

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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May 2013 Newsletter

Rosy Pink & Lavender Greetings!

What a plethora of gorgeous trees greet our eyes whenever we step outside! What a gorgeous season! And to help celebrate it, you'll really want to attend our next demo **Wednesday**, (Because Mon. is Memorial Day, the library is closed) **May 29th, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library which will be one where you can participate. **Kathy Rupff** will lead us in the art of **paper collage**. Kathy is bringing all the supplies and if you've ever seen her amazing work (please visit <http://www.kathleenrupff.com/>) you will know that you are in for a special treat. For



Kathy will "talk a little, do a demo and invite everyone to create their own collage"
Kathleen Rupff is an artist working in various mediums -- digital art, watercolor, paper collage and photography. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Art from St. Mary's College of MD and has continued her art education in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. A member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, Kathy is also learning and experimenting with her first children's stories and illustrations. Kathy was featured as a children's book illustrator in Kathy Temear's blogsite **Writing & Illustrating**, and she also participated in the Rutgers One-on-One Children's Book Mentoring Program. (your editor has known Kathy for several years and trust me, you will love her and her work. Be ready for fun!) President Alka has arranged for tables and chairs for everyone so do come! *People are welcome to bring their own paper on which to attach the collage pieces, but they don't have to.*

RVAA thanks Rosemary Zangara for hospitality for April. Any volunteers for May? Please contact President Alka Dalal at alkadalal@hotmail.com or phone her at 908/393-6561 to volunteer.

RVAA members thoroughly enjoyed our April watercolor demonstrator and his demo. From Bob Heyer comes this note:

Hi Alka, Just wanted to send a note thanking you for having me do a watercolor demonstration for your group once again. It's always a pleasure to demo for the RVAA; their interest and good questions made it a pleasant evening.

Thanks again,.....Bob

Many, many thanks go out to Marge McGovern for running our Big Apple Trip on April 20th. Marge always does an amazing job. From her email "It was fun and I am sure everyone had a good time. The Salmagundi was excellent." And "There were 42 total and it was a beautiful NYC day...ride was great...loved Salmagundi...will definitely do it next year - God willing...Love, Marge" And RVAA even profited....Marge got enough people out for this splendid trip. Wow!

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

Arts on Division will take place on Division Street in Somerville May 16-19. Arts On Division is an outdoor festival of the arts in downtown Somerville, NJ. Enjoy live performances including dramatic readings, dance, music, and meet-the-author events.

The four day celebration also includes pop up galleries of diverse fine art including painting, sculpture, photography, and printmaking, and more - all available for purchase. Admission is FREE so come and experience a great weekend in Downtown Somerville. Of special interest will be **Thursday, May 16 through Sunday, May 19 - "Witness: An Exhibition of Veteran Art"**, 34 East Main Street, Somerville. An exhibition of art by veterans on handmade paper created from their combat fatigues. Gallery Hours: Thursday, 12 to 6pm, Friday and Saturday, 12 to 8pm, Sunday, 12 to 4pm. **Please visit www.artsondivision.com**

You might want to take a scenic trip out to Stockton, NJ for the Garden State Watercolor Society Full & Associate Members' Shows **May 11-May 25**

The Prallsville Mills Route 29 Stockton NJ. There will be many lovely watercolors to look at; please go to www.gswcs.com for details. Also the New Jersey Water Color Society has their members' exhibit **The 2013 Annual Spring Elected Member's Exhibition, Celebrating 75 years April 29 - May 31** at the Art@1275 Gallery

1275 Bloomfield Ave. Building 1 Unit 3 in Fairfield, NJ 07704. Go to www.njwcs.org for details.

The Second Annual Plein Air Art Festival will be held in Flemington's Historic District on May 18. **You are invited to paint historic architecture, scenic streetscapes, and quiet gardens** between 9 am and 4 pm. There will be a reception party and live auction at the Stangl Factory, Mine St, from 6-9 pm. Proceeds will be shared between the Historic Preservation Commission and the artist. Information and/or registration forms are available at the Flemington Borough website: www.historicflemington.com or by calling Chris Englehart at 908/782-9650.

You are invited to a Watercolor Workshop on Color Mixing with Thomas Valenti. DATES: Saturday., June 22, 2013 TIME: 9:00 to 4:30 (lunch included) PLACE: Florham Park, NJ FEES: \$110 *Pre-registration required. Register via email or phone:*

Debarrystudio@gmail.com or 973-525-2544 or

*you can register online at: www.debarrystudioarts.com/classes.html You will be notified where to send payment. Check should be made out to **Tom Valenti**. Thomas Valenti is President (since 2007) of Allied Artists of America which is among the most prestigious art organizations in the nation. Tom is the recipient of countless major awards in National and International Juried Competitions. "Unlock the secrets to mixing color for watercolor painting in this one day information packed workshop."*

Can we be any busier? And don't forget ,please contact me with your news.

Inquiring minds want to know what you've been doing! Our next issue won't be out until September; I'll save your news.

Happy Painting!
Dana