

Nevada Watercolor Society



Nevada Watercolor Society Newsletter

September 2022

September 14th Meeting Will Be In Person at 6:30 p.m. for Potluck before meeting

Next Virtual Board Meeting Date: To be Announced

President's Message



Welcome to the start of a new year for us. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to having more adventures in the wonderful world of watercolor this coming year. We will be having some in-person meetings and some Zoom meetings for the coming season.

We are excited to see you all in person at our first meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at the Spanish Oaks Clubhouse at 7 pm. We will be having a potluck and a chance to visit with everyone we haven't seen for a bit. We will also get a chance to see the paintings people have done for our Summer Challenge with the theme of "Blue". The paintings should be matted but do not need to be framed. We will vote for the winners at the meeting.

We have received a very generous donation from Shirley Jeane in the form of art supplies and cash. Shirley has moved away from Las Vegas after her husband Harvey passed away. The art supplies will be brought to the September meeting for members to review and purchase, if desired. We have quite a few tubes of paint, books, and other miscellaneous items. Some things will be for sale and others will be given away. The cash will be used to subsidize future virtual workshops.

Spanish Oaks has raised its fees, so we are in the process of looking for other venues. The October workshop with Barbara Nechis will be held there as scheduled. She will also be doing a demo after the workshop on Wednesday, October 12th at 7p.m. We hope to see many of you there. We are currently looking for options for our December meeting. We want to continue doing our gift exchange in person. Going forward, we will be having a mixture of virtual and in-person meetings.

In this newsletter, we are looking for volunteers to fill some vacancies on the board and learn about the positions for the future. Attached is a list of key functions. More detailed information on duties is on our website – click on "About Us" to read "Bylaws and Standing Rules". Please respond to the current chair or to me if you are interested.

Finally, don't forget the Fall Show at the West Sahara Library from 5:30 to 7p.m. on September 8th. We will be excited to see who has entered and also who has won awards. No outside refreshments are allowed.

Let's have a great year!

Wanda Drake, President

September Meeting – In Person at 6:30 p.m. BRING A DISH FOR POTLUCK

Join us on **Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.** Bring a dish for potluck!
We're meeting a little earlier to eat and catch up before the actual meeting starts.

This will be a change to get reacquainted after the summer break and a winner of the Summer Challenge from May 2022 – the theme is “Blue” – it’s not too late to paint something! Please bring your matted painting (no need to frame it), and the membership will vote on the winner.

If there are any issues that require a membership vote, they will be presented at the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again IN PERSON!

Congratulations to Linda Smith and Hyrum Huskey for Recognition

Nevada Watercolor Society members Linda Smith and Hyrum Huskey have a total of thirteen paintings exhibited at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center in Mesquite, NV during the month of September.

The Mesquite Fine Arts Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM.

2022 Fall Show Reception – Thursday, September 8th 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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:

Drop-off: Wednesday, 9/7/22 from 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Reception Thursday, 9/8/22 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.
The reception will not have food or drinks.
Awards ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

Finished Painting from Tom Lynch Summer Virtual Workshop

All who attended learned some new techniques! Here is a picture of the finished painting by Tom Lynch.



Thanks to Myra Oberman for submitting this picture.

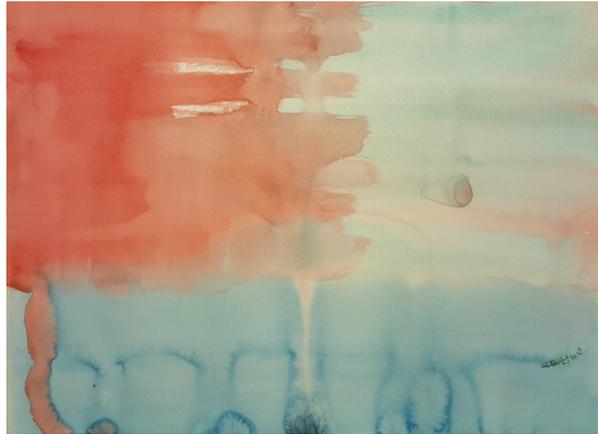
Tips on Photo Editors from Gail Montoure

As promised during our last virtual meeting, attached is the referenced PDF which identifies several free online photo editors. Also included in the PDF are links to photo editing instructions for iPhones and Samsung phones, plus instructions on how to rename and email a photo on an iPhone.

For those of you who asked, the majority of the demonstration was performed on **Photoshop Elements** (a paid version of Photoshop). The online editor that was used at the very end of the session is called **LunaPic**. A link for the free **LunaPic Editor** is listed near the bottom of the PDF.

[FREE PHOTO EDITORS --.pdf](#)

Congratulations to Cesar Caballos for Recognition



"USA Divided and Pulled Apart"

Accepted for a show at the Hilliard Gallery, Kansas City, MO



"A Tiger's Landing"

Accepted for a show at the "Solidarity Street Gallery 2022 – Resilient Generations" Show, St. Paul, MN

"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:

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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

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

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" x 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!