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## March Newsletter

### Leprechaun Felicitations!

Okay, March came in rather like a lion, but the lion is melting now and you'll want to celebrate **Monday, March 23, 7:30 pm** at our next meeting/demo at the Somerset County Library. We have a terrific demonstrator, whose florals and portraits will astound you....it's **Donna Read**, and you don't want to miss her demo. Her watercolors have won many awards, including "Best in Show" from Essex Watercolor Club for her portrait of children entitled "Afternoon Nap". Numerous portrait commissions followed. A recent portrait was chosen for the American Watercolor Society Show and the 2013 AWS traveling show. Florals, especially roses, have always been one of her favorite subjects and where she has concentrated her talents for the last several years. She is drawn to a subject bathed in dramatic light and can portray the luminosity of a flower best with transparent watercolor. Donna teaches watercolor at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, the Center for Visual Arts in Summit, and other locations. **Do check out [www.donnakread.com](http://www.donnakread.com)**

Our show at **Arbor Glen** runs from March 26- May 15. We will put it up 10-11 am March 26 and take down same time on May 15. RVAA artists in the show include Nancy Boney, George Straka, Rosemary Zangara, Alka Dalal, Bill Metz and Diana Patton. Each artist will have three works in the show. The gallery space at Arbor Glen is truly stunning, so do go see our show.

**It's getting late! Save the date! Don't you wait! Hurry, sign up for the bus....and leave the rest to us. (or at least, Marge McGovern) April 18<sup>th</sup> our annual bus trip to NYC.** Marge McGovern is once again chairing this great fun trip (thank you, Marge!). The AWS show is of course at the Salmagundi, and we'll go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art before it. The bus leaves at 8:30 from the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (same spot as usual). We leave the Met about 3:30 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. And the bus, with comfortable seats and a bathroom besides, only costs \$35. 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** For what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions> You'll want to mail Marge your check soon! **Seriously, let Marge know asap, because we do need a certain number of bods on the bus, or we'll have to cancel.** *Wouldn't this be a great excursion for you and...your best friend, your kind neighbor, your significant other?*

Do you know of some artist you'd like to see demo at RVAA? Please refer them to us. Also, do you want to demo your art, techniques, photography etc.? If so, please contact Alka [alkadalal@hotmail.com](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) .

Please remember our web page for the RVAA Wounded Warrior project is on our website <http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/ww.html>. Interested artists should send their jpg files to Gard as soon as possible. Gard's email is: [gcp6@optonline.net](mailto:gcp6@optonline.net). You can display any painting(s) you want to donate, which must be ready to hang (it could even be a fine print). Wounded veterans can then choose a painting, which the artist ships to him/her. The shipping cost will be absorbed by the organization. Alka has been working with Rick Lynch who is the WW contact in Texas; he is the retired Lieutenant General involved in building homes for the wounded warriors. Your email should include the name of the painting, the medium (original watercolor, print on canvas, etc.), and dimensions.

Close to home, the Zimmerli Museum in New Brunswick has a plethora of upcoming spring exhibitions.... The Board of Overseers and the Director of the Zimmerli cordially invite you to a celebration of spring exhibitions, including *2X: Paintings, Pairs, Twins, and Diptychs*, *The Doctor is In: Medicine in French Prints*, *George Segal in Black and White: Photographs by Donald Lokuta*, *Picturing War: Selections from the Zimmerli Art Museum Collection*, and *Through the Looking Glass: Hyperrealism in the Soviet Union* (opens April 4.) For more information, please go to their website <http://www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu/>

And finally, because I consider you friends, I need to tell you that I am celebrating the life of my wonderful brother Ron at [www.dianapatton.com/blog](http://www.dianapatton.com/blog) Ron passed away suddenly in the early a.m. March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a total shock and I miss him so much. But I am truly grateful that we did have the years together that we did; he was my younger brother, and my only sibling and we were very close. So the blog celebrates our lives together in photos.

### Members in the News

**ALKA DALAL's** mixed media collage on *Going Green* has been selected for the Traveling Exhibition in New York for "Erasing Borders--2015 Exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art of the Diaspora".

Your editor wants, yes, needs your news. For example, who will be in the upcoming juried show at the Clarence Dillon Library Show? What are *you* doing? Where are *you* showing? **Please write or email me!**

*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*