



Newsletter

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New Braunfels Art League and Gallery

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*In the true spirit of the season,
wishing you peace and joy!*



New Board Members 2018

Pres: Nancy Bower

1st VP: Carol Erwin

2nd VP: Mary Hammond

3rd VP: Susan Raine

Treasurer: Lynn Gabenski

Asst. Treasurer: Teri Dauk

Secretary: Myra Knapp

Parliamentarian: JR Couser

President Emeritus: Elaine Felder

There will be NO meeting in
December. The next meeting will be
January 16.

Executive Board **10:00 am**

Team Board **12:30 pm**

General Meeting **2:00 pm**

General Membership Dues should
be paid by December 31, 2017 to be
included in the
2018 Membership Directory.

From the President...

It has been two years since I began my journey as President of this organization.

During that time the Gallery has seen an increase in visitors, in sales and overall visibility. Several new partnerships have been developed resulting in special events such as the Chamber Mixer and Artwalk Kickoff at Krause's .

We hosted a national juried show through our partnership with the Texas Watercolor Society, hosted the visiting artist reception for the "Fall into the Arts" festival for the Greater New Braunfels Arts Council and continued to showcase our beautiful gallery as an events venue. We experimented with new initiatives such as "First Friday" to increase our access to the community. We continued to host art camps for children and serve seniors at Eden Hill. Administrative challenges have been addressed and we are in good standing with our non-profit regulators.

Several much needed and costly improvements were made to our facility. We painted the building, refurbished the windows, upgraded our lighting and elevator space and replaced our roof. We have new lighting upstairs which will allow for more gallery space. Our application for HOT Funds resulted in the largest award the organization has ever received from this source, \$34,648.67, a significant increase from prior awards.

Without the support of our members our success would not have been possible. My thanks to all the active volunteers who have made all of this possible. Without your contributions, whether it be serving as a docent, assisting with events, working in our finance area, etc., we would not have been able to succeed in these endeavors and those not listed.

I also wish to thank my team, the current board, for all the hours spent assisting in the running of the organization. Good Luck to the new leadership and much success in 2018.

Keep Creating Beautiful Art,

Arlene D. Rhodes Baese

Upcoming Events

December

(no NBAL meetings in December)

January

- 2 "Small Works..." pick up unsold work
- 3 Submission for "Artist of Year" show. See info in this newsletter. 9 am – 1 pm
- 5 Reception for "Artist of Year" show, 5-7:30 with awards at 6:30.
- 16 NBAL meetings
- 30 pick up unsold work from "Artist of Year" show 10 am – 5 pm.

Treasurer's Report October Sales

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Treasurer's Report October 2017

Top Ten Sellers: Sherry Kelley, Kay Primer, Richard Lopez, Pam Pohl, Will Wehmeyer, John Lenker, Linda Jacobson, Lisa Motley, Rita Ball, Marianne Mitchell.

Congratulations to all the artists who sold pieces in October.

Artist sales: October 2017	\$5,468	YTD	\$78,763
October 2016	\$6,850.	YTD	\$52,254

33 artists sold 51 items at an average of \$104 each. Highest priced item \$700

Sales from the ARToberfest show (to date - show extends into Nov) 1 item \$375.

A detailed financial report of the Art League balances is furnished to the board each month and is available to anyone upon request. A Big Thank You to all the displaying artists for renewing your memberships in October. This makes creating the schedule for 2018 so much easier!

You Are Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the annual Wassailfest Celebration that will be held Thursday evening, December 7th, downtown. We expect over 1500 visitors to come through our Gallery during this event.

The Gallery will remain open until 9 pm and we will be serving Wassail as part of the festivities. We need members to volunteer to assist with the serving of Wassail, directing visitors and making sales.

We have two shifts: 5:00-7:30 pm and 7:30-9:30 pm

We will not be serving cookies because of Health Department restrictions.

Laraine Romine is coordinating this event and has placed a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the kitchen at the gallery. Please contact Laraine at rlromine01@gmail.com if you wish to assist or have any questions.

