

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## Flutter Leaf Greetings!

You're enjoying this gorgeous autumn weather and perhaps trying to recreate the colors of the foliage on your paper or canvas, right? Something you'll also enjoy is our next meeting. **Jamie Lindholm** will be demonstrating in oil painting October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library. Jamie's work has been exhibited throughout the United States, as well as internationally in Sweden, Italy, Great Britain and Canada. Her paintings are found in the collections of the International Securities Exchange (NYC), Dancker, Sellew & D (NJ), as well as private collections in the USA and Sweden. She currently resides and operates both her studio, *J D Lindholm Fine Art*, and her Atelier, *The Martinsville Studio*, in Martinsville. A patron member of the Portrait Society of America, Jamie volunteers as their National Coordinator for the Ambassador Outreach Program. She is also a member of the Oil Painters of America and the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club. Occasionally creating landscapes and still life for galleries, she concentrates mostly on private and corporate portrait commissions that capture the personality and spirit of her subject. Jamie's work was featured in the August/September issue of Design New Jersey Magazine. You may see some of her most recent work at **Women Painting Women NJ: A Universal Alliance** in Westfield, NJ. The exhibition runs from September 26 to October 26, 2013. For more information, visit [www.TheMartinsvilleStudio.com](http://www.TheMartinsvilleStudio.com) or email [jd@jdlindholm.org](mailto:jd@jdlindholm.org)

Rita Gorky has volunteered to do our October Hospitality. Thank you, Rita. RVAA still has need of someone to keep our mylar mirror and bring it to meetings. Please think about volunteering for this and contact Alka if you can at [alkadalal@hotmail.com](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) or phone 908/393-6561.

**Membership fees are due.** Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Susan Boyd 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836**. Dues are \$30 for Individual, \$35 for Family, and \$15 for Student (through high school). Susan's phone is (732) 560-7241. Dues will get you all these demonstrations, two or three exhibits a year, the annual Big Apple Trip, the newsletters, our wine & cheese, a presence on the internet (<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org>), and last, but not least, lots of camaraderie.

President Alka Dalal has reserved April 14-May 23, 2014 for RVAA to display our art work as a group at the **Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery** in Somerville. Please put this on your calendar. Alka needs 2 volunteers to coordinate the exhibit. It will

not be difficult as the people in the commission are so helpful and lots of people can see the exhibit. Please volunteer by contacting her at [alkadalal@hotmail.com](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) or 908/393-6561.

Do keep in mind our **Holiday Show in December** at the Somerset County Library. Your editor has spoken again with Samantha Gale at the library about the display and being able to put the prices on this year. She will speak to the Director and try to get this accomplished. If not, we will work on getting the prices on our website with a link that prospective buyers can use. More details will be in the November Newsletter.

Speaking of the holidays, Alka would like to know what members want in the way of socializing in December. We can have the annual dinner at McCarthys or another wine & cheese at the Dalal home, or perhaps even both if there is enough interest. This will be discussed at our October meeting, so please do come (if you can't, you can weigh in with your opinion by contacting her ahead at [alkadalal@hotmail.com](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) or 908/393-6561).

### **Members in the News**

**LINDA ARNOLD'S** painting "Solar Energy" (the sunflowers) will be in the book **Artistic Touch 6** by Chris Unwin. (editor's note: this is a really big deal. If you google the Artistic Touch series you'll see that these books are well known and it's an honor to have your work included. Congratulations, Linda!)

**BILL GILBERT** had two pieces juried into the Tewksbury Art Show in Oldwick (editor's note: and one of those was sold).

**JUDY HUMMER** had her work "Bittersweet" juried in the Garden State Watercolor Society show in Stockton, NJ.

**JOAN MCKINNEY** had her paintings accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show and the juried New Jersey Watercolor Society Show. GSWS is at the Prallsville Mills, Stockton, until October 26<sup>th</sup>; NJWCS is at the Middletown Art Center in Middletown, NJ until October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**DIANA PATTON** had "Sally Lightfoot Crab" juried into the Garden State Watercolor Society Show. She has a one-woman show at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater until November 16<sup>th</sup>. You are all invited to her talk, with photos, on the Galapagos Islands, **Fri. Oct. 25, at 3 o'clock**; Happy Hour & reception follows from 4-6. Gallery/talk/happy hour all on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Diana also has her paintings in the gallery and two display cases at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library until November 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Please email or snailmail me your news! Inquiring minds want to know about you!*

*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*