

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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April 2011 Newsletter

Greetings!

It is spring, but although the crocuses, primroses, and daffodils are making an appearance, we just might get another snow shower tonight! But you won't have to worry April 18th, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library, when we will host watercolor artist Doris Terris. A member of the Garden State Watercolor Society and the Hunterdon Watercolor Society, among other arts organizations, Doris is the recipient of many awards and a renowned demonstrator. Do come; learn and be entertained at the same time. We need a hospitality volunteer or two for the April demo. Please phone President Linda Arnold at 908/647-3610, if you can do it. Thank you!

Cezanne's "Card Players"... This exhibition unites for the first time the works from Cézanne's series of Card Player canvases together with their associated oil studies and drawings. Also included is a carefully selected group of Cézanne's related paintings of peasants, several of which depict the same local models who appear in the Card Player compositions.

The Emperor's Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City

This loan exhibition organized by the [Peabody Essex Museum](#) presents some ninety paintings, decorative works, architectural elements, and religious works created for an elaborate two-acre private retreat built deep within the Forbidden City in 1771 as the retirement residence of one of China's most extravagant monarchs—the Qianlong Emperor (r. 1736-95)—who presided over China's last dynasty, the Qing, at the zenith of its power and wealth. No expense was spared to make this complex as sumptuous and comfortable as possible.

Icelandic artist Katrin Sigurdardottir at the Met, Lila Acheson Wallace Wing, Mezzanine Galleries

Extravagant Display: Chinese Art in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

Florence and Herbert Irving Galleries for Chinese Decorative Arts, 3rd floor

All of the special exhibits above and more, plus the whole permanent collection of **Art History** is available to you at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. **So.....You absolutely do not want to miss our Big Apple Trip. It's time! Saturday, April 30th** RVAA will run a bus to New York City for the Met as well as the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club in lower New York (47 Fifth Ave). Please send your check, made out to RVAA, for \$35. to chairwoman, Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. **You must come for all the art and camaraderie!** Plus, you can probably fit in a most entertaining half hour at the Forbes Museum diagonally across the street from the Salmagundi. Take it from your editor that it is one fine small museum. So cheerful! **The trip is great and it is so simple for you**-8:30 am we meet at the upper parking lot of the library (i.e. Vo-Tech School), In a comfortable bus with a rest room we are driven to the front of the Met (by 10). Then **we will all meet** out front about 2:30 and go to the AWS Show. You are home about 6, after enjoying driving-home refreshments. All this for just \$35! (trust your editor on this-it has taken me as long as 2 1/2 hours each way to get to these places, that's 5 hours of subways, busses, and trains; this is so much easier, more comfortable, and fun, and adding it all up, as cheap as doing it all by your lonesome) **Checks due by April 15th.** Reserve your place for this special trip. Questions? Debbie is at 908/725-4639. There is an admission fee for the Met, but not for the AWS Exhibit or the Forbes Museum. Of course you may **bring your family, your friends, your significant other.** We're a welcoming group!



Receiving at the Senior Wellness Center—Linda Arnold, Sherry Engelberg, and Chairwoman Judy Hummer Senior Wellness Receiving

From Chairwoman Judy Hummer we have the following news:

Our Senior Wellness Center show is up and running! Work from our members will be on display through May 6. Please take some time to visit if you are traveling in that area. It is quite a nice facility and our paintings look great! It is located at 202 Mt. Airy Rd in Bernardsville, literally right off exit 26B from 287N. I would like to thank Linda Arnold, Sherry Engelberg and Donna Souren for helping with the receiving and hanging of the show. I definitely could not have done it alone. And thank you in advance Rosemary Zangara for helping me on May 6 when we will be taking down the show. The exhibitors include Linda Arnold, Pat Barnabeo, Susan Boyd, Sherry Engelberg, Rita Gorky, Connie Gray, Judith Hummer, Linda Lam, Marie Lewandowski, Donna Souren, Ronald L. Tolles, Diana Wilkoc Patton, and Rosemary Zangara.

Thank you, Judy, for all your work. Now—RVAAers, please go and enjoy the show!

Membership Chairman Doug Axmann's father passed away the beginning of March. Doug's work for our group for so many years is so much appreciated by Raritan Valley Arts Association as well as his lovely paintings and excellent demos. We are extremely sorry to hear of his dad's death. If you'd like to drop Doug a note, he's at 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ, 08876.

We have heard that long time member, terrific artist, and former secretary of RVAA for many years, Eleanor DeMott, has been in the hospital. Unfortunately we have not been able to reach her by phone. Please phone President Linda Arnold 908/647-3610 if you have any information on Eleanor. Meanwhile, your editor is hoping that cards sent to her at 9 Adams Street, Somerville, NJ, 08876, will eventually reach her.

Lots is going on at the Farmstead Arts Center in April, including a concert of music and stories of the Civil War, Sunday, April 3rd at 2, "Wanderlust" exhibit and sale by Cinder Ledell as well as a pastel workshop with her, watercolor classes, and Pysanky Egg Workshop with Odarka Stockert. All events held at the Farmstead house at 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. For information: 347-927-8748, or visit www.farmsteadartscenter.org

Members in the News

ALKA DALAL -



A solo Art show is scheduled for her paintings at Bhavans, USA in New York City on April 15 (3-8pm) and April 16 (10-6pm) in the Bhavan's Romanti Auditorium. The show is dedicated to the victims of Japan. The series of art work represented will be: "Conserve Our Resources", "Going Green", and "Painting for Peace". All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Please contact Alka at 908-304-3278 for questions.

CONNIE GRAY will be in a one person show at Thomas Sweets (located at the Montgomery Center in Montgomery, NJ) during the month of May. Come in for coffee, lunch and great treats and enjoy the show. In May, Connie will be in a group show at the "ART on Division Street", in Somerville. The reception is May 13th, 5pm - 9pm. This show continues through May 21st. In addition to art, there will be dance, music, and theater during the week.

LINDA LAM is having a solo exhibition at Albrook School Gallery during the month of January. Linda's painting of Karrie received the Honorable Mention in the 2011 Juried Exhibition at the Somerset Art Association.