

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter, Jennifer Ali

## Opportunities Abound!

Lots to see and do! We hope you'll participate in our upcoming exhibit this Spring! Details on page 3.

## Member News

While most of us have been experiencing a very fickle winter, **Bill Metz and his wife, Deb**, accepted an invitation to spend a month in Portugal. In addition to enjoying the beautiful scenery and famous potables, Bill remained enrolled in a CCA class for working with pastels (thanks to instructor Andrea Gianchiglia, who worked with Bill virtually). The result is an airy, sunny pastel painting, and hopefully inspiration for future projects.



*Pastel by Bill Metz*



*From Bill Metz, A view of Lisbon*

## SEND YOUR NEWS!

Are you showing in an exhibit? Will you be teaching a class or workshop? Do you want to share your Instagram account or recommend artists to follow? Include a link for more info and maybe a picture too. You can stipulate if you'd like to be mentioned in the newsletter, on Facebook, or both!

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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## Member News continued...

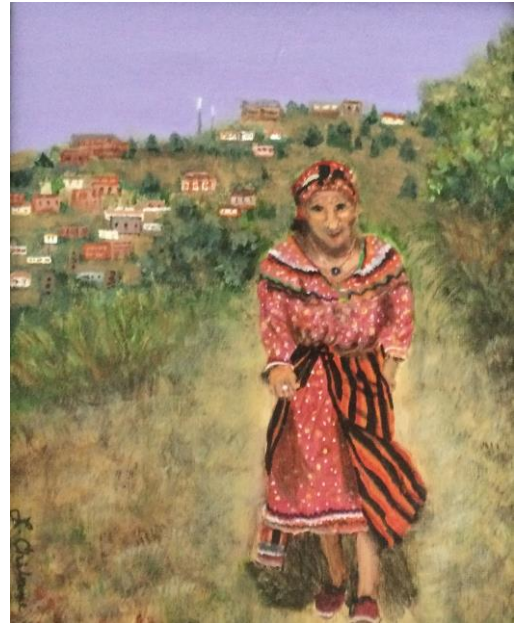
**Lydia Chibane**, one of our very prolific members, presents her acrylic painting, "Kabyle Berber Woman."

**Donna Souren's** watercolor, "Yellow Dogtooth Violets," can be seen at the **Leonard J. Buck Garden Art & Photography Exhibit**, February 22 through March 18.

Follow link for details:

<http://www.somersetcountyparks.org/parksFacilities/buck/LJBuck.html>

**Peggye Tombro's** paintings, "Abandoned Wasp Nest," and, "Life Dance," will be on view in the **Garden State Watercolor Society's 2022 Annual Members' Exhibition**. The virtual exhibit runs March 17 through April 22, and the **call for entries is open until February 28**. <https://www.gswcs.org/>



Lydia Chibane, "Kabyle Berber Woman"

**2022 ANNUAL MEMBER EXHIBITION**  
A COMPLETE VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE



**ONLINE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**  
JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 28


BOTH WATER MEDIA & NON-WATER MEDIA CATEGORIES

SHOW OPENS ON YOUTUBE MAR. 17  
AWARDS PRESENTATION/ARTIST DEMO - MAR. 20



10% of sales will be donated to Middletown Arts Center

The 2022 Leonard J. Buck Garden  
**Art & Photography Exhibit**




*An exhibit showcasing four seasons of beauty at Buck Garden, as seen through the work of talented artists and photographers.*

Weekdays, February 22 - March 18  
10am - 4pm


Saturday, March 12 12pm-4pm

Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Road, Far Hills, NJ 07931  
908 722-1200 Ext. 5011

[www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org)



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## Member News continued...

**Diana Patton** is also participating in the **GSWS** show with her entry, "Winter's Snow Glow."

All works by Diana, pictured here, were done on Ampersand "Original" Claybord.

Here's a link to Blick Art Materials for a quick look at an Ampersand Claybord demo:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4Ngh8TxB3Q>



*Diana Patton, "Winter's Snow Glow"*



*Diana Patton, "Schooling"*



*Diana Patton, "Moorish Idol & Pals"*

**So much art, so much inspiration—surely our members have work to show!!**

**Please consider participating in the WARREN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY SHOW:**

April 1-May 27, 2022, 42 Mountain Blvd., Warren.

Wall space and showcase available for artwork display.

Drop off will be Friday, April 1, 9am-11am.

Pick up will be Friday, May 27, 9am-11am.

Please direct all responses and questions to:

**Peggye Tombro, 732.809.1582, [ptombro@gmail.com](mailto:ptombro@gmail.com)**

## Opportunities

From **Art Venture, Flemington: The Sky's the Limit Art Show**. Artwork submitted should feature the sky. Membership required. Application and digital submission due March 2.

Artwork drop-off March 4. <https://artventurenj.com/exhibitions-1>

The **Artsbridge Members' Exhibition** at the Prallsville Mill, in Stockton, NJ, takes place March 19 through March 27. All details at the following link: <http://artsbridgeonline.com/site/>

The website also has a variety of online gallery links.

## More Links!

**The New Jersey Highlands Coalition's, "Entr'Exhibits: The Highlands' Diverse Allure,"** exhibit is open at Farmstead Arts, in Basking Ridge, NJ. Closing reception is February 27. You may visit the show or view online: <https://highlandsart.org/farmstead-exhibit-2022>

**Peter's Valley** has **FREE**, online artist's lectures in March:

**March 2, blacksmith and educator, Elizabeth Belz:** <https://petersvalley.org/event/artist-lecture-elizabeth-belz/>

**March 23, kinetic sculpture artist, Bud Scheffel:** <https://petersvalley.org/event/artist-lecture-bud-scheffel/>

**Please direct any RVAA membership inquiries to:**

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**Application available at:**

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

**Thank you for your continued support!**



*From Bill Metz, classic Port*