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# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

May, 2016

## Next Meeting

**Sunday, May 22**

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 Program

General Meeting

Demo: Kerri Bash

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## A Note From Janet Johnson



**May May**, the lovely month of **May**...And **May** I say how great this past season has been with all of you supporting the organization and helping us grow...A big thank you is in order...and a BIG Welcome to ALL our NEW MEMBERS ....We are so happy to have you joining us. I do hope what we have to offer is good for you and any suggestions you **May** have for growth or whatever are most appreciated...Please make your voices heard ... and that goes for everyone else as well... We can't grow without hearing from ALL of you !

We will wrap up our season this **May** 22 for a last general meeting until September 18 and I hope so see many of you at the meeting, some of you have been hiding or busy painting **Maybe**. Please note that our September meeting falls on the 3rd Sunday; our meeting room at Century Center is not available on September 25.

Please bring your paintings to share, and keep working... Bob has 2 group shows coming up for us: one in July and another juried show in November ...so keep those brushes wet and carry on....and get your paintings ready to exhibit.

I do believe our demo artist this meeting will be exciting, fun and informative.

Also, many of our members will be painting in the Garden Walk on July 6. I hope many of you can come, stroll and enjoy the lovely venue.

Thanks again for a great season ...see you **May** 22 !!!!!

Enjoy your Summer and keep painting...and don't forget Leeper Park.

## May Demo Artist Kerri Bash



Kerri S. Bash is a freelance children's illustrator and fine artist. She submits proposals for projects, shows her work at art fairs, galleries, and exhibits, and takes commission work. She works directly with clients on projects ranging from small watercolors for children's rooms, to a 4-piece series of 3'x4' murals for a library, to painting outdoor art.

She has also taught and facilitated many art classes, including one-on-one instruction, at all levels.

She served as the Education Director at Heartland Artists Gallery in Plymouth, a non-profit artists co-op, in 2013 and recently acquired a studio space in Elkhart, IN. Visit her website at [www.kerribash.com](http://www.kerribash.com).

## 2016 Garden Walk

### The SBMA Art League's annual "Arts in Bloom"

Garden Walk will take place Wednesday July 6 on Miami Street just south of Ireland Road. Interested in painting? Contact Yupadi Prasertwanich at [yupadip@yahoo.com](mailto:yupadip@yahoo.com).

## Be a Mentor

Artists who would like to volunteer at Perley Fine Arts Academy as an artist mentor to elementary children and/or teachers may contact school principal Jill VanDriessche. <https://www.edline.net>

## Calls for Art

**Arts on the Millrace Art Fair**  
Goshen, June 11, 12 - 8 PM  
Live music, food, art  
<http://cityonthego.org/arts-on-the-millrace/home/>

## Art Beat

August 20, 11am-7pm  
Artist applications due May 23  
<https://downtownsouthbend.com>

## Elkhart Art League

Annual Spring Juried Show  
June 2-26  
Submissions May 22 & 23 at Arts on Main  
<http://ealonline.org/springshow/>

## Elkhart Art Walk

May 11, July 13, Sept 14, Nov 16  
Information and application:  
<http://www.elkhartartwalk.com/>

## Southern Shore Art Association "Body Parts The Art of the Anatomy"

June 3-26  
724 Franklin Street, Michigan City  
[www.southernshoreartassociation.com/call-for-art.html](http://www.southernshoreartassociation.com/call-for-art.html)

# 49th Annual Leeper Park Art Fair

## SJWS Members: Join Us June 18-19

Plan to be a part of the Leeper Park Art Fair

- ◆ Volunteer at the Artist Reception tent Friday evening, June 17
- ◆ Volunteer at the Information booth Saturday or Sunday June 18-19 (3 shifts)

Volunteer forms can be found on our website, [www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com).

## Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to Janet Johnson! Her mosaic design for the Leeper Park Art Fair was chosen for the 2016 poster/publicity. Posters and postcards will be available for members to pick up and distribute at our May 22 Membership Meeting.

