



ARTY FACTS

monthly newsletter to inform and support members

NEXT MEETING DATES

Because of ongoing Corona Virus concerns, the May Installation Brunch at Ralph's On the Park has been

CANCELLED

**So STAY HOME
and STAY SAFE!**

We do not meet during the summer months, so we will see you in the fall. Hopefully things will be back to relatively normal by then, and we can hold our next monthly meeting on **SEPTEMBER 17TH**.

When meetings resume, they will begin at **10:30 am**

LOCATION:

**LAKEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
5914 CANAL BOULEVARD,
NEW ORLEANS**

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.



Thank you, **Ria Russo**, for doing such a fabulous job as NOAA President for the last two years!

We appreciate you and all that you do!



President's Report: by Ria Russo, NOAA President

May, 2020

Dear Members and Self-appointed Shut-Ins,

This pandemic has kicked us in the knees. Two things could have happened to us by now. We have either succeeded in binding or bounding. If you and your family have come through the last 6-8 weeks closer and more united than ever then that is binding. Otherwise, you are bound to kill each other before this is over. Hope you are all heathy and well.

Congratulations to the 2020-21 New Orleans Art Association's slate of officers for the new session.

President: Linda Hart

Members at Large:

1st Vice President: Maggie Mae Kennedy

Darlene Johnson

2nd Vice President: Laura Saxon

Patt Lamarie

Financial Secretary: Mary Beth Machenberg

Toni Wendell

Recording Secretary: Beverly Boulet

Michelle Eroche

Treasurers: Wanda McKinney, Gwen Tappin

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Doiron

There are so many activities on the back burner for '20-21, I am sure this group will be very active and keep the rest of us busy. Best wishes to all of you and know that you have our support. God Bless and Inspire You throughout your term.

There will be some installation activity in the plans to swear in our officers. As per the Coronavirus, that date will be on hold, but we will keep you in the loop so that we can celebrate their leadership! We still have some great demos lined up for our next term that I know you will enjoy along with opportunities to show your work.

President's Report, cont'd:

Well, members, this is my swan song...

Your next newsletter will be from Linda Hart. This has been a challenging year, but if not for my "angels", I never would have made it. They kept me 'Johnny on the Spot' reminding me of my duties and what is happening next. What a competent group of leaders who were wonderful and led me through every hurdle. Thank you so much.

Members, you are always a fun group to address and always laughed at my 'standup comedy'. Thanks so much for that courtesy.

During my reign, I made some unprecedented calls like cancelling a meeting due to inclement weather, Coronavirus lock downs, delaying Pirates Alley, your members' show, and whatever. You were great through it all. And I made it. For the best part of my years as President, I can thank only you. You came to meetings, you volunteered when asked, your paintings are beautiful as seen in Artist of the Month, your 'Get Crockin' entries rival the great chefs of the city, and our National Show was/is first class.

My years as your fearless leader were memorable, and I am thankful for the opportunity to lead the most prestigious New Orleans Art Association. Thank you so much, keep in touch, and I'll see you in my dreams.....

Ria



Coming Soon:

A NOAA PayPal Account!

This is in the works, in order to make it easier for members to pay yearly dues, entry fees for shows, and workshop payments online.

You will receive an email when our PayPal account is up and running.

In the meantime, you can make your **\$30.00 dues** payment the traditional way as soon as possible. Dues will be considered delinquent by September.

Please make your check out to NOAA and mail to:

NOAA
c/o Mary Beth Machenberg
2104 Daniels Rd.
Terrytown, LA 70056

If you would like the yearbook mailed to you, add **\$2.00** to your payment.

Add **\$5.00** if you would like to receive the Newsletters by mail.

*(Due to the editor's shortage of ink, this month's newsletter will be mailed late, along with the April newsletter.)

HOW TO BE AN ARTIST

STAY loose. learn to WATCH snails.
 plant impossible GARDENS. invite
 Someone Dangerous to tea. MAKE
 little signs that SAY YES! and post
 them ALL over your HOUSE. MAKE Friends
 With Freedom ;uncertainty. LOOK
 FORWARD to DREAMS. Cry DURING MOVIES.
 SWING AS HIGH AS you can on A
 SWINGset, BY MOONLIGHT. CULTIVATE
 MOODS. refuse to "be responsible."
 Do it FOR love. TAKE lots OF NAPS.
 Give MONEY AWAY. Do it now.
 The MONEY will Follow. Believe in MAGIC.
 LAUGH A lot. celebrate every GORGEOUS
 MOMENT. TAKE MOONBATHS. HAVE
 WILD IMAGININGS, transformative
 DREAMS, and perfect CALM. DRAW on the
 WALLS. READ everyDAY. IMAGINE YOURSELF
 MAGIC. GIGGLE with CHILDREN. listen to OLD
 People. Open UP. Dive in. Be Free.
 Bless yourself. Drive AWAY FEAR. PLAY
 With everything. entertain your inner
 CHILD. YOU ARE INNOCENT. BUILD A FORT
 With Blankets. Get WET. HUG Trees.
 Write love letters.

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