

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Rainy Day Greetings!

But it won't be a rainy day when you come see our next demonstrator on March 21st, 7:15 pm,

When artist Oscar Peterson will be doing a "loose painting in oils" of a model that will be with him.

More information from his website

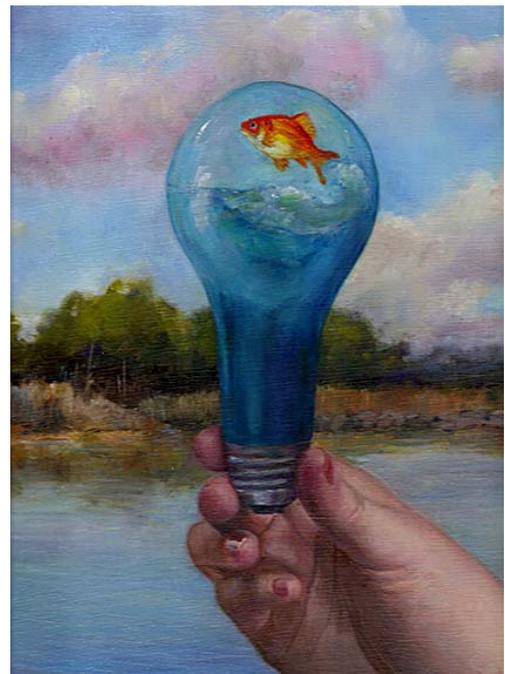
(<http://olpeterson.wixsite.com/petersonportraits/newest-works>) - "Born in Harlem, New York, and raised in Brooklyn, I'm currently a resident of Millburn, New Jersey. I've worked as a professional art director and designer/illustrator for various corporations and non-profits, and as a commissioned fine arts painter specializing in portraiture. An alumnus of Pratt Institute and the Art Students League, I've studied with many leading realist painters, including Nelson Shanks, Dave Passalacqua, and Costa Vavagiakis.

My approach to painting is to capture the grace and beauty of ordinary people. The sampling of portraits and figuratives included on this website were painted from life in my studio and at the Art Students League in New York. My quest is not to capture a moment in time, but to capture a time in the life of the individual I paint. In so doing, I hope to evoke a response and create an emotional connection between the painting and the viewer, which to me is a rewarding and humbling experience."



The Matriarch
(left)

Fish out of Water
From the
Fantasy Fish Series
(right)





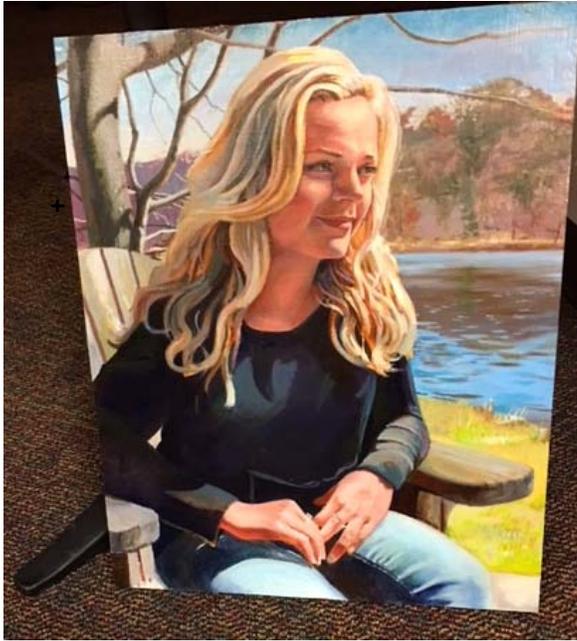
Plein Air Sketch

Please join us on our Big Apple Bus Trip Saturday April 21st.

Our wonderful trip to New York City will be **Saturday, April 21st**. President Marge McGovern once again is good enough to organize this trip (Thank you so much, Marge!). 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 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 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. To see 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!** **Note:** The Met recently changed their policy so the admission cost is no longer at your discretion unless you are a student. For NJ residents it is now \$25 adults, \$17 seniors, \$12 students and free for children under 12.

Charlie Churchill's Demo was very much enjoyed Feb. 21 when he did a quick pencil sketch and then a longer portrait in pencils on toned paper. His model? Our own Jen Ali. We all learned a lot and it was fascinating to watch. Charlie gave out lots of good info as he worked.





Our prayers and sympathy go out to RVAA member Kit Bebbington, whose husband recently passed away.

Please remember...our dues are now past due. The info and form are at the bottom of this Newsletter. Your membership gives you these wonderful demos, good art friends, the opportunity to be in 3 art shows a year, this newsletter, a web presence (<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/>), the bus trip, and more.

RVAA's exhibit, sponsored by the Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee, is hanging at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building during February and March. We have over 50 paintings on the walls and 14 works in the huge display case in front of the courtroom. Exhibiting artists include Nancy Boney, Susan Boyd, Bill Gilbert, Mary Lou Guididas, President Marge McGovern, Bill Metz, Diana Patton, Lori Semak, Donna Souren, Peg Tombro, Lois Westerfield, and Rosemary Zangara.

There will be a **Special Closing Reception** for the Bridgewater exhibit on Monday night, April 2nd from 7–8. Participating artists should pick up their work after the reception (how convenient!). **Also please bring your friends and some snack/finger food.** I believe the BCAC will provide a cookie tray.

Carl Burger Exhibit Spheres of Influence: W. Carl Burger
Tuesday, May 15, 2018- Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Come out and celebrate one of New Jersey's most beloved and decorated artists with the Morris Museum! W. Carl Burger celebrates his 92nd birthday this year with an exhibition of the prolific artist's paintings, watercolors, lithographs, drawings and more! *This will be really special; you don't want to miss it!*

ARTISTS NEEDED

Calling all artists! Enter the SCLSNJ Library Card Art contest to have your art featured on a special, limited edition library card. For more details go on line to the library contest page <https://sclsnj.org/library-card-art-contest/>.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

DONNA SOUREN has her work in the Art Photography Exhibit showcasing four seasons of beauty at the Leonard J. Buck Garden, 11 Layton Rd, Far Hills. The work may be seen weekdays Feb. 20-March 16, from 10 am-4 pm and Saturday March 10 from 12 pm to 4 pm. Donna also has two paintings in a group show of Andrea Gianchilia's students which is at the Somerset County Business Partnership meeting room in the Somerset County Administration Building in Somerville. One is a gouache painting of a "Broad Winged Hawk Feather" and the other is a mixed media painting of the "Somerville Firemens' Museum".

Okay! Time for you to email me your news. Inquiring minds want to know what you're doing.

DUES RENEWAL FORM

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION 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

Make check payable to RVAA and mail the Application with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836