The opening was very well attended. Congratulations to all of the winners. We should be able to see the winning art work on our website soon. For those of you who were not able to attend the opening, the show will be open until November $16^{\rm th}$.

Our next general meeting will be held on October 12th at 7 pm at the Spanish Oaks Clubhouse. There will be a workshop held there on October 10th, 11th, and 12th. Barbara Nechis will be holding the workshop. There may still be room in the workshop for anyone interested. Linda Smith is the contact person for this. Also, Barbara Nechis will be doing a demo for our general meeting on the night of October 12th. We are looking forward to seeing what she will present.

We still have some items from Shirley Jeane's donation to sell and give away to members and friends. I have quite a bit of paint left, books, and other miscellaneous items that I will bring to the October 12th meeting.

Stay safe and well and keep painting. Painting is a great way to de-stress, especially if you painting turns out great. Ha, ha!

Wanda Drake, President

October Meeting – In Person at 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Nechis will be giving a demo after the workshop ends, so don't miss it!

Courtesy Cards

Linda Smith suggested that we distribute cards to various assisted living and nursing homes in Las Vegas, and Hyrum Huskey is coordinating the effort. He is stocking cards with one of several lines of greetings and with the Nevada Watercolor Society as the identifying source. We are running short on cards – please send more to Hyrum if you want to keep up this valuable service. His numbers are listed below.

To participate, please create some small $4" \times 5"$ paintings for Hyrum to send. He suggested taking a half sheet to make 9 small paintings. If you want to do the same scene, he will scatter distribution so they don't all go to one facility. He has a paper cutter if you don't. You can bunch and mail them to him or make arrangements to deliver them to him in person. Hyrum can be reached at home 702-998-4620 or cell 413-237-5800. Recent distributions have gone to Desert View Assisted Living, Legacy House Centennial Hills and the Marquis on Cheyenne. We'd love to have you join us!

Nevada Watercolor Society 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Hyrum Huskey forwarded the PEF Scholarships PLUS Program recipients of the Nevada Watercolor Society's scholarships for 2022. Thank you notes from the three winners follow. This is the major way we support our community as a non-profit entity. I could not incorporate them into the newsletter, but I will forward Hyrum's email to the membership.

2022 Fall Show:

September 8th through November 16th

hosted at the

Sahara West Library

9600 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Juror : Barbara Nechis

IMPORTANT DATES:

Pick-up: Wednesday, 11/17/22 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pictures from Spring Show Awards

Thanks to Myra Oberman for pictures of winners who attended the Fall Show Reception.



Best in Show – Spring Thaw Claire Bischoff



First Place – *Growth* Karen Hilliard



Second Place – *Troubled* Linda Smith



Third Place – Gladiolus Tatsiana Harbachueskaya



Honorable Mention – *Anticipation* Soo Jean Oh



Honorable Mention – Winter in Las Vegas Mary Vovsi



Honorable Mention – What's Nouveau 2 Joanna Woltil



Transparency Award – *Bubbles* Sheila Spargo







Member Notes from Molly McClain

Put a link to your website in the Member Directory

It's simple. Login to www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org and edit your member profile and insert your link.

If you teach art, and would like your information in the Member Directory, do the same thing! Login to www.nevadawatercolorsociety.org and edit your member profile.

Please make sure that your contact information is correct and complete. If you have never logged in or are unable to, please contact Molly McClain, Membership at mollymc.art@icloud.com (corrected from last month) or call me at 702-769-4852.

Art Teachers and Classes

If you are an art teacher and still teaching during Covid, please send your class schedule and contact information to Nancy Buford at njbuford@ttlv.net and we will post them in the next newsletter for members who are not sure who is still conducting classes.

Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the Mesquite Club, 702 E. St Louis Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104

There are several options:

- 1. Most days you work on your own, without a teacher, for \$10.
- 2. An invited teacher may conduct classes. Jan Schaeffer usually teaches once a month from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon for \$20 a class.

The contact to RSVP to be sure there is space is Sue Churchill. Please text her only at 702-343-5488. Payment is by cash at the time of class. There is limited space, so please RSVP.

Congratulations to Tatsiana Harbacheuskaya

Tatsiana won the Dr. Ph. Martin's Merchandise Award for *Morning Roses* in the 2022 54th Watercolor West International Juried Exhibition.

The Exhibition is at Coastline College Art Gallery, Newport Beach, CA, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. on selected dates through August 13th.



Morning Roses

Congratulations to Cesar Caballos

Cesar had his painting, *One Music for All*, accepted by the Pompano Beach Cultural Affairs Department's exhibition, "Music: An Esther Rolle Inspired Exhibition," and the other painting, *Hawks in the Clouds*, by the St. Anthony Exhibition in Minneapolis.



One Music for All



Hawks in the Clouds

"Watercolor From Within"

WITH BARBARA NECHIS

October 10, 11, 12, 2022 (MON., TUES., WED.)

