

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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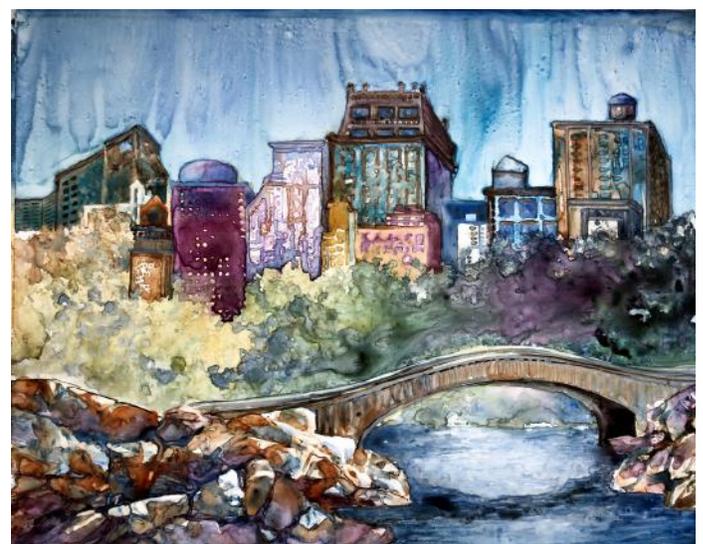
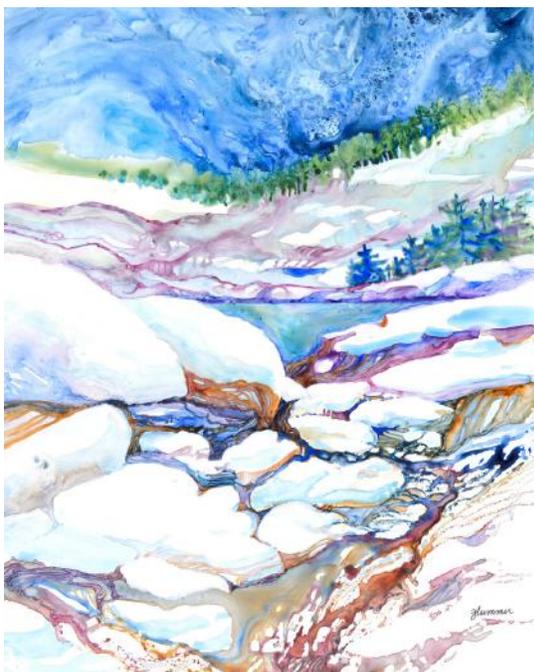
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**Happy New Year!**

*Can't resist saying "Noopy Hap Year" (if one is "under the affluence of incohol")*

## Greetings!

Welcome to 2018! To start your New Year off with a lovely bang, you'll want to come January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, to the Somerset County Library to watch our own Judy Hummer demonstrate watercolor on Yupo. This is a great surface to use; your editor loves it, and Judy does fantastic paintings on it. A lifelong passion for art and an early introduction to watercolor with Ruth Wilson, have influenced Judith's artistic path. Judith pushes the limits of traditional watercolor techniques to achieve very creative and unusual effects. She loves trying out new ideas and enjoys discovering how various everyday objects can be used to create exciting textures and passages in order to achieve a desired result. Many times, an abstract base will be studied and analyzed eventually revealing the subject that was hidden there all along. Judith has been the recipient of numerous awards from various international and regional juried exhibitions. She holds signature status in Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Northeast Watercolor Society, Garden State Watercolor Society and is an elected member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society. She currently teaches watercolor and shares her passion in Bridgewater, NJ. For further info, please go to Judith's website [www.judithhummer.com](http://www.judithhummer.com) Her email is [jhummermom@aol.com](mailto:jhummermom@aol.com)

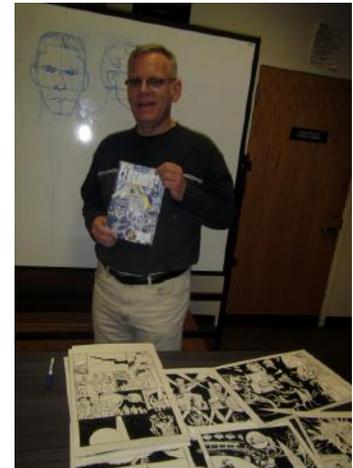


**A big Thank You! to Mary Lou Guididas, and her husband Ed, who once again hosted RVAA's Holiday Party.** We all had a fun time in their lovely home, beautifully decorated for Christmas, and we enjoyed fun conversation and totally delicious food. A great evening—December 4<sup>th</sup>.



