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# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

January, 2017

## A Note From Janet Johnson

### Next Meeting

**Sunday, January 22**

South Bend Museum of Art

**12:30 Social\*\***

**1:00 Program**

Demo: John Blosser

\*\*The meeting will start early to accommodate our demo artist's schedule

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The New Year is Here...we made it! Whew...

I certainly hope you were able to get over and see the Downton Abbey collection, I enjoyed it, as you can see.

It is getting very close to our final days for entries for the Jewish Federation Show...Please take the time out to fill out your entry forms...we will have some at the Membership Meeting on the 22nd. Delivery of work is the next day, Monday the 23rd.

It is also Dues Time...Please be sure to send your annual dues of \$35 or bring a check or cash for Ardyce to our January meeting.

How about a paint-in on February 26th at the SBMA classroom upstairs. We have the room reserved from 1-4 pm.... I apologize for not making it happen in December... the season just got

away from me.

We will have 2 more meetings after this for the season, March and May. In May we will be electing a new Board. Start thinking about stepping up for a position. All of the positions listed at left are open for election. Board positions are listed and duties described in our membership booklet.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd for a grand presentation by John Blosser... he will begin at 1:00 and our meeting will be held after his presentation. See you soon.



Member, Kathy Levy

## Welcome to Watercolor

a Juried Exhibit by the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

Opening Reception

**Sunday January 29th 2017, 3:00-5:00 pm**

The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society was founded in 1959 by Joseph Wrobel, an artist and teacher. The Society serves the Northern Indiana and Southwestern Michigan areas by showcasing the watercolor paintings of our members and by promoting interest in watercolors.

This juried show will showcase a large variety of painting styles and subject matter by talented local watercolorists including landscape, still life, abstract, portraiture and more.

The paintings will be matted and framed and many of the paintings will be available for purchase. This show is a great way to bring fresh, original artwork into your home.

Make plans to attend the reception where you can meet the artists—we love to talk about watercolor painting and will be happy to answer questions. It's a good opportunity to learn more about the watercolor society, too. Maybe you've been thinking about joining?

The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society is open to anyone interested or active in watercolor painting. We welcome all watercolor enthusiasts whatever the stage of proficiency. There is no jury process. Join us! All meetings are free and open to the public.

*We look forward to seeing you!*

For more info see us at:

[www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com)

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society....on Facebook



**On Display during regular business hours till the end of March**

Details on our upcoming exhibit and an entry form on page 2, as well as a map to the Jewish Federation.

## Jewish Federation Juried Exhibit

SJVWS will hold our 2017 exhibit in January at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend.

**Prizes will be awarded.**

**Entry:** 3 pieces may be entered

**Drop Off:** Monday, January 23  
3:30-5:45pm

**Reception:** Sunday, January 29  
3:00-5:00pm

**Pick-Up:** Monday, March 27,  
3:30-5:15pm

**Commission:** 20%

*Your dues must be current in order to participate in SJVWS exhibits.*

## SJVWS Dues

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Dues are \$35 and are due by January 31. You may pay at our Membership Meeting January 22 or mail a check, made out to St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society, to Treasure Ardyce Kreider, 526 S. Brook Ave., Mishawaka, IN 46544

## Directory

Member directory updates -- if you have any updates to your contact information let us know for the 2017 membership directory.

## Art News Updates

Send your art updates for posting to our Facebook page to Kathy Levy, info.prose@yahoo.com. Also send art news and contact updates to Joan Spohrer, jfspohrer@ameritech.net, for newsletter publication.



# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

## Exhibit Entry Form

Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley • 3202 Shalom Way • South Bend

January 29-March 26

3 Pieces may be entered

Drop off Work: January 23, 3:30-5:45

Pick Up: March 27, 3:30-5:15

Reception: January 29, 3-5pm

Commission: 20%

\*\*You will be notified if your work is not accepted\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY 1

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price or value if NFS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY 2

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price or value if NFS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_

### ENTRY 3

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price or value if NFS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_

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*Attach label on back of work, top left corner*

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach label on back of work, top left corner*

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

## Map to Jewish Federation



## 50th Leeper Park Art Fair • June 17 & 18



Original Leeper Park Art Fair poster artwork by Jack Appleton.

We're looking ahead to celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Leeper Park Art Fair!

A permanent mark of the occasion will be the installation of a new park bench at the edge of the park overlooking the St. Joe River. The bench will be dedicated Friday, June 16, at 7:00pm during the Artists' Reception (5:30-7:30pm). Mayor Pete Buttlegieg will attend the dedication.

### Leeper Park Art Fair Day

A resolution has been made for the City of South Bend to have a Leeper Park Art Fair Day Saturday June 17.

