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Nov 2017

Next Meeting

Sunday, November 19

South Bend Museum of Art

1:00 Social

1:30 Program

General Meeting

Demo: **Herbert W. Helm Jr.**

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A Note From Joan Spohrer

I recently viewed George Bellows' oil painting "Love of Winter" at the Chicago Art Institute. Depicting a skating scene in a New York City park at the turn of the 20th century, Bellows defies you to dislike the season! Skaters embrace the cold, turn their backs to the wind, and dress in bright colors, their cheeks rosy. Warm sunlight bounces colorful shadows off the snow. Who says winter has to be depressing?

As we approach winter and the holiday season, SJVWS has a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. We had a wonderful show at Colfax with the Northern Indiana Pastel Society. Congratulations to NIPS member Peg Luecke, who sold a painting. 15 of you brought 40 paintings to Penn High School for our exhibit at their gallery through January 3. Thank you! We have a juried show coming up at the end of January at Fernwood Botanical Garden, "Freedom of Watercolor." Details to follow.

Looking ahead, we are set for a workshop with our own Jacqueline Gnot, April 21 at the SBMA.

We are also planning a party for our May 20 meeting at the Mishawaka Res, which will give us an opportunity for socializing and painting together en plein air, if we wish, along with putting our business year to bed.

See you at our November meeting on the 19th, artist Herb Helm will be our presenter. Remember the November meeting challenge: bring in an 8x8 watercolor of fall leaves.



Our November Presenter: Herbert W. Helm Jr.



Herbert W. Helm Jr. is a psychologist and university professor who became interested in learning watercolor in his mid-to-late forties. Having no art training in college he decided to take lessons both locally and through numerous workshops. He has taken classes with watercolorists such as: John Salminen, Frank Webb, Nicholas Simmons, Carol Carter, Steve Rogers, Alvaro Castagnet, Paul Jackson, Lian Zhen, and many others. He believes that the different styles and techniques of the various artists have helped create a vision of what

one can do with watercolor instead of the limitations of watercolor. Herb usually enters a number of local juried shows each year and has been in Michigan Watercolor Society show where he won the Golden Artist Colors Gift Certificate, the Juried Exhibit of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, as well as the Transparent Watercolor Society show. Periodically, he teaches watercolor workshops and has exhibited shows at the Box Factory, Fernwood, and Scarlett Macaw.



Our September Presenter: Joe Fettingis

reminded us of how important values are in our paintings, holding edges and softening washes. There's always one point of interest in a painting. Of the three major values, dark, middle and light, middle is the most important; it holds everything together.

When blending lightly touch the brush to the paper. As color moves to the foreground of the painting it gets lighter.

Balance the elements, for example don't put the darkest value in just one spot and weight the painting down on that side - place dark values so everything feels balanced. Paint the darkest values last.



CONGRATULATIONS !



Lynn Edison's Hat painting (which Dan Slattery purchased at Lynn's moving close-out Sale) brought us all together for a happy Tribute at our September Mtg.

To: **Joan Sp horer** : Merit Award at Heartland Artists Juried exhibit Accepted to Elkhart Juried Regional and featured at The Silk Purse gallery

To: **Barbara DeLeu**, 2nd Place at HeartLand Juried Exhibit

To: **SJVWS artists** in the 39th Elkhart Juried Regional. 156/246 artists and 194/432 works were selected. Barbara DeLeu, Linda Fritschner, Martha Hollett, George Millet, Diane Overmyer, Daniel Slattery & Joan Spohrer

To: **Dee Thornton** and **Bob Williams** are represented in the Box Factory Members' show, through Nov. 11.



Come Paint at Pinhook Park Pavilion every Wednesday 9:30- noon. The Park Dept charges \$15 per person/ per quarter.



Opening Reception at the Colfax Cultural Center Exhibit on October 6, 2017



Calendar/ Exhibits

Penn High School Exhibit
November 10 - Jan 8 2018

Pick-up Jan 8 /3:30-4:30
the best public hours are:
Tues, Wed, and Thurs 3:30-4:30. It is best to enter at door A

Dec 3 - Paint-in 1-3ish
South Bend Museum of Art

January - March 2018
Fernwood Juried Exhibit

Fall of 2018
South Bend Museum of Art
Exhibit for SJVWS

Mark your calendar:
General Meetings

- November 19
- January 28
- March 25
- May 20

Announcements

We Need an Exhibit Chair please think about stepping up if you still want to ... We need someone to coordinate our shows.

Jaqueline Gnot will be offering a one day workshop in April 21 at the SBMA : cost to be determined. We are seeking interest.

Paint - IN for December Let's paint Pine trees and ornaments Sunday, December 3 from 1-3ish

The Silk Purse Gallery Fall Open House
November 17 & 18 • 10 AM - 8 PM
1035 Johnson St., Elkhart

Joan Spohrer and Bob Williams are featured artists in the gallery

Elkhart Juried Regional
Midwest Museum of American Art October 6 - December. Many of our members have work there.

Elkhart Art League Fall Membership Show
November 10-18, 2017 @ **Arts on Main** / Downtown

Diane Reader Dorn is teaching a four week winter blast class at the SB art center, Encaustic. Begins Saturday, Nov 11 for two weeks, then resumes two weeks after the week of Thanksgiving.
Saturdays, 1-4 pm.

Northern Indiana Pastel Society
exhibit at the South Bend Civic Theatre December 1- 23.

South Bend Museum of Art
Student/ Faculty Exhibit
Dec. 1 – Jan. 7, 2018, Jerome J. Crowley Community Gallery.
Reception Dec.1, 5-9 pm.

"It's a Wonderful Market"
Dec. 1 & 2. Joan Tweedell will be at the Coppes Commons in Nappanee. Friday 5 - 9 pm and Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM.

Studio space for Rent near Portage and Adams Rd., 1200+ Sq Ft., drywall, heated, air-conditioning and restroom. It's on a beautiful mature landscaped 4 acre parcel. A great shared space for numerous studio artists. or single artist, Call Suzanne 574-850-0268 or Tim 574-850-4216. (Friends of Dan Slattery)

A challenge for the January meeting...
8 x 8 watercolor of Snowflakes