

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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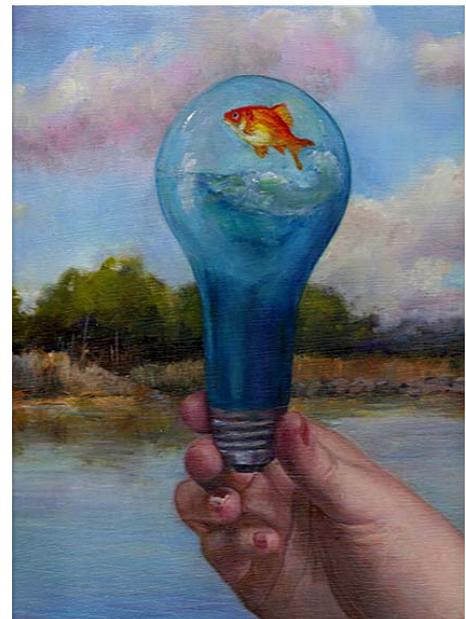
## September Greetings!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer; it passed way too fast (well, technically we have until Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to enjoy it). You'll want to begin autumn with a bang by coming to our first meeting, **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 pm** at the Somerset County Library in Bridgewater, when artist **Oscar Peterson** will be doing a "loose painting in oils" of a model that will be with him. ( <http://olpeterson.wixsite.com/petersonportraits/newest-works> ) - "Born in Harlem, New York, and raised in Brooklyn, I'm currently a resident of Millburn, New Jersey. I've worked as a professional art director and designer/illustrator for various corporations and non-profits, and as a commissioned fine arts painter specializing in portraiture. An alumnus of Pratt Institute and the Art Students League, I've studied with many leading realist painters, including Nelson Shanks, Dave Passalacqua, and Costa Vavagiakis. My approach to painting is to capture the grace and beauty of ordinary people. The sampling of portraits and figuratives included on my website were painted from life in my studio and at the Art Students League in New York. My quest is not to capture a moment in time, but to capture a time in the life of the individual I paint. In so doing, I hope to evoke a response and create an emotional connection between the painting and the viewer, which to me is a rewarding and humbling experience."



Left: **The Matriarch**

Right: **Fish out of Water**  
From the  
Fantasy Fish  
Series



A plein air sketch



**Our Exhibit at the Adult Center of Somerset County was a lovely show!**

President Marge McGovern arranged the show for us at the Adult Center of Somerset County in Bridgewater which ran from June 5 to July 17. Those members exhibiting were Susan Boyd, Mary Lou Guididas, Marge McGovern, William Metz, Diana Patton, Lori Semak, Donna Souren, and Lois Westerfield. Director Hilary Kruchowy writes "The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a non-profit organization that provides social day services to older adults with Alzheimer's and dementia. We are located in a large, modern facility across from the Somerset County Wellness Center next to Patriot's Stadium in Bridgewater. To enrich our member's experience, we installed a hanging system throughout the main halls of the facility with the goal of presenting three to four special art exhibitions per year."

**Senior Show at the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery**



**Opening Reception**

Left: Christa Holz with her work;  
Above: Diana Patton near her  
mixed media;  
right: Donna Souren's  
award winning watercolor.



You can see Bill Metz in the group photo below right and Christa left. Peg Tombro was also in the show.



## PAINTING OPPORTUNITIES

**Farmstead Arts** invites artists to submit work with an equine theme for inclusion in the AMAZING HORSES art exhibit in the Farmstead galleries.

**Exhibit Dates:** October 14 - November 25, 2018

**Reception:** Sunday, October 28 from 1:00-4:00 pm

**Entrance Fee:** \$35.00 (cash or check payable to "Farmstead Arts")

**Quantity:** Each artist may submit up to 2 works All media accepted

**Size:** Height or width cannot exceed 30", including frame

**Entry Deadline:** October 1st - please send an email to [admin@farmsteadarts.org](mailto:admin@farmsteadarts.org) to confirm your intent to participate

**Drop-off dates:** Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 11am - 1pm

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 from 5 - 7 pm

**Half Moon Bay Artist Getaway** - Although this is out in California, it looks like such a lovely opportunity, I needed to share it. I often receive email notifications from Samantha McNally about cool workshops. Dates: October 21, 22, 23, checking out on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Come paint at the beach! We stay in the Half Moon Bay Lodge and paint right at the ocean nearby. The price includes your hotel room and...on the first night, 10/21, a 5 pm welcome reception with wine and cheese and goodie bags of art samples. On 10/22 and 10/23, we paint together as a group each day and in the evenings we will meet at 5 pm at the hotel by the pool to view our work. Breakfast is included each morning. We check out on the 24<sup>th</sup> and we can paint together at Crystal Springs Reservoir on the way home. 3 days of painting. 3 nights in the hotel. Register on [www.artistgetaway.com](http://www.artistgetaway.com)



**Robert Sussna is offering a workshop.**

"I will be teaching Watercolor Painting again this Fall at the Community School of New Hope/Solebury. It will be instruction for beginners and more experienced artists, including those who have painted long ago and just want to get involved again, or to improve their painting skills." Please refer to their website for details [info@csnhs.org](mailto:info@csnhs.org) .

## **MEMBERS NEWS**

**LINDA ARNOLD** received Third Place in the online Associate NJWCS Show for Solar Energy. She was in the GSWCS Members Show at Middletown and the White Oak Show at the Farmstead in Basking Ridge featuring paintings and etc. of the 600 year old oak that was in the center of BR. Linda's watercolors were also accepted into the juried NJWCS show (for the painting "October Red") and the juried Northeast Watercolor Society International Show in Kent Connecticut. Linda adds, "The NJ entry was on Yupo which is fun to work on. .I'm still teaching the seniors here in Basking Ridge."

**JUDITH HUMMER** has her painting "A Time to Remember" in the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Show, which runs from Sept 30-November 4.

**DONNA SOUREN** was awarded First Place in Watercolor in the Somerset County Senior Art Exhibit at the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission Exhibit this summer at their Gallery in the County Administration Building in Somerville. (see picture above)

**DEBBIE TINTLE** had her painting "Farm Country" accepted into the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Show, in the Middletown Art Center, Middletown, NJ.

**LOIS WESTERFIELD** was awarded an Honorable Mention in the Center for Contemporary Art's Members' Exhibit for her watercolor on Yupo "A Quiet Stream." Her painting was also the exhibit photo featured in emails and on postcards.

*Inquiring minds want to know your news! Please email or snail me your news.  
Thank you! Next issue will be in October*