

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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September 2015 Newsletter

Late Summer Greetings!

Your editor refuses to let go of Summer. It's so lovely. And it goes so fast.

Well, never mind, you're sure to have a lovely time at our next meeting, Monday, September 28th 7:30 pm at Somerset County Library when artist Carolyn Opderbeck will be demonstrating using alcohol and inks. You owe it to yourself to check out her website <http://www.carolynopderbeck.com/alcohol-ink.html> because she is doing some very exciting things. You can go to YouTube and put her name in and see some great things, as well. Carolyn's background includes working as a mural artist, teaching art in Hawthorne Christian Academy, and now, giving workshops around the country with truly innovative work, especially in watercolor, alcohol, and inks on Yupo. Carolyn is also proficient in oil painting. Be sure to start your autumn painting season with this meeting!

We all wish for better health for our President Alka Dalal. Alka has had a most difficult spring and summer with health problems, mainly now, having to do with muscles. She will be in a wheelchair for our first meeting and after many tests, is awaiting diagnosis. Alka has done so much for RVAA and we all hope and pray for her recovery. She is at 592 Cabot Hill Rd, Bridgewater, if you'd care to send her get well wishes.

Not to be missed at Princeton University Art Museum

[Cézanne and the Modern: Masterpieces of European Art from the Pearlman Collection](#)

September 19, 2015 – January 3, 2016 “One of the finest collections of works to be held by a single family, the Henry and Rose Pearlman Collection has not toured in its entirety since 1974, when it was placed on long-term loan at the Princeton University Art Museum and where it has remained ever since. This major exhibition will present Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces from the Pearlman Collection and will feature paintings and sculptures by artists who were transformative members of the avant-garde of their day”.

GET INVOLVED WITH BCAC:

The Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee is seeking to fill vacant seats as of January 1, 2016 for a 3-year term. BCAC is comprised of Bridgewater residents who are appointed by the Township Council and charged with raising awareness of the arts within the Township.

The committee seeks additional volunteers with experience and interest in the arts, marketing, social media, or grant writing.

BCAC, while dormant for the last few years, is regrouping and eager to launch new ideas within the community. If you are interested in getting involved on the grassroots level, please contact bridgewater.arts@gmail.com for more information.

BCAC sponsored art show coming soon—you can enter it! Talent in the Town, Call for entries.....**Where:** "The Halls" at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building, 1st Floor
Deadline for Submissions: Friday, September 25, 2015

2-D Art Exhibit Dates: October 20 - November 19, 2015

Open House Reception and Performance Showcase: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6-8 pm

Exhibit Summary: Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee invites *Bridgewater residents* of all talent and skill levels to participate in our annual *Talent In The Town* exhibition, a showcase of both visual and performing arts. The purpose of this exhibition is to celebrate the varied talents of our residents, regardless of skill level, age, or background.

Types of Media: The visual art aspect of this exhibition is open to framed or matted 2-D media, including, watercolor, acrylic, oil, photography, collage, mixed media, and paper art related works. Work must be signed and dated on the front and not previously submitted to *Talent In The Town*. An individual may submit up to 5 pieces of work for consideration in this exhibit. Photographs of work should be submitted to bridgewater.arts@gmail.com (also for more info) by Friday, September 25, 2015.

The performing art aspect of this exhibition is open to 3 - 5 minute group or solo performances, including but not limited to vocal, dance, poetry reading, or instrumental music. A sound system will be provided. Please fill out the attached form and submit it along with a 30-60 second video clip of your talent to bridgewater.arts@gmail.com by Friday, September 25, 2015. **Notification of Selection:** All submissions will be considered and reviewed. We hope to include work from each artist and performer, therefore, not all work submitted by each artist may be showcased. Participants will be notified via e-mail on or about October 5, 2015 with further instructions.

Awards: A participant from each of the two aspects of the exhibit will receive an Award of Excellence chosen by BCAC member, Pat Franchino, curator of this year's exhibition.

For questions or more information:

e-mail us at: Bridgewater.arts@gmail.com

visit: www.bridgewatercreativearts.wordpress.com or www.bridgewaternj.gov

Highland Park's Annual Arts Street Festival and Juried Art Show Main Street

Highland Park is seeking artists, artisans, crafters, and other vendors to participate in Arts in the Park, Highland Park's annual arts street fair. The festival will be on Sunday September 20 from 11:30 am - 4:30 pm along Raritan Avenue (Route 27) in downtown Highland Park, New Jersey. The festival draws thousands of people to the streets of Highland Park to enjoy top-notch art, music, and food while exploring the town as a

shopping and dining destination. More information, an online vendor application, and information about sponsorship opportunities can be found on the Main Street Highland Park website, www.mainstreethp.org, or by emailing rebecca@mainstreethp.org.

Two watercolor shows you might want to see: the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at the D & R Greenway Land Trust, Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, with the (closing) Awards Reception Sept. 25, from 4:30-6:30 pm. Also: the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Exhibit at the Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown, Sept 28 - Nov 1, 2015.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD's watercolor paintings are included in the book by Christine Unwin entitled **The Artistic Touch**.

ELSA HERRMANN's painting "Oh, Eeeek!" was accepted into the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Show.

JUDY HUMMER's painting "Winter Garden" was accepted into the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Show and her "Shadow Play" was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show.

DIANA PATTON's painting "Fish and Debris" was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show. She was also accepted into the nationally juried Rutgers Council on Children's Literature One-on-One program of writing and illustration to be held October 17th.

OLGA PHELPS, who is with the online Gallery-NJ, will be part of their first pop-up Gallery exhibit at the Farmstead Art Center 450 King George Road in Basking Ridge, from October 10-25th, with a reception Oct. 18th from 1-4.

DEBBIE TINTLE's painting "Farm near Kutztown" was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show.

As always, I'm asking you for your news! Inquiring minds want to know what you are doing! Do email diana@dianapatton.com or snail mail the address above on the letterhead.

Happy painting! Diana