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St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

March, 2017

Next Meeting

Sunday, March 26

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 Program

General Meeting

Demo: Steve Johnson

Board Members

President

Janet Johnson

Vice President

Gina Mitchell

Treasurer

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Exhibits

Robert Williams

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Leeper Park Art Fair

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Leeper Park Liaison

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Gina Mitchell

Yupadi Prasertwanitch

Steve Blackburn

Leanne Schneider

At Large

Dan Slattery

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stjoevalleywatercolor.com

A Note From Janet Johnson



Happy Spring Everyone! and now into DLST...We lost an hour of Painting...We can make it up in the fall...

I want you to know how thrilled I am with all our new members, we have had about 9 new folks join our little band of watercolor wonders!

Thank you all for participating in the Jewish Federation Show, we had a couple of sales and many wonderful compliments on our beautiful work. A BIG congratulations to all our winners.

Our spring group show will be at the South Bend Civic. I know last year we had an exhibit there, and this year two fine productions with multiple performances will be occurring. We are guaranteed good visibility.

At our March 26th meeting Steve Johnson will be demonstrating for us...he is always a joy to watch and listen to what he has to say....

I want to bring it to your attention that we are looking for new people to serve on our Board for the next term (starting with the September meeting). We really want to help the new Board to have a great start. Gina has guest speakers lined up for September and November; Robert has scheduled a group juried show for the fall of 2018, and is working on a show for this fall. We will be seeking nominations for our new Board at our March 26 Membership meeting. Renee Keller is on the slate for Secretary (Peggy's position). We have 5 other positions to fill: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Exhibit Chair and Publications. Please consider submitting your name!

For descriptions of these positions, please see our bylaws printed in our member booklet. We will also have reference sheets at our Membership meeting on March 26.

Let's paint in the park on Earthday April 22nd, meet at Purple Porch for coffee at 9:30 and head over to Leeper Park around 10:30...

see ya soon....keep painting....

Jewish Federation Exhibit Awards

Congratulations to the award winners of our Jewish Federation exhibit, which runs through March 26:

First Place: Jacqueline Gnot, "Golden Girls"

Second Place: Gina Mitchell, "The North Pier"

Third Place: Millie Steveken, "Within Bounds"

Honorable Mention:

Gloria Mann, "Collecting Marbles"

Yupadi Prasertwanitch, "Huddle"

Rodney Lance, "Southern Indiana Barn"

Eileen D'Haeze, "Flurries"

Visit our Facebook page for more images.



Scholastic Awards



The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society presented two awards to area student artists at the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards ceremony February 5, South Bend Museum of Art. (top) "Gem" by Brendan Kogiones, a senior at John Glenn High School; instructor Vanissa Stoner. (bottom) "The Dreamer" by Teresa Copenhaver, a junior at Marian High School, instructor Kitty Gunty. Congratulations to these aspiring artists!

Looking for an Art Retreat?

Are you looking for a unique place to rent to teach an art class? Bill Berkman, owner of the B&B Ancestral Acres Lodge, a restored Victorian home in Bronson, MI, would like to utilize the estate for art-related retreats. Visit his website, ancestralacreslodge.com, or call 309 657 2563.



St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

Exhibit Entry Form

South Bend Civic Theatre • 403 N. Main St, South Bend

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society will be having an exhibit at the South Bend Civic Theatre gallery March 31 - May 21, during the productions of "A Streetcar Named Desire", March 31 - April 9, and "Big River", May 5 - 21. If you would like to participate in this exhibit, bring a painting, framed and ready for hanging, to the Jewish Federation on March 27, 3:30-5:15, when you pick up your painting from our current exhibit. If you don't have a painting in our current exhibit, but would like to participate in the SBCT exhibit, please drop off your painting at the Jewish Federation at this time, or bring your painting to the South Bend Civic Theatre on Wednesday, March 29, from 3:00-4:00pm. Your entry should be no larger than 16x20. Arrangements for picking up your work from South Bend Civic will be announced at a later date.

This is a great opportunity to exhibit and sell your work! Please note there will not be a reception or awards for this exhibit. The South Bend Civic Theatre does not take a commission for sales.

Please use the forms below for your entry.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

email _____

ENTRY Information

Title _____

Price or value if NFS \$ _____ NFS _____

Attach label on back of work, top left corner

Artist _____

Title _____

SJWS Board Elections

We will be electing new officers for the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Board at our May Membership meeting, and will put together a slate at our March meeting.

Positions up for election include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Exhibit Chair, Publications Chair, and Hospitality. Job descriptions for these positions are in our bylaws, which are printed in our membership directory. Please consider volunteering! SJVWS needs you!

