

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Newsletter

May 2025

NO General Meeting in May

In lieu of the May General Meeting, please join us for the

SJVWS Opening Reception at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan

117 W Front St, Buchanan, MI 49107

Sunday, May 25th – 2-4 pm

A Letter from the President

Another wonderful year of meetings and demonstrations has come to a close and we are on to our summer season of exhibits, fairs, and volunteer opportunities!! We will not be meeting at the South Bend Museum of Art this month in order to gather at the exhibit opening of our first show of the year at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there and the beautiful works to be exhibited.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who responded with a vote for our 2025/2026 uncontested board positions. Also, a special thank you to Judy Nemeth and Joan Spohrer for stepping up to assist with the newsletter, website, and communication for next year. The watercolor society is run fully by volunteer support, so I also am deeply grateful for the other board members and their continued dedication for another year.

I am so excited to announce that the South Bend Sorority of Tri Kappa has generously awarded the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society with another \$500 grant this year!! They recognize and support the work that we do providing cultural, artistic, and educational opportunities for our community.

I look forward to another year ahead sharing our love of watercolor!!

Thank you all and kind regards,

Anne Marie Peck

President

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Leeper Park Art Fair & Roti Roti Art Center Exhibit



Volunteers Needed for the Leeper Park Art Fair

The LEEPER PARK ART FAIR is sponsored by The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society. Help is needed throughout the weekend to support our event.

Please sign up to help with one or both of these:

Friday, June 13, 3-7pm - Checking in artists and help with artists reception

Saturday and/or Sunday, June 14 & 15, 2-hr shifts between 10 am -4 pm - Information tent and booth sitting

To sign up or for more information, contact Joan Spohrer at jfspohrer@ameritech.net.

SJVWS Membership Booth at the 2025 Leeper Park Art Fair

The 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 14 from 10 am - 6 pm and Sunday, June 15 from 10 am - 5 pm.

The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society sponsors a booth for our members. It's a great opportunity to be part of this nationally acclaimed art fair!

Application and information is attached and also available on our website at www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com.

The deadline for applications and payments to be received is Sunday, May 25.

Hope to see you at the Leeper Park Art Fair!

Volunteers Needed for Opening Reception at Roti Roti Art Center

We need some assistance at our upcoming exhibit at Roti Roti Art Center on May 25th. Please contact Marta Francis at (574) 291-1808 or martafrancix0@gmail.com.

Help is needed with:

- Receiving paintings and hanging the show on Monday, May 12th from 10am – 12pm.
- Reception set up and clean up on Sunday, May 25th.
- Taking down show and painting pick up on June 22nd from 1-3pm.

Show Information and Artist News

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

May 12-June 22, 2025

Reception – Sunday, May 25, 2-4pm

Leeper Park Art Fair

June 14-15, 2025

Heartland Art Center

August 2-29, 2025

Corvilla Studio

October 7 – November 21, 2025

Joan Spohrer

Joan has two pieces in the Cass County Regional Art Exhibit, Cassopolis, MI, through May 24, and one piece in the Art Barn School of Art Annual Juried Exhibit at the Art Barn, Valparaiso through June 5. She also had two pieces in the NIA spring exhibit at Heartland Art Center Plymouth, in April.



Anne Marie Peck

Anne Marie has a piece in the Watercolor Society of Indiana's Annual Member Show at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis from May 1- June 14.



Nancy Turner

Nancy had a painting accepted in the MAAC show at the Box Factory in St. Joe, MI showing May 16 – July 6. She also has two paintings in the Cass County Regional Gallery Exhibit through May 24.



Application Form - Leeper Park Art Fair Members Tent Application Deadline - May 25

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

How do you prefer to receive information? _____email _____phone

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- Pay \$35.00 (checks payable to St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society) to Gina Mitchell at a meeting - or mail it to Gina Mitchell at 221 Haines Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514. This fee is due May 25.
- Fill out this application give it to Gina Mitchell at a meeting - or mail it to Gina Mitchell at 221 Haines Drive, Elkhart, IN. This application is due May 25.
- Be a member of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society and be up to date on dues. \$35.00 by January 31 or \$40.00 after January 31, make the payment to Nancy Turner, our treasurer.
- Choose two shifts (this will happen after May 25) to help at the member's booth
- Label (with the price and your name) each framed painting
- Label (with the price and your name) and wrap all art displayed in your print rack
- Label (with the price and your name) each notecard and have them displayed in a container
- There is no commission taken from your selling price or tax added to your selling price
- Please have your art displayed by 9:45 on Saturday and Sunday morning
- Please take your pieces down at 6:00 on Saturday and 5:00 on Sunday
- If your art activities qualify as a business please have a Retail Merchants License
- Please see additional information on the information sheet or online on the "about us" at stjoevalleywatercolor.com

Leeper Park Art Fair Information Sheet
Saturday, June 14, 10:00 - 6:00 Sunday, June 15, 10:00 - 5:00

The St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society sponsors a booth for our members to display and sell their watercolor art at the Leeper Park Art Fair every year. It's a great opportunity to be a part of a nationally acclaimed art fair!

These are the requirements to participate.

Pay \$35.00 (checks payable to St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society) to Gina Mitchell at a meeting or mail the payment to Gina Mitchell at 221 Haines Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514. This fee is due May 25.

Fill out an application, give it to Gina Mitchell at a meeting or mail it to her. Applications are available at the general meetings and online at www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com on the "about us" page. This application is due May 25.

Be a member of the St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society and be up to date on yearly dues. \$35.00 by January 31 or \$40.00 after January 31, make the payment to Nancy Turner, our treasurer.

Choose two shifts to help at the member's booth. Each shift is usually 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 hours. Two artists are scheduled for each shift to answer questions and take payments. This schedule is made after June 1, when all applications have been received. If you cannot make your booth time, please call someone on the schedule and trade with them.

Label (with the price and your name) each framed painting.

Label (with the price and your name) and wrap all art displayed in your print rack.

Label (with the price and your name) each notecard and have them displayed in a container.

Please label each item you bring with its price and your name - so we know who gets credit for the sale.

If you bring print racks they can be set up on the side of our booth. All art in the print racks

should be wrapped in an acetate envelope or shrink wrapped to protect it from damage and to give our booth a more professional look. Each print should be labeled with its price and your name.

Note cards can also be sold at our tent. Each note card should be labeled with its price and your name and be in a container.

Each artist whose art activities qualify as a business needs to have a current retail merchant's license.

The Art Fair is from 10:00 to 6:00 on Saturday and 10:00 to 5:00 on Sunday.

Please have your art hung completely by 9:45 on Saturday morning. Fair guests come early on Saturday. There will be security in the park at night, but the safety of your art can't be guaranteed; most artists in our booth remove their art at 6:00 Saturday evening.

Please bring your art back and have hung by 9:45 Sunday.

To maximize everyone's exposure at our booth each artist can put a painting on the front display rack. The remaining display areas will be divided as equally as possible - the amount of space available to each artist depends on how many artists participate.

When helping customers at our booth please remember:

All checks are made out to the artist

Write a receipt for every item sold - it is how we determine sales for each artist

Sales tax is included in the price of your piece

There is no commission taken from your selling price.

The individual sales will be added up and the monies given Sunday morning for Saturday's sales and at the end of the fair day on Sunday (5:00). Hope everyone has a successful Leeper Park weekend!

For more information visit www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com and www.leeperparkartfair.org