

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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Late Summer Greetings!

Because I hate the passing of summer each year and hold on to it as long as possible....we hope you had a great one! Continue the fun with our next meeting, **Monday, September 23rd** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library, 7:30 pm, when **Mark deMos** will give us a **watercolor demo**. Painting for over 30 years, Mark has experience in watercolor, pastel, oil, etching and pen and ink. He is a signature member of the prestigious Allied Artists of America (NYC), the Hudson Valley Art Association, four Watercolor Societies (New Jersey, Garden State, North East and Baltimore), and was the founding president of the Pastel Society of New Jersey. He's been featured in the **Watercolor Magic** magazine (now **Watercolor Artist**), **A Light Hand**, North Light Press' **Splash 8 and 9**, and was chosen for **Watercolor Secrets** (2009) a how to book by one of 15 "iconic" artists of the Splash series. A multi-award winner in juried regional and national exhibitions. Recently he has received two best in shows in Essex Watercolor exhibits. Currently represented by two galleries, **Studio 7** in Bernardsville and in Plainfield NJ, and online. He has taught for years (Livingston Art Association and CCA). Mark accepts commissions in watercolor, pastel and oil, frequently doing house portraits. You can learn more about and see the range of work by Mark on his website, www.demosfineart.com.

President Alka Dalal and her husband Sid hosted a great wine & cheese get-together for RVAA on Sunday, July 21st which was enjoyed by about 20 people. Each one introduced themselves and said something about their art. The group socialized for about three hours and also included some special guests. This was the first such party RVAA has had, and it was a fun success. Thank you, Alka and Sid!

President Alka Dalal has arranged for RVAA members to have a group show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery in Somerville April 14- May 23. This is an excellent place for exposure as many people walk through this county administration building. Alka is looking for two people to cochair the project. You can email her at alkadalal@hotmail.com or phone her at 908/393-6561. (your editor has been in many shows in this gallery over the years; you can park right in their building's parking lot, so you won't have to carry paintings far at all). We are also

looking for volunteers for hospitality. Please contact Alka to volunteer for this. Remember you will be reimbursed \$10.

RVAA is in need of someone to store our demonstration Mylar "mirror" and bring it to meetings, where you will be helped setting it up. We hope to get someone different each year who can do this. Please call Alka at 908/393-6561 if you can do this for a year. It will be very greatly appreciated.

Jamie Lindholm, artist and owner of the Martinsville Studio & Gallery tells us she has a few openings in the pastel portrait classes to be run by world famous Ellen Eagle October 7-10 from 10 am to 4 pm. Ellen teaches for the Art Students League in NYC, has exhibited world wide and been featured in many magazines and books. Please phone Jamie at 732-667-5328 if you'd like to reserve a seat in this special class. You can also check out <http://elleneagleportraits.com/noteworthy.htm> and www.themartinsvillestudio.com for more information and photos.

For a "heads up", our October demonstrator will be Jamie Lindholm who will work in either oils or pastel; in November Carol Katz will demonstrate in oils.

Call for Submissions by Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum, located in Cadwalader Park in Trenton (your editor has been in shows there; it's a lovely park and Ellarslie is handsome historic mansion). "Works on Paper" is the name of the show and it runs November 16-January 5 **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 20, 2013**
SUBMISSION FEES: There is no submission fee for entry to the show. You are encouraged to become a member of this dynamic institution
<http://www.ellarslie.org/members.htm>

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD did a composite painting of the Cancer Support Community in Bedminster.....of their buildings and grounds.....they are using it for their "Spirit of Hope" Celebration in October. Linda also painted Ridge Oak's newest building addition in Basking Ridge which was commissioned by the director, and which they used for the grand opening, giving prints of it to the people in Trenton who helped support this and to assorted other dignitaries.

ALKA DALAL had a successful showing at Arbor Glen in Somerville during the summer months of July-August and she sold a painting. She had a demo for the residence in One Stroke painting which was well received in August. Her current show for the month of September is at Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater and one in Trinity United Church in Warren, NJ.

ELSA HERRMANN was awarded honorable mention in the Manasquan River Group of Artists' show in Brielle. Elsa further remarked that this is "the best award I ever got: 2 tickets for 3 shows at the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan. That's 6 tickets in all. Pretty nifty."

JOAN MCKINNEY did a special watercolor demonstration for the Garden State Watercolor Society Show during their spring show and sale. Joan was also awarded Honorable Mention in the GSWS annual Full Members' Show.

CAROL OLSEN has had her watercolor paintings in the gallery at Bardy Farms this summer.

DIANA PATTON was accepted into the One-on-One program sponsored by the Rutgers University Council on Childrens' Literature. The unique one-on-one format gives writers and illustrators a rare opportunity to share their work with an assigned mentor from a group of editors, art directors, and agents. Diana will also be giving a program at Arbor Glen October 25th on the Galapagos. Diana continues to teach for the Jointure at BRM School and in her home.

Hello, out there! Inquiring minds want to know what you're up to. I know some of you will be doing fall shows; let us know what's happening with you, please.

Happy Painting!
Diana