

# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Newsletter

September 2025

## September General Meeting

**Sunday, September 28 - 1:00pm**

South Bend Museum of Art

Presenter: Janice Lampos

## Tentative Future Meeting Dates

*These dates may change based on any conflicts with events at the Century Center that would make parking difficult*

November 23, January 18, March 22, May 24

Dear St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Members,

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by! As we step into our 2025/2026 season, I'm filled with excitement and anticipation for the months ahead. I can't wait to reconnect with all of you, hear about your watercolor adventures, and see the beautiful work you've been creating.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Marta Francis for her incredible coordination of our exhibits this past year. Marta's dedication and enthusiasm have made it possible for so many of us to share our art with the community, and it's been such a joy to see everyone's paintings and spend time together at these events.

As autumn begins to unfold and the trees start showing off their brilliant colors, I'm reminded of how inspiring this season can be for artists. The shifting light, the rich palette of reds and golds—it's a perfect time to pick up our brushes and let nature guide us. I encourage you to check out the list of upcoming opportunities to exhibit or paint together, and continue sharing your creativity with one another.

To all of the artists who exhibited over the summer—thank you for your contributions and your passion. You make our society vibrant and welcoming, and I'm so grateful to be part of this community. Here's to a new season of painting, learning, and connecting!

Warmly,  
Anne Marie Peck

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## September Presenter Janice Lamos



I have often thought that I was born with a drawing pencil in one hand and a needle and thread in the other, as those are my passions in life. As a child I would often spend my time drawing – the end table, the lamp, cast shadows on the wall, and my dog. I once painted a picture of my dog on the basement wall. My parents were not pleased!

Born and raised in South Bend, I graduated from Washington High School and attended Indiana University. Through the years I have worked as a carhop (does that date me?), lab technician (South Bend Medical Foundation), telephone operator (Indiana Bell), Mishawaka License Bureau (management), and the St. Joseph Public Library (shelver). Currently I am retired and do art.

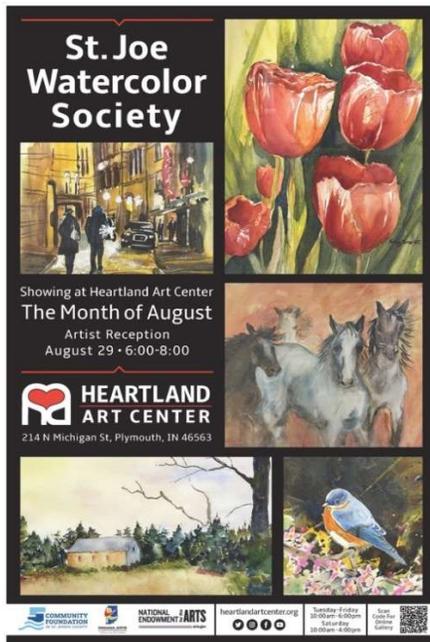
I have been married and have lived life. It was when I had cancer that I began painting in earnest. For life is fragile. I have a God-given talent for art and I should pursue it.

I started in watercolor and studied under Elizabeth James and Howard Scott. Then, one day Tom Tooley invited me to join his class – painting animals in pastel. That began my love affair with pastels. I have studied under Doug Dawson, Michael Chesley Johnson, and Cathy McCormick. I currently work in oils.

--Janice Lamos

## SJVWS Exhibits

**Heartland Art Center**  
**214 N Michigan St, Plymouth**  
**August 1 -29**



SJVWS members at the Heartland exhibit reception August 29.  
l-r, Anne Marie, Beverly, Marta, Barbara, Becca, Janet.

## **SJVWS Juried Exhibit at Corvilla Studio**

**October 7-November 21**

**135 E. University Drive**

**Granger, IN 46530**

Drop Off - Oct 7 - 1-4pm

Pick Up - Nov 21 - 9-11 am

This will be our one juried show for the year  
30% commission – members may submit up to 3 paintings

*Entry form in this newsletter  
and on our website [stjoevalleywatercolorsociety.com](http://stjoevalleywatercolorsociety.com)*

## See and Do Art

### Attend an Exhibit

**Northern Indiana Pastel Society** will exhibit September 12 to October 17 at Colfax Cultural Center, 914 Lincolnway West, South Bend. Reception & awards will be 4-6:30 pm Oct. 3. Gallery hours: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. [sbheritage.org/community/colfax-gallery/](http://sbheritage.org/community/colfax-gallery/)

**The Indiana Chapter of the Women's Caucus for Art** will exhibit "Hear Our Voices: Recent Work from the Indiana Women's Caucus for Art" at SBMA September 20 to November 2, reception October 3, 5-8pm. [Southbendart.org](http://Southbendart.org)

**The Area Artists Association**, Michigan City, will exhibit "Gathering Light," at the Roti Roti Art Center, 117 Front Street, Buchanan November 2 - December 14. [Rotirotiartcenter.org](http://Rotirotiartcenter.org)

**Northern Indiana Artists** has its All Member Show, "Nature's Gifts" at Fernwood Botanical Garden's Clark Art Gallery through November 2. [Fernwoodbotanical.org/exhibitions](http://Fernwoodbotanical.org/exhibitions)

### SJVWS Needs Your Help!

Our Member Directory needs an update.