TIME: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day

PLACE: Spanish Oaks Clubhouse, 2201 Spanish Oaks Drive, Las Vegas

*COST: EARLY BIRD RATE: \$315.00 (Members only until August 12, 2022)

MEMBER RATE: \$340.00 (After August 12, 2022)

NON-MEMBER RATE: \$365.00

Workshop Description: Join Barbara to learn how to gain a deeper understanding of the creative process of painting. Learn how to be flexible, take risks, be intuitive and inventive all while enjoying the process! You will not be using rules and formulas, however, the emphasis will still be on concept, color, and design. Barbara's inspiration comes both from nature and the inevitable unpredictability of the watercolor medium. Both abstract and realistic forms will be addressed. A different method will be presented and demonstrated each day using several techniques to show you how to construct original paintings from both source material and the imagination. Topics include controlling paint on wet paper, under-painting and layering. Critiques will approach problem solving upon the premise that there is always a solution that can turn an unsuccessful painting into a successful one.

Barbara Nechis received her BA from the University of Rochester and MS from Alfred University. She was a faculty member at Parsons School of Design for many years and has taught seminars, exhibited, and juried exhibitions in 46 states and 19 countries. Her work appears in more than 30 books and publications and numerous collections, among them the Butler Institute of American Art, IBM and Citicorp. She is a signature member of the American Watercolor Society and has served as a juror and director as well as juror of awards for National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, San Diego Watercolor Society and many others. She is the author of two books and is featured in three instructional DVD's. www.barbaranechis.com







To register, go to: NEVADAWATERCOLORSOCIETY.ORG

PayPal and Credit Cards are accepted.

For more information contact: Linda Smith Email: lsmith.lv@outlook.com or call: 509-499-1156

*Full payment is due by August 31, 2022 in order to give Barbara ample notification if we have to cancel. If the workshop is canceled, all payments will be refunded. If the workshop is a go, deposits and full payments are non-refundable, but transferable. Feel free to sell your spot if you need to cancel.

Calling for Volunteers for Nevada Watercolor Society Positions - Reminder

We are trying to plan for the future and offer opportunities for members to become more engaged in the Nevada Watercolor Society. Each board committee chair is willing to work with any member interested in becoming chair or vice chair of the committee. No obligation – just a chance to learn more about how things work. If we all want the Nevada Watercolor Society to survive, it's important for us all to work together.

Listed below are the chairs and a few bullet points about their positions. Please contact them (all contact info is on our website for members) and let them know of your interest!

President - Wanda Drake

- Conduct monthly board meetings
- Write President's Letter for the Newsletter
- Represent the Society in the Community

Programs – Cesar Caballos

- Develop Programs for September, November, January, March and April of each year
- Negotiate Honorariums and Schedule in Advance
- Virtual or In-Person
- Coordination with the President and Workshop in-charge for new and diversified techniques in watercolor painting.

Shows - Vina Curtis

- Begin a year in advance to negotiate venues for 3 shows a year, work with workshop chair for judges for Fall and Spring shows and find a judge for the Signature Show
- · Request donations and allocate prize money
- Gather entries for submission to judges

Workshops - Linda Smith

- Find and book artists for workshops a year in advance
- Conduct two in-person workshops and year and virtual ones if interest
- Evaluate opportunities to develop other community programs

Publications – Nancy Buford

- Request items for newsletter at the end of the prior month
- Assemble and edit sections of the newsletter, including pictures from Society events
- Distribute newsletter

Calling for Volunteers for Nevada Watercolor Society Positions – continued

Historian - Myra Oberman

- Take pictures of shows, meetings for inclusion in newsletter
- Provide pictures to Publicity Chair for press releases as needed

Secretary – Jessica Day

- Distribute Agenda for Board Meetings
- Take minutes of monthly board meetings
- Distribute them to attendees

Treasurer - Open (Sue Roach leaving position in May 2023)

- Keep track of checks, purchases, donations and member dues
- Deposit funds into Society bank account
- Prepare monthly summary of financial status
- File annual notices for state for non-profits

Membership – Molly McClain

- Distribute forms for new member sign ups at in-person meetings
- Respond to requests for information
- Update member information on the website

Website Manager - Gail Montoure

- Update website
- Interact with website host and programmer

Publicity, Scholarships, and Courtesy - Hyrum Huskey

- Prepare publicity for show and other events
- Interact with community for joint projects
- Work with Foundation to review their suggested list of candidates to identify two for our donations
- Attend annual luncheon for recipients

Librarian - Tet Tran

- Maintain art training CDs and bring them to in-person meetings
- Budget for acquisition? on demand or standing amount?

Parliamentarian - Open

Advise on procedures

Paint-Outs - Open

Conduct periodic paint outs at local areas, weather permitting