

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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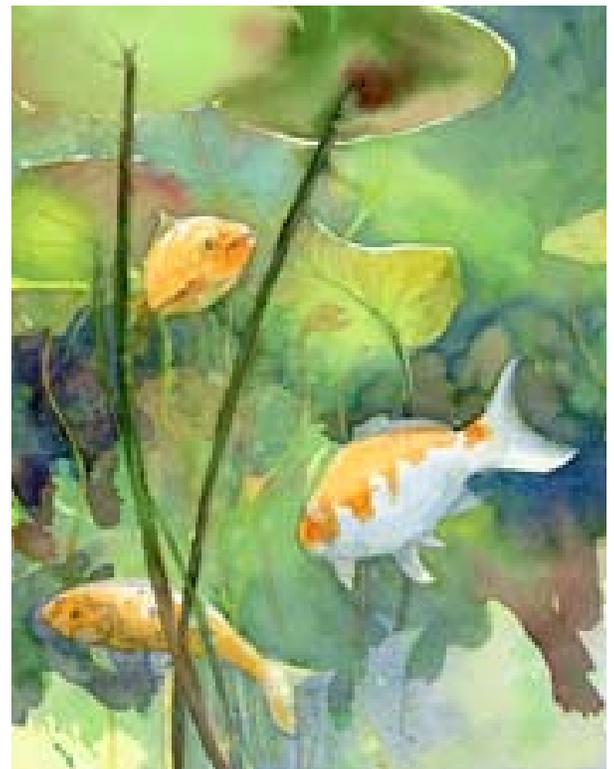
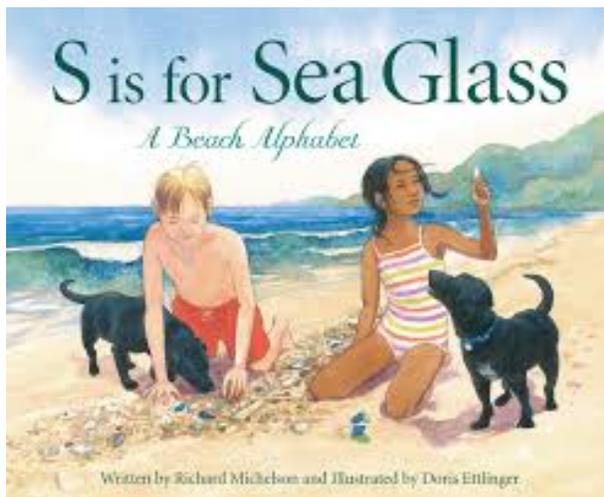
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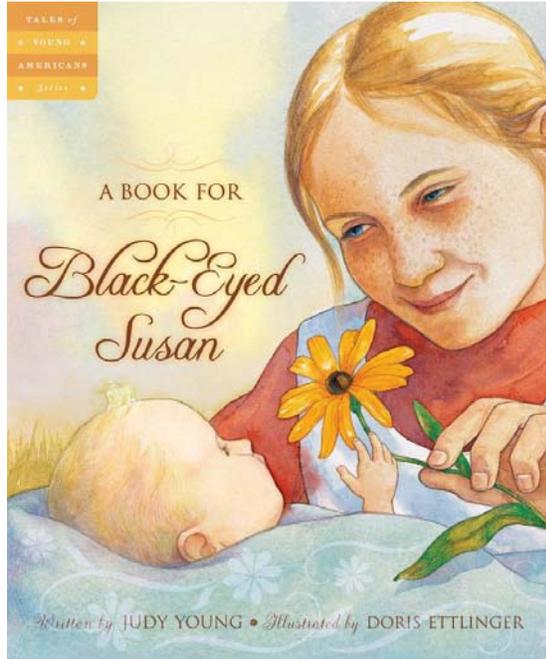
May Newsletter 2017

Full Flowering Greetings!

