

## NCalSBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2023

11:05 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Zoom

Sketchbook Talk and Demo with NCalSBA Members Kelly Darpinian and Lynne Lyle

Béatrice Bergemont, NCalSBA President, opened the meeting at 11:05 a.m. She explained that we would have a short chapter business meeting before getting started on the Sketchbook Program. 41 attendees.

### **Membership**

- Mary Batchelder, Membership Chair, sent a report showing 228 active members including 3 institutional members, 17 out of state members and 3 international members from Ireland, Chile, and Canada.

### **Financial**

- Kaye Herbranson sent her report with the invitation to this meeting for members perusal. There were no questions so Béatrice thanked Kaye Herbranson, Treasurer, for the careful work needed for this job.

### **Reminders**

- The ASBA Annual Conference will be in Mobile, Alabama from October 11 - 14, 2023. The deadline to register is at the end of August and if you are planning to go, please sign up soon. Our chapter offers a 50% scholarship for in-person conference registration fees in the form of an Angel Fund. Please take advantage of this by sending an email to Kaye Herbranson.
- The ASBA 26th Annual International Exhibition is opening on September 16, 2023 at Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross and runs through November 26, 2023. The opening reception will be held in the studio on Sunday, September 17 from 4-6pm. There are a number of programs associated with the exhibition:
  1. September 23, 2023. Akiko Enokido will give a demonstration on achieving transmitted light using colored pencil and watercolor on paper. **In Person** at MAGC 1pm - 3pm.
  2. October 6, 2023. Lee McCaffree will lead a "no perfection" sketching class in the garden with the aim to loosen up with all levels welcome. **In Person** at MAGC 10am - 2pm.
  3. November 8, 2023. Julia Trickey, a well known UK artist, will lead a tour of her studio. **Virtual** from 11am - 12pm PST.

More information for all of the above can be found on the Marin Art and Garden Center website.

- The first round of the Sketchbook Exchange Project is also on display at MAGC in the upper gallery. The program is an opportunity to connect with other member artists and try out new ideas. The focus is botanical art with a more casual approach. Over 30 artists' books will be exhibited. Béatrice thanked the Sketchbook Committee led by Kelly Darpinian for a wonderful job.
- The last meet-up of the year sponsored by the chapter will be on November 17, 2023 from 10am - 4pm with Roseann Hanson on Nature Journaling. **Virtual** from 10:30am - 12pm.

- The UCBG Florilegium (University of California Botanical Garden at Berkeley) Exhibition will be November 3 - 17, 2023 at the Julia Morgan Hall at the garden.
- The NCalSBA *15th Annual Plants Illustrated* Exhibition will be also at the Julia Morgan Hall on January 17 - February 4, 2024. The theme is edible California natives and the entry deadline is November 10, 2023.

### Board Elections

- We have board elections every two years and this is an election year for the 2024/2025 term. The nominating committee was appointed in early summer to find replacements for those retiring board members and for anyone interested in joining the board. Lynne Lyle chaired the committee with Andrea LoPinto and Bernard Halliwell as members.
- Béatrice thanked the retiring board members for their work:
  - Catherine Dellor, Recording Secretary, who will remain on the board as a Member-at-Large.
  - Kaye Herbranson, Treasurer, also staying on the board as Immediate Past President.
  - Nina Antze, Communications Chair.
  - Tika Viteri, Member-at-Large, has moved away from California.
- Lynne announced that election information will be sent out on September 15, 2023, including the complete ballot and statements by the candidates with photos. The committee asks that you vote Yea or Nay on the slate by September 30, 2023, emailing to the address provided on the ballot.

Béatrice asked the attending members to please feel free to ask questions of any board member and board meetings are open to all. Send her an email if interested to receive the Zoom link.

Business Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Catherine Dellor, Chapter Secretary