

May 2018 Newsletter

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## Spring into Summer Greetings!

Finally, great weather! Celebrate by coming to our next meeting, **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library to watch a **marvelous watercolor demo presented by Donna Read**. Donna knew she was an artist at an early age. After graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting, a friend encouraged her to take a watercolor class. Over time, watercolor became her favorite medium to paint in. Her watercolors have won many local and state awards, and a recent portrait was chosen for the 2013 American Watercolor Society Show and traveling show. Florals, especially roses, have always been one of her favorite subjects and where she has concentrated her talents for the last several years. She is drawn to a subject bathed in dramatic light and can portray the luminosity of a flower best with transparent watercolor. Donna has been teaching watercolor classes in New Jersey for over ten years, to students from beginners to advanced.



For more info, please go to [www.donnakread.com](http://www.donnakread.com) You won't want to miss this exciting evening!

**The Big Apple Bus Trip April 21<sup>st</sup> was a huge success.** *This comes from our President Marge McGovern..."It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all!! We all enjoyed the Met and poured over the Watercolor Society contest winners and exhibitors... We were able to make a gift of \$120 in spite of 5 cancellations on the day of the trip. Life happens and I am so thankful for the faithful who join in every year. It was a delightful day in New York City (and the bus driver was the best!). Next year we will have a banner year...." Again, RVAA gives a gigantic **Thank you!** to Marge for running this.*

Our Getting-to-Know-You meeting went very well on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Oscar Peterson, whose demo was cancelled due to snow in March, is rescheduled for our September meeting.

### **Exhibit Opportunity for RVAA now! Please read!**

President Marge McGovern has arranged a show for us at the Adult Center of Somerset County in Bridgewater from June 5 to July 17 with another possible show in the autumn. Director Hilary Kruchowy writes "The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a non-profit organization that provides social day services to older adults with Alzheimer's and dementia. We are located in a large, modern facility across from the Somerset County Wellness Center next to Patriot's Stadium in Bridgewater. To enrich our member's experience, we installed a hanging system throughout the main halls of the facility with the goal of presenting three to four special art exhibitions per year." Each artist may bring two works and we would like your name, phone number, media, and price by May 30 (you can bring these to the meeting May 30 or email [diana@dianapatton.com](mailto:diana@dianapatton.com) asap) We can have a reception and the exhibit will be promoted in the news, their own E-letter, and on Facebook.

**Free art supplies** *from a recent email to Pres. Marge McGovern and also to past Pres. Linda Arnold* "My mom was painting in oil colors, but she stopped painting. Now she has quite a few tubes of oil color paints and turpentine that she would like to donate to the Raritan Valley Art Association (for your members who paint with oil color paints). She also has 4 or 5 ornate wood (with gold tone) picture frames that can be used to frame paintings. Are you interested in these free supplies for your members? Barbara" If interested the email address is: mary.bernadette <[mbobl2000@hotmail.com](mailto:mbobl2000@hotmail.com)>

**Watercolor Exhibit May 31, 2018 - June 30, 2018** at the Middletown Arts Center, Middletown, NJ. The Garden State Watercolor Society is proud to present its Annual Members' Exhibition. This year's show is going to be extra exciting as there will be \$3000 in cash and prizes and there will be the traditional water based media pieces from both Signature and Associate Members *as well as* non-water media based work. There are 81 participating artists and 125 pieces of artwork. (RVAA members Linda Arnold, Judy Hummer, and Diana Patton have work in this exhibit)

**Potters in the Pavillion** is the title of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual show of a dozen plus ceramic Artists who will be exhibiting and selling their work from the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster at CCA Pluckemin Schoolhouse Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 from 11 am until 4 pm. A wide variety of pottery, sculpture, etc will be available.

**Layers of the Earth: from Core to Cloud** is the current exhibit at the D R Greenway Land Trust at the Johnson Education Center in Princeton. "Traverse from soil to sky with tapestries, sculptures, and paintings. For directions and hours of the exhibit please go to <http://drgreenway.org/art-galleries/> or phone 609/924-4646."

**June 14, 2018 there will be an Intuitive Paper Collage Workshop with Joanne Amantea and RVAA and GSWS member Judy Hummer** at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church St., Middletown, NJ, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Let go of expectations that inhibit you and connect with your intuition to express yourself with collage. In this two hour workshop, a brief demonstration will be given and then participants will use discarded and worn papers to create works of artistic beauty. Beginners and experienced painters will find this a refreshing way to re-energize their art process. If you have never collaged before, this is a great way to start! This workshop is limited to 15 participants so reserve your place now. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, June 3rd  
Members - \$20.00 Non-members - \$40.00 (includes first year "Try Us Out" Membership) Material Fee - \$5.00 Any questions? Contact - Judy Hummer at 908-872-9348 or email [jhummermom@aol.com](mailto:jhummermom@aol.com)

**Princeton University Art Museum** always has a large and eclectic selection of exhibits ongoing, but the newest ones upcoming include "Frank Stella Unbound—Literature and Printing", "Picturing Protest" photographs and more, and "Revealing Interiors" in the Early European galleries. The Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 until 5 and on Sundays from noon to 5. For further info, please call 609/258-3788 or go to <http://artmuseum.princeton.edu/visit> Why not pay them a visit this summer?

## **MEMBERS NEWS**

**JUDY HUMMER** will be teaching the afore-mentioned Intuitive Collage Workshop on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**DIANA PATTON** was one of seven artists critiquing over 300 works for Somerset County Teen Arts Fest at the Raritan Valley Community College Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Your editor was heartened to view all the wonderful work in many different media. Each of the critiquing artists filled out detailed forms and wrote many comments on the work (we each critiqued about 40 works). I was amazed at the variety and the talent exhibited. Hooray for youth and art!

*Inquiring minds want to know your news! Please email or snail me your news. Thank you! Next issue is in September, but I will save all your news until then.*