## Parking

Construction around Memorial Hospital will be ongoing through June, but will not impinge on the park or the parking lot during the Art Fair. There is a map of access to the streets surrounding Leeper Park at the South Bend website [smartstreets.southbend.gov](http://smartstreets.southbend.gov).

### SJVWS Member Tent

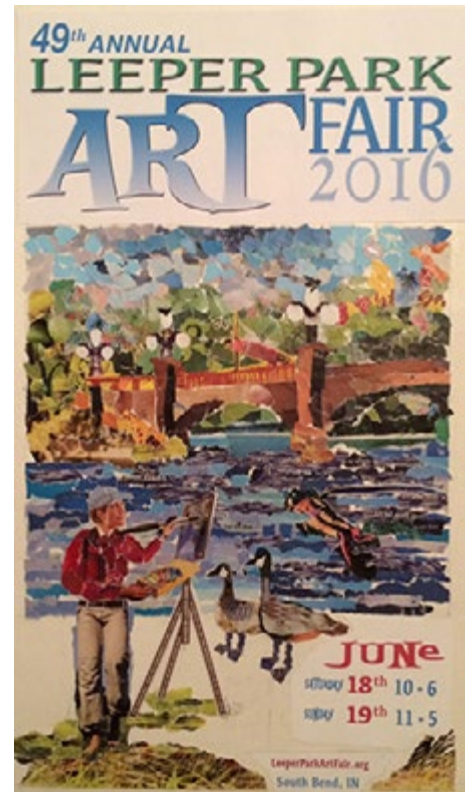
Join us at our Watercolor Society member booth! Sign-up sheets are available on our website, [www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://www.stjoevalleywatercolor.com). The entry form and \$35.00 fee is due by June 1. Please send the entry to Gina Mitchell and the payment to SJVWS Treasurer Ardyce Kreider.

## Art Fair Manager

Leeper Park Art Fair coordinator Judy Ladd will be stepping down after the 2017 Art Fair, after 20+ years of managing the Fair. Anyone interested in learning the ropes, and "interning" with Judy in order to take over the Fair management after 2017, please contact her at [studio266@aol.com](mailto:studio266@aol.com). The Leeper Park Art Fair manager is a paid position.

## 50th Anniversary

2017 is the 50th Anniversary of the Leeper Park Art Fair! We are collecting images of booths, artists, and the Art Fair from the past 50 years. Dig deep into your photo archives to find pictures, articles, and other memorabilia of Fairs past, and bring them to our Membership Meeting May 22. Bring your ideas for additional ways to commemorate and celebrate this important date.





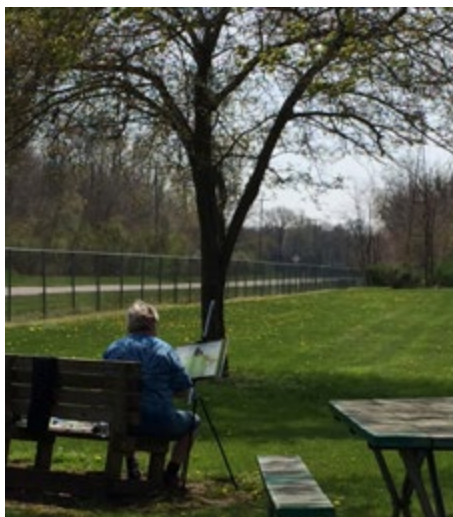
## Around and About SJWS Exhibit: Kroc Corps Community Center

Prepare ahead for our next exhibit, at the **Kroc Corps Community Center**, 900 W. Western, South Bend, July 16-September 10. Drop off will be July 15th. More details will be provided at our Membership Meeting May 22.

Plans are being firmed up for an exhibit at the **Near Northwest Neighborhood Center**, 1007 Portage Avenue, South Bend, during the month of November, with an opening date of November 4. More details to follow.

