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## May 2014 Newsletter

### Garden Greetings!

As I write this, it's sunny and in the 70s; I've a bunch of plants waiting to be planted in my garden, and the weather forecast is even good for Mom's Day. So...it should be great weather for our next meeting....at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library 7:30 pm **Tuesday, May 27th** (not Monday because that is Memorial Day). Diana Patton will be demonstrating watercolor on Yupo (and Ampersand's "original" clayboard) and painting a few Galapagos Islands animals.

Diana spent almost three weeks in the Galapagos and Ecuador last spring and has photos (8 x 10s), paintings, and tales to share. Do come and join her for a fun trip to Las Encatadas, or the Enchanted Islands, as the Galapagos are sometimes called. You can also check out [www.dianapatton.com](http://www.dianapatton.com) for her blog and gallery and [www.charlemagnethefish.com](http://www.charlemagnethefish.com) for free games for children, aquarium reviews, videos, and more.



Diana Patton's "Galapagos Hide and Seek"

A good group enjoyed Edward Sprafkin's oil painting demo last month. If you missed it, check out <http://www.edwardsprafkin.com/> for his work and videos.

**Many, many thanks go to Marge McGovern for arranging our wonderful Big Apple Bus Trip.** The weather was good, the exhibits at the Met and the AWS Show at the Salmagundi Club were terrific and are now a pleasant memory.



Our show at the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Gallery in the Somerset County Administration building in Somerville (20 Grove Street) will be up until pickup day---May 23rd. Please catch it if you can. Again, thanks to Eleanor Morehouse, Donna Souren, and our president, Alka Dalal.

You are invited to Darla Bostick's 7th Annual Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreat in Abiquiu, NM 5-11 October which includes digital photography, watercolors/acrylics, pencil, incorporating text, 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/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 \$485. Room and board at the Ranch are per their rates. Unclaimed rooms will be released 1 September, but she may be able to get rooms after that date. Come and see for yourself why Georgia O'Keeffe loved Ghost Ranch! See website for more details: [www.darlabostick.com](http://www.darlabostick.com) Darla Bostick, 40.320.5660 Email: [darlabostickart@gmail.com](mailto:darlabostickart@gmail.com)

The deadline for Arts on Division is May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the prospectus was emailed to all of you by Alka, but if you missed the deadline, you may still be able to send images in for consideration for the show, as Arts on Division won't be until June. You might contact [artsondivision2014@gmail.com](mailto:artsondivision2014@gmail.com) to see if you can still enter; 3 images are permissible.

The Mountain Art Show will be in November but digital images are due before September 4th. This is the show in Bernardsville which includes both a juried and judged section and a small price section. For information please email [mountainartshow@gmail.com](mailto:mountainartshow@gmail.com) or phone 908/766-2282. You can also go to <http://www.sjotm.org/#/mountain-art-show> for more information.

Kaitlin Bundy, Program Coordinator for the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is looking for volunteers for the annual Somerset County Teen Arts Festival. This year the festival will be taking place on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, from 8:30 to 2:30 at Raritan Valley Community College. Volunteers will be provided lunch. Volunteers help out at the festival and are assigned various positions throughout the festival, these include: helping professional artists in workshops, helping give directions to students throughout the campus, helping at registration desks, or helping in the performance spaces where the students perform. Anyone interested in helping out can contact Kaitlin directly at [bundy@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:bundy@co.somerset.nj.us) or (908) 231-7000, Ext. 7246.

The Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services invites you to submit artwork for upcoming art exhibitions at both the Senior Wellness and Quail Brook Senior Centers. These shows will take place from June 9<sup>th</sup> - September 5<sup>th</sup>. The shows' theme will be summer based to get us over this very wet winter! Please phone Caitlin Witucki, MSHealth Promotion Specialist, Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services (908) 704-6339., for more information. The deadline for submitting entries is **May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please send photos (4" X 6") or slides to Caitlin Witucki, Somerset County Office on Aging & Disability Services, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville NJ 08876 or JPEGs may be sent via email to [Witucki@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:Witucki@co.somerset.nj.us). Slides and photos will be returned to the artists. **Each entry should be identified. On a separate sheet of paper artists are asked to provide a list of entries, name, address, phone number, title, dimensions, media of the artwork to be considered and the exhibition in which you prefer to be displayed at.** Artwork selected for the exhibition needs to be framed, wired, and ready

for hanging. Exhibitors may offer the artwork for sale, with a small % of the sale donated to the Somerset County Nutrition Program to benefit senior center activities.

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**LINDA ARNOLD** has her work in the Garden State Watercolor Society's Associate and Non-Members Show in Middletown. Linda was awarded Honorable Mention for her work "Camellias". You may catch this excellent watercolor exhibit until June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Middletown Art Center on Church Street in Middletown.

**SHERRY ENGELBERG** has four watercolors in the exhibit entitled "Art Is Ageless" at the Warrenbrook Senior Center, 500 Warrenbrook Road (908) 753-9440. The show will then move on to the Warren Library, 42 Mountain Boulevard.

*This is the last issue until September. However your editor has a file for your news. So please send me some!* Thank you and have a totally awesome summer!

*Happy Painting!*  
*Dana*