

February 2018 Newsletter

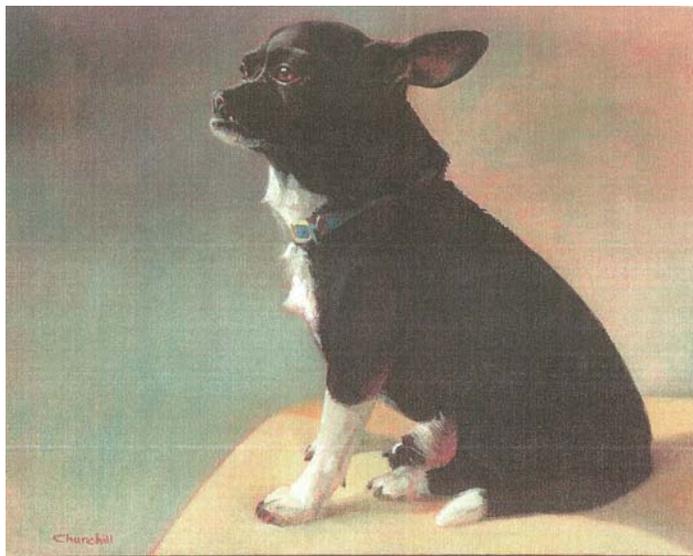
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## Shiver Me Timbers Greetings! Are those snowflakes?

*As if we needed more reminders of this cold winter...However you'll be nice and warm at our next meeting **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:15 pm** at the Somerset County Library, when **Charlie Churchill will demonstrate** how to do a pencil portrait on toned paper with **white highlights**. Charlie Churchill's unique brand of contemporary realism combines a devotion to Old-Master technique, with a romantic sense of character. The artist executes portrait commissions, landscapes, still-life paintings, and narrative figure compositions. The paintings evolve under Churchill's brush with the application of indirect oil painting techniques from the 15th, 16th, and 17th centuries. His work results from the careful delineation of detail and the interpretation of light and shadow. An exhibiting artist for the art gallery Studio 7 in Bernardsville, Charlie Churchill has participated in numerous group shows in New York City and New Jersey over the last 10 years. He has won awards, grants, and corporate commissions. His work hangs in private and corporate collections throughout the United States and Europe. Seaside themed murals in the Blue Mill Tavern in New York City were a recent project. You won't want to miss this outstanding demonstrator! His web site is <http://churchillgallery.com/main.html> .*





**Judy Hummer**, our January demonstrator, entertained and taught us all watercolor techniques for Yupo paper. She had lots of examples which she passed around and finished a delightful urban scene. Currently she teaches watercolor and shares her passion in Bridgewater, NJ. For further info, please go to Judith's website <http://www.judithhummer.com> . Her email is [jhummermom@aol.com](mailto:jhummermom@aol.com)



**RVAA Dues are now past due.** They were due in January; perhaps you forgot to send your check? 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! You also have 2-3 shows a year where you can exhibit, as well as delightful events such as a bus trip to NYC, 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!

**RVAA's exhibit, sponsored by the Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee, is hanging at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building during February and March.** We have over 50 paintings on the walls and 14 works in the huge display case in front of the courtroom. There will be a closing reception, open to the public, the date to be determined shortly, at the end of the exhibit.

Most of the work is for sale. Exhibiting artists include Nancy Boney, Susan Boyd, Bill Gilbert, Mary Lou Guididas, President Marge McGovern, Bill Metz, Diana Patton, Lori Semak, Donna Souren, Peg Tombro, Lois Westerfield, and Rosemary Zangara. The municipal building is open Mon-Fri from 8:30-4. Be sure to see it!



### The Big Apple Bus Trip Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Yes, it's time!** Our wonderful trip to New York City will be **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. President Marge McGovern once again was good enough to organize this trip (Thank you so much, Marge!). Please sign up and leave the rest to us. The AWS (American Watercolor Society) exhibit is of course at the Salmagundi, but we'll go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art before it. The bus leaves at 8:30 am from the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (same spot as usual). We leave the Met about 3:00 to go to the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show, and we leave there at 5 to arrive back in Bridgewater at 6. This is a fantastic day, with all sorts of wonderful art to see and inspire us, as well as the camaraderie of art friends. The trip in on the bus, with comfortable seats and a bathroom besides, only costs \$40. Everything door to door

for us! If you were to go by train and taxi, or train/subway/bus, you would spend about as much and waste ever so much time, time that can be used looking at art. **This is a marvelous trip, trust your editor!** Please send your check, made out to RVAA, to Marge McGovern, PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836. To see what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions>. Please art lovers, reply soon, as the trip is open to all, and we offer it to other watercolor clubs. Also you do know that you can bring friends/ relatives/etc., don't you? **We need more for this bus trip; try it, you'll love it!**

