

# VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## **Weird Weather Greetings!**

I write this after the weird early snowstorm and subsequent power outage here at 497 from Saturday until late Wednesday afternoon. A most interesting experiment. It's possible to paint small pictures by the light of three candles and two flashlights, and you get rather unusual color arrangements.

But you'll get a lot of info on watercolor and a **great demo by [Mark DeMos](#)** on Monday, November, November 28<sup>th</sup>, (yes, **after Thanksgiving**), 7:30 pm at the Somerset County Library. Mark is a multi-award winner and experienced demonstrator and teacher, as well as a member of the New Jersey Water Color Society and the Garden State Watercolor Society. You'll learn a lot while you're entertained; do not miss this! Rita Gorky and Judy Hummer will be doing Hospitality for this meeting and RVAA thanks them.

This Newsletter is for November and December, so of course the two big things are our **Holiday Dinner** and our **Holiday Show**.

**Hooray for our HOLIDAY DINNER** which will be Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at McCarthy's (From 22 East you turn right onto Funderne Avenue, and when you get to the second light you turn right onto Main Street and McCarthy's is almost immediately on your left). **And hooray for Doug Axmann**, who is again masterminding our annual shindig. Holiday spirit reigns and togetherness with our artist buddies rules. **Guests totally welcome!** As usual, cash bar begins at 6 and the appetizer platters soon roll in. Then we gorge at the fantastic salad bar, and dinner is 7:00ish. The choices, which can be made there, range from grilled skirt steak to chicken Francais, 7 oz. filet mignon, 7 oz. salmon, and a vegetarian dish. Ice cream desert, after. Yes, we will have our infamous white elephant or similar gift exchange, that is, a white elephant or gift worth \$5. - \$10., gift-wrapped, and **ready to party on home to your house**. A little entertainment/diversion will be provided by a couple of our members, maybe you?

Any members who wish to share a holidayish bon mot or two, please do! All this for only \$30. Please send a check made out to RVAA to Doug at 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ. 08876 by December 9<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this convivial time. **Come, come, come, for good talk, good food, and surprises.**

**Our annual Holiday Show & Sale** at the Somerset County Library is coming. Hanging will be Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5-8. Please read the rules at the end of this Newsletter and mail in your form. Lots of people come to the library; inevitably some buy. As usual, we need show sitters and there are always more hours than show sitters, so feel free to volunteer even more time. It happens each year - an impulse buyer will find no one at our desk, and then the impulse to buy leaves. And while you show sit you can bring your cards and prints to sell (originals only for hanging and the display cases, except for two prints in each category). MARY CREASY will be helping me again this year and I thank her for that!

Many of you remember Ed Golubiewski, as he was our RVAA treasurer for a while and also President. His wife Angie called me a short while ago and tells me that Ed is now at the Parker Home, 501 Easton Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ (732) 545-3110, although the actual number for Ed would be (732) 418-8622. Angie told me that "Ed's mind is fine; his legs aren't." We know he'd appreciate a card or a call. I remember the wonderful birds and fishes Ed carved—and he gave them to his fellow officers; I have three of the lovely creatures.

Your editor also received a note and newspaper clipping from Ruth Wilson, and of course many of you have taken her watercolor classes. "Hi, Diana, and RVAA Members. I miss all of you but I'm here to stay....(in Colorado)...It's been a busy time here and the area is majestic to paint....my grandson Skyler (16) has created a website for me... <http://www.ruthwilsonartist.com> and email [ruthystudio@gmail.com](mailto:ruthystudio@gmail.com) The newspaper article covers her background and her new exhibit at the Nederland Community Presbyterian church. From the article we also read "her work now appears in local shops...the Lyons Town Hall....a show at Boulder Arts & Crafts.....Wilson hopes to sign a contract with the [The Leanin' Tree Company](#)." (you probably know that line of handsome art cards). Ruth's address is P.O. Box 324, Ward, Colorado, 80481. Ruth is happily ensconced in a small house on her son's property. Your editor remembers when Blair was a child and RVAA had a student category for shows and Blair won a prize for his art.

From an email (because of our website) comes a request from Peter Weinrich, the great-grandson of Leopold Weinrich (Leo Weinrich) who says, "Leo was president

about 1941. Does your organization have any other information about his activities then, or information on his paintings? The family has numerous paintings, (oil on canvas mostly), and recently recovered three more paintings from an old family friend in MA. We have seen some of his works noted on auction sites, but don't have any information on his involvement in your organization." Perhaps one of you RVAAers has some info or memories of Leo? Please email or snailmail any info so I can pass it on. "

**Photographs or slides for an exhibit with a theme of the beauty of the winter season** are requested for the show which will be at the Somerset County Senior Wellness Center, 202 Mt. Airy Rd, Basking Ridge. The deadline for submitting entries (up to four) is Nov. 30. For further information please contact Erin Toomey at the Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services at 908/704-6346.

