

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Newsletter

March 2024

A letter from the President

Hello!

We enjoyed our last meeting with a full house of watercolor fans! We welcomed six new members! Our table of many treats was provided by many of our members in attendance. Thank you! Marta Francis, thank you for always making coffee, and setting up the food table and cleaning it all up after our meetings.

Brother James gave a wonderful presentation discussing and showing his styles of painting. From what I heard from many of you, his stories were most enjoyable. He shared his background during his growing up years, his life long journey in the church serving others, and his love of making art. Thank you once again Brother James!

As mentioned earlier, our new members are Brian Mitchell, Janice Lampos, Brittney Cox, Lance Kizer, Katrina Insook Chung, and Ruth Warren! We are delighted to get to know you and hope you find our happy and friendly group enjoyable. When we have member exhibitions please feel safe and excited to share your work with us and the public that attend.

Our devoted and reliable board members met last week. We voted to accept the kind invitation from the Northern Indiana Artists to once again contribute \$100.00 towards the room rental for the May luncheon which is \$300. The Pastel Society is also invited and contributing! The NIA May Social will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Social Time: 11:30am - 12:00 noon

Potluck Dinner: 12:00 noon

Location - Notre Dame Sacred Heart Parish Center

Handicap parking is available by the front doors of the Parish Center. There is a ramp for those who cannot navigate stairs.

NIA will provide chicken, service ware, water, coffee, iced tea, and table cloths.

It is potluck, so if you will attend, please bring a dish (salad, or side dishes, or desserts, meats etc).

There will be a sign-in/raffle ticket table. I do not know what might be raffled!

Artists are welcome to bring a guest. Also, Artists are encouraged to bring a piece of artwork to show.

Nancy Turner and myself chose the two high-school Scholastic recipients that will each receive a \$100.00 check from our watercolor society. The exhibit should be open at the time of our next meeting. I encourage you to walk the gallery and see what amazing work these students create.



Remember! If ever you have a question or need some help, I am always available. My cell number is: 469-964-3676 (I moved here from Texas!).

Best wishes today and always,

Diane reader Dorn
President

March Artist Demonstrator

Anne Marie Peck

Anne Marie joined the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society in January 2023 and currently serves as Historian for the SJVWS and Treasurer for the Leeper Park Art Fair. She holds a BA in Fine Arts from IUSB with a concentration in graphic design. After changing careers and a 20 year hiatus from art, she rediscovered her passion for painting during the pandemic. Since then, she spends as much time as possible studying, exploring, and striving to improve her artistic skills. Working primarily in gouache and transparent watercolor, Anne Marie aspires to share her love of the natural world in her artistic endeavors.



Please join us at our next meeting

Sunday March 24th, 2024 1-3pm

1-1:30 social

1:30-3 artist demonstration

Upcoming 2024 Meeting Dates

Board Meetings

6:30pm at Heritage Square Martin's

APRIL - April 24, 2024

AUGUST - August 28, 2024

OCTOBER - October 30, 2024

Membership Meetings

1-3pm at South Bend Museum of Art

MARCH - March 24, 2024

MAY - May 26, 2024

SEPTEMBER - September 22, 2024

NOVEMBER - November 24, 2024

**Meetings held at South Bend Museum of Art
120 Doctor M.L.K. Jr Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601**

Join the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society to enjoy community with other artists, enjoy live artist demonstrations & be inspired.

January Meeting: Brother James



Featured Artist Gina Mitchell

When I was young my Aunt used to spend hours at the kitchen table coloring with my sister and me. Recently, she asked whether it was time well spent. Yes! It helped me develop my love of art and I still enjoy drawing, painting and being creative!

I learned many of the essential art skills through art and design classes in college. Since then my improvement has come from continuing to paint, reading art books and observing other artists.

The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society is an important part of my life. I became a member in February 2007; it surprises me that it's been 17 years already. Two years after joining I became the secretary for our society then vice-president, president, member-at-large and Leeper Park member booth coordinator. I've volunteered for 15 years and it's heartwarming to have met so many wonderful people and artists in our group!

Here's a few of my favorite watercolor paintings along with a coloring book page colored with my aunt and sister at my side.



Starry Night over Notre Dame
Awarded "Best Overall" in the juried art show at
Wellfield Botanic Gardens



Coloring book picture



Campus Sunset

Published in the international book "The Best of
Watercolor- Splash 12, Celebrating Artistic Vision"

NEWS

Obituary

Nancy (Burtram) Arsenovic

March 4, 1945-March 8, 2024

Memorial service was held on March 15, 2024.



Nancy Arsenovic passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024, a few days after celebrating her 79th birthday. Her life was guided by her faith and love of the Lord, her adventurous and bold (she would say naive!) spirit, her creativity, curiosity, and love of people.

