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Textures - Mixed Media - Leila Reynolds

October Meeting Demo by Leila Reynolds

Art, for me, is the “song of the soul.” I wasn’t given the gift of music, but I am grateful to be able to play with paints and dyes, papers and fabrics, and to experiment in creating something from and with “stuff” around me! My soul is happy when I’m in my studio playing.

The first time I used a canvas, brush and oil paint was 46 years ago after our daughter was born. I took her in a basket (she was six weeks old) to the church hall to join some church members and a teacher from the Rocky Mountain School of Art. My first and second paintings were monochromatic lessons in value. When I sold my first painting in a show for \$40 (!) 46 years ago, *and* it was to a complete stranger, I thought, “Wow, this is FUN!” As Jim and I moved, I searched out galleries and art classes in each city in which we lived. When living in England, I discovered painting on silks. This led to “fiber art.”

Recently, I have been going in a different direction with art, moving away from dyeing fabric and toward experimenting with textures on surfaces such as canvas, paper, and board. It has been so exciting to try abstract art or to add textures to representational art. I’ve been experimenting – actually, PLAYING – with tyvek, lutradur, altered papers, acrylic skins, adhesive webbing, gels, image transfers...and more. It is truly amazing when I ask “what if...” to discover new possibilities in creating something with unusual things. It’s all about color and textures, and it’s challenging to maintain the principles of art without being “gimmicky.”

I hope I can excite you with new possibilities for your art when I demonstrate some of these “tools” during our October meeting at NBAL.



2015 Classes at NBAL

Angie Banta Brown, *Watercolor*, Wednesdays from 9:00am to 12:00pm. *Oil Painting*, Thursdays, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call 830-609-2581.

Linda C. Jacobson, *Children's Art Classes* (ages 5 -13), in painting, drawing and other mediums, Call 830-624-5302 or visit online at www.casadelinda.com for a complete schedule.

Anne McCoy, *Watercolor*, Mondays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Call 830-629-6836.

Julie McCollum, *Experimental Painting*, 4th Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call 830-223-5018.

Gaye Sekula, *Oils for Beginners*, Mondays, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, and *Oils, Intermediate to Advanced*, but all mediums welcome and Mondays, 1:00 pm to 4:00pm. Cost for either morning or afternoon session: \$110 (includes studio fee) for 4 classes per session. Call [210-259-3233](tel:210-259-3233), or e-mail sekulastudio@gmail.com.

Gaye Sekula, Facilitator, Portrait Group, 1st Tuesday of each month, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, [210-259-3233](tel:210-259-3233). **NEW!!!**

Vie Dunn-Harr, *Painting and Problem Solving*, in medium of choice, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm and 6-9:30 pm. \$70 plus \$4 in studio fees per month for either afternoon or evening session. Call 210-532-8036, or e-mail vie@dunn-harrstudios.com.

Trace Guthrie, *Clay Sculpture*, weekly sessions on Thursdays for 4 session commitment. Cost: \$80 + \$8 NBAL studio fee for 4 consecutive sessions. Next set of sessions drops to \$70/ 4. Time: 2:00 - 5:00 - Back room studio, 830-609-6196 tguthrie7@gmail.com

See www.newbraunfelsartleague.com for more information on workshops or classes.

2015 Workshops at NBAL

Donna Bland, Studio Landscape painting in oil, Oct 9-11, 9:30-4:30, \$255, \$100 deposit, for info: artspeaks4u@gmail.com

Thom Ricks, "Sketching and Watercolor" November 13-15, 2015 9:30-4:30 Cost: \$275 \$100 Deposit Required All skill levels welcome

Rita Kirkman, "Speedy Pocket Pastels" or "How to Paint Small and Fast" November 20-22, 2015, \$300, \$100 Deposit 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome

Ron Rencher, "Landscape Painting in Plein Air" December 4-6, 2015 \$330, \$100 Deposit, 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome

Vie Dunn-Harr, "Watercolor Collage Expedition" January 22-24, 2016, NBAL Members: \$360 Non-Members: \$390, \$100 Deposit 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome

Douglas House "Impressionist Landscape Painting" February 4 - 7, 2016 Studio Master Class - Soft Pastels cost: NBAL Members \$475 Non-Members \$505 \$100 Deposit Required Hours: 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome **PLEASE NOTE: Enrollment deadline for this workshop is January 15, 2016**, 3 weeks prior to the start of workshop with a minimum of 8 students.

