

# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Newsletter

## Special Date for January General Meeting

**January 19, 2025 – 1-3pm**

South Bend Museum of Art, 120 Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, South Bend, IN

### 2025 Calendar of General Meetings

**March 22, 2025 and May 24, 2025 – 1-3pm location TBA**

### Board Meeting

**February 26, 2025 – 6:30pm at Heritage Square Martin's**

**January 2025**

### St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Board Members

#### President

Anne Marie Peck

#### Vice President

Diane reader Dorn

#### Treasurer

Nancy Turner

#### Secretary

Judy Rossow

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Marta Francis

#### Hospitality

Beverly Watkins

#### Historian

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Gina Mitchell

#### SBMA Liaison

Dee Thornton

#### Leeper Park Art Fair

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#### Publications

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#### Past President

Diane reader Dorn

## A Letter from the President

Happy New Year!!

While the days are at their shortest and a new year begins, I find myself retreating indoors and reflecting on the growth I made artistically during 2024. Many of the highlights of last year for me were possible because of all that the SJVWS offers. I was able to join the Leeper Park Art Fair again in our member's tent, I participated in my first ever art exhibit, I was asked to demonstrate at a General Meeting, and I now have stepped up to serve all of you as President.

There are such wonderful opportunities available through the SJVWS and I am so excited for the upcoming year! My wish for 2025 is that all of you are able to benefit from the activities and experiences offered through the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society. Please join me in attending, sharing, volunteering, and being a vibrant participant in our wonderful community.

Thank you and kind regards,

Anne Marie Peck

President

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**It's time to renew your membership for 2025!** If you pay the annual dues of \$35 by January 31, 2025, 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 to the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society. You can pay Nancy Turner at the January 2025 general meeting or mail your check to her:  
Nancy Turner, 14320 Northampton Dr., Granger, IN 46530