**Arbor Glen Art Exhibits**—the facility will be looking for more artists in 2012—it's a great place to exhibit and if you are interested, please email me or phone me (908/722-0562) and VIP also phone Elaine Auerbach at Arbor Glen at 908/595-6553.

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**ALKA DALAL** had her painting of a rooster chosen for the Art for Paws Exhibit at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Center. Reception is November 22<sup>nd</sup>; all are invited.

**CONNIE GRAY'S** work is currently at the Arbor Glen Gallery in Bridgewater until the end of December. Her opening reception (with Susan Antin) will be November 9<sup>th</sup>, which begins with a Gallery Walk at 4 o'clock. Connie works in watercolor and mixed media; Susan in colored pencil.

**ELSA HERRMANN** received an Honorable Mention in the Tewksbury Historical Society's annual open show for her water color of "The Magic Shop".

**CAROL OLSEN** is making her artistic debut with a show of her smaller watercolors Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Christ Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, corner of Crim and Washington Valley Roads, from noon until 4.

**DIANA PATTON** will have the public launch of her picture book *Charlemagne to the Rescue*, Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at Christ Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, from noon

until four. There will be picture book readings and signings, puppet shows with puppeteers Joan Eichhorn and Diana, and a holiday sale of fair trade items, gifts from 10,000 Villages, and small paintings. Diana would greatly appreciate your going to <http://www.dianapatton.com/videos.html> and forwarding the YouTube videos she and Gard made to all! They should give people a chuckle or two, and might even promote interest in her book. Diana and Charlemagne thank you.

*Please send me your news! And remember-the next Newsletter will be in January. Until then, enjoy this holiday season! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! And Happy New Year!*

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## "Holiday Collection" Members Show and Sale

Receiving dates:

For racks, screens only -Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30

For paintings, Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-7:30 pm (as long as you check in by 7:30; you can take your time hanging; I have a class at 7:30).

Take down December 30.

YOU DON'T NEED TO OWN SCREENS; SCREEN OWNERS WILL SHARE THEIRS WITH YOU. Your screen place is assigned according to a floor plan IN THE ORDER IN WHICH YOUR FORMS ARE RECEIVED. I need to know how many screens will be brought in to share. All artists need to bring drapery hooks or s-hooks for their own works.

## HOLIDAY SHOW RULES---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Pre-registration by Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Membership dues must be paid. Fee for the show is \$10.
2. Small works, 8 x 10 and under, will be put in the display cases on a space available basis, and should have a small easel or support, marked with the artist's name and NFS (not for sale) ***Because the library wants an original artworks show, all works should be original, except for a total of 2 works which can be prints in each category (large and small).***
3. Larger paintings will hang on screens on a space available basis. Standard screen panel is 36" by 72", and if space permits (depends on how many screens are loaned), screen owners should have 2 or 3 sides and non-screen owners 1-2. ***You may have noticed that there is less room for screens now, unless they are in the back. We can put large works in the back on their screens which take peg board hooks. Please let me know if you are interested in that.***
4. Screens, and all parts of screens, should have owner's name on them.
5. All paintings must be properly wired, numbered, & priced, with small labels

6. Bring list of paintings (even if only one work) on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, plus a copy for you. Name and address and phone number should be on these.
7. There will be a book at the showsit table with each artist's list of paintings and prices in it. The paintings that are sold may be replaced, but new paintings with their prices and numbers must be recorded in the book. Please read the instructions in the book before you sell a painting.
8. Every painting sold must be recorded. Somerset County Library receives 10% of all sales. At the end of the show artists will receive a check from RVAA for their total sales, less 10%. Anything small sold during your showsit time must be recorded also.
9. All paintings must be for sale (except one, marked "not for sale").
10. Artists who display paintings on the screens must volunteer six hours of show sitting time. Artists who enter only one or two paintings volunteer two show sitting hours. ***Sign up for show sitting on Thursday. FEEL FREE TO SIT MORE; WE LIKE TO BE THERE FOR IMPULSE BUYERS.***
11. You may display your portfolio and/or small works, note cards, etc. on the showsit table while show sitting.

## Holiday Dinner Form Monday, December 12th

Check for \$30.00 made out to RVAA for each person, and mailed to Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ, 08876 RVAA HOLIDAY DINNER for:

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Holiday Show and Sale Form

Please mail form with \$10. check made out to RVAA (show fee), to Diana Patton, 497 Stony Brook Dr, Bridgewater, 08807. You must also be a paid up member of RVAA to enter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is entering the Holiday Show.

I have (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ screens to share. (delivery 11/30)

I would \_\_\_\_\_ would not \_\_\_\_\_ be interested in putting larger works on the library's pegboards in back.