

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

May 2019 Newsletter

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Jaunty Spring Greetings!

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Before we close out this year - a busy year for exhibition, bus trip, camaraderie and excellent demonstrators - I would like to thank the many people who helped me: The Board of Directors - Peggye Tombro, Assistant to the President - Lois Westerfield, Secretary - Barbara Fiorentino, Treasurer - Susan Boyd, Membership - Donna Souren, Demonstrators - Diana Patton, Newsletter - Jennifer Ali, Facebook, Opportunities and our Public Face, the people who showed up for the bus trip and for the support from the club monthly.

Thank you.

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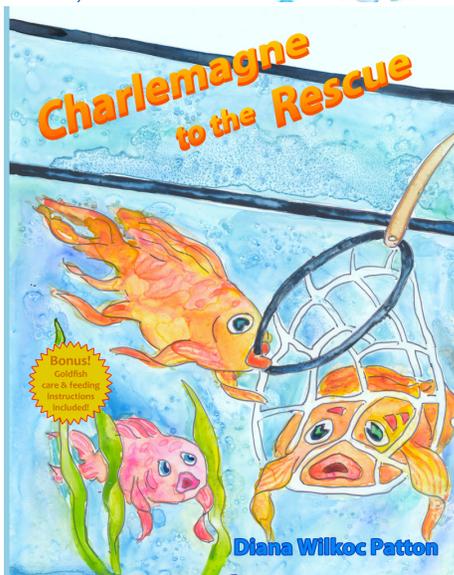
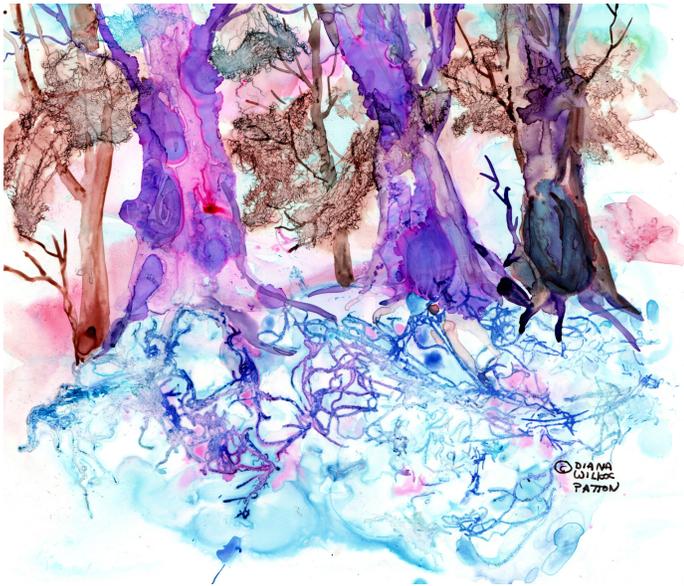
Thank you.

**PS. I sent out invites to my 80th Birthday Party, Sunday, June 30, 1-5pm**, to the entire club with the emails you have provided to the Membership chairperson. If you haven't received one then you know we can't contact you. Please consider coming, I'll welcome you all!

**Next demo---Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library.**

Do come and watch **Experimental Watercolor Techniques**, including alcohol inks, Peerless watercolor papers, spider webbing and cheesecloth, and more, on Yupo, hot press, and gesso-ed paper. **Diana Patton** will be demonstrating these techniques and hopes that there will be lots of questions. To see more of her work, please go to [www.dianapatton.com](http://www.dianapatton.com) Diana will also have her three picture books at the meeting if you have children/grandchildren and would like to buy any.

Okay, I'm talking about myself in the 3<sup>rd</sup> person, as an editor should...but...although I may get to the September meeting, I may not, because Gard and I will be moving, theoretically, the end of September, so it would be lovely to see as many of you as I can at this May meeting. RVAA has been a huge and important part of my life since 1975, when we moved to Bridgewater. To say I will greatly miss our meetings, our exhibits, our bus trip, is an understatement.



