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Daffodil Yellow Greetings!

Even though it snowed, an eager group of brave RVAAers enjoyed Andrea Gianchiglia's demo March 18th. Our next meeting and demo will be **Monday, April 22nd, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library. The renowned watercolorist **Robert Heyer** will be demonstrating for us. A graduate of the Newark School of Fine Arts and Industrial Arts and a multi-award winner, Bob is a full member of the New Jersey Water Color Society, the Garden State Watercolor Society, the American Artists Professional League, and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society. A frequent demonstrator, Bob always entralls and educates the viewer with exciting demonstrations, ending up with a fresh watercolor. If you google Robert Heyer artist you can see several of his beautiful watercolors online. Bob has also been teaching watercolor for two decades and his work can also be seen in magazines and catalogues. Do come out and enjoy this evening. Rosemary Zangara will be doing Hospitality this evening; thank you so much, Rosemary!

There is still time to sign up for our Big Apple Trip. Saturday, April 20th RVAA will run a bus to New York City for the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club in lower New York (47 Fifth Ave). **Marge McGovern** is running this fantastic trip, and tells me there are just **13** seats left, **so please act fast**. The cost is the same as last year; you may send a check made out to RVAA for \$35. to Marge, PO Box 399, Martinsville, 08836 ***You simply must come***-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. The trip is great and 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 around 10 am. 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, about as cheap as doing it all by your lonesome). Checks are due by

April 10th. Reserve your place for this special trip. Questions? Marge is at 732/356-7800. 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! Some of the current (in April) exhibits at the Met include Impressionism, Fashion, and Modernity, The Path of Nature: French Paintings from the Wheelock Whitney Collection, 1785-1850, Sleeping Eros, African Art, New York, and the Avant-Garde, *Street*, a new video by British-born artist James Nares forms the centerpiece of this exhibition of works from the permanent collection, After Photoshop: Manipulated Photography in the Digital Age, The Sau-Wing Lam Collection of Rare Italian Stringed Instruments, and Birds in the Art of Japan

- *And of course there's the whole museum of permanent exhibits. Thank you, Marge for running our trip!*

From our January oil painting portrait demonstrator Anthony Galati comes several newsworthy pieces. There is a brand new art center called "The Hive" which opened April 1st in Chester. Anthony is teaching a figure drawing class for adults and a still life drawing and painting class for teens. "We have a great space at a convenient location, in the Chester Springs Shopping Center on route 206. There are also classes in pottery, music, writing, yoga, and more." To see the all of the classes currently offered at the Hive, you can look here: <http://www.mcartsworkshop.com/Mcaw.aspx?f=209&l=EN>

Here is a link to Anthony's figure drawing class:

<http://www.mcartsworkshop.com/Mcaw.aspx?f=209&d=1270&l=EN&pos=14>

and his still life class for teens:

<http://www.mcartsworkshop.com/Mcaw.aspx?f=209&d=1271&l=EN&pos=9>

Anthony is also taking commissions for painting live your wedding reception. One of the local bridal expos he'll be painting at is Bright Lights...Chic Style Luxury Bridal Showcase at Kean University, Union, NJ, April 7th Free admission with thousands in prizes

www.elegancebydeirdre.com/#!/untitled/zoom/cswc/i01ct8 His website is

<http://www.TheLanguageofPigment.com>

In the future: 5/29 (Wednesday, because of Memorial Day) Kathy Rupff's demo will be collage art combined with watercolor and more.

For information about your own RVAA gallery, archived back issues of the Newsletter, events, and more, please go to www.raritanvalleyarts.org

Last year several RVAA members took part in Arts on Division. This gala arts event takes place in Somerville May 16th through the 19th with music, dance, art, and more. You too can participate in Arts on Division. "We are excited to offer several visual art opportunities to you this year! First, a large tent will be set up along Division Street for artists of all media to exhibit and sell their work. Somerville artists are invited to exhibit on Friday and artists from other areas on Saturday. There are no entry fees. A

35% commission on sales will go to benefit Arts on Division. Second, we are happy to announce the addition of an Art Auction this year. The auction will take place on Sunday, the last day of the event. Artists are asked to donate a piece of work to this auction. 50% of the sale of the donation will go to the artist and 50% to further the development of Arts on Division." Please visit www.artsondivision.com

Meanwhile right in Metuchen there's an opportunity to exhibit any or all **Friday nights in June**. Just go to www.junebugartfest.com This sixth annual Junebug Art Fest is looking for participants from 6-10 each Friday night in June, both visual and performing artists. Sounds like a great opportunity, but you must register by April 15th. Visit their web site at www.junebugartfest.com and/or contact Angela at the Metuchen Chamber of Commerce: (732) 548-2964; metuchen.chamber@verizon.net

Lastly, the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability is sponsoring the 2013 Evening of the Arts, Friday, May 17th from 6:30- 9 pm at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center in Basking Ridge. The event will celebrate the talent of fine area artists in all media through an art show followed by a concert by world renowned classical guitarist, Giovanni DeChiaro.. There are opportunities to exhibit the whole month there and/or just that evening. Please contact Caitlin Witucki at the Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Service, 908/704-6339, or email Witucki@co.somerset.nj.us

Well, now, we are certainly not lacking artistic opportunities and challenges.

And don't forget, please contact me with your news. Inquiring minds want to know what you've been doing!

Happy Painting!
Diana