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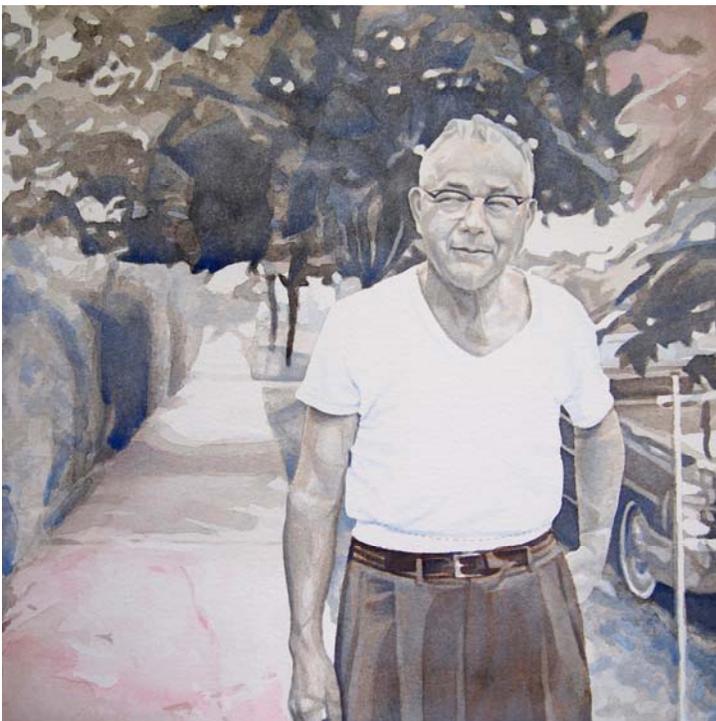
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Snowflake greetings!

Program Chairperson Donna Souren has lined up a delightful program for you for this coming Wednesday, March 15, at the Bridgewater Library, 7:30 pm. Margaret Fanning will be demonstrating in watercolor and ink. Meg is an award-winning artist who has exhibited internationally. She is a realistic painter, working in oil, watercolor, ink, and mixed media. She received the NJ Chapter of the American Artists League Traditional Realism Award, and won the Alexander Portfolio Award from Savannah College of Art and Design. She currently lives and works in New Jersey. You can see more of her work at her website: www.margaretfanning.com. Meg has also had her paintings accepted into several Juried Shows at the Center for Contemporary Art & currently has a piece in the 2017 Show exhibiting at the Watchung Art Center. She teaches classes at the Farmstead Arts Center in Basking Ridge.





Have you signed up yet for our big Apple Bus Trip? **Saturday, April 22nd** President Marge McGovern is once again good enough to organize this trip (Thank you so much, Marge!). Please sign up and leave the rest to us. (or at least, Marge McGovern). 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**. For about 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!

Message from the President's Desk: Looking forward to Spring

We are sorry to note that our wonderful secretary of many years, Rosemary Zangara, has had to step down from this position. RVAA needs a secretary. If you attend meetings anyway, why not step up to be secretary, take notes, type them up, and present them at meetings? Please do! You can volunteer! Just email President Marge McGovern mmm@simulationsinc.com Rosemary, RVAA thanks you more than you can possibly realize for all you have done for us!

The photo is of our February demonstrator Najwan Zoubi, taken by Peg Tombro, as Najwan demonstrated for us.



Susan Antin
March 5 ~ 31
Lyceum Hall
Center for the Arts



Artist Reception: March 5, 1pm ~ 3pm
Exhibit hours: 11am ~ 3 pm and by appointment
Lyceum Hall Center for the Arts
432 High Street, Burlington, NJ
609-239-0029

Susan Antin has demonstrated for us several times. She has a special exhibit in Burlington at Lyceum Hall Center for the Arts (a really handsome building) Susan also has a new class upcoming right in Somerville. "If you always wanted to learn to draw, but didn't know where to start, this is the class for you.

"Pencil Art: The Basics of Drawing"

This class is open to all adults and teens 15 and up. Classes are conveniently located in the heart of Downtown: 18 E. Main St., second floor (Verve lounge).