We are looking for some volunteers who are willing to help out with confirming current member information and gathering contact information on new members.

Once this information is collected we need a volunteer to type it into a directory format with our Constitution and Bylaws.

Please let Anne Marie Peck know if you can help out! [ampeck505@gmail.com](mailto:ampeck505@gmail.com)

### Opportunities to Exhibit

**Heartland Artists 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibit** runs September 30 - November 1, with a Reception & Awards November 1, 4-6 PM. Deadline to enter is September 20, visit [heartlandartgallery.com](http://heartlandartgallery.com) for a prospectus.

**The 47<sup>th</sup> Elkhart Juried Regional** is accepting entries through September 13. Visit [midwestmuseum.org](http://midwestmuseum.org) for a prospectus. The show will be on exhibit at the Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S Main St., Elkhart, October 4-December 31.

**The Box Factory for the Arts** is accepting applications for their 2026 exhibit season. Visit [boxfactoryforthearts.org](http://boxfactoryforthearts.org) for information and application.

### Create with Fellow Artists

**Pinhook Artists welcome** artists of any experience level and medium to join us at Pinhook Park Pavilion, 2801 Riverside Dr, South Bend, Wednesdays from 9:30-noon for studio time, camaraderie and inspiration. Bring your own supplies. A small fee is charged quarterly.

**Lakeville Library**, 120 N Michigan St, Lakeville, invites artists on Tuesday mornings from 10am-noon for the same purpose. No fee is charged.

### 2025 Final Exhibition Date

Mark your calendars for final exhibit for 2025.

#### Corvilla Studio

October 7 – November 21, 2025

More information will be announced for 2026 dates as we get closer.

## SJVWS Show Information and Artist News



### SJVWS Artist News

**Marta Francis** had a solo show “A Watercolor Life” at Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan in July.

**Nancy Turner** had a painting accepted to the Mahoning Valley YWCA Women Artists: A Celebration Show in Youngstown, Ohio, in June-July. She has two paintings in the NIA All Member show at Fernwood Botanical Garden

**Anne Marie Peck** won Best of Show in the Indiana Wildlife Artists show at Minnetrista Museum & Gardens in Muncie, IN, for her gouache painting “Second Glance.” She won two merit awards at NIA’s All Member Show at Fernwood Botanical Garden, for her gouache pieces “Singular Focus” and “Radiance.”

**Jude Phillips** won a Merit Award for her pastel “A Bucolic Afternoon” at NIA’s All Member Show at Fernwood Botanical Garden

**Dan Slattery** won NIA’s Memorial Award for his pastel “Sunset at Bryce” at the NIA All Member Show, Fernwood Botanical Garden.

**Joan Spohrer** has two pieces in the Women’s Caucus for Art show Hear Our Voices at the South Bend Museum of Art Community Gallery Sept 20-Nov 2. She will have work in the Area Artists Association exhibit at Roti Roti gallery, Buchanan, in November.

**Linda Fritschner** had two paintings in the Colfax Gallery’s Art and Social Justice exhibit this summer and has two paintings in the NIA All Member show at Fernwood Botanical Garden August 22-November 2.

SJVWS Members won awards Leeper Park Art Fair, June 15-16. **Merit Awards:** Diane Dorn, Painting, Joan Spohrer, Painting.

#### **St Joe Valley Watercolor Society**

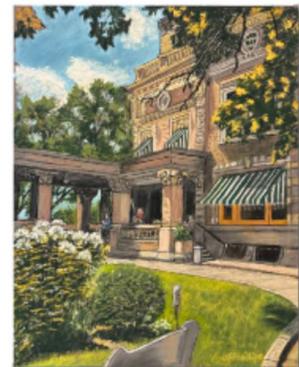
**Members Tent Awards:** Gina Mitchell, 1st Place; Anne Marie Peck, 2nd Place; Jude Phillips, 3rd Place



*Radiance.*



*Sunset at Bryce*



*Bucolic Afternoon*



# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

Exhibit Entry Form

**Corvillia**

Oct 9 - Nov 20, 2025

135 E. University Drive Granger, IN 46560

**Drop Off:** Oct 7, 1:00-4:00pm  
*Members may submit up to 3 paintings.*

**Commission:** 30%

**Pick-up:** Nov 21, 9:00-11:00am

**Please Note:** This is a juried exhibition. All art must be framed with a wire, no sawtooths, and the artwork must hang for the entire duration of the show.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY 1

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Price or value if NFS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of work (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## ENTRY 2

Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Price or value if NFS \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of work (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Artist \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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