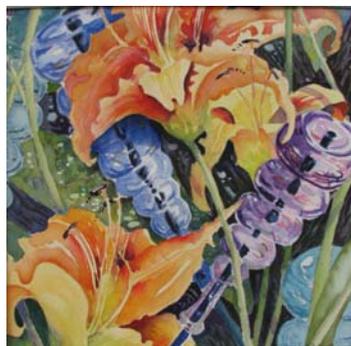


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October 2015 Newsletter

Autumn! Already? Leaf-turning Greetings!

Autumn is here, but our weather is pretty darn good, making one want to paint outside (if only there were more time). What? You need a little inspiration? Come to our next meeting, **Monday, October 19th at 7:30 pm at Somerset County Library** when artist **Joanne Bodner** will be doing a watercolor demonstration. Joanne has been teaching for 25 years; her works are in many public and private collections; and she is President of the Hunterdon Watercolor Society and a Signature (Full) Member of the Garden State Watercolor Society. She recently was awarded their prestigious Nummi Warga Memorial Award. Joanne loves the vibrancy of watercolor, its unexpected surprises and flexibility. Composition and color are key components to her paintings. She loves to establish a story line or create a comical thought about her subject matter before beginning a painting. This creates an energy which carries her through the painting process, making it enjoyable and sparking creative ideas along the way!



Above: "Refreshing"
Rt: "Boogie in the Bog"
left: Floral

You can google
Hunterdon Watercolor
Society and click onto
their Member Gallery
for more info.

We all wish for better health for our President Alka Dalal. Alka has had a most difficult spring and summer with health problems. She has now been diagnosed with Muscular Atrophy in her legs and she will need some help with duties like arranging for the Christmas dinner, collecting checks for the dinner and helping with any art shows. Please call her (908-393-6561) if you can help.

Our dues are due! In fact, past due (due to my negligence not mentioning this in September's Newsletter) Individual \$35. per year Family \$40. per year Student (through high school) \$20. per year. Please make your check payable to RVAA and mail the Application with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836. You know these wonderful demos don't just happen! They cost us! And you also have 2-3 shows a year where you can exhibit, as well as delightful events such as a bus trip to NYC. And, oh, yes, this Newsletter and our website where you can post your paintings in "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan asap! Thank you!

Our September meeting was most informative and entertaining with Carolyn Opderbeck demonstrating alcohol, watercolor, and inks. If you missed it you can google her name on YouTube and actually watch Carolyn demonstrating this most fascinating process. You can also see her work and learn even more at <http://www.carolynopderbeck.com/> and <http://www.carolynopderbeck.com/alcohol-ink.html> .

GET INVOLVED WITH BCAC:

The Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee is seeking to fill vacant seats as of January 1, 2016 for a 3-year term. BCAC is comprised of Bridgewater residents who are appointed by the Township Council and charged with raising awareness of the arts within the Township. The committee seeks additional volunteers with experience and interest in the arts, marketing, social media, or grant writing.

BCAC, while dormant for the last few years, is regrouping and eager to launch new ideas within the community. If you are interested in getting involved on the grassroots level, please contact bridgewater.arts@gmail.com for more information.

BCAC sponsored art show coming soon - Talent in the Town, in the "The Halls" at the Bridgewater Township Municipal Building. Please join us at the reception on Tuesday, October 20th, from 6-8 pm at "The Halls." The talent is not only on the walls (and the art will be up until November 19th) but there will be dancing, music, singing, etc. talent on stage that night between 6-8.

For questions or more information: e-mail us at: Bridgewater.arts@gmail.com
visit: www.bridgewatercreativearts.wordpress.com or www.bridgewaternj.gov

Gallery-NJ, an online Gallery will be having its first physical exhibit at the **Farmstead Art Center**, 450 King George Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ, October 10-25. All are invited to the reception, Sunday, October 18, 2015, from 1-4 pm. Twenty member artists' works, including RVAA member **Olga Phelps**, will have work there, including paintings, prints, card, jewelry,

pottery, and more. **Diana Patton** was also invited to exhibit as guest artist and will have water colors there. For more info, please go to <http://www.gallery-nj.com> .

The Zimmerli Art Museum, right nearby in New Brunswick, has a number of current exhibits, which vary greatly. Several of them will surely be of interest to RVAA members. Currently: Artists of Black Mountain College: Woven and Intertwined Sep 01, 2015 - Jan 10, 2016 in the David and Lillian Lilien Gallery. Influential even in its own time, Black Mountain (1933-1957) was an experimental college in North Carolina where the study of art was seen as central to a liberal arts education. Even now, decades after its closing, the pioneering impact of Black Mountain's twenty-five year run is felt in education and the arts. The school anticipated many university system reforms including pass/fail grading, and student involvement in the administrative and decision-making process. Notable alumni include Robert Rauschenberg, Robert De Niro Sr. (father of actor Robert De Niro) artist, and Arthur Penn, director of the movie *Bonnie and Clyde*. The school also hosted a venerable roster of instructors, including Willem de Kooning, Merce Cunningham, John Cage, Josef and Anni Albers, as well as Albert Einstein as guest lecturer. Also, and your editor has always loved the children's book illustrations of Roger Duvoisin [Donkey-donkey, Petunia, and Other Pals: Drawings by Roger Duvoisin](#) Saturday, July 11, 2015 - Sunday, June 26, 2016 in the Duvoisin Gallery . Also, and here's a provocative title for an exhibit [States of Undress: Bathers and Nudes in Nineteenth-Century French Art](#) Tuesday, September 1, 2015 - Sunday, January 10, 2016 in the Volpe Gallery. The Zimmerli's hours are: Tuesdays through Fridays: 10am to 4:30pm Saturdays and Sundays: Noon to 5pm First Tuesday of each month: 10am to 9pm

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

ALKA DALAL One of her "Going Green" series paintings was sold while in a NYC traveling show for \$1500. The show started in Flushing, Queens and traveled to other boroughs of NY for 6 months.

JUDY HUMMER's painting "Shadow Play" was given the Dick Blick Art Materials Award in the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show.

DEBBIE TINTLE's painting "Farm near Kutztown" was accepted into the juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show, and was given the Daniel Smith, JCC Industries Award.

As always, I'm asking you for your news! Inquiring minds want to know what you are doing! Do email diana@dianapatton.com or snail mail the address above on the letterhead. Will any of you be in the Bridgewater "Talent in the Town" show?

Happy painting! Diana