Mondays, 6 - 8:30 pm. **March 13** - April 10. (5 - week session.) Fee: \$125

Please email Susan at susanantin@verizon.net

Several RVAA members are in the exhibit at the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery in Somerset County's Admin. Bldg. on Grove Street in Somerville. The show will be up until March 17th. Exhibitors: pickup is at 2 on the 17th! RVAA members in the show are Susan Boyd, Alka Dalal (in memoriam), Mary Lou Guididas, Maneet Kaur, Eleanor Morehouse, Diana Patton, and Donna Souren.

Call for Artists

Farmstead Arts will hold their annual Members Show **April 2 - May 28, 2017** and is seeking artists to showcase their talent. There will be an opening reception on **Sunday, April 2 from 1 - 4 PM**. Current Farmstead Arts members and their family members, age 14 and up, as well as those who submit their membership application with their entry form, are eligible to participate. Entry and Membership Forms are available on the Farmstead's website at <https://farmsteadartscenter.org/>.

Entry deadline is March 24. Exhibit Hours will be Sundays except Mother's Day, from 1 - 4 and Monday - Wednesday from 10-1.

This is a non-juried show. There is no entry fee but the Farmstead will receive 20% of any sales. Artists will set the selling price or state that the piece is not for sale. Artists may list up to 4 potential pieces for display. Artwork can include, but is not limited to, watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, pastels, drawings, mixed media, fabric and sculpture. Hanging artwork must be framed and wired and not larger than 18" by 24". All work must be family friendly. For more information or for questions, contact Kathy Harris, Operations Manager, at 908-636-7576, admin@farmsteadarts.org, or Irene Grabowski at family558@yahoo.com.

More Opportunities

Artist Getaway 2017, workshops and art vacations

April 8-9. Mark Monsarrat 3 day workshop, Alameda, oil

May 1-5. Half Moon Bay Artist Getaway

June 4-9. Murphys Artist Getaway

July 17-19 Rolando Barrero 2 day workshop. Benicia, watercolor

September 16. Meisha Grichuhin 1 day workshop, Pacifica, oil

October 15-20. Occidental Artist Getaway

www.artistgetaway.com for details and registration.

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is offering a valuable workshop for non-profit cultural organizations (Arts/History/Libraries)...**"Do-It-Yourself Strategic Planning"** This workshop is designed for smaller groups that want to build a clear plan for their organization's future...but aren't sure where to start. The workshop will provide tools for evaluating your organization's current situation, determining your vision for the future, and making plans to achieve your goals. The workshop will discuss how best to involve your organization's leaders and the community in your planning, and provide tips for ensuring that your plan is realistic and actionable. While aimed at organizations that don't have a strong history of long-range planning, even experienced leaders will find new strategies for helping them to chart a course for the organization's success. We will be offering two sessions on Thursday, March 30th (one late afternoon, and one evening) to accommodate folks' various schedules. Both workshops will be facilitated by Allison E. Trimarco, of Creative Capacity. Allison has conducted seminars for national organizations (the National Park Service), as well as regional leaders (the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundations, Greater Philadelphia Chamber of

Commerce, United Way of Greater Philadelphia and South New Jersey), and local organizations (schools, libraries, and community-based nonprofits). In all her engagements, Allison aims to help organizations develop new ideas, strategies, and skills that enhance the organization's ability to carry out its mission. For more information and to register for this upcoming workshop, please go to <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/government/public-works/cultural-heritage/technical-assistance/do-it-yourself-strategic-planning-workshop-registration> Kaitlin Bundy, MPS, Program Coordinator, Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Members in the News

JUDITH HUMMER has received an Honorable Mention Award at the Annual Juried Northeast Watercolor Society (NEWS) Members Show. The show is being held at the Orange Hall Gallery at SUNY Orange County Community College in Middletown, NY from February 6 - March 22, 2017.

Hello! Are you there? Please send me YOUR news to news.diana@dianapatton.com or 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 and do check out our website: www.raritanvalleyarts.org .

*Happy Painting!
Diana*