



## **SRAL Board Minutes May 6, 2025**

**Attendees:** Jeani Gustafson, Co-President; Deb Nealy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Pamela Guard, Co- 1st Vice President; Brenda Stewart, Co-1st Vice President; Berkana Gervais, Treasurer; Deanna Brooks, Secretary; and Liz Wolf, Membership; Absent: Arlene Szypulski,

**Treasurer report:** Berkana provided a quarterly Treasurer's Report that was accepted. We may need to increase the fee for Art 101 classes and the budget for printer ink. Berkana has a possible cheaper ink replacement idea. There was a question about line items for operating and studio expenses. How are they different. Berkana will track and provide answers.

**Membership:** 240 members, 60 new (3 new this week) This is Liz's last meeting after 5 years of handling membership. Carol Wiggins-Shiffer is interested in the membership role but may need a co-leader. Thank you Liz for all your work for SRAL.

**Minutes:** the minutes from the April meeting were accepted and approved.

**General Meeting:** The May demo artist is Elana Bloom who creates mixed media collages with natural dyed papers. There will also be a sale of art supplies. There will be no general meetings in June, July or August. The studio will remain open except for June renovations. Members are encouraged to come to paint or attend SIGS. Monitors will be needed and some discussion of potential early closures on some days.

**Mix and Mingle:** Only 5 attended. Next Mix and mingle will be in September.

**December Member's Show:** Susan McKelvey is interested in chairing the show but needs a co-chair – hopefully a new member who can be trained. Pamela is suggesting judges be used for both fall and spring shows. She is also writing a proposal to end the distinction between abstract and realistic entries.

**E Blasts and Newsletter:** The recent issue of the newsletter came out late. Brenda is working with Suzy Webber on a format for submissions to less editing is needed. It takes about 6 hours to edit. A volunteer is needed to train the use of Constant Contact, the Mail Chimp system. The hope is to have the newsletter ready by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Website:** It was suggested that a membership link be at the top of the home page. Is this something for Susan Ettl?

**New secretary for 2026:** Linda Ashburn is interested but can't meet at 1:00. Possible time change to 10-12:00 on Tuesdays looks feasible.

**TV Use:** A Zoom account is being set up. The cost is \$150. The user name and password will be sent to everyone. Members can utilize Zoom for summer meetings, given that many will be traveling.

**Permitting Update:** The summer Anza dates will be cancelled. Locations for SIG shows have been requested with the hope not to use the East Center.

**Mat Cutter:** repairs are needed and we are waiting for it to be fixed or replaced.

**History Books:** Do we need to keep show material more than a year? Deanna has a notebook of minutes but they are also on the website so the copies not needed. We need to check the by-laws about what needs to be archived.

**Studio Closure June 7-23<sup>rd</sup>:** Volunteers are needed to get the studio ready. Members are asked to take down their art. Another group of volunteers will be needed after the renovations are completed. New art for the walls will be requested after June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Studio Walls:** a volunteer is needed to organize the art on studio walls and schedule show winners, SIG groups, etc. This job would be called Gallery Manager.

**GVR Newsletter:** art shows are listed for the GVR centers each month. We should request that the studio gallery be listed as well.

**Capital Improvements:** No requests for now. We will monitor the usage of rooms after the summer improvements are completed and before purchasing an accordion wall. We want to ensure we don't rush into the purchase. Removing the sink by the entrance was suggested and it would add more storage space. Requests for stools with backs. A microwave and coffee pot will be donated.

**Next Board Mtg:** June 10, 2025. Since the studio is closed the meeting will be by email. Please send your agenda items to Jeani prior to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Deanna Brooks