

# MuseLETTER

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## Mark Your Calendar



**Tuesday, January 21, 2025** - 6:30 PM social time, Zoom presentation by Anne Kaese on the St. John's Bible and calligraphy at 7 PM.

**Tuesday, February 18** - 6:30 PM social time, Zoom presentation by Marie Panlener at 7 PM

**Friday, March 14** - 6:30-8:30 PM MAA Spring Juried Show reception at the Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson WI, March 14-April 20, 2025.

**Tuesday, April 15** - 6:30 PM social time, oil demo by Dan Petrov at 7 PM, Bloomington Center for the Arts, room 2020

**Tuesday, May 13** - 6 PM potluck and show & tell at JuliAnne Jonker's home, 13602 Everest Ave, Apple Valley, MN 55124

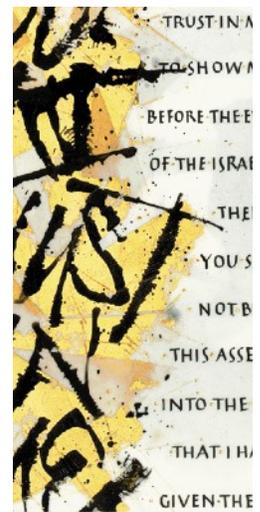
## The St. John's Bible presented by Anne Kaese



In 1998, Saint John's Abbey and University commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible. Anne Kaese has given over 100 presentations all over the country about this extraordinary Bible that ignites the spiritual imagination.

Anne wrote, "The splendid and vibrant illuminations in the St. John's Bible are modern, meaningful, and energetic interpretations of Biblical text meant to reach people in all walks of life in our 21st century. Images of the earth taken from Hubble, DNA strands, the Twin Towers, Holocaust skulls, digital voiceprints, and butterflies from Minnesota are representations of modern life, our relationship with science and nature, and how we now interpret art and literature with our imaginations."

Anne's presentation will be about the impact of the Saint John's Bible project - a 20th century art project to inspire the spiritual imagination from St. John's Abbey in St. Cloud - and how that immersion in traditional artistic methods in painting and calligraphy in a modern era, followed by the Great Plague of 2020, gave her time and opportunity to create a new artistic direction for herself.



## Member News

**Don Aggerbeck** had three watercolors selected for the Small Works Salon at Studio Pintura, Northrup King Bldg #293-295. The exhibition is on display until January 4, 2025. Don also has a watercolor in the White Bear Center for the Arts members show, on display until January 17, 2025. A watercolor by Don will be part of the Arts North International 30 Exhibition at the Hopkins Center for the Arts, January 11- February 22, 2025.

MAA President **Jim Geisinger** will have "Harmony of the Mystic" in the 30th Arts North International show at Hopkins Arts Center. The opening celebration is January 11, 4 - 6PM.



**Sonja Hutchinson's** painting "Common Ground" was juried into the Arts North Exhibition for 2025 at the Hopkins Center for the Arts.

**Layl McDill** received a Minnesota State Arts Board creative individuals grant. She will be interviewing and meeting with farmers to do research to create

social practice mixed media sculptures. The finished interactive work will be exhibited at the Evansville Art Center in September, along with a free workshop. She intends to create art similar to "Reuse on the Range," 2023.



**Marjorie Moody** won an award of merit at the 2024 Artistry Member Exhibition at the Bloomington Center for the Arts for "Elegy," 24 x 18 inches, oil and cold wax on cradleboard.



**Dan Petrov** is exhibiting twelve portraits in Art Reach St. Croix, 224 North 4th Street, Stillwater, MN, in a group exhibition with three more portrait painters. The exhibition opens on January 9 and runs thru February 15.

Reception: Sunday, January 12, 2 - 4 PM.

**James Turner** has had a good year with acceptance of the painting "Ascent" into the annual juried National Watercolor Society (NWS) show, along with an award and signature status in that prestigious organization. He also has had the painting "You Looking at Me?" recently accepted by the American Watercolor Society (AWS) in their annual juried show next April.



**Wayne Sisel** received an honorable mention award for his watercolor, "The Point - Silverwood Regional Park," at Robbin Gallery's "Extremely Minnesota" show.

## Mission

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The mission of MAA is to educate, encourage, and inspire visual artists of all mediums and skill levels, offer fellowship and a supportive environment for creativity, and be a vital presence in the community through our programs and exhibitions.

## Board Members

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## Thank You to an Anonymous Donor

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Thank you to our generous anonymous member who donated \$250 to MAA. Remember, it's tax deductible.

## Our Holiday Potluck

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Another fun holiday potluck party with yummy food, great conversations and art!

**Fred Dingler** was presented with a ribbon for the

People's Choice award for his painting, "Farm on County Road F," from our recent show at the Ames Center.



Thanks to member **Jeanne Emrich** for hosting the event in the classy condo party room at the Point of France. Thanks to all for the food contributions, especially **Terrie Christian**. Thanks to those who helped set up and clean up. Thanks to **Diane Gilbertson** for the table decorations and to **Marjorie Moody** our exhibition chair, who makes things happen.

## Consider Volunteering for MAA

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John F. Kennedy said that happiness is the full use of one's talents along the lines of excellence. Consider giving your talents a chance to shine by volunteering on the MAA Board of Directors. In my experience, one gets much more than one gives when volunteering. -MP

## Another reminder of these Spring Show Dates

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Our next show will be at the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, WI  
March 14 - April 20, 2025.

Entry forms sent in January

Entries due February 7

Artwork delivery Wednesday, March 12, 9:30 AM-noon

Installation Wednesday, March 12, noon-9 PM

Opening reception Friday, March 14, 6:30-8:30 PM

Artwork pickup Monday, April 21, 10 AM-2 PM

We're looking for several artists who are willing to deliver paintings for those of you who are not able to drive to Hudson. - Marjorie Moody