

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## September Slips Silently In....

And suddenly summer is almost over. What? It went *way too fast*. But don't you worry, President Linda Arnold has lined up a great series of programs. We start with artist **Kristina Lloyd, Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library**. Kristina will be doing something totally different for RVAA. She will be working with Amber Beads. Over the years, Amber has become a favorite material used to make beaded jewelry. "Amber is unique, lightweight, and over 65 million years old! Learn how to make a necklace using amber beads while hearing stories and facts about its history. Begin to tell the difference between authentic and fake amber by viewing some finished work. Join me in an adventure through time that has not only a good ending but a beautiful one!" Kristina paints with vibrant and iridescent colors, photographs bold graphic forms and uses whimsical themes with extraordinary details. A Trustee and the Visual Arts Coordinator at Farmstead Arts, Basking Ridge, Kristina has won awards and exhibited her artwork in juried, solo and group shows in New Jersey and Washington, DC. *Please call President Linda Arnold if you are willing to help with Hospitality---908-647-3610. Linda has also said that she will soon find it necessary to step down from the Presidency, due to several factors. Do we have members interested in the position? Contact Linda if you would be interested.*

**Doug Axmann moving ...** and we really *hate to say this. Actually he already moved*. We all know Doug—as a very fine artist and demonstrator, as Membership Chairman for Raritan Valley Arts Association for as long as most of us remember, and for always pulling together our joyous annual Holiday Dinner in December. But you may not know that each December Doug also brings in his racks and loans them for our Holiday Show. You may not know that he taught at the Joe Kubert School of Art for years. You may not know that he is a Specialist at Staples in the Print Dept. and can help anyone see that their art is reproduced well on posters, calendars, and cards. **You simply must come to our meeting 9/17 and bid Doug a fond farewell!** Doug has already moved down to Wildwood Crest, but will come up for this meeting. **Susan Boyd** will be our new **Membership Chairperson**. Susan has been having our Newsletter

printed and sent out for the last couple of years, and like Doug, is immensely helpful (she is also an excellent watercolorist).



2008 Doug and Santa Dick Arnold



2009 Doug and Eleanor Demott

Well, here's an easy segue into speaking of Membership Dues. **They are due.** Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Susan Boyd 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836.** Dues are \$30 for Individual, \$35 for Family, and \$15 for Student (through high school). Susan's phone is (732) 560-7241. Dues will get you all these demonstrations, two or three exhibits a year, the annual Big Apple Trip, the newsletters, a presence on the internet (<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org>), and last, but not least, lots of camaraderie.

### **A Change in our annual Holiday Show**

From Samantha Gale at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library comes "I wanted to alert you to a change in our library policy that is currently pending regarding displays inside the Bridgewater Library. Any items on display will not be permitted to be sold inside the library, nor any prices or price lists posted. All sales must be conducted outside of the library. Contact information in regards to these sales may be displayed along with the artwork just not the prices themselves." We will still have our show as library patrons look forward to this as well as we; the only thing is that buyers must contact you. We will still have show sitting in order to publicize our association and the artists in the show (however, I'll lower the hours from 6 to 4). Your editor plans to show sit the first Saturday and will give out info to anyone interested. You might want

to post a brochure or small poster with your bio and phone number/mail next to your work, and even leave one in the show book so any show sitter can easily give out information about you and your work. As you know, the exhibit takes place the month of December.

*(your editor thought some of you may be interested in this—as websites are becoming more necessary for artists. I'm sure RValley Comm. College might have a course, and the library might some time if you express interest, but this is available now).*

### [Create your own website using free online tools](#)

Katonah Art Center, 131 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY. **Two Sundays: September 23rd and 30th, 1pm - 4:30pm.** Pay online at: [www.artistadvisory.com/workshops.html](http://www.artistadvisory.com/workshops.html) or call to register: (914) 232-4843.

#### **Workshop Description:**

Would you like to present your work to the world? In this hands-on workshop participants will create and publish their own website using free online tools. Participants will be guided through the use of free online templates, and a free web-hosting service, to create a professional looking website. There is no need to pre-register your domain name. However, if you already own a domain name this workshop will guide you through the application of templates to design and upload your site to your domain name and to easily maintain your site going forward. Please bring jpeg images of your work, an image of you, and files containing your resume, biography, and artist statement along with a wi-fi enabled laptop. Make sure you can access your email during this workshop. **Registration closes no later than one week prior to workshop**

Next month our artist demonstrator will be **Susan Antin**, who will do a colored pencil demo and talk about her work. Keep the date, Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**ALKA DALAL** exhibited her series "Painting for Peace" at the Jain temple in Franklin Township opening ceremony in July with about 6,000 in attendance. She sold several original paintings and a Giclee of the original painting on canvas. It was a great event and a successful one.

**BILL GILBERT** was in the juried exhibit "Sea Life" at the Hamilton Street Gallery in Bound Brook this summer with a mixed media watercolor and collage.

**ELSA HERRMANN** received a Merit Award in the American Artists' Professional League Open State Juried Exhibition of Representational Art, at Middlesex County College in Edison. The exhibit ran through April 28th. Elsa also was awarded the Manasquan Art Gallery Award 2012 at the Manasquan River Group of Artists' Show at the Brielle Library, through June.

**DIANA PATTON** had a watercolor "Jellyfish Ballet" in the juried show "Sea Life" at the Hamilton Street Gallery, Bound Brook during the summer.

A group of RVAA members were in the recent Juried Sr. Citizens Exhibit in the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Gallery in Somerville. Among them were **LINDA ARNOLD, DIANA PATTON, ROSEMARY ZANGARA**, and in memoriam, **CAROL SCIACCA**.

*Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news.*

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*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*