



October 2020 Diamond State Branch Newsletter

President's Message



I hope this Newsletter finds all of you well and keeping busy during our long hiatus from our usual activities. By now we must all be used to washing our hands frequently especially after being out, wearing our masks in stores or restaurants, and practicing safe distancing in public areas. We are responsible and have done what we need to do to maintain our health and the health of those around us.

Covid Testing in Delaware

Those of us living in Delaware can take a Covid test provided by the State at no cost. Betsy and I have had the test twice and we were notified by email within two days that our test was negative. If you are from Delaware, take advantage of the opportunity to be tested and have the results part of the data base. There is a permanent walk in testing center in the Claymont Community Center on Green Street. There are other locations available and hours of operation. Follow the link below to get an appointment: Book your appointment here:

<https://delaware.curativeinc.com/book/0b24254be5ff86707ddc7b8608598afce5643ffe5ce73fcd49d8c7f7>

Rehoboth Beach Week



Our 2020 Rehoboth Beach week was a wonderful opportunity for those eight of us who went to Rehoboth to finally SEE other members and spend time painting, writing, walking, cooking, and eating together. We were joined by Carol Mangano, a Howard Pyle Studio member, who is interested in joining our NLAPW Diamond State Branch. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know her and for her to get to know us better

as well. Rehoboth Beach requires wearing masks while out in public areas except for on the Beach. We brought our masks and wore them when on the Boardwalk or in a store. The weather was beautiful, so we were out in the fresh air most days painting around our lovely rental home.



Saturday Zoom Drawing On our Saturday evening, our artists took part in a Zoom Draw-a -thon from Eastport Arts Center in Maine. With the help of Dean Griffin, we hooked up the big TV in the finished basement family room so that all of us could see the poses and participate. Karen Hearn, who will be

our newest Art Member, joined us virtually from her home in Wilmington. It was fun to see what others in the Group did with these unusual poses. Kerin and I have been doing the Draw-a-thon during this Covid 19 lockdown. Who would have guessed we would be drawing in this way?

Our first Diamond State Board Meeting since February was at Rehoboth Beach

On **Sunday, September 27**, we had our first Board meeting since February. Our Board discussed the need to resume Branch activity to reconnect with each other, talk about our current projects, and support each other during this pandemic. Covid 19 is not going away and we need to adjust what we do and how we do things. The Clubhouse in the Village of Brandywine is closed for the remainder of the year. Since the safest place for us to meet at this time is in one of our homes, Sandra Michel has offered to host our meeting at her house. We have been asked to social distance (6 feet) when out in public or wear a mask. We will be in a private home. Please bring your mask. If you feel better wearing it during our meeting, please



feel free to do so. Keep in mind that we all have been careful and have had limited contact with our family members and friends during these months. As conditions have improved, some of us have been routinely getting together to have a lunch outdoors, visit a friend, paint, and play tennis with no adverse effects. We can be with our friends and be safe at the same time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27th

Board Meeting 10:30 AM-bring masks

LUNCHEON- Pot Luck 12:00PM - BRING A DISH TO SHARE

(please come even if you cannot bring something)

PROGRAM: Iris Gray Dowling and Maria Keane will talk to us about their latest published books. Bring a project you have done during Covid. We will also do a Show and Tell from our Members

PLACE: Sandra Michel's Home –

Please email me to let me know if you are coming.

Kerin Hearn's application for Active Art Membership in our Branch was reviewed at our recent Board meeting. Mary Tanne, our Membership Chair, reviewed the application and verified Kerin has met and documented the required criterion. Our Board approved Kerin's application, and Mary Tanne is mailing it off to our new National Art Credentials Chair, Francesca Tabor-Miola, in Florida. It then goes to Evelyn Wofford, our National President to add another Active Art member to our NLAPW Membership list. Congratulations Kerin!

Sunday, November 8th trip to the Pen Arts Gallery in Washington D.C. to see the 50th Biennial Art Show

Unfortunately, because of Covid, our 50th National Biennial Conference was moved to April 2021. However, the National Art Show is currently hanging in our Pen Arts Gallery. Since many of our members expressed an interest in seeing the artwork in person, we set a date for Sunday, November 8th to drive to D.C. to see the Show. I spoke with Evelyn Wofford and she has put our Sunday November 8th visit to the Pen Arts Building on her calendar. Of course, we will have to be flexible with whatever is going on in D.C. at that time. We will wear masks and socially distance when we are there. Betsy Greer, Karin Kuhrt, Trina Gardner, Carol Mangano and I are planning on going. We will drive down in the morning, bring our lunches to eat at Pen Arts, see the exhibit in the Gallery, and take a tour of the Pen Arts Building before we drive back that afternoon. We will need to take several cars, but it's the fastest and cheapest way to get there and it avoids public transportation. **Please let me know if you would like to join us.**

Diamond State Branch Board Art Show at The Station Gallery Oct 1 – 28th



Our Diamond State Branch Board Show opening on Friday, October 2 was an exciting end to our week in Rehoboth Beach. I did stop by the Station Gallery when I returned home. The artwork is hung and looks wonderful. It is a remarkably diverse and an interesting display of different media. Because of Covid restrictions, we were not able to have an official Opening Reception, however, the



Gallery is open daily from 10 – 5 PM, and Saturdays 10 – 3PM. Please stop by to see and support this Show.



A Message from our Letters Member, Sandra Michel

Sandra Michel would like to thank the members of the Diamond State Branch for their caring, supportive messages upon hearing of her son John's sudden death in July.



100-year Anniversary since women earned the right to Vote

Tuesday November 3rd is Election Day – Please get out and VOTE!!

Please email me any news items you would like to share to with our Members.