



St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

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March 2019

Next Meeting

Sunday, March 24

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 General Meeting

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A Note From Dan Slattery

Lately I have really been questioning why we include this note. Isn't it enough that you have to put up with a photo of me on every newsletter, without having to read the wanderings of my mind as well?

Anyway, greetings. Be of good courage as we face what I am sure are the waning throes of winter, and as we head into what is bound to be a glorious spring (I'm nothing if not optimistic!). I hope you are all planning on attending our Meeting on Sunday, March 24. Our Guest Speaker will be Robin Maxon, and it promises to be an informative presentation on some of the considerations raised in painting by commission. It will be a good contrast to the very boring demo artist we suffered through at our meeting in January (namely, me). I will be bringing the now-completed painting (see image below) that I used for my demo to the March Meeting.



Also at our March meeting, entries for the Leeper Park Poster contest are due, and we will have an update on plans for a Social gathering in May. As if all that isn't enough, I remind all of you to bring in your challenge paintings in response to the challenge put forth at our January Meeting: an 8" x 10" painting on the subject of "Spring". Let's see what our creative minds have come up with. And yes, I know I ended that last sentence with a preposition. In the words (approximately) of Winston Churchill, that is a practice up with which I will not put!



March 24 Meeting

The demo starts at 1:30, 1:00 for social time and snacks.
Please bring a snack to share if you are able.

Please plan to paint and bring in a "challenge painting" in response to the challenge put forth at our January Meeting: an 8" x 10" painting on the subject of "SPRING"

Artist Presentation: Robin Maxon

About the artist:

Robin is a graphic designer by trade and an artist at heart. She has worked as an art director, a newspaper staff artist and has owned her own graphic design business since 1987.

Robin's graphic design background influences her painting style giving it an illustrative component with more emphasis on realism. She is intrigued with the many ways paint can be applied and enjoys seeing the results of adding other mediums to her watercolors such as ink, gouache and markers. When Robin paints she attempts to capture the light and color of something common, natural or unexpected. She appreciates the beauty of a simple moment or the expression and play of light on the subject. If you would like to see some of Robin's watercolor paintings her website is www.RobinMaxon.com.

Robin is going to do a power point presentation she calls "Commission, the challenges and rewards." The presentation itself will show a variety of her commissioned pieces and she will tell some of the side stories that go along with them. The main emphasis will be on the white tail deer 'challenge' which shows her steps from receiving a picture of 3 mounted deer head from a client to making a composition of 3 deer in a meadow, masking, watercolor washes and painting the detail for a completed commission. She'll also talk about the business side of commissioned painting.



Announcements

- Linda Fritschner's painting "Port Clyde" received a merit award in the Northern Indiana Artists show at the Kroc Center. The show closes March 9. She also has two paintings in the Indiana Women's Art Caucus show at Fernwood. The show closes April 7.
- Diane Reader Dorn will be teaching beginning watercolor at the SB Museum of Art for 8 weeks beginning March 18.
- Eileen D'Haese received the Bea Zimmerman Award at the current NIA exhibition at the Kroc Center for her monotype titled "Ingots Of Gold."
- Janet Johnson's exhibit "Watercolors and Icons" will be on display at the First Unitarian Church of South Bend, 801 E Washington St. March 17-May 12. The opening reception is March 17, 11:30-1:00.
- Joan Spohrer has a piece in a show at the Carnegie Center for the Arts, Three Rivers, MI. The exhibit is "Ain't Nobody Here but Us Chickens!" March 3-30.
- Dan Slattery will be offering two watercolor classes at the South Bend Museum of Art, Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, and Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. For details see www.southbendart.org.
- Dan Slattery has 39 paintings on display at the First Unitarian Church South Bend, 801 E. Washington St., South Bend, through March 10.

Calendar/ Exhibits

March - May 2019

Jewish Federation

Pick Up: Mar 25

Time: noon to 5:00

Arts on Main, 205 S Main St,
Elkhart, IN

May 8 - June 9

Opening Reception May 8

5-8 (night of Elkhart Art Walk)

drop off is May 4,

Judging and hanging May 7.

Pick up June 10

Lorraine Whitt, membership chair of
NIA will judge

<https://lorrainewhitt.com>

Entry Form is on page 5

Fall, 2019

First Unitarian Church
801 E Washington St,
South Bend

February- March, 2020

Buchanan Art Center
117 West Front St
Buchanan, MI

Mark your calendar:

General Meetings

- May 19/ TBD

Artisanal Handmade Watercolors

Interesting handcrafted watercolors and small decorative travel palettes seem to be the latest thing. Check out these websites, they are sumptuous juicy, eye candy for watercolorists!

- <https://www.greenleafblueberry.com/pages/test>
- <https://www.agallocolors.com/>
- <https://redwoodwillow.com/>
- <https://wildthorne.com/>

Our 2019 Scholastic Art Award Winner



By Kathy Levy

I had the pleasure of picking the recipient of our \$100 award from among the artists in the 2019 South Bend Museum of Art Scholastic Art Awards exhibit.

I chose the painting by **Trinity Hess** titled "**Freedom of the Mind.**" Trinity is 16 years old and a junior at John Glenn High School.

I'm not an art critic by any means, but here are the reasons I chose this painting.

1. Trinity painted from her imagination and the subject matter is very creative.
2. The contrast between cool and warm colors is well done. Her unusual color choices fit the subject matter.
3. There are some beautiful shapes in the painting, particularly in the hair.
4. And finally, I'm a pushover for birds. Trinity painted the birds with sensitivity but they aren't cute or saccharin. The birds fit the mood of the painting.

(Thank you, Judy Carlson, for presenting our check at the awards ceremony.)

2019 Leeper Park Art Fair

June 15-16, 2019

website: leeperparkartfair.org

Members Tent

Members interested in joining the Member Tent should apply using the forms on our website, forms will also be available at our membership meeting



Poster Contest Entries Due at the March Meeting

Submission guidelines:

- Open to all St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society members
- You may submit more than one painting
- Poster artwork must be painted in watercolor
- Entries are due at our March meeting (3/24/19)
- Please submit your phone number and/or email address with the entry—the winner will be notified by telephone or email
- Do not leave room for type or add type (Heading, dates, etc.)
- Please paint to one of the following size requirements:
 - 12" wide x 10" high
 - 15" wide x 12.5" high
 - 18" wide x 15" high

Contact Kathy Levy at info.prose@yahoo.com / 574 277-5755 or Nancy Arsenovic at bobiandnancy@gmail.com / 574 387-1624 with questions.



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Arts on Main Exhibit

Exhibit Dates: May 8 - June 9, 2019

Reception: Wednesday, May 8, 5-8pm

Drop off May 4/ Pick up June 10

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

Artist _____

Title _____

ENTRY 2 *Attach label on back of work, top left corner*

Artist _____

Title _____