Myra Knapp, "Landscape Painting from Start to Finish" Creating Atmosphere, Space and Light, February 26-28, 2016 NBAL Members: \$380 Non-Members: \$410 \$100 Deposit 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome

Carol Nelson, "Experimental Acrylics and Mixed Media" March 11-14, 2016 NBAL Members: \$440 Non-Members: \$470 \$100 Deposit 9:30 - 4:30 All skill levels welcome

Go to **Website** for more information:
www.newbraunfelsartleague.com

also look on **Facebook: New Braunfels Art League**, click on "events"

Workshop Contact for Deposits and Registration:

Sandy Oberg, 1400 Greystone Dr., New Braunfels, TX 78132, 210-861-0751,
email: oberglabs@aol.com

Make checks payable to NBAL and be sure to indicate on the check which workshop you will be taking, along with a **phone number and email address**.

Displaying Members

Did you miss the docent training session this spring? If so, there will be another one on **Saturday, Nov 14** from 9 am until 12 noon. For those who missed the previous one and consequently could not display, this is an opportunity to get your art work back in the gallery! The newly juried artists will attend this session also. We will have the jury process **November 7th**.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

October

- Oct 1 Submission for **Artoberfest**
10 am-3 pm
- Oct 2 judging for **Artoberfest**
9 am-1 pm
- Oct 2 pick up works not accepted
for **Artoberfest 3-5 pm**
- Oct 9 Reception for **Artoberfest**
5 – 7:30 pm
- Oct 20 **NBAL meetings**

November

- Nov 5 Sidewalk sale contact
Pat Classen for details
- Nov 12 Pick up unsold work from
Artoberfest
- Nov 13 Submission for “**Small**
Works...” **9 am – 1 pm**
- Nov 15 (Sunday) reception for
show 2 -3:30 pm
- Nov 17 **NBAL meetings Officer**
Elections

December

- No December meetings**
- Gallery closed Christmas day**
- December 31 Pick up unsold
work from “Small Works....”
show

Docent/Member Notices

NBAL meetings are the third Tuesday of each month (except no meeting in December).

October meeting: Tues, October 20

Executive Board 10:30, Team Board 12:30, General Meeting 2:00

Artist Sales Report

30 Artists had sales of 51 pieces for total sales of \$4,211 in August, 2015. Top 10 sellers were Robert Anschutz, Janet Chang, Jack Kreitzburg, Joy Fonvielle, Lynda Medore, James Barta, Karen Scherrer, Elaine Goettsch, Vicki Munie and Anita Chouinard. Congratulations to all artists who had sales in August.

Artist Sales	August 2014	\$7,655	Total YTD	\$51,972
Artist Sales	August 2015	\$4,211	Total YTD	\$34,976

Aspiring Artist Show Sales \$1,040.

The average price in August was \$83 for 51 pieces of art sold. Highest sales item was \$360.

A detailed financial report of the Art League balances is furnished to the board each month and is available to anyone upon request.

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GOOD NEWS!

We are now over 1,000 friends on facebook. Thanks to everyone who made this possible. If you are on facebook, make sure you are a friend of NBAL. Then, as you get notices, share with your friends.

A big thanks to Karen Cruce who posts daily on facebook!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Congratulations to *Experiencing the 3rd* Dimension Award Winners

Low Relief 1st Jolene Oyer, 2nd Jay Levey, 3rd Karen Scherrer, HM Ann Brennan Vela, Kay Primer

High Relief 1st Mary Hammond, 2nd Sandie Walsh, 3rd Jolene Oyer, HM Sandra Wait

Free Standing 1st Elsa Henderson, 2nd Trace Gutherie, 3rd Fred French, HM Karen Cruce

3-D Media 1st Barbara Blaschke, 2nd Leila Reynolds, 3rd Anita Chouinard,
HM Joanne Tschoepe, Brian Moreland

Check Out This Opportunity....NBAL Members Serve Our Community

The Outreach Art Program for the Memory Care at Eden Hill is in need of more volunteers. It is very rewarding experience to share with these folks. They are so grateful for the fun times and sharing. Events take place every Tuesday except the third Tuesday (instead we meet that Friday) at 10 A.M. If you think this is something you can do, please contact Jolene Oyer ([830- 608-9316](tel:830-608-9316)) or Shelia Orr ([830-625-0839](tel:830-625-0839)) and we can give you the information.

All Members...Please Read

**Please pick up any personal items in the gallery on or before October 1, 2015. Items left after that time will be assumed to have been abandoned and will be disposed of. We are trying to clean up the gallery and make it less cluttered, and we would really appreciate your help.
Thank you, Barbara Blaschke**