

Baton Rouge Art League
General Meeting Minutes
Walden Clubhouse, 1201 Thoreau Drive, BR, LA 70808
May 17, 2023. 11:00 am

Members Present; Approximately 60 members present

Meeting called to order: President Sharmaine Claitor announced that all executive board members will remain in the current positions for the following term.

Annual Exhibition Co-Chair- Katy Prescott thanked the chairmen of committees and all members, who participated in any capacity, for the wonderful job of working together to make this year's exhibition so successful. She announce that next years exhibition date will be April 20, 2024. Patience Moreno was thanked for digitizing the charts and information for the exhibition.

President Claitor announced that Nancy Ward will become the new Hospitality Chairman.

Corresponding Secretary, Carol Latour, reported that associate member, Mag Wall. Has passed away.

President Claitor announced that member Judi Betts won a prestigious award in the 156th American Watercolor Society International exhibit held in New York City in April 2023. Judi was also awarded the Holbein Award at the 48th annual Western Federation Watercolor Societies 2023 exhibition held in Dallas. It was hosted by the Southwest Watercolor Society. Judi won a Joan Ashley Rothermel Memorial award for her painting named "Vacation Station." Judi's work will be honored by the LSU Museum of Art at the Shaw Center for the Arts in downtown Baton Rouge with a 50 Year Retrospective exhibit. This exhibit to be available from September through December 2023.

President Claitor - Discussion of future programs. BRAL 90th birthday possibly March 2024 at the State Archives Building, Catherine Mungall to give a presentation of our existence and history.

Art Purchase- Carol Creel discussed Monica Bishara's painting that won 1st place at the BRAL exhibition and was purchased by the Art League. It will now be placed in the permanent collection.

Scholarship- Committee Chair, Susan Cresap, presented the certificate for the Michael Crespo Memorial Scholarship to graduating LSU senior Amanda Farris. Sara Lemon was recognized for printing the gift certificates that BRAL uses. Amanda's works are hanging in her BFA show and 3 of the paintings have already sold. LSU Painting professor, Kelli Scott Kelley, asked Amanda to be her teaching assistant in painting art 101. Amanda is involved in many art and painting activities and works part time.

The President asked if a motion could be made to adjourn meeting. Motion made by Robbin, Linda seconded.
Meeting adjourned and lunch was served.
Board meeting to be held after lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbin Richards
Recording Secretary