**RVAA Dues are now due. Our dues are due!** Individual membership is \$35. per year, Family \$40. per year, Student (through high school) \$20. per year. Please make your check payable to RVAA and mail the application (at the end of this newsletter) with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836. You know these wonderful demos don't just happen! They cost us! And you also have 2-3 shows a year where you can exhibit, as well as delightful events such as a bus trip to NYC. And, oh, yes, this Newsletter and our website, [www.Raritanvalleyarts.org](http://www.Raritanvalleyarts.org) , where you can post your paintings in "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan ASAP! Thank you!

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, our guest demonstrator was Glenn Whitmore who talked about Art For Comics and we learned a lot about a new subject for us, very interesting!



Glenn teaches adults and currently has a children's class at The Center for Contemporary Art on Saturdays. For more on Glenn, do check out his websites: <http://www.glennwhitmore.com/> , <http://www.captainclockwork.com/> , <https://www.instagram.com/glenn.whitmore/>

**RVAA will have an exhibit at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building during February and March, sponsored by the Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee.** I will be working with the Chairlady of the BCAC, Stephanie Mench. What I need to know now is who would like to be in this show...you can snail mail me or email me (addresses in the heading of this Newsletter). They have a lot of room for paintings and I will let you know how many you can submit after I know how many of you are interested in exhibiting. Stephanie will confirm which hang day would work for the township public works...they do the hanging, putting up the wire hook system. "We would prefer artwork be dropped off in one shot. Pick up as well. (*delivery probably Thursday, Feb 1, pick up toward the end of March*) We usually give a reception for the artists and exhibit. We just had a successful one in which it was a closing reception, and artists took their work home at the end of the reception. It worked out so well. **Let me know if your members would like that.** If so, I'll get back to you with closing reception dates." **Therefore I need to know if you'd like to be in the exhibit and if you'd like to have the reception. Please let me know ASAP, or even at the meeting/demo 1/24)**

**Our Holiday Exhibit at the Somerset County Library in Bridgewater was truly a thing of beauty.** It was our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, and this year the following RVAA members exhibited: Susan Boyd, Nancy Boney, William Metz, Marge McGovern, Diana Patton, Lori Semak, Donna Souren, Peg Tombro, Lois Westerfield, and Rosemary Zangara. We had about seventy works in the show, which included a great variety of styles, and even media, as in the cases Susan Boyd had painted tiles and Nancy Boney had Books as Art, handmade books. The show ran from December 1<sup>st</sup> -December 30<sup>th</sup>. I am grateful to all exhibitors, and I hope a lot of you members took the time to see this lovely show.

**Artist Getaway is in April...**An Artist Getaway is a painting vacation. Here's what's included:

\*Hotel room

\*Welcome reception on the first evening with wine and cheese, a goodie bag with samples of art merchandise, schedule of painting locations and name tags.

\*Each day we go as a group to scheduled, scenic, easily accessible locations to paint.

\*Each evening we get together and look at our paintings and discuss.

\*On the last evening we have a fun and casual vote for our favorite paintings and two winners receive a ribbon and a prize of art merchandise donated by our favorite companies. See a list of them on [artistgetaway.com](http://artistgetaway.com) under links / prizes.

\*There's no instruction included in an Artist Getaway vacation but lots of good ideas to improve your paintings by the other artists if you desire.

[www.artistgetaway.com](http://www.artistgetaway.com) You can register online or by mail on the Artist Getaway website.

### Members in the News

DIANA PATTON has added another story, [The Hawaiian Night before Christmas](#), to her online story channel. Use the link or go to YouTube and in the search line put pattonpicsandtales and it should be the second entry there.

**Hello, out there! Please send me your news. Inquiring minds want to know what you are doing. And again, Happy New Year!**

*Happy painting!  
Diana*

## RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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ART level:

Beginner ( ) Intermediate ( ) Advanced ( )

Most used medium:

Oil ( ) Watercolor ( ) Pencil ( ) Photography ( ) Printmaking ( )

( ) Pastel ( ) Collage ( ) Pen & Ink ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Individual \$35. per year

( ) Family \$40. per year

( ) Student (through high school) \$20. per year

Make check payable to RVAA and mail the Application with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836

Comments:

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