Because of parking and the crowds expected, please come early to work your shift.



“Artist of the Year” Contenders



The following people are eligible to participate in the “Artist of the Year for 2017” competition, with submission on January 3, 2018 and opening January 4. The reception will be Friday, Jan 5, from 5-7:30 with the award ceremony at 6:30. These NBAL members have been a **NBAL member as of January 1, 2017 (which means they have paid on or before December 31, 2016)** and have won **Best of Show/Sponsor’s Choice, or placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at any NBAL Special Show during the year.**

Requirements for competing:

1. Artists must enter **3 pieces of artwork** that will be judged as a body of work.
2. **Artists must have a single page bio that includes a photo of themselves with them when they submit their work. It will be placed with their work after the judging is finished.**
3. Artists will be allowed **150 inches** of display area, a total inch count of each work. **Maximum size is no piece larger than a total of 84 inches.**

Eligible Participants:

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| 1. Frances Fontaine | 25. Barbara Blaschke |
| 2. Lisa Motley | 26. Bette Holley |
| 3. Daniel Okorodudu | 27. Will Wehmeyer |
| 4. Larry Alford | 28. Melanie Schmelzer |
| 5. Steve Schellenberger | 29. Laraine Romine |
| 6. Joanna Burch | 30. Darryl Patrick |
| 7. Diana Hentges | 31. Gina Eby |
| 8. Tom Bender | 32. Rita Ball |
| 9. Joy Fonvielle | 33. Deb Smallwood |
| 10. Susan Raine | 34. Janet Chang |
| 11. Margi Uniacke | 35. Brenda Shannon |
| 12. Vicki Smith | 36. Mary Shepard |
| 13. Leila Reynolds | 37. Robert Anschutz |
| 14. Linda Calvert Jacobson | 38. Carol Martin |
| 15. Diane Parker | 39. Marlene Skaggs |
| 16. Robin Roberts-Walker | 40. Sandra Wait |
| 17. Nanette Scranton | 41. Anne McCoy |
| 18. Bill Schmelzer | 42. Flo Landsteiner |
| 19. Patrica Jellerson | 43. Lynn Gabenski |
| 20. Robbie George | 44. Denise Beard |
| 21. Joe Eby | 45. Tamara Van Horn |
| 22. Kay Reinke | 46. Brian Beck |
| 23. Mary McIntosh | 47. Pam Pohl |
| 24. Ralph Nordenhold | 48. Teri Dauk |

Workshops at NBAL

(All workshops are listed on the NBAL website: www.newbraunfelsartleague.org)

Albert Handell Unique 5 Day Indoor Portrait Painting Workshop (Pastels and Oils),

February 9 - 13, 2018, NBAL Members \$1035, Non-Members \$1065, Plus Model fees

Ron Rencher Finishing Touches,

March 2-4, 2018, NBAL Members \$375 Non-members \$405

Teresa Saia Pastel Workshop

April 6-8, 2018 NBAL Members \$350 Non-Members \$380

Holly Hunter Berry Acrylic Abstract Compassionate, Purposeful Painting

April 20-22, 2018 NBAL Members \$325 Non-Members \$355

Tom Lynch Watercolor

September 6-9, 2018 Details coming soon

Elizabeth St Hilaire Painted Papers Collage

October 12-14, 2018 NBAL Members \$395 Non-Members \$425

PLEASE NOTE: Balance of workshop is due 30 days prior to your workshop date. Refund will be issued if you cancel prior to 30 days of the workshop date. No refund if you cancel after 30 days prior to workshop date. Make checks payable to NBAL. Be sure to indicate on your check, the workshop you will be taking along with a phone number and email address.

Mail checks to: Sandy Oberg, 1400 Greystone Drive, New Braunfels, Texas 78132

Classes at NBAL

Myra Knapp *Oil Painting Classes*, Thursdays, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. Cost: A six-week oil painting class is \$175, plus a \$18 studio fee. To register for a class, please contact Myra at [830-481-3361](tel:830-481-3361) or at kattknapp@sbcglobal.net. A supply list will be sent to new students enrolling in a class.

