

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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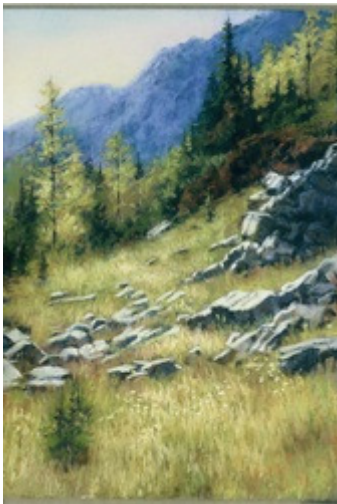
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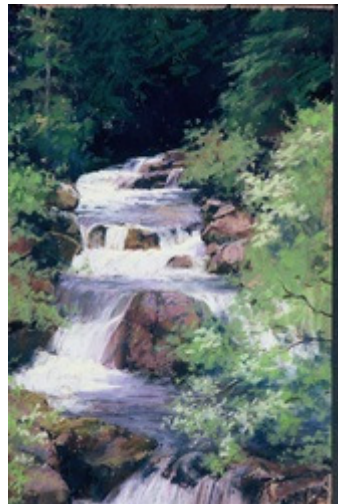
March Newsletter 2016

Spring Greetings!

Monday, March 21st, 7:30 pm, is when we attend our next demo, at the **Somerset County/Bridgewater Library with Annette Hanna, our demonstrator, who will demonstrate in pastels.** She has achieved the status of Master Pastelist at the Pastel Society of America in NY and has been asked to exhibit at the Butler Gallery of American Pastel Artists in Youngstown, Ohio. Annette is also a Signature member of the Pastel Society of NJ and the Northwest Pastel Society.



"Golden Grasses"



"Cascade"



"Colorfields Red"



Annette has been in many juried national shows, winning many prestigious awards and has done many demonstrations. She has also taught workshops and classes in several locations and teaches for the Morris County Art Association in Morristown. You don't want to miss this informative and entertaining demo!

You all know by now that our President Alka Dalal has had to step down from being President, due to her ailing health. Alka said, "I had the most wonderful and productive years as a President of RVAA and would have loved to continue. However, it is not possible now. If anyone is interested in taking the position, please call me (908/393-6561) or Diana (908/722-0562, but it's better to email diana@dianapatton.com) immediately. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the best of health. Happy painting. Alka

Your editor speaking: This is serious, folks. We all wish Alka well; her address is 592 Cabot Hill Road, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807 if you'd like to drop her a note. We must have a new President, if RVAA is to continue. The Raritan Valley Arts Association was started in 1939 by Arthur Tripanera and a few other artists; I believe it's the oldest artist association in New Jersey. Our dues are among the lowest; we have eight free demonstrations a year, an online presence and a newsletter, an annual bus trip to New York, and we have 2 or 3 shows a year in which we can exhibit. ***It would be almost criminal if RVAA ceased to exist.*** Obviously the President should try to be at most of the meetings. The President contacts the demonstrators, but as President you will get suggestions for demonstrators (I suggest some!) from others, and we pay demonstrators well, so they like to demonstrate for us. The President keeps us abreast of shows (you'll get emails, letters, etc for this), and is on the lookout for shows for us. You will have the help of our secretary, membership chair, treasurer, bus trip chair, Holiday Show chair (me), and editor (me). So.....**are you interested in helping keep RVAA alive? Please contact Alka (or me).**

As mentioned in the last Newsletter Our secretary, Rosemary Zangara, had breast cancer and so had an operation on February 8th. If you'd like to drop her a card, Rosemary's address is 1302 St. John Street, Manville, 08835. She is recuperating well, but has to have chemo treatment so is not allowed to go out in crowds much for fear of catching a germ.

Big Apple Bus Trip Yes, our wonderful trip to New York City is coming soon. **Saturday, April 23rd**. Chairwoman Marge McGovern says there are plenty of seats left, in fact, we need you to join us on this wonderful trip. **April 23rd** 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 or 3:15 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 \$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 **ASAP** to Marge

McGovern, PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836. For information about what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions>. Also you do know that you can bring friends/ relatives/etc., don't you?

Last month Alice Harrison demonstrated for us, assembling an accordion book with quotes. She also mentioned several places we might want to exhibit, namely, The Collage Exchange, the Collage Society of Ohio, NAWA (Nat'l Association of Women Artists), the MultiMedia Society, and the Bakers Dozen/Gail Copland. Please google any of these, and thanks to Peg Tombro for passing this on, as she took the minutes.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

NANCY BONEY has one of her handmade book creations in the Book Arts Roundtable Exhibit, entitled "BOOKED 13", currently at the **PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE at THE BAIRD** at 5 Mead Street, South Orange NJ 07079. For more info, please phone 973-378-7755 x 3 or go to www.pierrogallery.org This is the annual exhibition of the book artists of the Book Arts Round Table. The show runs March 5---March 26, closed Sundays and March 25. (the reception was March 5th). You can also go to www.bookartsroundtable.com .

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DIANA PATTON will have a one-woman show at the Somerville Public Library April 1-May 31st. The reception and a talk with slides will be Saturday, April 16th from 3:15-5 in the main meeting room and you are all invited. **Do please come!** Also, Saturday, April 9th I will be doing a combination story hour and then Write Your Own Picture Book with children between 4-7 in the (downstairs) children's room, from 1-2:30. Please register by calling the library for this... 908/725-1336. The library is at 35 West End Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876. Actually, they'd like registration for both events, although I doubt you'd need to register just to come to a reception/talk.

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Hello out there in RVAA Land! **Inquiring minds** want to know what you've been up to. Please email me or snail mail me **your news** so I can put these minds at rest.