



ARTY FACTS

monthly newsletter to inform and support members

NEXT MEETING DATE : MARCH 18th, 2021

Please continue to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

Your temperature will be taken at the door.

NOAA will provide beverages, but bring your own snacks or lunch if you would like to eat after the meeting.

LOCATION:

LAKEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

5914 CANAL BOULEVARD,
NEW ORLEANS

The meeting begins at **10:00am**. (Earlier start time, no board meeting first.) If you wish to participate in "Artist of the Month", please bring a painting which you have completed within the last three years that was not created during a workshop or class.

50/50 drawing with prize money.

March demo by:
Peggy Bergeron

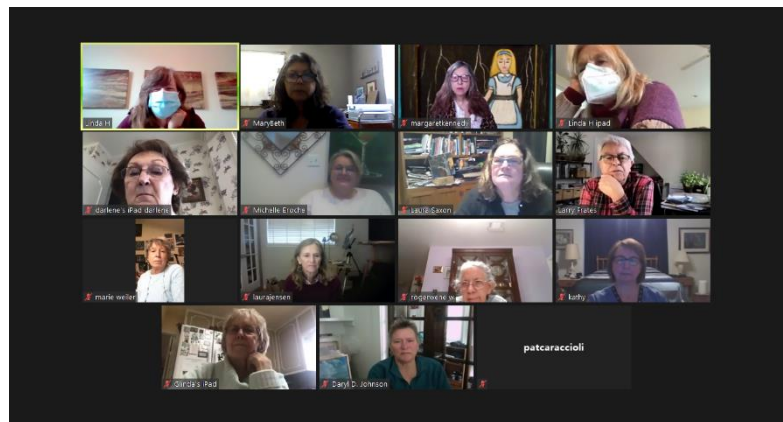
Good News!

We are back to holding in-person meetings, and will be returning to the Lakeview Presbyterian Church. We ask that you please continue to follow Corona Virus safety precautions so that we can keep everyone safe and return to normalcy as soon as possible.

If you prefer to keep attending the meetings on Zoom, that is still an option. Just watch your email for the Zoom invitation.

To participate in Artist of the Month virtually, email an image of your artwork to Linda Hart at lr.nicama@gmail.com by Monday, March 15th.

February's Zoom Meeting Attendees



The nominating committee will announce the slate of officers for April's upcoming election of board members.

NOAA President's Letter: by Linda Hart

“Failure” is our Friend

Artist Phil Sandusky advised his students to fail spectacularly. At a watercolor workshop, Judi Betts talked about the difference between “perfectly correct” and “charmingly incorrect.” February’s guest artist Larry Frates pointed out that we can goof up in the privacy of our studios and no one else will know, unlike an actor or singer who forgets lines in a rehearsal. But these missteps help us to improve and grow. We can always find one good thing in those “stinkers” ... and learn what to avoid in the future.

The meeting begins **10AM March 18** (*earlier!*) — and technology permitting, we’ll broadcast to the Zoomers. We’ll need everyone’s cooperation, including **bringing-your-own-snacks, social distancing, and masks**. At the entrance, there will be a temperature check and short questionnaire, so please arrive a few minutes early.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED: There is a 50% permitted occupancy in Louisiana for indoor events — a limit of **25** in-person attendees for the room at Lakeview. *We need a headcount by Tuesday March 16 at 5PM.* Please email the church your name and phone at lakeviewpresbyterian@lcpno.org, then confirm at (504) 482 7892. This will hopefully avoid someone being turned away. Thank you for understanding during these challenging times, and we welcome your help to run things smoothly.

Peggy Bergeron will be our March guest artist. Please bring a painting for **Artist of the Month** and allow time before the meeting begins for signing it in. We will share news about our upcoming **National Show** — thanks to Beverly Boulet, Michelle Eroche, Gwen Tappin, and Laura Saxon for getting us going.

New member **Larry Frates** gave an informative and entertaining watercolor demonstration at February’s meeting from his New Hampshire studio. We’re looking forward to his return to New Orleans.

Thanks to our **City Park-themed online members show** co-chairs, Beverly Boulet and Maggie Mae Kennedy. Due to the disruption with recent freezes, the deadline is extended to **March 31**. Prospectus and entry form are available at noartassoc.org. For further City Park inspiration, there is free admission for Louisiana residents at NOMA and the botanical garden on Wednesdays.

If you would like members to **join you on short notice outdoors to paint**, let Beverly, Laura, Gwen, or me know so we can get the word out.

Thanks to Gwen for editing our directory, Mary Beth Machenberg for Zoom and newsletter wizardry, and Michelle for being our webmaster/exhibit tent wrangler/sales whiz.

Let’s all send thoughts and prayers to past president Ria Russo for a speedy recovery. We also wish condolences to Patt Lemarie on the loss of her husband Jimmy, and deepest sympathy to the family of member Milda Spindler on her passing.

Keep on failing ... and painting,

~Linda

“Nobody sees a flower really; it is too small. We haven’t time, and to see takes time — like to have a friend takes time.” — Georgia O’Keefe

Thank you to Larry Frates for his excellent watercolor painting demonstration via Zoom after February's meeting



Larry Frates



Larry's Reference Photo



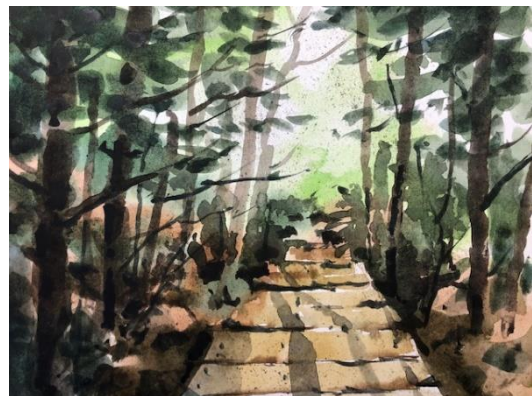
Painting Foliage



Putting in the Boardwalk



Adding More Trees



The Finished Painting

Looking Ahead

NOAA Members' Show

Entry Deadline: Extended to March 31st.

Theme: City Park

Eligibility: All current NOAA Members

Entry Cost: \$20.00 for one, two, or three images

Number of Entries: Up to three per person

Prospectus and Entry Form: Available at noartassoc.org

Judge: Internationally respected artist Sandra Burshell

Accepted Work: Original two-dimensional artwork in any medium. Must be drawn or painted in City Park or from your photographs of City Park. Does not have to be recent work.

Location of Show: Online in April on the NOAA website.

Tips for Photographing and submitting your paintings:

- Take photograph in good light. I like a mix of warmer light from a bulb and cool light from the window, or take photo outdoors, out of full sun.
- Works best to take photo while painting is unframed, without glare from the glass.
- Crop photo on your phone or computer so no framing or blank edges are visible.
- If you have a good photo editor such as Photoshop, (and a good book such as Photoshop For Dummies), you can raise the resolution of the photo to 300, and then lower the size in inches to make the file smaller.
- If the above paragraph made you scream, there is a great free app called Pic Monkey that will change the file size for you in an easy, friendly way for the technologically impatient.
- Save your photograph as a .jpeg file. A file size of 3 MB or less is usually recommended for submissions. Make sure the file name follows the submission guidelines.

