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# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

May, 2017

## A Note From Janet Johnson

### Next Meeting

**Sunday, May 21**

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 Program

General Meeting

Demo: Janet Johnson

### Board Members

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The lovely lilacs are in bloom, I could just put my whole face into a bouquet! ahhhh ...how intoxicating!

Well Folks this is it...I must say how wonderful it has been being your president, I had some fun and learned a lot about the organization and myself along the way.

This Society has been around for 58 years and we are quite established in the community. Just this year alone we have had 3 exhibits, we sold some paintings, awarded our members for their talent through cash prizes, also we awarded 3 young people scholarship funds to help support their growth in the arts, we have had 4 paint-outs, we have watched demo artists bring their talents and ideas to the group -- and all of this is because you are Members and your dues help make all of this happen. I am starting to sound like a public television fund raiser...but seriously folks, what a great group we are... how can we continue this?

The May meeting will be the end of our present Board. To say the least it is imperative we all be replaced! The alternative is grim but I am too optimistic to entertain possible liquidation come the September meeting.

I want to emphasize how willing all of us on the present Board are to help the new folks along and transition into these position. Happy Spring and Happy Painting...I look forward to seeing you all at the May 21 meeting. It will be fun painting for you.

**Thank you** to our Board who has worked very hard to bring us exciting demos, excellent exhibit venues, and numerous opportunities for painting and socializing together. This Board's term ends in May. The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society needs more members to step in to these roles. Please volunteer!

## Scholarship Awarded



l-r, Professor Bill Tourtillotte, Kaitlyn Raway, Joan Tweedell

Congratulations to our St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Scholarship Award recipient Kaitlyn Raway! Kaitlyn is a junior art major in graphic design and printmaking at IUSB. She came to our attention by her professor, William Tourtillotte, who highly recommended her as a deserving recipient. SJVWS member Joan Tweedell presented the \$400 award, making note of her talent and our hopes and support for her today and in the future. Said SJV President Janet Johnson, "I am very happy we are able to help this young lady on her ladder to artistic development."

## Goshen Painters Guild Workshops

Visit [goshenpaintersguild.org](http://goshenpaintersguild.org) to sign up for these upcoming workshops. Goshen Painters Guild, 212 W. Washington, Suite 16, Goshen, IN 46526

### Joe Fettingis Watercolor Workshop

May 19-20, 9:30-4  
Register by May 8

This workshop will teach new techniques to refine and improve students' painting skills. A variety of demos will highlight problems in painting and demonstrate solutions. The workshop will focus on understanding and working with colors and values, how to control moisture on your brush and paper, how to glaze colors, how to move color to create balance and movement, designing a pleasing composition, and much more. This class is intended for artists with intermediate to advanced experience with watercolors. Visit Joe's website, [jfettingis.com](http://jfettingis.com)

### Sandy Maudlin Mixed Water Media Workshop

August 10-12, 9-4  
Register by August 1

This workshop combines collage and watercolor. Students will explore how to create original paintings using paint and papers. Sandy shares many new approaches for mixed media. Visit Sandy's website: [sandy-maudlin.blogspot.com](http://sandy-maudlin.blogspot.com)

## We're Looking for a Few Good Officers

**We need you** to step forward to be our President! St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society can't carry on without you, so please volunteer to be our leader for the next year. We're also looking for an Exhibit Chair and a Treasurer to complete our Board roster. Interested? Contact Janet Johnson at [janetj53@att.net](mailto:janetj53@att.net). Elections will be held at our May Membership meeting. It is a privilege to serve! Current Board members are willing and able to help all volunteers through the transition.

## May Demo Artist Janet Johnson

Mishawaka artist and SJVWS President Janet Johnson will present the demo for our May Membership meeting. Her work includes watercolor, oils and gold-leaf adorned Icon paintings. Janet recently was awarded "Best Abstract" for her 2016 Leeper Park entry in Sunshine Artist magazine's 21st Show Poster Contest. She is also featured in this month's May issue of *Senior Life*.

## Around and About



### Paint Out

On Earth Day April 22 Millie Steveken, Marta Francis and Janet Johnson spent a lovely morning painting at Leeper Park.



### Winners

SJV's award winners from the Scholastic Art Awards visited and brought along their paintings to our March General meeting. Left, Teresa Copenhagen with "The Dreamer", right, Brendan Kogiones with "Gem". Our best to you both!



### SBCT Exhibit

The South Bend Civic Theatre provided a fine venue for 21 of our members who exhibited during April and May.



# Leeper Park Art Fair • June 17-18

It's not too late to plan to take part in the 50th annual Leeper Park Art Fair, June 17-18.

**Show your work** in the Member Tent. Entry form and \$35 fee is due by June 1. Forms will be available at our Membership meeting May 21 or online at [stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://stjoevalleywatercolor.com).

