

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

April 2012 Newsletter

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**Flowers & Bees, Colors in trees-greetings!**

What a beautiful spring it's been! Continue to have good feelings when you come to our next program, **Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 pm** when artist **Jim Leslie** will demo on the various properties of oil mediums, i.e. linseed, stand oil, poppy oil, safflower, etc. as well as showing an example of making oil paint from scratch. "I can also bring some fun examples of pigments in their raw and fine states. I can bring some oil samples for everyone." Jim is a **Painter and Resident Artist** for **Winsor & Newton** and **Liquitex Artist Materials**. He has had many solo exhibitions, including those at New Jersey Resources Corporate Headquarters, Wall, NJ, Tides Hotel, Asbury Park, NJ, Market in the Middle, Asbury Park, NJ, Mitchell Sanborn Gallery, Keyport, NJ, the Potter Library Gallery, Ramapo College of NJ, Mahwah, NJ, and the Atlantic City Arts Center, Atlantic City, NJ. If you'd like to see some of his work, go to [www.leslieartstudio.com](http://www.leslieartstudio.com). We're in for a fine evening. Susan Guss and Geri Oldman will be doing Hospitality this evening and RVAA thanks Susan and Geri for that.

Last month Doug Axmann once again gave us much to think about during his informative and entertaining demo. Thank you, Doug!

**Our trip to the Big Apple...**wonder of wonders...is filled! Thanks to Marge McGovern who stepped up to volunteer as Bus Chairwoman—imagine that—49 places. Should be a great trip. Saturday, April 21st 8:30 am we meet at the upper parking lot of the Somerset County 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 (*and the Forbes diagonally across the street—it closes at 4*). You are back in Bridgewater about 6. All this for just \$35! Mary Sommers will also

be helping Marge with the trip and our snacks on the way home. We thank both Marge and Mary.

**Arts on Division** will be a lovely extravaganza. You can go to <http://www.findsomerville.com/pub/gen/event/1429/fulltext#.T4Sj-IZCuCU.email> Actually a lot is going on—for that is also Restaurant Week in Somerville, for great bargains in fine dining...and the art and pop-up galleries and special performances will run from May 17<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. **You may have noticed the work on Division Street.** Much is happening. Stay tuned! Among other things, there will be exhibits of Acrylic, Alkyds, Gouache, Oil, and Watercolor; Photography, Beaded Jewelry, SAORI Weaving, Metal and Stone Sculpture, and Pen and Ink Drawings. Work by RVAA artists Amy Erdman, Linda Lam, Donna Souren, and Diana Patton will be included.

**Jim Leslie** also writes about a great opportunity for artists to get free samples and learn tons about oil, **acrylic and watercolor** at a special one day event. "Winsor & Newton and Liquitex Artist Materials present a day of art demonstrations in conjunction with the Collective Art Tank and Gallery 13. Join us for a day of free demonstrations on various topics and techniques in oils, acrylics and watercolours." Gallery 13 is at the Shoppes at the Arcade, 658 Cookman Ave., Asbury Park, NJ. The date is Saturday, June 9th, from 10 am to 5:30 pm. Space will be limited. Register today at [www.collectivearttank.com](http://www.collectivearttank.com) Jim continues, "Thanks for you help in spreading the word. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me." [info@leslieartstudio.com](mailto:info@leslieartstudio.com)

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**KEN BERNHARD** sent this interesting note....."I have just hung about 15 paintings in the NJ Museum of Boating at the Johnson Bros. Marina in Point Pleasant. My art is the history of antique boats of Barnegat Bay and of wooden boat shows. In the past I've done a goodly number of commissions of boats of the NJ shore and sailing ships. I'm a member of the three wooden boat museums and the American Association of Marine Artists."

**MARIA MOCH** will be the Featured Artist of the Month at the United Trinity Church, 118 King George Road, Warren, NJ during the month of May. She will also have three paintings to the NJ State History Fair Art Exhibit in Stockton NJ, from 4/14 - 4/28. Opening reception will be on 4/15 from 1-3pm. [www.njhistoryfair.org](http://www.njhistoryfair.org)

**ELSA HERRMANN** received a Merit Award in the American Artists' Professional League Open State Juried Exhibition of Representational Art, at Middlesex County College in Edison. The exhibit runs through April 28th. Elsa was also awarded the Manasquan Art Gallery Award 2012 at The Manasquan River Group of Artists Show, the Brielle Library, through June.

**DIANA PATTON** will be doing puppet shows from 1-4 Sat., May 5<sup>th</sup> at Christ Presbyterian Church, Washington Valley Rd, as part of the Green Faith program of this church. All ages welcome. Do bring children! AP Solar will join us to offer homeowners the opportunity to be screened for a **zero-cost solar installation** that would provide them with **discounted electricity**. There will be a monitor set up in the sanctuary and interested homeowners can have their home screened via satellite photos to see if their roof appears suitable for solar.

**ROSEMARY ZANGARA** emailed me about her current show at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater: "The presentation went well (the talk she gave) and everyone enjoyed the food. I have 36 paintings in the show and they will be there till April 26. Hope more RVAA members will go see the show." (editor's note: Arbor Glen is at 100 Monroe Street Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (908) 595-6500 -quite near Somerset Pediatric Group on Union Ave, in Somerville; gallery is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, receptionist will show you where).

*Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news.*

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*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*