

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

September 2019 Newsletter

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Still warm & sunny September greetings!

You will not want to miss our September 25th meeting, 7:15 pm, at the Somerset County Library, as Diana Kung, a Chinese brush painter, will be our demonstrator (you may remember she was "snowed out" last February). Diana Hsu Kung graduated from the National Taiwan College of Arts, majoring in Chinese Painting. She obtained a Master of Art degree both from Montclair State University in NJ and New Rochelle College in NY. Diana taught Chinese Painting and Calligraphy at St. John's University in NY for ten years and is currently teaching Chinese Painting at the Visual Art Center in Summit, NJ and the Contemporary Art Center in Bedminster, NJ. Diana is an award-winning artist with many solo and group shows. Diana Hsu Kung's Chinese painting is collected by the Taiwan Provincial Museum and is in many private and public collections. Her works were also published by Galaxy of Graphics Ltd. and Arthur A. Kaplan Co. in NY. In addition to teaching, Diana, a resident of Warren, NJ, devotes most of her time creating Chinese ink and watercolor paintings as well as abstract oil paintings.





Looking ahead to October, Donna Souren tells us that Patricia Farley, the very creative gourd artist, is going to be our October demo artist. She will have her fine crafts on display in the library that month so she will be perfect for a fall meeting.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thank you to all those who shared my birthday party with me. It was a good day with friends and family.

Looking forward to a good year. Marge McGovern

Raritan Valley Art Association members are exhibiting now through October 1st at the Somerville Public Library. Members exhibiting are Lydia Chibane, Bill Metz, Donna Souren, and Peg Tombro. Peg and Bill hung the whole exhibit and we thank them greatly for doing it. And a special thanks to Susan Boyd, who emails out all the notices about our exhibits and demos. The Somerville Library is located at 35 West End Avenue in Somerville, New Jersey. It is centered at the end of Somerville's downtown Main Street and is in the same building as the town's Borough Hall. Your editor hopes you all tell your friends about the show and view it yourself!

Spread your wings and fly

The Somerset County 4-H/ Middle Earth Student Ambassadors for Community Health Club (SACH) is working with the Bound Brook Town Council, Bound Brook REC Department, Bound Brook Community Garden Committee, and Bound Brook Arts Council on the site planning and revitalization of Maltex Park, located at the corner of Vosseller and West Main Street in Bound Brook, NJ. An element of the proposed project is to create a Story Book Trail accompanied by 3D large sculptural butterflies throughout Bound Brook leading to the park.

To represent the rebirth of the park and the metamorphosis of the town of Bound Brook, the butterfly has been selected as the mascot for this new community project. Our own Bill Metz created one of these weighty painted sculptures, and on the "finishing day celebration" his grand-daughters helped finish the painting. Your editor thinks you might enjoy these happy photos. Creativity runs in the family!



Call for Artists The Farmstead Arts Center invites artists to submit work for our **Farms & Fields Exhibit** this fall. Exhibit dates October 6th to November 3rd; reception Sunday October 20 from 1-4. Up to three submissions are allowed per artist. **Gallery Agreement deadline is Monday, September 16th.** For more info: Please see Gallery Agreement on the website: <https://farmsteadartscenter.org> or email admin@farmsteadarts.org or call 908/636-7576. The Farmstead Arts Center is at 450 King George Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Bill Metz, Donna Souren, Lois Westerfield, and Jennifer Ali had paintings on exhibit at the Center for Contemporary Art's Annual Non-Juried Members' Show, in Bedminster, from June 21st through August 24th.

Linda Arnold, Lydia Chibane, Bill Metz, Donna Souren, and Rosemary Zangara have paintings on exhibit at the Somerset County Annual Senior Show at the Somerset County Administration Building, Somerville, through September 13. Both Linda and Lydia won awards. Congratulations to all!



Photos of Linda's work, left, and Lydia's, right, courtesy of Bill Metz

Bill Metz painted Dr. Seuss characters for the Somerset County 4H Exhibits in August.



Bill Gilbert will be taking over Diana Patton's longtime watercolor class for the Jointure for Community Education in North Branch. If you want to join the class, Monday nights from 6:30-90 pm, just go to www.Jointure.org and click onto Community, and then "online courses and registration" (even though the class is live, and not online). The class is called Watercolor; all levels are welcome.

Peg Tombro will be having a personal exhibition at the Mendham Township Library October 2-29. "I will be exhibiting my floral watercolors including some of my botanicals." The library is located at 2 West Main Street, Brookside, New Jersey.

Please email or snail mail your information to diana@dianapatton.com or 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 for the October issue. Inquiring minds want your news.

Happy Painting!
Diana