



ARTY FACTS

monthly newsletter to inform and support members

UPCOMING MEETING DATE :

Thursday, January 21 , 2021

****Due to increased Corona Virus transmission rates,
the January meeting will be held virtually via Zoom****

*** MEETING LOCATION ***

Zoom (from your own home)

The Zoom invitation is included with this email, and another will be sent in the meeting reminder on Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

General Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members: Board Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

**This month's demo is
Tonal Value: First and Foremost,
a presentation by Libby McMeekin**

★ To participate in the Virtual Artist of the Month,
Email a high resolution .jpg with your name, painting
title, and medium to
Linda Hart / lr.nicama@gmail.com by Wednesday,
January 20 at noon.



NOAA President's Letter: by Linda Hart

New Year, New Beginnings

Due to increased concern about the pandemic, its restrictions, and reduced in-person attendance, the NOAA board voted to have general meetings only via Zoom in January and February, and will decide about the remaining ones in the next weeks. Monitor your email and our Facebook page (Facebook membership not necessary) <https://www.facebook.com/NOAArtassoc> for updates.

Kudos to Ria Russo for making the arrangements for our **speakers**. Our speaker for January is Libby McMeekin, who will give a presentation about tonal values.

Maggie Mae Kennedy and Beverly Boulet will give an update about the **City Park-themed online members show**. Get those brushes ready, and ask them how you can help.

Michelle Eroche is our hardworking **Arts Market** chair. The City Park and Rivertown locations have been great, with ample parking and plenty of room. Watch our Facebook page for updates, and let Michelle know if you'd like to participate. Or simply stop by to shop, say hello, and thank her for storing the tent, setting it up, and taking it down — all the way from Thibodaux! The Arts Market follows social distancing and masking guidelines, and has resulted in many sales for artists eager to show their work after a long hiatus. Many thanks to Michelle and other participating artists Beverly Boulet, Kathy Daigle, Daryl Johnson, Mary Beth Machenberg, Marina Reed, Gwen Tappin, and Marie Weiler for keeping our Association in the public eye.

We never know when it's going to be a beautiful day, so if you would like members to **join you on short notice outdoors (socially distanced/masked) to paint** let Beverly Boulet, Laura Saxon, Gwen Tappin, or me know so we can get the word out quickly on Facebook and email.

Our **December party** was great fun, with festive decor and of course our annual painting exchange choreographed by Ria Russo and Beverly Boulet. Instead of the usual swapping, partygoers moved left or right with Ria's story cues while the paintings remained in a circle on the floor (we got a good workout from all the walking and laughing). Beverly distributed cards, glitter, glue, and markers; check out the beautiful results on Facebook. Michelle Eroche provided the festive holiday soundtrack, and Wanda McKinney brought some tasty treats for the end of the meeting.

Though we missed our Lakeview home, we were fortunate to have a larger **meeting room** during October, November, and December compliments of Tara Ledoux and her team at Clearview Center. Thanks to Wanda McKinney for arranging for us to use this wonderful, convenient space. Stay tuned for updates on future in-person locations.

Kudos to our **tech experts**: Mary Beth Machenberg for Zoom co-hosting, camera operator Isaac Johns for helping us embrace meeting technology, and Michelle Eroche for being our web guru.

For everyone: I appreciate your keeping up with NOAA in person and online, and your patience as we learn to navigate technology. There are still ways you can contribute to your association, like touching base with friends to paint (socially distanced/masked or virtually!), entering a painting or helping Maggie Mae and Bev run our City Park members show, or emailing a high-quality .jpeg of your art to webmaster Michelle Eroche.

"Success is a worn down pencil" — Robert Rauschenberg

Keep on painting,

~Linda

December's Christmas Party



Fun and games: Ria Russo leads the painting gift exchange.



Making Christmas Cards



Some of the final results



*Past NOAA Presidents-
Gwen Tappin, Wanda
McKinney, Beverly Boulet,
and Ria Russo lower their
masks for a Christmas
photo.*

Looking Ahead:

Online Member's Show coming up in **April**. Co-chairs Maggie Mae Kennedy and Beverly Boulet will share the prospectus and additional details for the show during this month's meeting.

The theme is **City Park**, so call your fellow artists to meet at the park for some plein air, or find your best City Park photographs, and start painting!



City Park Gondolier no. 2 by Marina Reed

Quote of the day:

"Everything is made of light, and the space in-between isn't empty."

~ Don Miguel Ruiz, The Four Agreements



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