

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Valentine Greetings!

Our Valentine to you is our next meeting, which brings **Diana Kung, the Chinese brush painter, who will demonstrate for us Wednesday, February 20th, 7:15 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library.** Diana Hsu Kung graduated from National Taiwan College of Arts, majoring in Chinese Painting. She obtained a Master of Art degree both from Montclair State University in NJ and New Rochelle College in NY. Diana taught Chinese Painting and Calligraphy at St. John's University in NY for ten years and is currently teaching Chinese Painting at the Visual Art Center in Summit, NJ and the Contemporary Art Center in Bedminster, NJ. Diana is an award-winning artist with many solo and group shows. Diana Hsu Kung's Chinese painting is collected by the Taiwan Provincial Museum and is in many private and public collections. Her works were also published by Galaxy of Graphics Ltd. and Arthur A. Kaplan Co. in NY. In addition to teaching, Diana, a resident of Warren, NJ, devotes most of her time creating Chinese ink and watercolor paintings as well as abstract oil paintings.





[Steve Zazenski](#) - Here are two photos from last month's demo by artist SteveZazenski, courtesy of Peg Tombro.



Big Apple Bus Trip Please join us on our Big Apple Bus Trip Saturday April 13th.

President Marge McGovern, who once again is good enough to organize this trip, urges us to take advantage of this fine opportunity. Shouldn't you be going? With some of your friends? 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 2:00 to go to the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show, and we leave there at 4 to arrive back in Bridgewater at 5. (this time change comes at the request of several who want to get back home sooner). 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 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. Please send your check, made out to RVAA, & phone number to Marge McGovern, PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836. To see what will be showing at the Met just go to <https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/current-exhibitions> . Please art lovers, reply soon.

Bernardsville Library Exhibit

The show is open only to RVAA Members submitting only original artwork. Submissions are limited to 3 Medium pieces no larger than 24 x 36 and 3 Small works for display cases no larger than 12x9, or 11 x 13. The exhibit will run April 1 to April 27, 2019. Delivery is March 30, 10-11 am with the reception on Sunday, April 7, 2-4 pm. Pick Up is Saturday, April 27, 1-2 pm. An inventory sheet must be submitted which includes Artist Name, Title, Size, Medium and Price. Make an additional copy for yourself. Email to Nancy Boney by March 15. Or bring the form to our March meeting. All reasonable care will be taken with your works but RVAA is not responsible for damaged, stolen or lost work. If you have questions email Nancy Boney nancyboney@optimum.net or Peggye Tombro ptombro@gmail.com . **Thank you, Nancy, for obtaining this show for us, and thank you both, Nancy and Peggye for working on it.**
Okay, RVAA artists, hop to it, and make your exhibit choices.

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!

RVAA's Somerville Library Exhibit RVAA is now scheduled to have an exhibit at the Somerville Library the months of September and October, hanging Tuesday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day is the 2nd) and taking down the end of October. We can have a reception (we'd bring nibbles and coffee or punch) combined with a talk---when all exhibiting artists can have a chance to speak a few minutes on their work, in general, or on work there. If you visit the library, you'll note there are three different places to hang work. More details later. Your editor will be moving in September at some point, so someone else should be in charge there on actual receiving day, but I'll have details and sign-ups later on in the spring so every artist should be signed up and paintings determined before September.

Farmstead Art Exhibit Paintings will be installed by Farmstead representatives. The art show runs from April 14th to June 9th. Artwork drop-off for the show will be Sunday, April 7th from 4:00-6:00pm, and Wednesday, April 10th, from 1:00am-3:00pm. Pick-up of artwork will be Sunday, June 9th 4:00-6:00pm and Tuesday, June 11th 1:30-3:30pm. Artists must be a current members of FA. Applications for new members or renewal are on the FA website. If you are unsure of your membership status, contact Kathy Harris in the Farmstead office: 908-636-7576 or email: admin@farmsteadarts.org. More details? Please go to <https://farmsteadartscenter.org/call-for-artists/>

The 2nd Annual **ART AT THE ESPLANADE** will be on Sunday, June 2, 2019. **ART AT THE ESPLANADE** is a juried outdoor fine arts & crafts show being held on Elm Road's wide Esplanade. Located across from Mountain Lakes' two restaurants and surrounded by trees, it is the perfect setting to welcome exhibitors and the crowds to meet them. We are seeking artists for our all-media event. Application form is attached. All artists, professional and amateur, are encouraged to submit their artwork. Details about the event and submission requirements can be found on our website: <https://artesplanade.wixsite.com/artshow/apply-to-be-an-exhibitor>.

Kathleen Palmer, Director of Studio 7 Fine Art Gallery has been asked to coordinate and jury artists into the long standing Mendham Rotary Antiques and Art Show. To apply, return the **Artist Application** to be juried along with your **bio, web site and 3 samples of your art including title, medium, size and price**. <https://njvendors.com/events/counties-m-w/morris/mendham-nj-april-antiques-show-and-sale/> Space is limited. Look over the Artist Contract and poster for more information. Pass this on to your talented friends. Call or email Kathleen with questions pskjpalmer@verizon.net .

Members in the News

DIANA PATTON is in a group exhibit at the Sotheby's International realty office on 49 Bridge Street, Lambertville, NJ from March 1st to the last week in April. The exhibit is called Art with Lena; Diana is in Lena's Illustration Critique Class. Diana also exhibited with the Essex Water Color Club at the Chatham Public Library, with her watercolor "Breaking Loose".

DEBBIE TINTLE has her painting "Winter Walk" in the Essex Water Color Club Exhibit at the Chatham Public Library. The exhibit is up until February 25th.

And now, dear artists, do please email or snail mail me your news for our March issue. Inquiring minds really do want to know what you're doing.

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: _____

() Individual \$35. per year

() Family \$40. per year

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

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