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Leap Year Greetings! Big month—Valentine's Day and Leap Year Day!

Come celebrate with us at our next meeting, **Monday, February 27th, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset County Library. **Jamie Lindholm** will be treating us by painting a portrait in oils. Let me use her words: "Regarding my background, I love portrait and figure work so I guess I'm most proud of that work, as well as my association with the Portrait Society of America as the head of their Ambassador Program. Of course, The Martinsville Studio is also an accomplishment of sorts, as I am now into my third year." *Editor's note..you really should go to <http://www.jamielindholm.com/> and see Jamie's impressive, lovely paintings. The babies and children really got to me!* Jamie has won many awards as well as being a finalist in the international competition Richeson 75: Portrait/Figure International, Jack Richeson & Co, Kimberly, WI and also in American Artist Magazine competition. Marge McGovern and Peg Tombro will be doing Hospitality and RVAA thanks them very much.

Last month Joan McKinney taught us how to play with abstracts in watercolor. We had a good turnout and many of us were anxious to turn our paint brushes to abstracts after, I'm sure. March 26th our own Doug Axmann will work his magic.....more on that later.

I am delighted to tell you that plans for the "New" Division Street have been finalized and the completion date is May 4th! **Arts on Division** will start **Thursday May 17th and run through Sunday, May 20th, 2012**. Kristina Lloyd is coordinating an exhibit of local area artists for **Arts on Division 2012**. For those of you who are interested in exhibiting your work, please contact Kristina at: artbykristina@aol.com
This good news was brought to us by Susan Antin of the Steering Committee, Greater Somerville Arts Initiative. Several RVAA members exhibited and showsat and enjoyed the opening festivities last spring, and know Susan from that.

We are saddened to hear of the death of Alaina, Joan and Norm McKinney's granddaughter recently. You may want to send condolences to them and their daughter Jill Keating at 1095 Westbrook, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807.

MEMBER NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD will have three paintings in the Bernards Township 1st Annual Community Art Show at the Environmental Center in Basking Ridge....starting 2/4-2/26.....reception 2/5 2-4.

From ALKA DALAL 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 Alka or Linda know about it. alkadalal@hotmail.com or beadman@aol.com

Bill Gilbert's daughter, Julie, recently published *Ashlynn's Dreams*, a YA novel featuring a youthful Dream Shaper and her babysitter who get caught up in a kidnapping. They learn that though nothing prepares you to be kidnapped, dangerous situations can forge the strongest friendships. It's available from amazon.com and bn.com. See the youtube video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggDzPRwfQMw>.

ROSEMARY ZANGARA will be having a one-woman exhibit at Arbor Glen, 100 Monroe Street in Bridgewater. (100 Monroe Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807-(908) 595-6500 for directions, but it's fairly near Somerset Pediatric Group in Somerville). The show will run from March 29—April 27th. Rosemary will give a presentation at 3:00 pm on Thursday, 29th, "Painting Pictures from Vacation Photos", and a reception follows immediately from 4:00 until 6:00 pm. An Art Festival Brochure will come out the end of February and you may phone Arbor Glen to have one mailed to you.

Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news.

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