**Help out** at the Fair. Volunteer at the information booth or help with the Artists Reception, 5:30-7:30 June 16.

Member Tent and Volunteer Forms can be found on our website, [stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://stjoevalleywatercolor.com).

**Attend** the dedication. A new park bench commemorating SJVWS 50th Anniversary will be installed at the park, with the dedication taking place at 7:00pm Friday, June 16.



## Pick Up Your Art at South Bend Civic Theatre

Artists exhibiting at SBCT: Pick up Sunday May 21 after our Membership meeting or Monday May 22, ?Time?.

## Tips from Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson, our March demonstration artist, has a degree in architecture and has worked in advertising as an illustrator, designer and art director for many years. His paintings have always had a detailed look, but recently Steve decided he wanted to do something different!

His new technique is tonalism. Tonalism emerged in the 1880's when American artists began to paint landscape forms with an overall tone of colored atmosphere or mist. Now Steve's paintings eliminate high value contrast, keeping the value structure between 20 to 80%. With a limited color palette he defines the mood and atmosphere of the painting.

His paintings are done on Fabriano paper, because this paper makes paint easy to manipulate, and because he got a good deal on it! To eliminate the whites he applies two layers of tea stain to the paper before beginning. His drawing is done with Prismacolor pencils; they don't move because of their beeswax binder. Steve uses a photo just to do the drawing; since he doesn't want to reproduce the exactness of the photo.



"Keep your painting simple, don't over-work it" is one of Steve's guidelines. He also says, "If it works for you, it's probably right".

Steve also advises being careful when color mixing, too many colors create mud; he doesn't usually mix more than two colors. When Steve feels like a painting is complete he likes to resist the impulse to go back and work an area.

## Art News

**Diane Reader Dorn** will teach three Encaustic classes at the South Bend Museum of Art this summer.

Two classes for teens, 13 +, are offered June 19 - 23, and/ or July 10 -14. We will be painting with bristle brushes on to wood panels with molten bees wax, and using heat guns to adhere the wax to the panels. Each student works on his/ her own projects at their own pace in a small group setting. The class is designed to allow students to be uninhibited and create freely, be it realism or abstract in design, in a fun environment.

Diane will also be offering a workshop for adults, with that date TBA.

**Jacqueline Gnott's** painting "Orchard Friends" was accepted into the 2017 Watercolor USA Exhibition in Springfield, MO.

**George Millet's** "Flicker" was accepted into an exhibit at the Indiana Dunes birding festival. He will be at the birding market on Saturday May 6th with original paintings and prints. [ndunesbirdingfestival.com](http://ndunesbirdingfestival.com)

**Cathy McCormick** will give the noontime talk May 25 at Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart. She is among several members of Northern Indiana Artists who will give Thursday talks in conjunction with the NIA show at the museum through July 9.

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

**Northern Indiana Artists** 75th anniversary exhibit, "Envisioning a Future, Remembering a Past" is on at the Midwest Museum of American Art April 7 - July 9. Opening Reception May 7, 1-4 pm.

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## Calendar

### May 21

Membership Meeting

### May 21, 22

Pick up work from South Bend Civic Theater exhibit

### June 16

Leeper Park Art Fair  
Artists Reception

### June 17-18

Leeper Park Art Fair

## Art News Updates

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

## Art News, cont'd

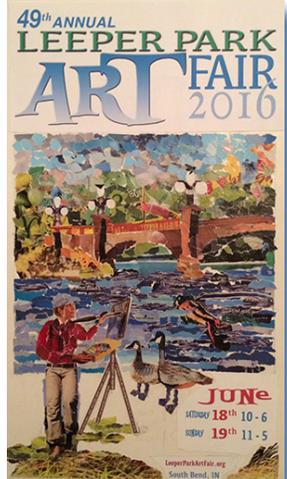
**NIA** will again sponsor workshops with artist Greg LaRock August 17-19 and August 24-27. More information coming soon.

**Dan Slattery's** solo show "Finding the Light (and the Shadows)" is on exhibit at Moontree Gallery, 9638 Union Road, Plymouth, through May 26. [moontreestudios.org](http://moontreestudios.org)

**Joan Spohrer** is exhibiting in the Area Artists Association "New Spring Work" show at Fernwood through May 28. [fernwoodbotanical.org](http://fernwoodbotanical.org). She will be in the Elkhart Art Walk May 10. [elkhartartwalk.com](http://elkhartartwalk.com)

**Joan Tweedell** will have a solo show at the new Rising Phoenix Gallery in Michigan City, 2803 Franklin St. July & August. The show opens on June 30, but she won't be there because she'll be setting up her booth at the West Shore art fair in Ludington that evening.

**Jackie Welsh** and **Cheryl Phelan** are coordinating the gallery at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, Niles, Mich.



*Janet Johnson's design for the 49th Leeper Park Art Fair poster won runner up to Best Abstract Poster in the 2017 Sunshine Artist Magazine annual Show Poster Contest. All winners are displayed in the May issue.*