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April 2015 Newsletter

Daffy-down-dilly Greetings!

Hooray! "Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the birdies iz." (do you remember that little ditty from third grade?) We can all celebrate by going to our next meeting, **Monday, April 27, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library**. **Sarah Brenneman** will be demonstrating, and she has a most interesting and different body of work. You might want to check out <http://sarahbrenneman.com/home.html> She will be working on abstract paintings, with watercolors, text, and collage. Sarah Brenneman received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Columbus College of Art and Design in 1998 and earned her Masters of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2000. She attended the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture after which she moved to Brooklyn, New York. Brenneman has been included in several group shows throughout New York and the USA and has had three solo exhibitions with Jeff Bailey Gallery in New York.

Our show at **Arbor Glen** will run until May 15. Our presentation/discussion of our works was very well-received at the get-together April 10th, as each artist spoke about their work, their methods, and what inspired them. We were all invited to the Happy Hour and dinner which followed. RVAA artists in the show included Nancy Boney, George Straka, Rosemary Zangara, Alka Dalal, Bill Metz, Bill Gilbert, and Diana Patton. The gallery space at Arbor Glen is truly stunning, so do go see our show.

It's not too late! But don't you wait! It's upon us, but there are still seats left for April 18th, our annual bus trip to NYC. Marge McGovern is once again chairing this great fun trip (thank you, Marge!). First comes the Met Museum of Art and then the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club. The bus leaves at 8:30 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 marvelous trip, trust your editor!** Please send your check made out to RVAA to Marge McGovern, **PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836**. For what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions>. You'll want to mail Marge your check soon! **Actually, you might want to email Marge.... mmm@simulationsinc.com to let her know your check is in the mail...**

You are invited to **Darla Bostick's 8th Annual Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreat 2015 in Abiquiu, NM 4-10 October**. Includes digital photography, watercolors/acrylics, pencil, incorporating text and mixed media work with opportunity for plein air painting and comfort of a

group activity room (floor to ceiling vista views). For 7 days/6 nights you can relax, enjoy, and create. **Lodging and meals included** at Ghost Ranch property. The Georgia O'Keeffe Landscape Tour takes you where she painted from the magnificent area scenery. Visit the O'Keeffe studio/home on tour. **Space is limited to 14 participants.** Bring materials you love to work with (or try something new) and join us! The workshop fee is \$495. Room and board at the Ranch are per their rates. Unclaimed rooms will be released 1 September, but I may be able to get rooms after that date. Come and see for yourself why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch! Darla's website has more details: www.darlabostick.com

Nanci Ori has demonstrated for us a couple of times. She is local and has a lot of artistic opportunities, including a "destination" workshop" to Cuba. However, most of her workshops are in Watchung or nearby NJ locations. You can check out <http://nancyoriworkshops.com/category/workshop/>

The Zimmerli Museum has an interesting show on: "Bugs, Frogs, & Toads in Illustration". You'll want to check out <http://www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu/duvoisin-gallery/bugs-frogs-toads-oh-my-original-children%E2%80%99s-book-illustrations-nancy-winslow-parker#.VR6HEOHM6fs> Of course there are also other exhibits at the same time in different galleries there. Remember, the Zimmerli is practically next door in New Brunswick.

Paint the Stanislaus River in Sourgrass, while on an Artist Getaway in Murphy's CA. June 7 - 12, 2015 This comes from our friend Samantha McNally, and you can find more info and view the lovely scenery at www.artistgetaway.com

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD, DEBBIE TINTLE, AND DIANA PATTON each have three of their paintings accepted into the upcoming juried show at the Clarence Dillon Library, sponsored by the Daughters of the Revolution.

NANCY BONEY had two pieces in the juried show called "Booked 12". Her sculptural books were titled, "Color Wheel" and "Color Rocks"

ALKA DALAL's art work is accepted in the Senior Center Gallery in Basking Ridge and is also in the Bridgewater Talent show at the Municipal building.

ROSEMARY ZANGARA has watercolors at the Flemington/Hunterdon County Library as part of an exhibit with the students in Lena Shiffman's class at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster. The reception was April 11th; Rosemary's painting is titled "Monet's Garden."

Your editor wants, yes, needs your news. For example, did I miss anyone who will be in the upcoming juried show at the Clarence Dillon Library Show? What are *you* doing? Where are *you* showing? **Please write or email me! The May issue will be the last one until September.....**

Happy painting! Diana