Nancy was a trailblazer. She went to Eastern Europe as a single missionary at a time when the Berlin Wall was still up and countries were restless. She taught college students, chauffeured her favorites around Zagreb, and found the love of her life while teaching him English. She and "her handsome Bobi" spent over 30 years in missions. After she, Bobi, and their young daughters left former Yugoslavia during the civil war, they served in Austria with a new heart for refugees: feeding, clothing, and offering legal translator services. At the end of her career, they moved the family to Belgium where she was a professor at the Continental Theological Seminary. She mentored couples in cross-cultural relationships, sharing frank and honest wisdom and bringing different people closer together.

She spent her retirement water coloring, planting hundreds of tulips outside her coffee (at 8) window, and digging her toes in the sand at lake Michigan. She sold her paintings at art shows. She invited her grandkids over for hot dogs, s'mores, and tire swinging in her glorious and colorful backyard.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Robbie Burtram, and her brother, Michael Burtram. She is survived by her husband Bobi, her brother Ken Burtram, her daughters, Tina (Charles) Florance and Suzi (Jesse) Swartzendruber, and five grandkids, Elise, Keira, Asher, Maylah, and Vivienne.

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for 2024!

If you pay the annual dues of \$35.00 by January 31, 2024, you will enjoy the privilege of exhibiting your paintings in all the Society sponsored shows and receive a reduced entry fee for space in the annual Leeper Park Art Fair held in June. Make your check for \$35.00 to the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society.

*You can pay Nancy Turner at the January 28th general meeting.

*Or mail your check to her:

Nancy Turner
14320 Northampton Dr.
Granger, IN 46530

NIA/SJVWS May Social 2024

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New Email Address for St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

There is a new email address for St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society so members can send information and submit news at any time throughout the year. Please email any news, photos or updates to:

stjoevalleywatercolorsociety@gmail.com

Scholastic Winners



Delicate Glance

Katelynn Todd

Fairfield Jr Senior High School, Grade 12

Teacher: Wendi Sparks

Painting

Gold Key



Losing Hope

Allison Tinsley

Fairfield Jr Senior High School, Grade 12

Teacher: Wendi Sparks

Painting

Silver Key



Painting Groups & Classes

Granger Community Church

When: Every other Tuesday at GCC

Where: 630 E University Dr, Granger,
IN 46530

Time: 12:30pm

Pinhook Park

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 9am-noon

Cost: \$26.25 every 3 months

Upcoming Shows

- **Leeper Park Art Fair** is known as one of the premier fine art fairs in the country! This year the fair will take place on **Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 to 6:00 and Sunday, June 16 from 10:00 to 5:00.**
- The artist application period for an individual booth is December 1 through March 1. **Please apply on the Zapplication website: <https://www.zapplication.org/>**
- The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society sponsors a booth so our members can participate. It's a great opportunity to be part of this nationally acclaimed art fair! Applications and information for this will be at our January, March and May general meetings. (Or see Gina Mitchell)
- **The deadline for the application for the members tent is June 1, 2024.**
- For more information on individual booths and the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society member booth go to leeperparkartfair.org and www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com on the "about us" page.



**Hope to see you at the
Leeper Park Art Fair!**



First Unitarian Church

801 E Washington Street, South Bend, IN 46617

Please note corrections from last notice

- **Drop off:** Saturday April 6, 2024
11-2pm at the church

You may submit up to 2 paintings

*If you are not able to drop off on the April 6th time, you may contact Diane reader Dorn (North side of town) or Janet Johnson (Southside of town) PLEASE call ahead to make arrangements with them:

- Diane's phone is 469-964-3676
- Janet's phone is 574-323-5827

Reception:

Sunday, April 14th, 2024
from 11:45-1:30pm

Pickup:

Sunday May 19th, 2024
from 11:30-12:30pm or
Tuesday May 21st, 2024
from 4-5:30pm



First Unitarian Church
A diverse community of seekers

Janet Johnson

Received First Place in the watercolor category in the 7th Regional Exhibit at Cass County Regional Gallery going on now until May 3rd.



Linda Fritschner

Linda's painting "Osceola Railroad Crossing" received a juror's award in the Northern Indiana Artist (NIA) show at the Unitarian Church. The show runs until March 18th.



Board Members

President: Diane reader Dorn

Vice President: Renée Keller

Treasurer: Nancy Turner

Secretary: Judy Rossow

Exhibits: Now open

Hospitality: Now open

Historian: Anne Marie Peck

At Large: Gina Mitchell

SBMA Liaison: Dee Thornton

Leeper Park Art Fair: Hedy DeNolf

Publications: Shannon Garrastegui

Past President: Dan Slattery

Updates on exhibits are posted on
our website:

www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com



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