## January's Guest Presenting Artist

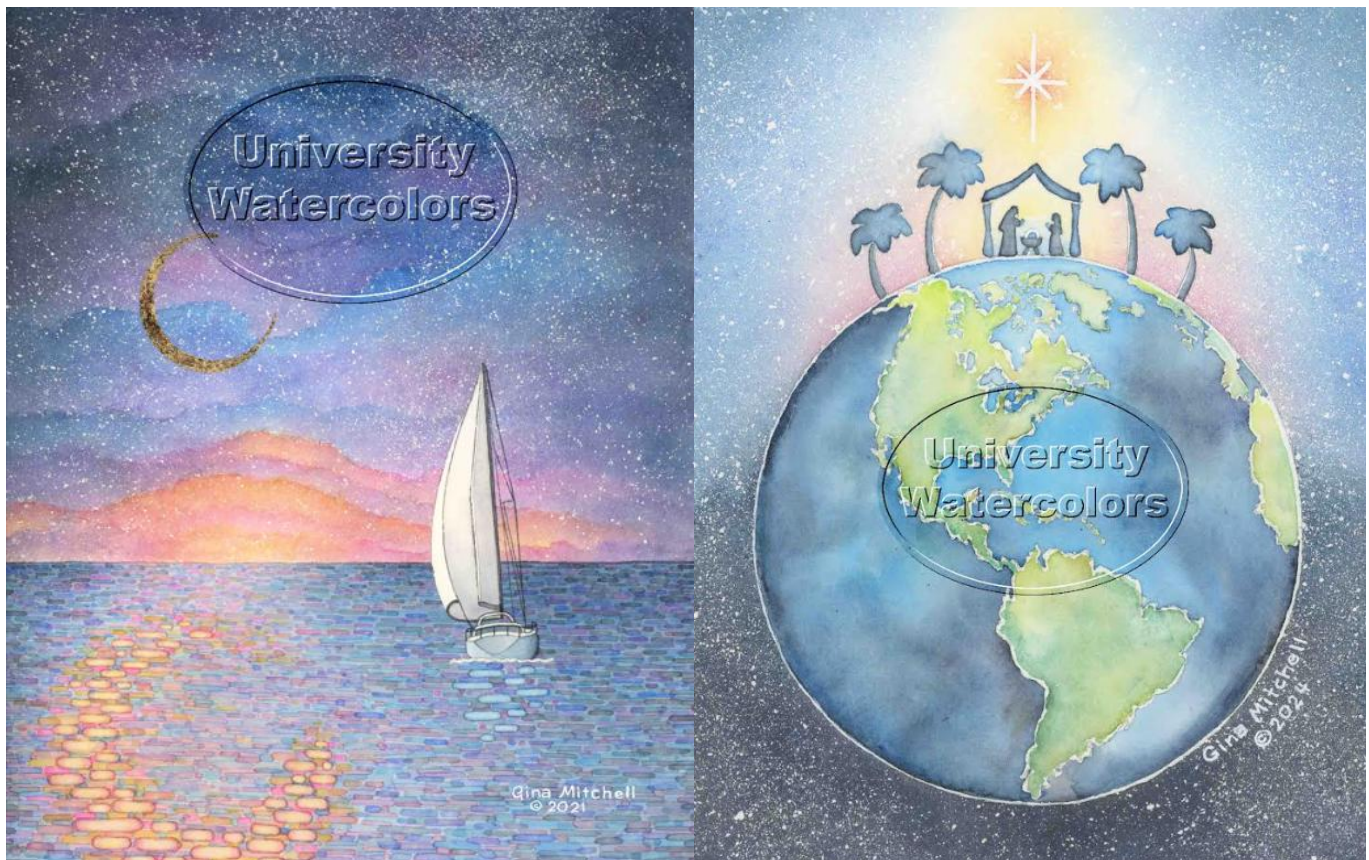
### Gina Mitchell

Typically, my paintings include buildings on a college campus, have a lot of detail, and take many hours to complete. However, sometimes I paint fun, less intensive pieces. Here are a couple samples of this. "Gold Moon Sailboat", an 8" x 10" watercolor that took 23 hours to paint, which isn't much compared to the 214 hours it took to complete the 16" x 20" "Devotional Shrine to Our Lady of Holy Cross" that was finished in December. The other painting shown, "Christmas Book" is a 7" x 5.5" watercolor. I didn't record the time for this one, but it probably took about 8 hours. The hours I keep track of include the development of the composition, the pencil drawing and the painting.

This January 19<sup>th</sup>, I'm looking forward to demonstrating my painting style for the watercolor society!  
Please join us and don't worry it won't take anywhere near 200 hours!

Here's some of my accomplishments:

- Published in the international book "The Best of Watercolor - Splash 12, Celebrating Artistic Vision"
- Winner of a Hoosier Women Artist Award
- Paintings on permanent exhibit at The Foundry and the corporate offices in Eddy Street Commons at Notre Dame
- Awarded "Best Overall" in the juried art show at Wellfield Botanic Gardens
- Past president and honorary member of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society



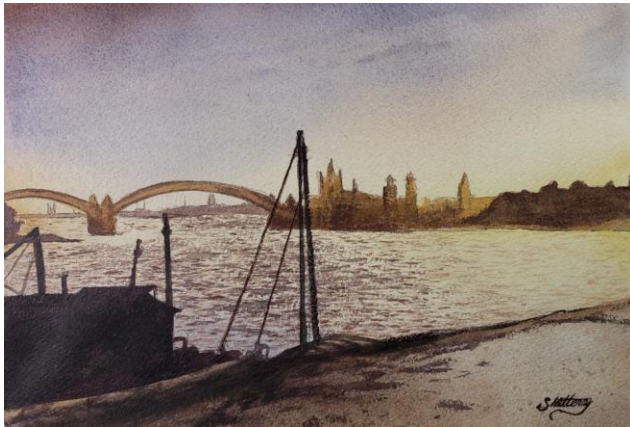


## Artist News

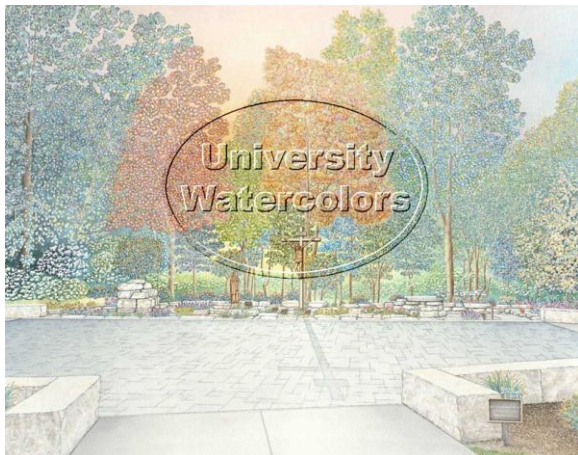
### **Dan Slattery** will be offering a class in **Techniques for Painting Landscapes in Watercolor** at the South Bend

Museum of Art. The course is open to beginners and continuing watercolorists, meeting Mondays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. beginning January 27 and continuing for 6 weeks. Contact the SBMA for details and to register.

The watercolors and pastels of **Dan Slattery** will be featured in an exhibit at the **Roti Roti Art Center** in Buchanan, Michigan in February and March. The Exhibit runs from February 19 until March 29, with a reception to be held on Sunday, March 2. The Roti Roti Art Center hours are W-F, 12 - 5 p.m., and Sat - Sun 12 - 4 p.m.



To thank the family for a donation that made it possible, Holy Cross College recently had an area on campus transformed into a “Devotional Shrine of our Lady of Holy Cross”. This original 16” x 20” watercolor painting, created by **Gina Mitchell**, was commissioned as a Christmas gift to the family.



### **2025 Exhibition Dates**

Mark your calendars for these preliminary exhibits. More information will be announced as we get closer to the dates.

#### **Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan**

March 31 – May 11, 2025

#### **Leeper Park Art Fair**

June 14-15, 2025



#### **Corvilla Studio**

October 9 – November 20, 2025

### **May Social with NIA & NIPS**

The May Social with NIA and NIPS will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Pinhook Community Center.

**11:30 Meet & Great – 12:00 Lunch**