### Banners

Banners featuring the Leeper Park Art Fair image created by artist Jack Apple-

ton will be hung on downtown lightposts from May 10 through the end of the Fair.

### Members Tent

All members of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society are welcome to participate in the Fair, as a volunteer, as a participant in the Member Tent, or to host their own booth. Members who wish to host their own booth must go through the jurying process, see our website for details. SJVWS also sponsors a tent for our members to show their work. It is a great opportunity to be a part of a nationally acclaimed art fair! To participate in the Members Tent, artists must pay a \$35.00 fee and fill out an application, which are due by June 1. Each artist must help at the member tent for two shifts (each shift is either 2 or 2 ½ hour). Two artists are scheduled for each shift to answer questions and take payments.

Each artist whose art activities qualify as a business needs a current retail merchant's license which can be obtained from the Indiana Department of Revenue in South Bend.

Complete details on participating in the Members' Tent can be found on our website, [stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://stjoevalleywatercolor.com).

## Art News

**Rod Lance** had two watercolor paintings accepted to the Krempp gallery juried exhibit in Jasper, Indiana, in September and one watercolor accepted to the Elkhart Juried Regional in October.

**Joan Spohrer** will exhibit with the Area Artists Association at the Chesterton Art Gallery February-March, and will exhibit at For the Love of Art, Century Center, March 4.

**Howard Scott** has an exhibit at Fernwood in February and March. The exhibit will be titled Howard Scott Imaginary Cartography. Opening reception will be Sunday, February 26. The exhibit will close on Sunday April 9.

Two of **Joan Tweedell's** block prints, "Blackbird Mandala" and "Loons" have been selected for an exhibit of bird-related art called "Wings", at the Tall Grass Arts Center in Park Forest, IL, from January 20 - February 25.

Several members of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society have pieces on exhibit in the Northern Indiana Artists' All Member Exhibit at the Kroc Corps Community Center, 900 W. Western Ave., South Bend, through February.

2017 Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition will take place February 3 - March 11 in the Warner and Community Galleries of the South Bend Museum of Art. The Opening Reception will be Friday, February 3, from 5:30-9:00 pm. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, February 5 starting at 1:30 pm. The SJVWS presents awards to both Junior High School and High School levels.

## Tips from Lee Bauman from November Demonstration

Lee Bauman majored in fine art in college and has since explored many art related fields, but once she took a watercolor workshop and learned about painting on aqua board, she found her preferred artistic tool.

Although the surface of aqua board is similar to hot press paper, there are also many differences and several important things to understand when using aqua board. Before any paint is applied the board should be wet entirely and allowed to dry so the air bubbles can be released. If pencil sketches are made the graphite is difficult to remove, however watercolor pencil sketches will become part of the painting. The watercolor paint applied to the board will float



on top making it easy to scrub off to find the white again. Frisket doesn't work on aqua board. When protecting the finished painting with varnish, first use spray varnish so the paint isn't partially removed.



St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society  
c/o Janet Johnson  
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Mishawaka, IN 46544

## Calendar

### **SJV Membership Meetings**

January 22  
March 26  
May 21  
September 24  
November 26

### **SJV Jewish Federation Exhibit**

**Drop Off:** January 24, 3-6pm  
**Reception:** January 29, 3-5pm  
Post on your refrigerator!

### **SJV Paint In**

February 26  
SBMA Classroom  
1:00-4:00pm

### **For the Love of Art Show**

March 4, Century Center  
[www.fortheloveofartfair.com](http://www.fortheloveofartfair.com)

## Our January Demo Artist

John Blosser is Professor of Art, Emeritus, at Goshen College. He graduated from Goshen with a BA in art and art education. He holds an MA in painting and drawing from Bowling Green State U., OH, and MFA in drawing from Arizona State U., Tempe. He taught at Hesston College, KS, and then at Goshen College, until retiring in 2011.

Watercolor has always been integral to Blosser's work, and has become a dominant painting medium over the past decade. His watercolor paintings have been exhibited in numerous juried exhibitions and are found in private and public collections across Canada and the US. Since retirement, he has presented several watercolor weekend workshops primarily in northern Indiana, and



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engaged in a variety of studies, residencies and exhibitions across the country.

*"My work is the result of a direct observation method; i.e. I stand in a specific location and paint in direct response to what I see. I find the process to be more complex than one might expect. I do the design in a less predetermined, more rapid-fire intuitive approach. And I take considerable liberties with shape and color choices, though currently I feel compelled to simplify what I see before me. The results are often delightfully surprising, so I continue to explore this process. I do experience making the day and night paintings differently. Each presents its own set of challenges and each produces widely varied results, so I see the dark existing with the light in a symbiotic tension." — John Blosser*