Welcome to May with all its lovely promises. And RVAA promises another excellent demo for our next meeting **Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library. At 7:30 pm we will have a return appearance by watercolorist (and superb children's book illustrator), Doris Ettlinger. Doris, working from a still life set up, will demonstrate *painting reflective surfaces in watercolor*. (and you know how tricky that is!). A graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design with an MFA from U. of Chicago-Madison, Doris teaches the Musconetcong Watercolor Group in an old gristmill on the banks of the Musconetcong, as well as at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster. Doris has illustrated many books for children, including the award-winning *A BOOK FOR BLACK-EYED SUSAN* and *THE ORANGE SHOES*. Her latest title is *THE LEGEND OF SEA GLASS*, written by Trinka Hakes Noble. Doris' books feature a sensitive drawing style and skillful watercolor technique. **You won't want to miss this!**

For more information, please check out [instagram.com/DorisEttlingerStudio](https://www.instagram.com/DorisEttlingerStudio) and [facebook.com/DorisEttlingerStudio](https://www.facebook.com/DorisEttlingerStudio) [facebook.com/MusconetcongWatercolorGroup](https://www.facebook.com/MusconetcongWatercolorGroup)





## Message from the President's desk

**We have completed one year with yours truly as your President - a modest and earnest undertaking. We have had lovely demonstrations, a beautiful newsletter, good meetings/discussions, a memorable Christmas gathering, opportunities for exhibition, a successful bus trip and a chance to get to know each other better.**

**Thank you all for the support and encouragement. Everyone is important on the team and membership appreciates all forward moving ideas and suggestions.**

**Hopefully our next year will be equally successful and enjoyable. Have a luxurious, safe, and happy summer.**

## Marge

**New Secretary** We are sorry to note that our wonderful secretary of many years, Rosemary Zangara, has had to step down from this position. Rosemary has always done an excellent job as secretary, taking copious notes at each meeting, typing them up, and letting us know each month what we did the previous month. Rosemary, RVAA thanks you more than you can possibly realize for all you have done for us!

Now...Lois Westerfield is our brand new Secretary and RVAA is very glad she has volunteered to do this job. Thank you, and congratulations, Lois!

**Our big Apple Bus Trip** organized by President Marge McGovern once again was another great experience. Thank you so much, Marge! 36 ardent art aficionados first visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art and then went on to the annual Open Juried Show of the American Watercolor Society. Several special exhibits were at the Met, including Seurat carnival works with comparison to other artists of his time.



Above left: the artist Kai Ting Sung's (from Taiwan) watercolor "Symphony of Hokkaido"  
Above right: the entrance hall of the Met Below: a hansom cab outside Central Park



At our April meeting we learned a lot watching Wendy Hallstrom demonstrate Pysanky, Ukrainian egg decorating.



### **Garden State Watercolor Society**

**The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition** is open to all NJ, NY, PA, and DE residents in any water media. You may submit two images, but only one may be accepted into the show. Delivery is by digital image; the deadline for submitting is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please go to <http://www.gswcs.com/> for more information, all the dates, and the rules for submitting. The show will run from June 22 until August 18<sup>th</sup>, at the D & R Greenway Galleries in Princeton. There are many awards.

There are several programs going on at the Farmstead Arts Group. *Young Artist Concerts* Sunday, May 21, 2017 and Sunday, June 18, 2017 2:00 pm in the Farmhouse.

"We are pleased to present a group of remarkable high school musicians chosen from auditions held at the Farmstead in March. Programs will feature: May 21st Arohi Dandawate, piano (Basking Ridge), Erin Chang, soprano (Hillsborough), Jessica Yuner Jiang, harp (Skillman), Michelle Sanchez, saxophone (Elizabeth) and on June 18<sup>th</sup> Ariadna Stockert, soprano (Millburn), Austin Lee, violin (Basking Ridge), Maya Mukadam, flute (Basking Ridge). Included will be works by Handel, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Glazounov, Puccini and more! ***Admission is free - we hope you will come out and support these talented young musicians!***" (Editor's note: we are an "arts" association, so I just thought I'd include this. Also, there are lots of visual arts programs going on at the Farmstead as well as the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster. Both have Summer Camps and Workshops for all ages). admin@farmsteadarts.org

### **Members in the News**

**DIANA PATTON** read one of her books and led a Make Your Own Book session for children in K-2 at the Somerville Library on Wednesday, May 3. On Tuesday May 16 she will be one of four artists writing critiques of fifty or more works at the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival at the Raritan Valley Community College.

**Please, please send me your news! Although our next Newsletter and meeting won't be until September, I have a file for your news and views. Inquiring minds want to know about you!**

*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*