Wednesday Watercolor Group 1st, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Studio Fee is \$3.00. We paint and help each other. Join us

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, *Portrait & Figurative*, 1pm - 4pm Cost: 6 week session \$153 plus model & studio fee. All classes are limited to 10 students Call [210-259-3233](tel:210-259-3233), or e-mail sekulastudio@gmail.com.

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 \$6 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 + \$12 NBAL studio fee for 4 consecutive sessions. Next set of sessions drops to \$70/ 4. Time: 2:00 - 5:00 pm, Back room studio, 8 30-609-6196 tguthrie7@gmail.com

Gaye Sekula, *Facilitator*, Portrait Group, 1st Tuesday of each month, 1-4 pm 210-259-3233

Mary Shepard—2018 *Watercolor Classes* on 2nd Wednesday of the month starting Jan 10 through may 9 for \$125 + Nbal studio fee. Intermediate Watercolor Class from 10-1pm. Introduction to Watercolor Class from 2-5pm. Classes limited to 10 students. For more info – contact Mary at 830-336-4001 or mshepard@gvtc.com

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

Congratulations to all the Artists who were approved on Jury Day 2017!!

New Artist to New Braunfels Art League who are now NBAL Displaying Members:

Jay Willbur – Oil/Acrylic

Shelley Henderson – Oil/Acrylic & Water Media

Kathleen Feller – Oil/Acrylic

NBAL General Members who are now Displaying Members:

Percy Morgan – Photography/Digital Art

Eilen Thedford – Oil/Acrylic

Annette Myers – Photography/Digital Art

Rebekah Helton – Photography/Digital Art

Padi Civello – Ceramics/Pottery

Michael Ziegler – Photography/Digital Art

Susan Calafrancesco – Ceramics/Pottery

Marlene Skaggs – Water Media

Cynthia Smith-Neun – Oil/Acrylic

Donna Hays – Oil/Acrylic

Lee Anne Ghilain – Oil/Acrylic

NBAL Displaying Members who are now approved in another media:

Brian Beck - Photography/Digital Art

Tom Bender – Oil/Acrylic

Teri Dauk - Photography/Digital Art & Oil/Acrylic

Diane Parker - Oil/Acrylic

Tammy Van Horn – Drawing Media



Congratulations to the Winners



of the “Small Works for a big Holiday” Show

“Enduring Beauty” by Diana Hentges (39-C)

Best of Show: The artist used beautiful colors in this painting and captured a swirling textured effect of movement of water. It is very pleasing to the eye.

“Color Me Red” by Shelley Henderson (34-B)

First Place: I like the way the artist used a loose effect with the medium. The arrangement of the flowers was pleasing. The colors were clean and clear.

“I See You II” by Teri Dauk (29-E)

Second Place: The artist shows good control of line, color, and composition in this eye catching piece of work.

“Sea Stacks” by William Schmelzer (22-C)

Third Place: Great composition. The artist captured the atmosphere and movement of the ocean at a perfect moment in time.

“Regal Sentry” By Melanie Schmelzer (23-B)

Honorable Mention 1: The artist captured the intense attitude of a feline and managed to place it in a beautiful background that enhanced the complete piece of work.

“The African” by Donna Blanton (48-A)

Honorable Mention 2: I loved the strong values with a perfect setting for this picture.

“Her Winter Perch” by Donna Hays (32-D)

Honorable Mention 3: There is a lot of information in a small frame. I like the muted background that makes a perfect foil for the colorful bird.

“Bluebonnet Lane” by Mary Shepard (49-E)

Honorable Mention 4: I like the soft blended colors in this painting. The composition is well done. This is a good Texas painting.

“Tide Pool 2” by Marlene Skaggs (30-D)

Honorable Mention 5: Striking color composition. It grabs the eye and keeps moving around in the painting. A pleasing piece of art work.