## Paint-Out at St. Patrick's County Park

Past President Yupadi Prasertwanich was one of several SJWS members who turned out for the April 24 Paint Out at St. Patrick's Park. She reported, "the Paint Out on Sunday April 24th was so delightful. It was a beautiful sunny and warm day on the St. Joseph River bank. The scenery was gorgeous and company was superb."



Left, Marta Francis; Above: Yupadi Prasertwanich and John DeMaegd.

## Upcoming Workshops

### Michigan City Art League

Dan Slattery will teach a one day Watercolor Landscape seminar at the Michigan City Art League June 11, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Contact Betty Thomas, MC Art League (219) 879-0903.

### Moontree Studios

Dan will also lead a four-day "Experience at MoonTree Studios" in Donaldson, IN, Monday August 29 through Thursday September 1, 9:00 - 4:00 daily (lunch included). The Experience is titled "Capturing Nature's Themes in Watercolor". For more information, contact MoonTree Studios at (574) 935-1712 or visit their website, <http://moontreestudios.org>.

### Northern Indiana Artists

NIA will host plein air and studio workshops with award-winning artist Greg LaRock September 23-30 at studios in the South Bend Museum of Art and in various locations in Elkhart County. Visit the NIA website, [www.nia-art.org](http://www.nia-art.org), for details.

## Quote of the Month



## Art News

**Jacqueline Gnott's** watercolor painting "The Ravishing Red Girls" was accepted into the 55th Annual Watercolor USA Exhibition, Springfield Art Museum; Springfield, Missouri. The show runs from June 4 - August 28.

**George Millet** has two pieces in the Atrium of the Munster Performing Arts building with the Area Artist Association show, "Vision and Revision". He will have 4 pieces in "The Artists Journey" with the Area Artists Association at the Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso, reception May 20.

**Dan Slattery** will have a solo exhibit in June and July at the First Unitarian Church of South Bend, 801 E Washington. Dan will be displaying several paintings at "Meet Me On the Island" June 3, 5:00 -9:00 p.m., SBMA. His painting "Props II, Elizabeth's Doll" has been accepted for inclusion in Splash 18: Value / Light & Dark, due out in June of 2017.

**Joan Spohrer** has 2 paintings in Box Factory for the Arts members show through May 23. She will be in the Elkhart Art Walk May 11.

**Janice Nelson Weller** exhibited her watercolors of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio at the regional center in West Chester in March.

## Art News Updates

Send your art updates for posting to our Facebook page to Kathy Levy, [info.prose@yahoo.com](mailto:info.prose@yahoo.com).

Also send art news and contact updates to Joan Spohrer, [jfspohrer@ameritech.net](mailto:jfspohrer@ameritech.net), for newsletter publication.

## Expose Yourself

Bring a recent painting to display at our Membership Meeting May 22.



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## Calendar

### Membership Meetings:

May 22

September 18 (3rd Sunday, as the meeting room is not available on the 4th Sunday)

### June 11

Plein-air paint-out  
location TBA

### Kroc Center Exhibit

drop off: July 15  
exhibit: July 16-September 10

### Leeper Park Art Fair

June 18-19

### Near Northwest Neighborhood Exhibit

November, dates TBA

## Review: Demo with Randall Higman

When younger, Randall Higdon was an impatient painter. He discovered he liked the immediacy of watercolor.

Rand began his art career in graphic design as an art director; however the constant deadline crises began to undermine his enthusiasm for that profession. He quit his job in 1978 to create art full time.

Randy prefers to paint on Crescent or Arches cold press boards. The water and paint move around more – they don't sink in so there is more saturation of color. He goes dense on color, establishing contrast. His paintings come alive by use of value opposition, large and small masses, clean and dirty color, warm and cool color, detail and no detail. When painting Randy tries to get

as much done in one sitting rather than waiting for it to dry and adding another layer. He uses the permanent Sheva

casein to lighten areas and white. Colorless masking fluid is also used to create whites.

Some advice Randy received when younger – don't make deadlines a negative element. "The way you paint is an expression of your personality"

