

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

January 2012 Newsletter

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Greetings! And Happy New Year!

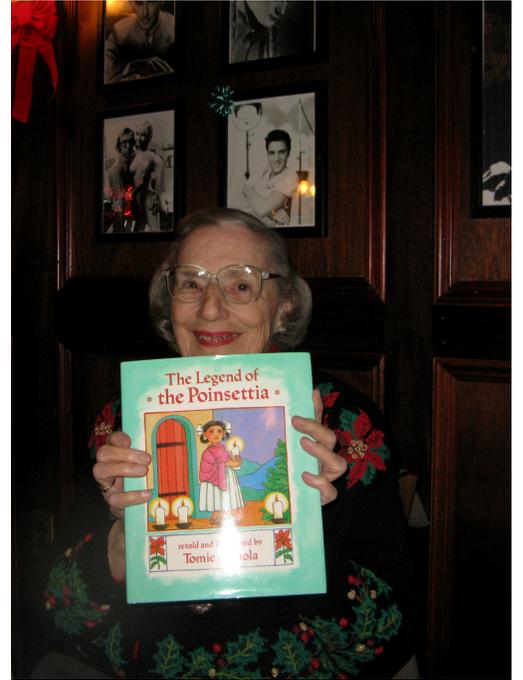
(or as one might say, after a lot of celebrating, "Noopy Hap Year!")

And you will want to celebrate 2012 by coming to our next meeting, Monday, January 23, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library, for a **watercolor demo by our own Joan McKinney**. We have all admired Joan's work for years and she always manages to teach us new "tricks". She may be working with abstraction this session. At any rate, Joan is a long time member of the New Jersey Water Color Society, the Garden State Watercolor Society, the American Artists Professional League, and the Catherine Lorillard Wolf Club, NYC, among others, and has won countless awards. You know you're going to love her demo! **So don't miss this!** Joan's "Oldwick Sidewalk" is now featured on our website www.raritanvalleyarts.org President Linda Arnold is always looking for **Hospitality** for upcoming months; please call her at 908/647-3610 if you want to volunteer. Also at our next meeting your editor will have her picture book *Charlemagne to the Rescue*, available for purchase at \$10. If you want to have it dedicated ahead of time, just email diana@dianapatton.com (or tell me that evening).

Many thanks go out to Doug Axmann for masterminding our annual Holiday Dinner December 12th. About twenty of us celebrated mightily at McCarthy's and really enjoyed the chance for exchanging news and views, and eating the delicious food—copious amounts of delicious food. The gift exchange was fun and we give thanks to Eleanor DeMott for her Christmas poinsettia story and for the candy canes (which also have a short tale). Your editor once again was delighted to read/act her latest Christmas tale for adults. It's such a special evening and we really appreciate Doug bringing it to us once again.



Doug Axmann



Eleanor DeMott



Santa Dick Arnold

Our Holiday Show and Sale was a lovely one, indeed. Fourteen members exhibited: Doug Axmann, Susan Boyd, Mary Creasy, Alka Dalal, Amy Erdman, Bill Gilbert, Rita Gorky, Marge McGovern, Geri Oldman, Joan McKinney, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, Peg Tombro, and Rosemarie Zangara. The preliminary results (have to check with Treasurer Barbara Fiorentino) show a tad over \$1,000. in sales. Shall we be cautiously optimistic about the state of the economy? —December 2009—which was our lowest yet--\$198. December 2010 was \$764. So at \$1,000 in 2011 it's very heartening. High sellers this year were Bill Gilbert and Susan Boyd. My thanks to Mary Creasy for her help on set-up day, and to Doug Axmann for loaning his screens, and also to Samantha Gale of the Somerset County Library. Thank you, all, for participating in our *Twentieth—yes—twentieth consecutive show at the library*. I started it the very first year the library opened—1981—and I feel very fortunate that we are still doing it and people are always commenting on the lovely works each year.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Ed Golubiewski on December 22nd. Ed was a past President of the Raritan Valley Arts Association and a very active member, oil painter, and sculptor. He used to carve marvelous small birds and even fish and give them to those who helped him in RVAA. Your editor has a few of these lovely carvings, birds, and a fish. Ed graduated from Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania Dental School; he had his own dental practice in Bound Brook for over 40 years. We all knew him and liked him immensely. Those of us who were here during Ed's years at RVAA may want to send condolences to Ed's wife Angie (who we also knew from the holiday dinners) at 813 E. Meadow Drive, Bound Brook, NJ 08805-1445.

Artists, the **Hamilton Street Gallery in Bound Brook** is accepting submissions for their next exhibit "Get a Job". The opening is in early Feb. If you would like information, this is their website hamiltonstreetgallery.com The address is: **Hamilton Street Gallery, P.O. Box 710, Bound Brook, New Jersey 08805** and from their website:

Hamilton Street Gallery, located in downtown Bound Brook, New Jersey, is an exhibition space for contemporary visual art. We welcome both emerging and established artists residing in Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey. All media is considered and we encourage work that is new and experimental. There will be 6 annual group exhibits, some of which will be juried and curated by our gallery staff, and others by guest curators. Shows will run between 6 and 8 weeks. They will be thematic and versatile in nature, ranging from whimsical to the audacious, providing artists with the means to articulate their ideas about the world.

Trinity United Church "Artist of the Month" Series - RVAA member Kit Bebbington has been chairing this series of successful shows at the church. Many RVAA members have been "Artist of the Month", including Christa Holz, Linda Lam, Nancy Peer, Bill and

Catherine Gilbert, Sonia Weir, Sylva Glesmann, Kay Hurd, and Diana Patton. Please phone Kit at 732/356-3730 if you are interested in exhibiting.

MEMBER NEWS

ALKA DALAL Internet Marketing

As we all know, in recent years, the internet marketing has taken new meaning for the artists. Artists can achieve great impact in the internet world by following a few key steps which Alka can teach. Alka has recent success stories to share with the RVAA members about her private lessons for women from Lebanon and Mural project in NJ through successful use of internet marketing. She would be happy to share her expertise in this area to make you more successful. If you are interested in the subject, please let Diana or Linda know about it. (beadman@aol.com diana@dianapatton.com)

LINDA LAM will have a solo show at the Bernardsville public library during the month of February. The show is called "Faces and Blossoms". Linda will exhibit over 40 oil paintings. Many of them are large size figures and portraits which she painted directly from life models during the past two years. Linda will also show many close up floral paintings. Artist reception will be on February 5th, Sunday from 2-4 pm. Linda's floral painting "Gladiolas" will appear on the cover of February Connect magazine.



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DIANA PATTON had watercolors on display at Trinity United Church during December and gave a talk "Painting My Way through Life" at the church on Sunday, December 18th.

Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news. I will be writing the February Newsletter a bit early—Feb. 1st or 2nd, and I'd appreciate YOUR NEWS. If you wish to see our Newsletters and photos in full color, please go to our website www.raritanvalleyarts.org