

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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September Greetings!

It's hard to believe our wonderful summer weather will soon be over. However, cheer up by coming to our first meeting **Wednesday, September 20th, 7:15 pm at the Somerset County Library, for a watercolor demonstration, "Painting Portraits in Watercolor" by Margaret "Meg" Fanning.** You may remember that our March meeting when Meg was supposed to demo got canceled due to the weather last winter. Margaret Fanning graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Painting. She is best known for her realistic portrayal of the personal snapshot. Using ink, watercolor, oil, and mixed media, she plays with tone and color to evoke a sense of nostalgia. Margaret has exhibited internationally and her art can be found in multiple private collections throughout the U.S. She has won multiple awards including the Alexander Portfolio Award and the NJ Chapter of the American Artists Professional League Traditional Realism Award. Meg won an award recently for her acrylic portrait at the CCA Annual Non Juried Members Show & teaches at Farmstead Arts Center where she is currently exhibiting. You may visit Meg's website at <http://www.margaretfanning.com>



From the President's Desk...a big "Welcome Back" from Marge McGovern. And be sure to come to our next meeting!

Help needed in setting up for our meetings

In the past, the custodial staff employed by the Township of Bridgewater has set up and broken down seating in the library's meeting rooms. Since the Township is changing the model for how it provides custodial services at the library and is moving instead to contract cleaners, they will no longer be able to provide set-up and take-down services for meetings for outside groups. Therefore, if you want to help set up for our meeting, feel free to come at 7. And if our meeting runs overtime, we'll be responsible for ensuring that the main doors of the library are secure when leaving.

For Sale by RVAA member Lib Ryman who has some easels one of you might like.

1. Solid Oak A-frame easel--adjustable canvas holders have easy turn knobs, adjustable back leg. Dimensions 68" H x 23" W x 24" D. \$100.
2. Aluminum Easel--Tripod design. Adjustments include: tilt top, upper & lower canvas heights and tripod legs. Tilts flat, also, for watercolors. Height when open 58", when folded 34". \$50.

If interested, please call Elizabeth "Lib" Ryman 908-604-9459

There will be a special exhibit entitled "Autumn Aura" of both American and Russian artists at the MORA Museum in Jersey City, from Sept. 9-23. For more information, please go to: <http://www.moramuseum.org/exhibitions/international-art-show/> .

October 15 to October 20, 2017. www.artistgetaway.com

Come paint at the beach, the river, the garden and the redwoods with us next month! All within 10 scenic miles or less from Occidental, CA in Sonoma County. There are still rooms left for this Artist Getaway.

Somerville Fall Art classes

Mondays, 6:00 - 8:30 PM in the delightful and convenient 2nd Floor Verve lounge. 18 E. Main St., Somerville with instructor Susan Antin, who has demonstrated for us a couple of times. Pencil Art: The Basics of Drawing September 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
\$125 The Unexpected: Colored Pencil October 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27
\$125 For supply list or to register, visit: <http://antinart.com/classes.php>

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

JUDY HUMMER was accepted into the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 37th Annual International Juried Show. She also had her work "Frosty Hedgerow" accepted into the

juried New Jersey Water Color Society Show. Judy received First Prize in the 2017 Philadelphia Watercolor Society Annual Members Show. In the 48th Annual Juried Exhibit of the Garden State Watercolor Society Judy won the GSWS Member Silver Award for "Frosty Hedgerow".

BILL METZ was awarded First Place Professional Category in Oils for his painting "The Stone Mill in Clinton" at the 2017 Somerset County Senior Artist show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery in Somerville, which ran from August 20-September 12. His work will go on to the Statewide Senior Art Show Sept. 21-Oct 19 at Meadow Lakes Senior Living, 300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor, NJ 08520.

DIANA PATTON was awarded an Honorable Mention for "Lobsters on the Loose" in the Center for Contemporary Art's Members' Show in Bedminster which ran this summer until September 7th.

DONNA SOUREN was awarded First Place Professional Category in Watercolors for her painting "Three Blue Jay Feathers" at the 2017 Somerset County Senior Artist show at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery in Somerville, which ran from August 20-September 12. Her work will go on to the Statewide Senior Art Show Sept. 21-Oct 19 at Meadow Lakes Senior Living, 300 Meadow Lakes, East Windsor, NJ 08520.

You may not be aware of it, but on our website www.raritanvalleyarts.org you can always find, not just the current Newsletter, but an archive of past newsletters and a gallery of our members' work.

Now you know what I'm going to ask...for your news, of course. Inquiring minds really do want to know what you are doing. Just email or snail mail me, please.

Happy Painting!
Diana