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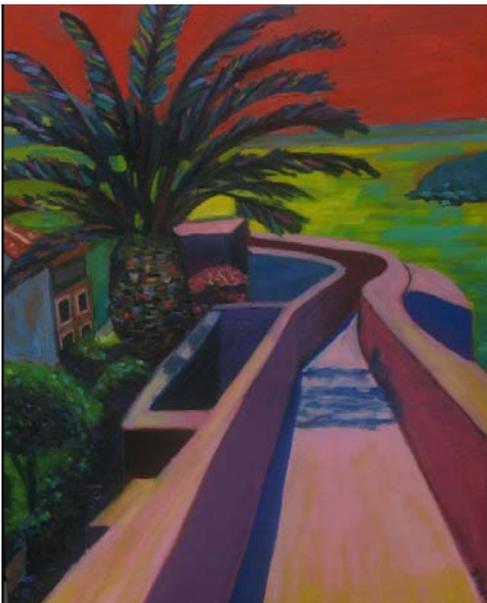
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April Newsletter 2016

Spring Greetings!

We may not have the usual warmth of spring (yet), but the cold is at least preserving the wonderfully colored forsythia, blooming trees, daffodils, hyacinths, and violets for a long time. *And you will want to spend time* at our next meeting, **Monday, April 18th, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset County Library, when Renee Post will do an **oil painting demonstration**. Renee Post received her BA from Stonybrook University and her MAT from Montclair State University. She also studied at the School of Visual Arts and has been painting for 40 years. She worked as a studio manager renting spaces to film, video and commercial enterprises in NYC, then went onto working in advertising at Rogers Studio with clients like Y&R also in NYC. Renee also was an art director for magazines. She then went on to work as a graphic designer at the Central Park Zoo while they were redesigning the zoo. She started the Zoo Gallery which has changing exhibits of habitats around the world. Renee then received her Masters at Montclair State University for art teaching. She has been teaching at Bridgewater-Raritan High School for 18 years. Her work is exhibited all over the tri-state area in different venues.



You all know by now that our President Alka Dalal has had to step down from being President, due to her ailing health. Alka has emailed me: "Just want to inform you that due to my health condition, we are moving to Somerset in 55+ community in Canal walk development. The house should be ready mid-April or so." So again we are asking if anyone is interested in taking the position of President, so RVAA, probably the oldest arts association in NJ, can continue. Please call Alka at 908/393-6562, or email your editor diana@dianapatton.com This is very serious, folks. We all wish Alka well; her address for a short time is 592 Cabot Hill Road, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807 if you'd like to drop her a note. We must have a new President, if RVAA is to continue. Our dues are among the lowest; we have eight free demonstrations a year, an online presence and a newsletter, an annual bus trip to New York, and we have 2 or 3 shows a year in which we can exhibit. ***It would be almost criminal if RVAA ceased to exist.*** Obviously the President should try to be at most of the meetings. The President contacts the demonstrators, but as President you will get suggestions for demonstrators (I suggest some!) from others, plus there is a spread sheet of demonstrators from Alka, and we pay demonstrators well, so they like to demonstrate for us. The President keeps us abreast of shows (and as president, you'll get emails, letters, etc for this), and is on the lookout for shows for us. You will have the help of our secretary, membership chair, treasurer, bus trip chair, Holiday Show chair (me), and editor (me). So.....**are you interested in helping keep RVAA alive? Please contact Alka (or me).**

Our secretary, Rosemary Zangara, had breast cancer and so had an operation on February 8th. She continues her treatment and if you'd like to drop her a card, Rosemary's address is 1302 St. John Street, Manville, 08835. Because of the treatment Rosemary is not allowed to go out in crowds much for fear of catching a germ.

Nancy Boney, a long time member of RVAA, emailed me that "I'm having open heart surgery on April 18 in NYC at Columbia." You have probably seen some of Nancy's beautiful watercolors or her handsome and original handmade books. You may want to drop her a card of cheer. Her address is 208 Reed Lane, Bedminster, NJ 07921-1926. We send good wishes and prayers for a very successful operation and a speedy recovery.

Big Apple Bus Trip Yes, our wonderful trip to New York City is coming soon. **Saturday, April 23rd**. Chairwoman Marge McGovern says there are only 13 seats left. You don't want to miss this trip to the AWS (American Watercolor Society) Exhibit at the Salmagundi. First we'll go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. 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 or 3:15 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. And the bus, with comfortable seats and a bathroom besides, only costs \$40.

Everything door to door for us! Please send your check made out to RVAA **ASAP** to Marge McGovern, PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836. For information about what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions>. Also you do know that you can bring friends/ relatives/etc., don't you? (editor's aside: New York City will be in all its spring finery—fun to eat lunch at the Met while looking out at the pink and purple trees in Central Park and all the people enjoying life.)

[Monmouth Museum's NJEAS](#)

Artist Emerged: NJ Emerging Artists Series New Works

On Exhibition in Main Gallery: March 18 - May 15, 2016

Opening Reception: Friday, March 18, 6-8pm - Admission Free, Open to the Public

Artists Panel Discussion: Wednesday, May 4, 7pm

Monmouth Museum | 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ | 732-747-2266 | info@monmouthmuseum.org
www.monmouthmuseum.org

And right close to us in New Brunswick we have the Zimmerli Museum...

Open: Tuesdays through Fridays: 10am to 4:30pm

Saturdays and Sundays: Noon to 5pm

First Tuesdays of the month: 10am to 9pm

Admission is free for all!



Current Exhibitions

[Dreamworlds and Catastrophes: Intersections of Art and Science in the Dodge Collection](#)

Mar 12, 2016 - Jul 31, 2016

Dodge Wing Lower Level

[Abstraction Squared](#)

Saturday, January 23, 2016 - Sunday, July 10, 2016

Lilien Gallery

- [HereNow: Rutgers 250](#)

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - Sunday, July 3, 2016

Voorhees Galleries



• [More than Fifteen Minutes of Fame: Warhol's Prints and Photographs](#)

Saturday, January 16, 2016 - Sunday, July 31, 2016

Machaver Gallery

And finally, there are two special exhibits at the D & R greenway Land Trust Gallery, at the Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, NJ, 08540. "Wild Designs!" April 18-June 17th, opening reception Fri, May 13, 5:30-70 pm. "Reconnect with your wild side; experience the creativity of nature's designs". Also, in the Evelyn V. Johnson Gallery, "Brush for Earth", local landscapes by Heather Barros of Art Collaborations. For info and hours check out www.drgreenway.org or 609/924-4646.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

SYLVIA MARIA GLESMANN has her work in the permanent collection of the Salmagundi Club. The Seventh Annual Sylvia Maria Glesmann Members' Floral Exhibition was held March 21st through April 1, 2016.

DIANA PATTON enjoyed reading to and working on picture books with 14 young children Sat. April 9th; they were very creative and worked hard on their books. You may want to come to her illustrated talk Sat. April 16th at 3:15; her show will be up at the Somerville Library until May 31st.

Now you know what I'm going to ask...for your news, of course. Inquiring minds really do want to know what you are doing. Just email or snail mail me, please. The May issue will be the last until September, so let's hear about your upcoming summer exhibits now.

Happy Painting!
Diana