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Daffodil Greetings!

Due to inclement weather, our last meeting was cancelled. But now, come celebrate the beginning of spring with RVAA on Wednesday, April 19th, 7:30 pm when Wendy Hallstrom will demonstrate Pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating. Wendy is an instructor at Hunterdon Art Museum, the Center for Contemporary Art, and the Hunterdon County Senior Center, where she teaches both adults and children in various media. Wendy's primary media is watercolor, but in recent years she has begun exploring religious iconography. She writes icons in egg tempera in the Russian tradition and contemporary icons in acrylic. Her work has been displayed in juried shows in New Jersey and South Carolina and is in several private collections.

In addition to painting, Wendy has mastered the craft of Pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating, and teaches the technique. Her eggs are for sale at [Eggzotic.Etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Eggzotic).

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This is a fascinating art so you'll certainly want to come and see this demo.



We are so sad to tell you all that Joe McGovern, our President Marge McGovern's husband, died early in the morning March 29th. He'd been fighting health battles for a long time, with Marge always at his side. We hoped and prayed he could get better, but it was not to be. The viewing was at Higgins Funeral Home on Friday, with a memorial service at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church on Saturday. **Our sympathies and prayers go out to Marge, and their daughters Annie and Ellen and their families.** Joseph Patrick McGovern graduated from St. Peter's Prep in 1954 and St. Peter's College in Jersey City in 1958 with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. He served in the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Benning, GA. and Fort Hood, TX. Joe was a founder and Vice-President of Simulation, Inc., a Corporation Training company which enabled him to travel to all of the continental 48 states. He was a classically trained singer who loved all Classical music and the Great American Songbook. He also loved photography and being a business owner. He was a renowned joke and story teller. He loved to travel to Italy, especially Venice.

Your editor remembers with awe his wonderful voice when he was a guest singer several times at her church, and several of you met Joe at RVAA's Holiday Party at Mary Lou Guididas' home. Condolences may be sent to Marge at PO Box 399, Martinsville, NJ, 08836

Have you signed up yet for our big Apple Bus Trip? Saturday, April 22nd President Marge McGovern once again was good enough to organize this trip (Thank you so much, Marge!). Please sign up and leave the rest to us. The AWS (American Watercolor Society) exhibit is of course at the Salmagundi, but we'll go to the Metropolitan Museum of Art before it. 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 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. The trip in on the bus, with comfortable seats and a bathroom besides, only costs \$40. Everything door to door for us! If you were to go by train and taxi, or train/subway/bus, you would spend about as much and waste ever so much time, time that can be used looking at art. **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. To see what will be showing at the Met just go to <http://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions>. Please art lovers, reply soon, as the trip is open to all, and we offer it to other watercolor clubs. Also you do know that you can bring friends/ relatives/etc., don't you? **We need more for this bus trip; try it, you'll love it!**

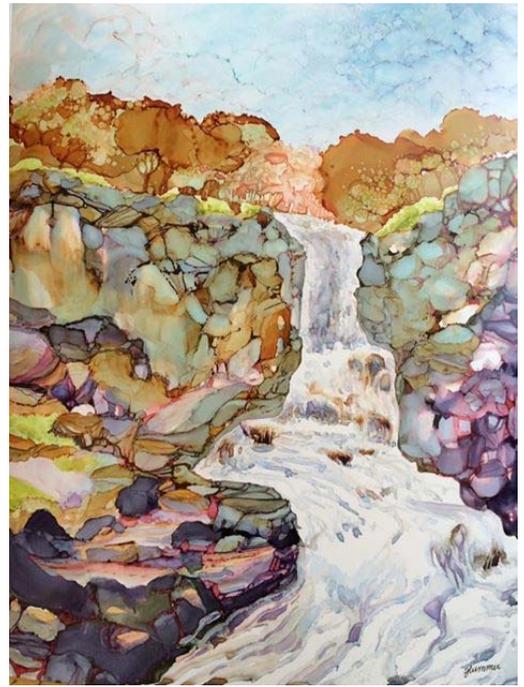
Art Vacation Opportunity

You are invited to **Darla Bostick's 10th Annual Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreat in Abiquiu, NM, 1-7 October 2017**. Includes digital photography, watercolors/acrylics, pencil, ink, incorporating text and mixed media work with options 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 local, magnificent area scenery. Visit the O'Keeffe studio/home on tour. **Space is limited to 16 participants**. Bring materials you love to work with (or try something new) and join us! The workshop fee is \$550. Room and board at the Ranch is separate from the workshop fee. Their rates have recently been redesigned to provide the ultimate discount for those sharing a room, so bring a friend! **Unclaimed rooms will be released 25 August**. Currently there are 12 spaces left!

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD contributed drawings for the Somerset Hills Historical Coloring book for their Historical Society. The book will be available on Amazon and locally. Linda also has paintings in the KMS Farmstead show and the Bernards Township show at the Environmental Education Center. She also did the Christmas logo for the Jacob Vanderveer House. Linda has a painting of the Great White Oak for Basking Ridge and a drawing of the Oak Tree on the wooden nickels that will be for sale on Charter Day in May in Basking Ridge. (editor's note: our former president has certainly been busy, congratulations!)

JUDITH HUMMER received First Prize in the 2017 Philadelphia Watercolor Society Annual Members Show. The show runs from March 24 through May 5, 2017 at Boyer Gallery located at The Hill School in Pottstown, PA. Judith Hummer has an alcohol ink/watercolor painting accepted into the 2017 Ellarslie Open Show located at the Trenton City Museum, Trenton NJ. (see photo right) The show runs from March 28, 2017 through June 25, 2017.



WILLIAM METZ has a one man exhibit in the Arbor Glen Gallery, 100 Monroe Street, Bridgewater from March 3 until April 28th. He gave a talk on his work there on March 17th.



DONNA SOUREN had a painting accepted into the N.J. Audubon Plainsboro Preserve "Wild New Jersey" 4th Annual Art Show. The show will be on exhibit at the Plainsboro Township Recreation Center, 641 Plainsboro Road, Plainsboro, NJ, from **April 2 through April 30**, and will be open to the public during the center's hours of 9am-5pm daily.

How happy am I that some of you have sent me news! Thank you! Please keep this up, dear members. Inquiring minds want to know what you have been doing.

*Happy Painting!
Dana*