

St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Newsletter

November General Meeting

Sunday, November 23

1:00-1:15 pm Snacks & Social

1:15-1:30 pm Meeting & Announcements

1:30-3:00 pm Presenter

South Bend Museum of Art

Presenter: Anna Afshar

Tentative Future Meeting Dates

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

January 18, March 22, May 24

Dear St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society Members,

As the crisp November air settles in and the colors of fall begin to fade, I'm reminded of how lucky we are to have such a vibrant and creative community. The Members Juried Exhibit at Corvillia is a perfect example—what a stunning collection of work! If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, I encourage you to stop by. The reception is coming up this week, and you'll find all the details in this newsletter.

A big thank you to Judy Nemeth for the beautiful job she's done putting together this issue. Her thoughtful layout and attention to detail really shine through, and we're so fortunate to have her as part of the board. Welcome, Judy—we're so glad you're here!

I'm also looking forward to our upcoming meeting in just a couple of weeks. It's always a joy to gather, catch up, and be inspired by one another. This month, we're in for a special treat with a demonstration by the talented Anna Afshar. I can't wait to see what she shares with us and to spend time with all of you.

Wishing you a cozy and creative November,

Anne Marie Peck President, St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

November 2025

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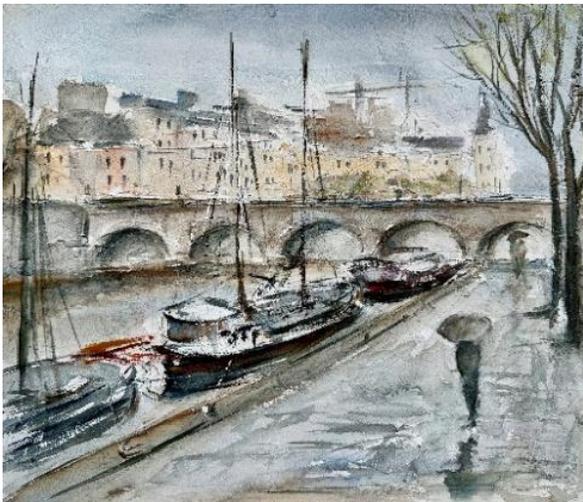
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My work is an exploration of the way light transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. Whether I am painting the shimmer of rain-soaked city street, the quiet reflection of a dog in a water, the explosive bloom of flowers, or the pause of a figure at a café, I am drawn to moments where color, atmosphere, and memory converge.

I paint with an impressionistic touch, allowing brushstrokes and texture to carry emotion as much as form. Urban scenes, landscapes, florals, and figures are all part of the same visual language for me — each is a study of movement, transience, and the sensory impressions that linger long after the moment has passed.

In every piece, I aim to create a space where viewers can feel both the immediacy of a fleeting moment and the timelessness of its emotional resonance. Every painting is also a story! Story I create and story of the moment it came to life.

~ Anna

SJVWS Exhibits

SJVWS Juried Exhibit at Corvilla Studio

Corvilla Studio ~ 135 E. University Drive ~ Granger, IN

October 7 until November 20

Artwork Pickup: November 21, 9:00-11:00 am

Artist Tour & SJVWS Reception – November 14

Artist Private Tour & Demonstration: A behind the scenes experience with the Corvilla artists. Marta Francis and Nancy Turner will be doing demos for the Corvilla artists.

SJVWS Artist Reception: To immediately follow 12pm to 2 pm

Award Winners:

First Place: Diane Reader Dorn with *Breakfast*

Second Place: Irina Tikhonova with *Misty Morning*

Third Place: Daniel J. Slattery with *Stopping on the Trail*

All of the paintings were lovely and I am sure it was a difficult decision to choose the winners.



Corvilla is a non-profit organization serving the needs of individuals with disabilities. Corvilla's programs, located in Bremen, Granger, and South Bend, provide creative, fun, learning environments where those with intellectual and developmental disabilities can build relationships and develop vocational skills in making and selling art and furniture. At Corvilla Studio Five9, (Granger location) they empower individuals with disabilities to grow in their artistic abilities and harness creativity while learning new skills and earning a paycheck. Their clients make wooden signs, canvas paintings, hand made cards, earrings, ceramics, candles and more.

Corvilla also works to be a part of the community. The Granger location has a Community Art Gallery open weekdays, 8am to 4pm and Saturdays 8am to 2pm. They work with multiple organizations as well as individual artists in the community.

Diane Dorn was kind enough to photograph all the entries to the Corvilla Exhibit. It was a difficult task because of all the beautiful windows in their gallery. There was terrible glare. Somehow, Diane managed to get photos that minimized the glare. Thank you, Diane!







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SJVWS Artist News & See and Do Art

SJVWS Artist News

Nancy Turner has 2 paintings in the Cass County Regional Exhibit that runs until Dec. 30.

Joan Spohrer has a painting in the Elkhart Juried Regional, Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart through Dec 31 and had 2 paintings in the Heartland Juried Exhibit in October. She is also exhibiting with the Area Artists Association at Roti Roti Art Center, Buchanan through November.

Judy Nemeth had a painting in the Heartland Juried Exhibit in October.

Attend an Exhibit

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

The 47th Elkhart Juried Regional will be on exhibit at the Midwest Museum of American Art, 429 S Main St., Elkhart, October 4-December 31. midwestmuseum.org

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.

Opportunities to Exhibit

The Box Factory for the Arts is accepting applications for their 2026 exhibit season. Visit boxfactoryforthearts.org for information and application.

2nd Annual Journey of the Mind 2026 through visual artistic expression is calling for entries. Entries are being accepted 12/1/25 – 1/16/26. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

South Bend Museum of Art will be hosting an exhibit for the SJVWS in September 2026. Details to be announced at a later date.

SJVWS Announcements

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's almost time to renew your membership for 2026! If you pay the annual dues of \$35 by January 31, 2026, 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 2026 general meeting or mail your check to her:

Nancy Turner
14320 Northampton Dr.
Granger, IN 46530

SJVWS Needs Your Help!

Beverly, our magnificent hospitality coordinator, will be out of town for the November meeting.

Please bring a little something to share if you can.

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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.

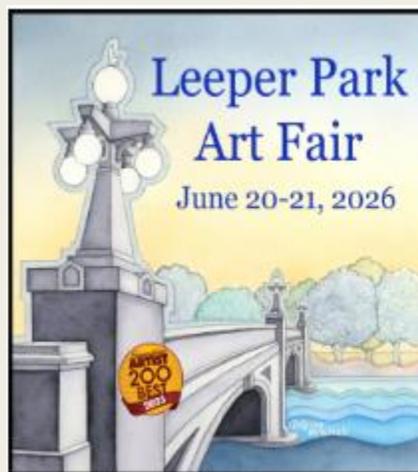
Once this information is collected, we need a volunteer to type it into a directory format with our Constitution and Bylaws.

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

## Leeper Park Art Fair 2026

Applications for the Leeper Park Art Fair open **December 1, 2025.**

Apply now at [zapplication.org](http://zapplication.org)



# JOURNEY OF THE MIND THROUGH VISUAL ARTISTIC EXPRESSION



## ART EXHIBIT CALL FOR ENTRIES



Michiana artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit work showcasing interpretations of mental health, wellness, & recovery for our 2nd annual **Journey of the Mind** exhibit.

**Entries are being accepted 12/1/25-1/16/26 - SCAN:**

Questions? Contact [info@mhamichiana.org](mailto:info@mhamichiana.org) or 574.393.8809, x 3.



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