

Nevada Watercolor Society



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January 2021

January 13th Meeting Will Be Virtual Via Zoom Due to Coronavirus – invitation to follow
Next Board Meeting Date: Thursday, January 7th at 5 pm Via Zoom

President's Message



What a treat it was to see many of you at our virtual meet-up in December. We had loads of fun! There are so many talented people in our organization, and we got a chance to see their beautiful handiwork: Holiday paintings, fabric ornaments, greeting cards, animal portraits, painted ornaments, an Alice Atkinson painting owned by Robert Larson, and a virtual choir featuring 44 children from the Musyca Childrens' Choir, ranging in age from 5 to 18, singing "Give Us Hope".

We also had a blast playing Holiday Bingo and agreed we want to play it again using a new theme. Congratulations to the Bingo winners: Sue Roach, Linda Smith, and Shirley Jeane. Your prizes will be sent to you in January. Finally, we ended the evening with a toast to a prosperous 2021 New Year and a good riddance to 2020!

Last month I advised you there will be three open positions on the NVWS board next year. We also need to add a fourth position. Carmen Egolf, Shows & Exhibits Chair, will not be able to continue in that position next year. In a "normal" year, we would appoint a nominating committee in February or March, publish a nomination list in April, and vote for board officers in May. Again, I'd like to alert you to openings sooner than February, especially since our forced virtual meetings limit the opportunities we have to interact. The four positions that will be open for next year (September 2021 thru May 2022) are **President, Program Chair, Shows & Exhibits Chair, and Secretary**. We will still appoint a nominating committee in February. Meanwhile, please seriously consider stepping forward as a volunteer. We're relying on you to keep NVWS thriving!

As a last item, our monthly Board meetings are open to any member wishing to attend. Since our current board meetings are conducted virtually, please contact me or any board member and we will send you a sign-in link.

Gail Montoure, President

January Program

Want some tips and tricks on how to edit photos of your artwork for juror consideration, for posting online, or in readiness for printing? Want some tips and tricks on editing your source photos to optimize their utility?

Then join us on **Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 PM**, when Gail Montoure will provide a hands-on demonstration with examples (don't be surprised if you see some of your artwork on the screen!). We'll address re-sizing, skewing, tweaking color and lighting, how to change your source photo to a line drawing, and more. Watch your email a few days before the meeting for your "Reserve My Seat" link.

Upcoming Shows

SIGNATURE SHOW

2021 Signature Show

January 15 to February 15, 2021

hosted online

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline

1/08/2021 at midnight

Awards Announced

Beginning 1/25/2021 on Instagram

Digital Catalog Released

1/25/2021

Members, login to access member registration for this show.

Juror: TBD

Please review the show Prospectus and Policies prior to registering.

[2021 Signature Show Prospectus](#)

Summer Painting Challenge

In May, we announced "**Reunion**" as the theme for this year's Summer Painting Challenge. It has been decided that we will hold off displaying the Challenge paintings until such time as we can actually have an in-person reunion. If you haven't completed your entry yet, the "**Reunion**" theme can be with people, places, or things. The only limit is your imagination.

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.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

At a recent Board meeting, Linda Smith suggested we could send hand-painted or printed cards to nursing homes residents as a volunteer project. Hyrum Huskey is also working on this and may have some suggestions, so if you are interested, you can reach out to him.

Linda suggested an initial list of names of assisted living places for anyone who might want to contact them and send cards to the residents, particularly after the holidays when there is less focus on their loneliness and isolation.

- Heights of Summerlin
- Legacy House of Centennial Hills. (Cindy is activity director and Trudy is director.)
- Marquis Care on Cheyenne
- Desert View Assisted Living on Buffalo (Charlie is contact person, many veterans)

(Ask for the activity director if needed).

Some sentiments to put in the cards...could be whatever one comes up with but here are a few starters:

- I just want to let you know that I am thinking of you!
- Just wanted to bring you a little sunshine to brighten your day!
- Sending a little love your way today!
- Thinking about you, caring about you, and wishing you a wonderful day!
- I wanted to send you a big hug!
- May you be blessed with the all good things to get you through the day!

ZOOM WORKSHOP with Carl Purcell

Please Read the **NEW INFORMATION** Regarding the Changes in Workshop Format and Price

NEW DATES!!! April 13, 14, 2021 (TUES. WED.)****

TIME: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. each day

PLACE: The comfort of your own home!

COST: \$100 for the two-day session



Better Paintings With Less Work

Back by popular demand, award winning artist and published author, Carl Purcell, will lead a two-day workshop where he will discuss the two most common problems most watercolor artists face: 1. Simplifying the subject and avoiding tedious over stroking (leading cause of mud infection) 2. Lack of an obvious area of dominance (i.e. focal point, main idea, or center of interest). By changing our thinking, these common problems can be overcome. Work along with Carl or, if you desire, sit back and watch, and review the entire process throughout the week at your own pace. You can learn more about Carl and his work at: carlpurcell.com

Registration will be live in mid-January – Watch the website for it!

To register, go to: **NEVADAWATERCOLORSOCIETY.ORG**

PayPal and Credit Cards are accepted.

For more information contact: Linda Smith

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

*Full payment is due by February 15, 2021 in order to give the artist ample notification if we have to cancel. All payments are non-refundable, but transferable. Feel free to sell your spot if you need to cancel.

In Memoriam – Anne Sheridan



Anne recently



Anne's oils in 2015



One of Anne's watercolors in 2016



Anne and Nancy Buford at City Lights Booth in 2015

We sadly report that Anne Sheridan passed away on December 16, 2020 after a year-long struggle with breast cancer.

Jane Anne Kelly was born January 26, 1949 in County Tipperary, Ireland, the eldest of eight children. She became a talented hairstylist and colorist, operating shops in Ireland and Costa del Sol, Spain, where she met and later married the love of her life, Col. Bob Sheridan, a Hall of Fame Boxing Announcer.

After establishing themselves in Las Vegas 22 years ago, Anne continued her profession. She and Bob traveled the world for boxing exhibitions and for pleasure.

Anne studied oils under Gabbie Hirsch and Tamara Geddes, and watercolor with Gabbie Hirsch and Ed Klein. Her love of color and experimentation was inspiring. Her ebullient personality and positive outlook captured the devotion of a wide range of friends around the world.

Her pet Chihuahua, Lucy, was with her at the end, as always.

A portion of Anne's cremated remains will be laid to rest at Palm Eastern Cemetery on January 26, 2021, which would have been her 72nd birthday. Another portion of her remains will be laid to rest in County Tipperary, Ireland. The family requests that any donations be made to Nathan Adelson Hospice in her name. A memorial mass is available for viewing at <https://youtu.be/GyfOnQ3MINg>

In Memoriam – Dr. Bob Busch



We are also sad to report that Bill Busch passed away on December 21, 2020, his 65th wedding anniversary with Pearl. He will be lovingly remembered by his five children, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Moving to Las Vegas at the age of two, he died in Meridian, ID, where he retired. He was a member of our society for many years. A dentist specializing in periodontics, Bill and Pearl traveled the world and participated in humanitarian projects in many international locales.

Many of his watercolors were exhibited in our shows.

The family requests that any donations be made to the Las Vegas Rotary Foundation at www.lasvegasrotary.com.