

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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West Wind Greetings,

And so we are really and truly in autumn, even if the temp is 78 degrees and it's a hazy, lazy sunny day. But you'll surely wake up, be energized and learn a lot when you come to our next meeting, **Wednesday, October 17th, 7:15 pm at the Somerset County Library**. Our demonstrator is our own **Donna Souren**, "I have been asked several times how it's done, so I will do a demo on how I paint bird feathers using gouache. The demo will include finding the feather, a detailed sketch and the final painting using gouache paints." We all know Donna, and her beautifully detailed work, and we know she's won many awards. Come, friends, watch and learn!



Donna Souren resides in Martinsville, New Jersey. She studied at the Maryland Institute College of Art and worked as a graphic artist and illustrator for newspapers, advertising agencies and magazine publishers. Donna is a member of The Center for Contemporary Art, The Raritan Valley Art Association and The New Jersey Audubon Society.

She enjoys drawing and painting in a variety of mediums such as watercolors, gouache, pen & ink, colored pencils and oils. The themes in her work may vary, but many of her detailed paintings are influenced by the beauty of plants and animals that quietly exist in our natural world. Donna has exhibited in many juried and group shows and her art can be found in many private collections. She has won several awards including a recent 1st Place for her watercolor painting, *Japanese Siberian Iris*.

Message from the president:

I would like to say how proud I am of the successes of our members who are presenting their works and receiving honors (and even selling) in several venues. Congratulations.

President Marge McGovern

BCAC Exhibit

Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee invites Bridgewater residents of all talent and skill levels to participate in the 6th season of its *Talent In The Town* exhibition, a showcase of both the visual and performing arts. The purpose of this exhibition is to celebrate the varied talents of our residents, regardless of skill level, age, or background. The visual art aspect of this exhibition is open to framed or matted 2-D media, including, watercolor, acrylic, oil, photography, collage, mixed media, and paper art related works. Work must be signed/watermark and dated on the front and not previously submitted to *Talent In The Town*. An individual may submit up to 3 pieces of work for this exhibit. *Artwork can be dropped off at the Bridgewater Clerk's office on the following days and times, ONLY: Friday, October 12 from 9-4pm Monday, October 15 from 8-4 pm, and Tuesday, October 16 from 6-8 PM.

Each Artist MUST fill out an online form, and print the form, and securely attach it to EACH piece of artwork on the BACK. This is how they identify and create artist labels for your work. Form link: <https://goo.gl/forms/y5seMebld5I4lvBn1> or email bridgewater.arts@gmail.com. Artwork MUST be picked up on the following days and times ONLY: Tuesday, November 20 from 3-7pm

MEMBERS' NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD is the new Recording Secretary for the Garden State Watercolor Society.

WILLIAM GILBERT had all three of his paintings juried into the Tewksbury Art Exhibit. The Tewksbury Historical Society 2018 Art Show & Sale, runs Saturday, October 13 through Saturday October 20. The Preview and Reception will be Thursday, October 11.

JUDITH HUMMER was accepted into the NJWCS juried Show, Northeast Watercolor Society International Show, Philadelphia Watercolor Society 118th Works on Paper. Judith is also doing a demo on YUPO paper for Essex Watercolor Club on Sunday, November 11 from 2-4 at the Livingston Senior Center, 204 Hillside Ave, Livingston NJ. Judith is also having a one-day YUPO workshop for the Essex Watercolor Club on Saturday November 17 from 10 - 5 at the Livingston Senior Center. Judith earned signature status for the Philadelphia Watercolor Society this September. Judith was the *Ambassador of the Week* July 26, 2018 for the online Watercolor Weekly newsletter: [American Watercolor Weekly](#). She also had a featured article in the same newsletter the week of August 28: The Rewards and Challenges of painting on YUPO Paper.

DONNA SOUREN had paintings accepted into the "Artists of the Millstone Valley" exhibit which took place at the historic Hillsborough Reformed Church in Millstone on September 29th & 30th. Her work was also accepted into the Tewksbury Show

ROSEMARY ZANGARA had paintings accepted into the "Artists of the Millstone Valley" exhibit which took place at the historic Hillsborough Reformed Church in Millstone on September 29th & 30th.

Inquiring minds want to know! Please email me your news to diana@dianapatton.com or snail mail to 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

Happy painting!
Diana