Leeper Park Art Fair • June 17-18

Leeper Park Art Fair is turning 50!

SJWS Members:

Plan to be a part of this historic show!

- ◆ Volunteer at the Artist Reception Friday evening, June 16, 5:30-7:30pm. The 50th anniversary of the Leeper Park Art Fair will be commemorated by the installation of a new park bench overlooking the St. Joseph River. The bench will be dedicated at 7:00pm during the Artists' Reception. South Bend Mayor Pete Buttegieg will attend.
- ◆ Volunteer at the Information booth Saturday or Sunday June 17-18 (3 shifts)
Volunteer forms can be found on our website, www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com.



Leeper Park Art Fair Day

A resolution has been made for the city of South Bend to proclaim Saturday, June 17 Leeper Park Art Fair Day.

Banners

Look for banners featuring Leeper Park Art Fair vintage image created by artist Jack Appleton, which will be displayed on downtown lightposts May 10-June 18.

SJWS Member Tent

Join us at our Watercolor Society member booth! Sign-up sheets are available on our website, www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com. The entry form and \$35.00 fee is due by June 1. Please send the entry to Gina Mitchell and the payment to SJVWS Treasurer Ardyce Kreider.

March Demo Artist Steve Johnson



Amish House Window Glow #2

Steve Johnson had a 40-year career in the advertising field as a graphic designer, illustrator and art director in our area. He retired in 2001 to pursue a career in painting, rustic furniture design, graphic design and illustration. As a self-taught artist, he's painted for 40 years using northern Indiana interests, from Amish farmsteads to local historic landmarks, as subjects.

Steve uses transparent watercolor as his main medium in the painting process. Recently he's begun using oils to explore the creative process.

Steve strives to represent his paintings in an honest and straight forward manner, while trying to give the viewer an accurate feel of the temperature, atmosphere and mood of that particular moment.

Art News

Jacqueline Gnott's "Golden Girls" was accepted into the Transparent Watercolor Society of America's 41st annual show. She has now achieved signature status with the organization. The show runs from May 6 - August 6. Jacqueline is offering a 3-day Spring Still Life Workshop at Fernwood Botanical Garden, May 18 - 20. Visit her blog, www.jacquelinegnott4.blogspot.com or email her at RosebudStudios@att.net

Cathy McCormick, president of the Northern Indiana Pastel Society, will lead a workshop featuring the spring landscape in soft pastels at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich., 10 am to 4 pm May 6. \$55 or \$45 for members. A supply list is provided upon registration. 269-695-6491, info@fernwoodbotanical.org

Dan Slattery will teach an 8-week watercolor class Monday afternoons at SBMA starting March 20, and an 8-week Tuesday evening watercolor class at the Buchanan Art Center beginning April 4.

He will have an exhibit of watercolors at MoonTree gallery, April 15 - May 27, with a reception Saturday, April 22.

Joan Spohrer will exhibit with the Area Artists Association at Fernwood in April. She took part in the "For the Love of Art" show at Century Center March 4. SJVWS members **Joan Tweedell** and **Robert Williams** also participated in "For the Love of Art."

Northern Indiana Pastel Society will have a show at Salvation Army Kroc Center, 900 W. Western Ave., South Bend, May 14 to July 7.

Classes for the 8-week spring

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Calendar

March 26

May 21

Membership Meeting

March 27

Pick up work from Jewish Federation

Drop off at Jewish Federation for SBCT exhibit

April 22

Paint-out

Meet at Purple Porch 9:30
Paint at Leeper Park 10:30

Art News Updates

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

Thank you, Max DeNolf, for posing for our group Paint-In in February! Everyone had a great time, and you were a terrific model.



Art News, cont'd

term begin the week of March 20 at South Bend Museum of Art, 120 S. St. Joseph St., South Bend, IN 46601; 574-235-9102; southbendart.org. Cathy McCormick will teach a pastel class 6:30

- 9:30 pm Tuesdays. Beginners are welcome. She will offer a beginning drawing class Thursdays 1:30 - 4:30pm.

Northern Indiana Artists will celebrate its 75th anniversary with the exhibit, "Envisioning a Future, Remembering a Past" at the Midwest Museum of American Art April 7 - July 16. Opening Reception May 7, 1-4 pm.

Northern Indiana Artists will again sponsor workshops with artist Greg LaRock August 17-19 and August 24-27. More information will be posted on the NIA website, nia-art.org soon.

Niles Main Street, Resurrections Unique Home Furnishings, and Niles Art Association are sponsoring the **Four Flags Arts Festival** July 4, 11am-5pm, Third Street, Niles. The festival will feature artist booths, performances, kids' activities, and more. Visit <http://www.resurrectionsniles.com/art-show-information.html> for information and artist application.