

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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Falling Leaves Greetings!

As I write this, it's 78 degrees and gloriously sunny outside. What a splendiferous autumn so far! Flowers still bloom, birds bedazzle, crickets chirp, and the frogs are still frolicking. So...you will want to frolic to our next meeting/demo, **different day for October only, i.e. Monday, October 16th, 7:15 pm** at the Somerset Library. Our demonstrator will be Terri Fraser. Terri studies with Wes Sherman, the curator for the Center for Contemporary Art. She creates some very interesting oil & mixed media paintings. Terri Fraser grew up in Somerset County, New Jersey and is currently living in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. She went to Ohio Wesleyan University and graduated with a BFA degree. In her oil painting Terri focuses on the array of pastoral landscapes in Hunterdon County for her compositions. She infuses the paintings with as much color as possible while maintaining a sense of subject matter.



<http://www.terrifraserstudio.com/>

<https://www.instagram.com/terrifraserstudio/>

<http://www.terrifraserstudio.com/juniper-series.html>





From the Presidents desk: I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Holiday Show Just a "heads up" here that once again we will have a holiday show at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library for the month of December. We will have the Circular Gallery (probably two paintings from each artist, but it will depend on how many enter, of course) and all three display cases. No show sitting required unless you feel like it. Details and sign ups will be in the November Newsletter.

Last month Meg Fanning did an excellent demo, painting a little on three different canvases.



If you want to see Meg's wonderful work, just go to <http://www.margaretfanning.com/>

Don't forget right nearby is the Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, 71 Hamilton Street in New Brunswick. Among the interesting exhibits on now are : *On the Prowl: Cats and Dogs in French Prints* until July 31, 2018, in the Volpe Gallery,

Cats vs. Dogs: Illustrations for Children's Literature until Sunday, June 24, 2018

Duvoisin Gallery, and *Absence and Trace: the Dematerialized Image in Contemporary Art,* until January 7, 2018.

Workshop with Rolando Barrero - November 13 and 14 workshop is at the Benicia Plein Air Gallery. Join us from 9 am to 4 pm for a two day workshop where Rollie will help us perfect our perspective and teach watercolor painting. Register online at www.artistgetaway.com

A special show of animal paintings by my artist and illustrator friend Terri Rosenblum will open soon. "On **Saturday, October 14 from 2 - 4pm**, Terri will be hosting a reception for her solo exhibition called "Animals Here, Animals There, Animals Are Everywhere!" at The Stable Art Gallery in Ridgewood. 259 N. Maple Avenue, and she would love if you could come celebrate with her! The exhibit will feature pastel, graphite, oil and watercolor animal and pet portraits, along with other select work. A formal invitation is below, and more information can be seen [here on Facebook](#)." (info is also on my timeline at my Facebook Diana Wilkoc Patton page)

A reminder that RVAA member Lib Ryman has some easels for sale you might like.

1. Solid Oak A-frame easel--adjustable canvas holders have easy turn knobs, adjustable back leg. Dimensions 68" H x 23" W x 24" D. \$100.
2. Aluminum Easel--Tripod design. Adjustments include: tilt top, upper & lower canvas heights and tripod legs. Tilts flat, also, for watercolors. Height when open 58", when folded 34". \$50. If interested, please call Elizabeth "Lib" Ryman 908-604-9459

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD is now a full member of Garden State Watercolor Society (Congratulations, Linda, that's great!) She won a 2nd place in the Juried Tewksbury Historical Society show. The Bernard's township Board of Education is giving the *Somerset History Coloring Book* to all third graders in the district with her artwork in it. Linda was also given an Honorable Mention award in the juried GSWCS show

BILL GILBERT had all three of his paintings accepted into the Juried Tewksbury Historical Society Show.

BILL METZ's painting, *The Stone Mill in Clinton*, won Third Place in the Professional Oil Category at the State Senior Art Show. Bill also has five watercolors on exhibit at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center, 202 Mt. Airy Rd., Basking Ridge, from September 27th to Dec 21st.

DONNA SOUREN had her paintings accepted into the Juried Tewksbury Historical Society Show in Oldwick.

Editor's note: Thank you so much for telling me your news. Please keep it coming!

Happy Painting!
Diana