

Nevada Watercolor Society

December 2023

Website



♥ Membership meeting days and times will vary in 2024. Check newsletter and website for notices.

Location: Spanish Oaks Clubhouse, 2201 Spanish Oaks Dr., Las Vegas



President's Message

I am so happy you chose me as President. I want to acknowledge the Board of Directors and Committee members for the incredible job they accomplished during the transition.

Good news! Starting in January we will be meeting at Spanish Oaks on the second Saturday of the month from 1-4. March we will be meeting at 6:30 Wed. because of the workshop and demo.

Our December meeting is always fun, and a lot of laughter. Don't miss it! Bring a dish for the potluck, and a gift-wrapped matted painting, Even if you think your painting isn't good enough—JUST DO IT! Our meeting will be at Spanish Oaks starting at 6:30pm on Wed. Dec 13.

I would appreciate it if members would consider carpooling to help painters who do not drive at night, or painters in your area. Look at the Membership Directory on the NVWS web page to see who is near you.

The Wetlands was an outstanding success. About 50 paintings were donated, and 12 sold (\$1800). A big thanks to Vina Curtis, who spearheaded this project and to all the artists who contributed.

I am open to any suggestions for the future. Please email me at nvwsresident@gmail.com.

You are awesome!

Sharon Menary, President

Events-at-a-Glance

Board Meeting • Thurs, 12/7

- 7pm ZOOM, open to all members (BoD meetings are 1st Thursday of the month. Get ZOOM link from any board member.)

♥ Membership Meeting

12/13, 6:30pm
Spanish Oaks

- Painting Gift Exchange (page 3)
- Potluck



Cindy Briggs Workshop

1/8-9, 1-4 pm each day

- Zoom
- Free but must be registered
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♥ Membership Meeting

1/13, Saturday 1-4pm
Spanish Oaks

- Same location, new day and time!



Wetlands Success

A great big THANK YOU must go out to Vina Curtis for all her hard work and planning for the Wetlands project. The resulting exhibit of beautiful paintings would not have happened without Vina's leadership in this effort. Thanks also go out to all who donated paintings. There were over 50 donations and almost \$2000 has been raised so far. The sale continues through December 15. Great job everyone!



News from the NVWS Fall Show Guest Book

The guest book is provided by the library for visitors to write their comments about the exhibit. At the end of the show NVWS receives a copy. I never gave it much thought until this time. Here are a few of the over 20 pages of comments:

Beautiful! Amazing watercolors... What a great collection.

Amazing! Love it All!!!

Impressive body of work

WoW it is sooooo cool!

Amazing talent! Absolutely stunning, could stare for hours on end.

And this one was outstanding:

"As a watercolorist myself, it felt amazing to be able to recognize technique, form, and use of color! The talent and hard work on display is astounding. The soft gradations done in such an unforgiving medium watercolor are masterful! Thank you!!" —Ashley B.

Ashley knew what elements go into a watercolor painting and appreciated the artists' skill. The others, unaware of the elements, saw the results of the artists' skill in the paintings.

*Keep up the good work,
Vina Curtis
Shows and Exhibits Chairman*



The annual December meeting painting exchange will be here soon!

Each member brings an original painting that is at least 5" x 7", matted and wrapped. They then pick a number and it goes from there!

You don't have to submit a painting to come to the December meeting – there is a potluck that night too (bring a favorite dish) and feel free to come socialize and observe the game.

Donating Art

As we move into the holiday season, don't forget that Hyrum Huskey is donating any of your individually standard sized hand-painted or printed **greeting cards or postcards**. Please help us with this community project to distribute cards to nursing homes and elder care settings.



Watercolor Workshop Cruise with Linda Smith September 5 – 14, 2024 Aboard the Beautiful Celebrity Equinox



- Delve deeper into the enchanting world of watercolor art, with Linda as your guide.
- Receive engaging instruction that promises to take your painting skills to extraordinary new heights.
- Paint en plein air with Linda, and truly capture the essence of the destination through your artwork.

- Day 1 – Embark Barcelona, Spain
- Day 2 – At Sea – Studio Instruction
- Day 3 – Provence, France – Plein Air
- Day 4 – Nice, France – Plein Air
- Day 5 – Santa Margherita, Italy – Plein Air
- Day 6 – Florence, Italy – Plein Air
- Day 7 – Florence, Italy – Free day
- Day 8 – Sea Day – Studio Instruction
- Day 9 – Naples, Italy – Free Day
- Day 10 – Disembark Rome, Italy

Don't be Left on the Dock!

Visit the link below, or capture with your camera, the QR Code for complete information and to book your spot.

<https://trips.coastwisetravel.com/WatercolorWorkshop>

Cruise Host and Workshop Instructor: Linda Smith
www.LindaSmith.Vegas



Free ZOOM workshop for members!

“Watercolor Journey”

with Cindy Briggs

January 8 and 9, 2024 (MON., TUES.)

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. each day

ZOOM in the comfort of your home

FREE! For current members only



Discover how to draw with flowing lines and paint with flowing watercolors in this two-day workshop with Cindy Briggs. Cindy will provide a variety of images to choose from as we explore a range of subjects. Whatever your level of experience, this will help you loosen up and enjoy the spontaneous process.

Great for your travel journals, like “Urban Sketching,” “Quick Sketch” gets you out of the city and into the mountains, at the beach, painting flowers, European scenery and whatever we choose along the way. Follow along with Cindy using a fine point artist’s permanent pen and let your lines tell a story, then add fresh mingled colors. Use supplies you have on hand and see Cindy’s suggested supply list. Reference images will be provided prior to sessions.

To register:

Go to NEVADAWATERCOLORSOCIETY.ORG

For more information contact: Linda Smith

Email: ismith.lv@outlook.com or call: 509-499-1156

Art Classes at the Mesquite Club

Please RSVP to ensure a space.

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

There are two 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 am–noon for \$20 a class.

The RSVP contact to ensure there is space is Sue Churchill. Please text her only at 702-704-0688. Payment is by cash at the time of class. There is limited space, so please RSVP.

Art Teachers & Classes

Looking for art instruction?

[See the list of teachers on our website!](#)

If you are an art teacher who would like to be placed on that list, please send your contact information to Debbie Tomme at dktomme@gmail.com and we will post it on the website.
