

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

January 2019 Newsletter

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Wintery Greetings!

And Happy New Year! It's actually getting colder, and snow is expected. But it will be great weather for our upcoming demo **Wednesday, January 16th, 7:15 pm** at the Somerset Library when [Steve Zazenski](#) will do a watercolor demo. We've really enjoyed his demos in the past and learned a lot, and this will be another great opportunity to watch this fine award-winning artist at work. An intense feeling of light is apparent in all his work, as well as a strong sense of design. "I use the natural and man-made objects I see as design elements that combine to form interesting combinations of light and mass." A signature member of the American Watercolor Society, and longtime member of the New Jersey Watercolor Society, Steve has won numerous awards for his work. They include awards from the NJWS, Salmagundi club, Garden State Watercolor Society, American artists Professional League, Washington Square Outdoor Art Show, Rittenhouse Sq. Outdoor Exhibit, Rockport Art Assn, and many local and regional art shows. Thank you, Donna Souren, for getting our demonstrators!



Message from the President: *Happy New Year!* May we all have a successful 2019 and enjoy our painting demonstrations and experiences. I have high hopes for a great year for RVAA.

Editor's note: Our president is willing to run our annual bus trip to NYC again, if there is interest. More details in February's Newsletter, but it would probably be April 13, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and to the American Watercolor Society Exhibit at the Salmagundi Club. However, it would be terrific if we could have an idea of who would be interested in such a trip. Please let Marge know your feelings at the next meeting (or even email me).

Our annual Holiday Party was a great success, due mostly to Peg Tombro, who graciously hosted the event in her brand new home. *(and how she did this after just moving in, is a tale that should be told! Thank you, Peg!)* About twenty of us gathered at Peg's home in Warren for delicious appetizers and desserts, and great conversation and camaraderie. We always enjoy a good holiday party, and this was certainly a fun one.



Our Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library was lovely. Although we didn't sell much, your editor heard good comments while she was showsitting on two Saturdays. Thank you to all the artists who exhibited: Jennifer Ali, Nancy Boney, William Gilbert, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, Peggye Cole Tombro, Lois Westerfield, and Rosemary Zangara.

Jenn Ali is chairing our newest opportunity for exhibiting. Our exhibit at the **Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery** in the county's administration building on Grove Street in Somerville will go up Monday, January 14th. The show will be up until March 1st, with 45 works in it, both on the walls and in the display case. Jenn has been working with the new coordinator, Natalie Zaimen, on this exhibit. Thank you so much, Jenn and Natalie! RVAA artists in the Cultural and Heritage Commission Exhibit are as follows: Jenn Ali, Lydia Chibane, Bill Gilbert, Maneet Kaur, Olga Manyakhina, Bill Metz, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, Peggye Tombro and Lois Westerfield.

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, where you can post your paintings in "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan ASAP! Thank you!

Members in the News

Bill Metz has 19 paintings at the Manville library the month of January. Congratulations, Bill!

Inquiring minds want to know what you've been up to. Please email me or snail mail me for the February issue. Thank you!

Happy Painting!
Diana

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

ART level:

Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()

Most used medium:

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

() Pastel () Collage () Pen & Ink () Other: _____

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