Our April demonstrator, Kathy Rupff, showed us collage techniques and some of her lovely work, as well as having us start to make collages. It was lots of fun! You may see some of Kathy's award-winning work at <https://www.kathleenrupff.com> and also <https://www.kathleenrupff.com/blog>





## Calling ALL Artists

### Spread your wings and fly

The Somerset County 4-H/ Middle Earth Student Ambassadors for Community Health Club (SACH) is working with the Bound Brook Town Council, Bound Brook REC Department, Bound Brook Community Garden Committee, and Bound Brook Arts Council on the site planning and revitalization of Maltex Park, located at the corner of Vosseller and West Main Street in Bound Brook, NJ. An element of the proposed project is to create a Story Book Trail accompanied by 3D large sculptural butterflies throughout Bound Brook leading to the park.

To represent the rebirth of the park and the metamorphosis of the town of Bound Brook, the butterfly has been selected as the mascot for this new community project. As caterpillars change into butterflies, Bound Brook is currently changing and evolving into a town which embraces change, diversity, and community. By adding art through creative placemaking around town and leading to Maltex park, SACH hopes to contribute to the positive changes taking place in Bound Brook, as well as encourage pride in our community.

#### A Community Metamorphosis

Help the town of Bound Brook grow and change with your art. Be one of the artists to design, paint, and otherwise adorn one of the oversized fiberglass butterflies that will accompany the Story Book Trail. This unique artistic experience will give you:

- A showcase for your talent
- Optimum exposure through increased pedestrian traffic within Bound Brook
- Media attention throughout Bound Brook and beyond
- A means to give back to the community

#### Entry Deadline:

Applications, design diagrams, resume and samples of your artwork must be received by Friday, June 21, 2019. Send your submissions to:

Middle Earth Re: SACH P.O. Box 8045, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Or email [SACHButterflies@gmail.com](mailto:SACHButterflies@gmail.com) for further information.

**Spring and Summer classes and workshops** are available both at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster <https://ccabedminster.org/> and the Farmstead Arts Center in Basking Ridge [farmsteadartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:farmsteadartscenter@gmail.com) 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, 908.636.7576 [admin@farmsteadarts.org](mailto:admin@farmsteadarts.org)

*And please remember that we have some fine museums right near us including the Zimmerli Museum in New Brunswick, the Princeton Art Museum, and the Morris Museum of Arts and Sciences, in Morris Township.*

*So you can indeed have an Art-full Summer!*

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



**DIANA PATTON**  
May 1 - June 5, 2019  
**CLOSING RECEPTION**  
Wednesday, June 5, 7-9 pm

To see more of Diana's work or to purchase:  
[dianapatton.com/swan](http://dianapatton.com/swan)

View Diana reading her picture books.  
Go to [pattonpicsandtales.com](http://pattonpicsandtales.com).



**EXHIBIT LOCATION**  
Bridgewater Municipal Building  
100 Commons Way, Bridgewater  
1st Floor Hallway

  
**BCAC**  
[bridgewater.arts@gmail.com](mailto:bridgewater.arts@gmail.com)  
[www.bridgewatercreativearts.wordpress.com](http://www.bridgewatercreativearts.wordpress.com)

Last Act at her Bridgewater home, just email [diana@dianapatton.com](mailto:diana@dianapatton.com) or snail mail (address on header above). The Last Act will be mid-July.

**DIANA PATTON** invites you to the closing reception of her one-woman show at the Bridgewater Municipal Bldg Gallery on June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9 pm. All paintings are also online at [www.dianapatton.com/swan](http://www.dianapatton.com/swan) She will also have a show from June 1-June 30 at the Somerville Public Library (those paintings will be online June 3) If you would like an invite to

This will be the last newsletter before our next meeting in September, the 25<sup>th</sup> with Diana Kung doing Chinese brush painting. But you can email or snail mail me **your news** anytime, and I hope you do. *Inquiring minds want your news!*