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Fall Foliage Greetings!

Actually with the warm weather—my garden still blooms—the foliage is just beginning to change. **VIP Our next RVAA meeting, Monday, October 20th, 7:30 pm** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library when you'll see an intriguing mixed media and collage demo by **Nancy Shill**. I quote from her website <http://shillart.com/> "Nancy's work brings together paint and unrelated materials from their previous existences into new and dynamic abstract relationships. Color expresses itself differently via different papers, fabric, metal, plastic, wood etc. Nancy's work is seen in galleries and at exhibits throughout the Bucks County, Pennsylvania and Princeton, New Jersey areas. Her 1962 studies with Roy Lichtenstein at Douglass College resulted in a certain POP bent to her unique, mixed-media style. She also studied at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts and at Montclair University. Nancy cites influences as varied as Schwitters, Kandinsky, DeKooning, Matisse, and Picasso." **Do come and enjoy!**

RVAA members had a good time at our last meeting watching and listening to expert watercolorist Steve Zazenski demonstrate. Known primarily for his traditional watercolor landscapes, if you missed the meeting you may go to www.stevezazenski.com and enjoy some of his paintings.

RVAA dues are due. Please, we need you to support us; we know you enjoy the demos and our shows. **Dues are due.** In keeping with the times and our expenses, our dues have been raised \$5. across the board, so they are as follows: \$35 for Individual, \$40 for Family, and \$20 for Student (through high school). Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Susan Boyd 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836**. 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.

Thanks to our President Alka Dalal, our exhibition will be up from November 6- Dec 31 in the Adult Day Center of Somerset County, 872 Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. The Center has announced our exhibit in their October Newsletter; more announcements will be coming. Their website is www.adultdaycenter.org. Eleven of our members will be exhibiting: Linda Arnold, Susan Boyd, Alka Dalal, Sherry Engelberg, William Gilbert, Rita Gorky, William Metz, Eleanor Nugent, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, and Rosemary Zangara. The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is located at 872 Main Street in Bridgewater.

The web page for the RVAA Wounded Warrior project is up on our website <http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/ww.html>. Interested artists should send their jpg file to Gard as soon as possible. Gard's email is: gcp6@optonline.net. You can display any painting(s) you want to donate, which must be ready to hang (it could even be a fine print). Wounded veterans can then choose a painting, which the artist ships to him/her. The shipping cost will be absorbed by the organization. Alka has been working with Rick Lynch who is the contact in Texas; he is the retired Lieutenant General involved in building homes for the wounded warriors. Your email should include the name of the painting, the medium (original watercolor, print on canvas, etc.), and the size.

Looking ahead to the holiday season-----We will be having our Holiday Dinner at McCarthy's Restaurant on Monday, December 8th. If anyone is interested in bringing friends, spouse or significant other, they are very welcome. We need a minimum of 25 to reserve the party room. Please put this important date on your calendar now. We'll have the grab bag, a Christmas story, lots of camaraderie and conversation, McCarthy's famous salad bar, hors d'oeuvres, etc., the whole wonderful shebang. *It will be great fun, but we need you.* The form will be in the November Newsletter (and looking ahead, our Nov. meeting will be on the 24th)

We will also have our annual exhibit and Holiday Sale at the Somerset County Library. The form and more info will be in the Nov. Newsletter, but we'll be hanging Tuesday, December 2nd. A new Display Head will be coming to the library and your editor will be working with her on the show.

We've been made aware of an upcoming show you may want to see. Flemington DIY features the artwork of Eric Escobar. An aspiring pen and ink artist from Hillsborough, Eric will be showing his work October 9-12 from 6-10 pm at 90 Main Street, Flemington. Heavily influenced by the past and current alternative comic scene and cartoonists ranging from Robert Crumb to Sammy Harkham, Eric's surrealist art style will be on display all weekend. The gallery is free to all and the artist will be on hand to chat. For more information, please check out Flemington DIY's Facebook or website, <http://www.flemingtondiy.org/>, to preview the artist's work please visit <http://ericescobar.blogspot.com/>.

Also: the Garden State Watercolor Society has their show at Capital Health in Pennington. Please go to www.gswcs.com for details. And the New Jersey Water Color Society Show is presently up in Middletown, NJ. Please go to <http://www.njwcs.org/> for all the details.

November 2nd and 3rd are the receiving dates for the juried show at the Markeim Arts Center in Haddonfield, NJ. You can go to <http://www.markeimartcenter.org/> and click onto Programming: events for the details. I quote from their email "Markeim Arts Center very is pleased to present our Annual Juried Exhibition - Russet, Rouge & Bronze, representing the colors and themes of the season for the South Jersey and surrounding community of artists and patrons. **JUROR: Robert Byrd** Robert Byrd has been delighting children of all ages with his whimsical, fantasy-filled children's books for over thirty years. "

Drawing table, mats, watercolor blocks, and mat cutting system available. RVAA member Doris Brome has several items of interest for sale. If you are interested in any of the following, please contact Doris at 732-968-2592.

Drawing/painting Tilt-table 24" x 36"

Mat cutting system

Two 16" x 20" mat boards for cutting

Several 16" x 20" mats for 11" x 14" pictures

Aquarelle watercolor pad 12" x 18"

Aquarelle watercolor pad 18" x 24"

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD has her work accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Capital Health in Pennington, NJ.

BILL GILBERT has his work accepted into the juried Tewksbury Historical Society Exhibit, which ran from October 1st-the 5th. He will also have work in the St. Johns on the Mountain Exhibit in Bernardsville which will run from October 25th to November 2nd.

SYLVIA GLESSMAN's special exhibit at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York City has just ended. The reception was Tuesday, September 30th from 6-8 pm. This show ran concurrently at the Salmagundi with the Fifth Annual Sylvia Maria Glesmann Members' Floral Exhibition.

ELSA HERRMANN was juried into the New Jersey Water Color Society's 72nd Annual Open Juried Exhibition at the Middletown Arts Center, Middletown, NJ, with her painting "Kay's Deck". The Show will run from September 29th through October 26th. For hours and directions contact MAC at 732-706-4100 or www.middletownarts.org

JUDY HUMMER has a watercolor accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Capital Health in Pennington, NJ.

JOAN MCKINNEY's watercolor "Non-such Bright Summer" was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show in Pennington, NJ and was given the Luka Balenovic Memorial Award. Joan's work was also accepted into the New Jersey Water Color Society's juried show.

Hello, out there in RVAA Land! We'd like to hear what you've been doing. Do write or email me! And many thanks to those of you who have let me know your news.

Happy Painting!
Dana