### **Volunteers needed for Teen Arts Festival**

The Somerset County Teen Arts Festival is a participatory Arts-In-Education Program coordinated by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission. Each year approximately 1,300 students, teachers and guests gather at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch to celebrate the Arts in a daylong event where students exhibit works of visual art, present theatrical scenes, perform dance, vocal & instrumental music, and present original film and creative writing works. Students receive feedback on their work and performances from professional artists in their field of expertise. Students are also given the opportunity to participate in creative arts workshops and master classes throughout the day. The 2018 Somerset County Teen Arts Festival is fast approaching. The event this year is Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College.

The festival is always more successful with the assistance of some very enthusiastic volunteers. Your help is needed to assure a smooth, seamless day. For those who have never volunteered at this annual arts-in-education event, I am confident that you will find the experience an enjoyable and uplifting one, as you witness the incredible talents of student performers and visual artists from all over Somerset County. Additionally, you will be our guests for lunch the day of the festival, affording you the opportunity to meet and visit with the professional artists and other volunteers.

**If you are interested in volunteering please email** (for applications) **Kaitlin Bundy** Program Coordinator Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission [www.co.somerset.nj.us](http://www.co.somerset.nj.us)  
Ph: (908) 231-7000 x7246

**T**he first edition of **ART AT THE ESPLANADE**, a juried outdoor fine arts & crafts show, comes to Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. Elm Road's wide Esplanade, located across from Mountain Lakes' two restaurants and surrounded by trees, is the perfect setting to welcome exhibitors and the crowds to meet them. **M**ountain Lakes' community is very open to the arts and very excited to host its own show. **ART AT THE ESPLANADE** is seeking artists for our all-media event being held on Sunday, June 24th, 2018. All artists, professional and amateur, are encouraged to submit their artwork. Details about the event and submission requirements: <https://aate2018.wixsite.com/artshow/apply-to-be-an-exhibitor>

Darla Bostick's Ghost Ranch Art Retreat/Workshops, NM and Art Abroad Opportunity

**Spring 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ghost Ranch Retreat Workshop:** Monday, 4 June - Sunday 10 June (more medias...more fun!) A season of renewal at Ghost Ranch--leans heavier on all kinds of materials---textiles and dye, printing, painting, pouring and more!

**Fall 12th Annual Ghost Ranch Retreat Workshop:** Sunday, 30 Sept - Saturday, 6 Oct --untraditional watercolor workshop combines the media of photography, watercolor, ink, acrylic and more--using watercolor paper, clayboard, etc!) Relax, enjoy, create! Live at the Ranch for 7 days/6 nights! Plein air opportunities and the comfort of a group activity room (floor to ceiling vista views). The Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour takes you where she painted the local magnificent area. Tour the O'Keeffe studio/home. Limited to 18 participants. New room and board pricing provides the ultimate discount when sharing a room (bring a friend/spouse)! Daily demos, slide presentations, door prizes and optional happy hour. Details appear on Darla's registration tab [www.darlabostick.com](http://www.darlabostick.com) . See why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch! Spaces now filling for both workshops Darla's Art Adventure Abroad 2018: If you want something more, I am leading a group to Copenhagen, Denmark and then to Hamburg and Berlin, Germany 26 June-8 July! Only 10 in the group, complete details on my website! Darla Bostick, 940.320.5660 Email: [darlabostickart@gmail.com](mailto:darlabostickart@gmail.com)

## Members in the News

**Diana Patton** has a new book up on YouTube. Go to her new website <http://pattonpicsandtales.com> , click on Ronnies Friend Trike and you'll see Diana and Charlemagne (her fish puppet) reading her book.

**Debbie Tintle** was presented with the NJWCS 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Juried Exhibition Anniversary Award of \$750. at the New Jersey Water Color Society's Open Juried Exhibit in the fall for her painting "Farm Near Kutztown." (Congratulations on winning that awesome award, Debbie! )

*Okay! Time for **you** to email me **your** news. Inquiring minds want to know what **you're** doing.*

## 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

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