



# St. Joe Valley Watercolor Society

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## January 2018

### Next Meeting

**Sunday, January 28**

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 Program

General Meeting

**Demo artist:** Howard Scott

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## A Note From Joan Spohrer

Here's a thought to warm up these frigid January mornings ... Florida! Or better yet, Tahiti! Forget what I said about welcoming winter last issue. Now we're knee deep in the white stuff and thinking about spring, or at least turning up the temperature. Paul Gauguin had the right idea, heading off to Tahiti to take in the sun and find inspiration in the rich culture and warm light of that tropical paradise. What about you? Whether you grin and bear it, shoveling your way through winter and sipping hot toddies, or escaping to warmer climes, soaking up the sun and drinking iced teas, take some time this month to view your surroundings and be inspired by the wonderful light of the season.

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter and take note of the upcoming opportunities we're presenting. Starting with our Membership Meeting on the 28th, we'll be treated to a demo by SJV member Howard Scott, who recently has turned his keen eye for popular culture toward more traditional scenes, but done in miniature. Our Fernwood Botanical Garden exhibit reception will take place February 11, from 1-4 pm. And our 1-day workshop with Jacqueline Gnott is set for April 21. There are lots of opportunities to learn and create.

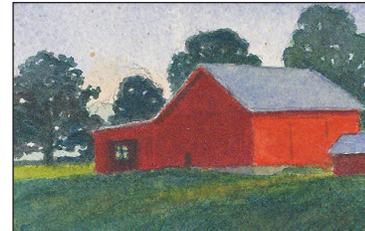
See you on the 28th!



## Our January Presenter: Howard Scott/ one of our Own



Howard Scott is the artist with the magic brush! He has taught many at the South Bend Museum of Art. Many of his students later became watercolor artists. His sense of humor and ability to explain many different styles makes him a great teacher. He is very patient and allows his students to find their own style. He



is always helpful and goes out of his way to impart his knowledge to his fellow artists and students. This should be a fun and informative event for all skill levels.



## Our November Presenter: Herbert W. Helm Jr.

demonstration, 11-19-2017

Watercolor is not Herb's primary profession, psychology is, although he has connected his two interests and written an article about them that was published in the October 15, 2015 issue of Watercolor Artist magazine.

To paint Herb uses 140 lb. Arches watercolor paper; if he wants the image he's going to paint printed he goes to Sam's Club where large prints are inexpensive.

To apply frisket he uses

the flat end of a paint brush because it can pull a thin line of frisket. Herb begins by applying washes with three pure primary colors. To avoid back runs he begins a wash on the edge instead of the center of the area to be painted. He finds using a sprayer that splatters instead of mists works best for this process. When it's time to remove frisket, a piece of masking tape will do the job without leaving any smudge marks behind. Herb has found that a finished painting will usually pop from surrounding paintings when high levels of contrast are used. Weight the painting down on that side - place dark values so everything feels balanced. Paint the darkest values last.



Here is his completed Demo he finished at home.



**Fall Painting challenge!**  
Thank you all for participating. They were a main attraction at our November meeting...Bravo! Very inspirational and good to see everyone's unique approach. Looking forward to Snowflakes...



### Leeper Park Update

The Leeper Park Art Fair, ranked 30th in Sunshine Artist's Best Fine Art Show rankings, will be held June 16-17. SJVWS members may show their work in our Members Tent or have their own booth at the show at a discount rate. Forms detailing registration and payment information can be found at our website, [stjoevalleywatercolor.com](http://stjoevalleywatercolor.com) and [leeperparartfair.org](http://leeperparartfair.org).



## CONGRATULATIONS !

**Dee Thornton** won first place in the Fine Arts Division at the Tri Kappa Sorority regional convention this fall.

### Fernwood Exhibit Info

**DROP OFF:** Sunday, January 21, 1-4 and Tuesday, January 23, 10-12 a.m.

Up to 2 pieces, 2D only.

**Theme:** Freedom of Watercolor. Explore your creativity in your own unique way!

**JUROR:** (Randy Higdon) Tuesday, January 23, noon

**PICK UP** of unaccepted work: January 24 and 25 or by special arrangements.

**COMMISSION:** Fernwood takes a 30% commission

**RECEPTION:** Sunday, February 11, 2-4, Awards at 3

**PICK UP at end of show,** Wednesday, March 28, 10-4 and Thursday, March 29, 10-4 or special arrangements.

See your email for submission forms... or get a copy at Fernwood & fill them out on sight.



Come Paint at Pinhook Park Pavilion every Wednesday 9:30- noon. The Park Dept charges \$15 per person/ per quarter. Call Janet for info or bad weather 574-323-5827.

## Calendar/ Exhibits

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Penn High School Exhibit  
**Pick up - Jan 8 2018**  
Pick-up Jan 8 /3:30-4:30

**January - March 2018**  
Fernwood Juried Exhibit

**Bruce Langton** has agreed to be our Speaker at the **March** membership meeting.

**Fall of 2018**  
South Bend Museum of Art Exhibit for SJVWS

**For the Love of Art** fair, to be held at Century Center February 17, 10am - 6pm,

### Mark your calendar:

#### General Meetings

- January 28
- March 25
- May 20

### We STILL Need an Exhibit Chair

No one coordinating our shows means..NO More Exhibits !  
*Come on Folks, someone out there can do this...*

**Joan Spohrer** has a solo watercolor exhibit at The Foundry West in Eddy Street Commons at Notre Dame (1233 North Eddy Street, Suite 106, Second Floor) titled "Reflections: Notre Dame and Chicago" through April 30. She will also have a booth at **For the Love of Art** show @ Century Center, Feb 17

Jacqueline Gnett **Watercolor Workshop** at SBMA **Saturday, April 21, 9-4.** Members: \$100, Non-members: \$120. We'll be painting a strawberry (image at right), and will have registration forms at our Jan 28 meeting.

**Elkhart Museum of American Art**  
Gallery Talks Occur Every Thursday at noon...there is always someone interesting and something to Learn.

**NIA Exhibition at the Jewish Federation**  
3202 Shalom Way, South Bend, IN 46615.  
Exhibit Dates: January 28 - April 16, 2018  
Reception: January 29

**Drawing Bootcamp:** A complete introductory college drawing course in four days **Instructor:** Alan Larkin, Professor Emeritus, IUSB **Dates:** May 17 - 20, 2018  
**Place:** South Bend Museum of Art **Fee:** \$375  
**Information:** Diane Overmyer, [dovermyerart@msn.com](mailto:dovermyerart@msn.com)



Subject matter & size is 6.5 x 8.5 for Jacqueline Gnetts workshop

**Linda Fritschner** will have an exhibit, "Polar Regions and Local Landscapes: Paintings" at the Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, MI, Jan 4 - Feb 10. The Artist's Reception is Sunday, Jan 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

A challenge for the March meeting... 8 x 10 watercolor of March Madness