

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Est. 1939

President, Marge McGovern

<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/>

Newsletter, Jennifer Ali

Welcome to 2020!

The Newsletter is undergoing some changes, but it's still full of great information for our members. Thank you to Diana Patton for entrusting me with such an important part of the RVAA.

Message from the President:

Happy New Year. I am looking forward to a very good year. I hope all of us will have the best of health and will, by doing our best, see good things come to us.

From Diana Patton:

My heartfelt thanks go out to RVAA members for their special card and generous gift to me. I was always happy to write the Newsletter, get exhibit venues for the group when I could, and run the Holiday Show at Somerset County Library. RVAA is a terrific group; I've been a member since 1975, and it was, and still is, an important part of my life. Many of my students have joined RVAA over the years, and they too, have benefitted. I'll miss the camaraderie, the demos, the Big Apple trip, and the exhibits. I'll consider myself fortunate if I ever find a group out here that even begins to be like Raritan Valley Arts Association.

New Day for January and February Meetings

Due to high demand for meeting space at the Bridgewater Library the next two meetings will take place on **Thursdays**. Starting in March the RVAA will need a new meeting place that can accommodate approximately 25 people, has good lighting, and if possible, a flat screen TV. If you have leads on a new venue please share details at our next meeting or send through email.



Upcoming Events

January 23

Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Bridgewater Library, with
Judy Hummer

February 27

Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Bridgewater Library, Demo:
TBA

Important Announcement

A new year means **dues are due!**

See details within to renew your membership.

An Important Question from our January Demonstrator–Judy Hummer:

Want to try a new approach with watercolor this year?

Let's get crazy and think about using watercolor outside the box.

I will discuss my experiences using various watercolor grounds on unusual surfaces.

I will also show how to seal your watercolors with wax instead of framing them under glass.

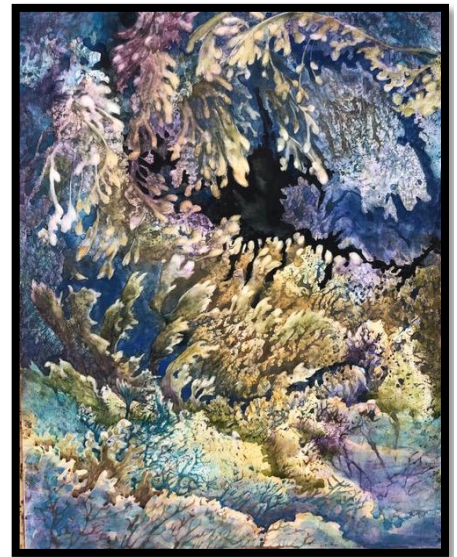
This is a more contemporary way of presenting your watercolors.

I will also demonstrate a few experimental techniques to get those creative juices flowing.

Join us at the Bridgewater Library, Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 pm, Room B for some inspiration for the New Year!

See more about Judy and her work here:

<https://www.judithummer.com/home>



Send Your News!

The best way to let members know about interesting things you're doing in your own corner of the art-making universe is to share the news. You can send items to Jenn Ali through email or snail mail—you can include photos if you like. Exhibiting artists can stipulate if they wish to be mentioned in the newsletter, on Facebook, or both!

Contact Information:

Snail Mail: Jennifer Ali, 399 Garretson Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Email: jennali13@gmail.com

Holiday Party 2019



Peg Tombro hosted our annual Holiday Party in her beautiful home. The weather was not particularly hospitable so we had a smaller group attending than in years past, but it was a great opportunity to catch up with each other. Thanks to everyone who came and brought delicious things to eat (hat-tip to the shortbread cookies)!

November Demo Recap: Oscar Peterson



Oscar demonstrated painting a small still-life in oil at the November meeting. We had a large group in attendance including several of Oscar's students. Oscar brought his homemade pochade box and inviting conversational style that kept us all engaged. Please see what Oscar's up to at his website: <https://www.oscarnpetersonportraits.com/> And if you can follow him on social media, or sign up for his email, you will be kept up to date on his upcoming shows.



Currently Exhibiting Artists:

The Bridgewater Library Holiday Art Show & Sale, continues...

Due to an exhibitor cancellation the RVAA show is on display until the end of January.

Participating artists are: [Jennifer Ali](#), [Nancy Boney](#), [Lidia Chibane](#), [Bill Gilbert](#), [Lori Semak](#), [Donna Souren](#), [Bill Metz](#), [Peggye Tombro](#), and [Zhi Chang Zhao](#).

Thanks to all who helped with the installation, directed by Peg Tombro, and congratulations to Bill Gilbert and Peg Tombro on their artwork sales.



Recent Shows:

Linda Arnold was in the New Jersey Water Color Society Exhibition at the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown that ran from December 11, 2019 to January 5, 2020.

Upcoming Opportunities:

At Farmstead Arts there are two future exhibits, one for FA members and one for the Garden State Watercolor Society: https://farmsteadartscenter.org/fa-home/gallery_hours/current-art-show/.

Please contact them directly for information.

Other Links:

CCA Bedminster: <https://ccabedminster.org/>

Hunterdon Art Museum: <https://hunterdonartmuseum.org/>

Garden State Water Color Society: <http://www.gswcs.com/>

New Jersey Water Color Society: <https://www.njwcs.org/index.htm>

Time to Renew Your Membership!

January is the time to renew your membership and a great time to become a new member!

Individual Membership: \$35/year

Family Membership: \$40/year

Student (through High School) Membership: \$20/year

Renewing? Please make your check out to "RVAA" and mail to:

Susan Boyd

437 Washington Avenue

Martinsville, NJ 08836

New Member? Follow the steps above and fill out the Membership Application on the following page to include with your payment.

Thank you for supporting The RVAA! Member's fees allow us to bring in professional artists to share their expertise at our meetings.

Members are also encouraged to participate in the 2-3 exhibits we have each year, join our bus trip to NYC to be inspired by incredible art, and take advantage of opportunities posted on Facebook and in the newsletter. Don't forget the RVAA website also has a "Member's Gallery" where you can have your work posted <http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/index.html> .

Closing with an update from Diana Patton:

My studio is still in the process of shaping up, with an unbelievable 20 or so more boxes still to unpack, and it's already crowded. I foresee a "studio annex" in the basement! The actual size of the studio room is a tad larger than my old studio, but....and this is the killer...my old studio had an 8' wide 3' deep 7' high closet. There is no closet in this studio! Plus I have created a mini-Fantasy Land for 5 year old Jillian and I to play with 5, yes 5, dollhouses (4 of which Shawn and I made when he was a child). But it is shaping up, albeit slowly, and I look forward to spending many happy hours in it.



Happy Painting, Diana!

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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 (): _____

() Individual \$35/year

() Family \$40/year

() Student (through high school) \$20/year

Make check payable to "RVAA" and mail the application with your check to:

Susan Boyd

437 Washington Avenue

Martinsville, NJ 08836