

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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November/December 2012 Newsletter

aftermath of *Sandy* greetings!

**Shiver shiver shiver, shake and shimmy**

Apologies for the lateness of our Newsletter—we got our power back after 10 days and nights of briskness (like....47 degrees in the house), and I've been trying to get all the info I need for this Newsletter. However, you will be warm and happy Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> when you come for our next meeting—7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library. **Filip Everaert will present a program about something we've not seen before.** You can go to <http://filipeveraert.squarespace.com/inquiries/> or <http://filipeveraert.squarespace.com/>



Autumn Doorway



Spring Mysterious



Filip is a fine arts photographer and artist who takes his photos and hand prints them on canvas and adjusts color and makes quite remarkable works of art. You may have seen his work in different galleries or in Arts on Division in Somerville this past spring. Filip has also given courses, including those at the Farmstead Museum, and he is a member of ArtSee. Filip was born in the Antwerp area of Belgium and brings a wide variety of experiences and knowledge to us. Don't miss this! Please phone President Linda Arnold if you are interested in signing up for Hospitality for that night—908-647-3610.

Hooray for our HOLIDAY DINNER which will be Monday, December 3rd at McCarthys Restaurant (From 22 East you turn right onto FINDERNE Avenue, and when you get to the third light you turn right onto Main Street and McCarthy's is almost immediately on your left). And hooray for **Alka Dalal**, who has stepped up to act as chairperson for our dinner, since, as you know, Doug Axmann has moved to Wildwood Crest. *(your editor hasn't heard from Doug, but google has videos from during the storm there and one newspaper article said the Wildwoods were largely spared the worst damages of Sandy, so we hope Doug is okay)*. 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. Dinner is 7:00ish. This year something different — after the fantastic Grocery Salad Bar, we will be treated to a Buffet, which will include vegetable lasagna, chicken marsala, sliced roast beef au jus, penne vodka, roasted red potatoes, grilled mixed veggies, etc and later, dessert. 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/stories will be provided by a couple of our members. *If you would like to provide some entertainment as well, please call Alka 725-7638, or your editor 722-0562.* **The form is at the bottom of this Newsletter—the price for all this, including tax and gratuities, is \$30.** A check, made out to RVAA, should be sent to Alka Dalal, 592 Cabot Hill Rd, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807.

Our October demonstrator, Susan Antin, writes me, "I hope you are all safe, and recovering from the Hurricane. As you know, many people have suffered devastating losses and need our help. To that end, 20% of all sales on artwork: cards, prints, and drawings...will be donated to victims of Hurricane Sandy on all orders through Dec. 1. (Sales donations will be made to The Somerville Food Bank.) Orders can be made through the website: <http://www.antinart.com> For info on quantity discounts (10 cards or more), send e-mail. Cards include: *Holiday, Dance and General Greetings.*

Our annual Holiday Show & Sale at the Somerset County Library is coming. Hanging will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 10-noon. ***If anyone has racks to share, please contact me and bring them Fri., 11/30 from 3-4:30. In the past just Doug and I brought racks.*** 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) ***New—the library has a new policy—we can put our contact phone numbers/email, whatever, with our work, but no prices on the paintings or price list. All sales must be completed outside the library (and yes, outside means just that, just outside, so it's really not bad, you see)*** So...you can still have prints and cards while you sit, but no price labels on them.

Just another reminder about dues. **They are due.** Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836.** Dues are \$30. for Individual, \$35. for Family, and \$15. for Student (through high school). Susan's phone is (732) 560-7241. Dues will get you all these demonstrations, our exhibits, the annual NY City trip, the newsletters, a presence on the internet (<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org>), and last, but not least, lots of friends. **If you've not already responded, our Membership Chair Susan Boyd would like to know who would like to receive their Newsletter via email. Please email her your email address if you would like this clean, green sort of thing (and it saves RVAA postage). Susan's email is [setb@yahoo.com](mailto:setb@yahoo.com)**

**Artful Expressions Holiday Boutique at the Center for Contemporary Art** (formerly known as Somerset Art Association) will be held Friday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30 pm (preview party \$5. wine, cheese, music, door prizes) and Sat., Nov 17— 10-3 (free admission). There will be jewelry, handcrafted bags, ceramic creations, notecards, soaps, and much more. You can go to <http://ccabedminster.org/news-events/upcoming-events/> for more information on this gala event. The Center is at 2020 Burnt Mills Rd, Bedminster.



**MEMBER NEWS**

**ALKA DALAL** will become Raritan Valley Art Association's new president at the end of the year....this is breaking news and we will be bringing more to you later. **President Linda Arnold, who has been just amazing at this job for probably 18 years (but who's counting?) will be stepping down.**

**ELSA HERRMANN** was accepted into the Audubon Society's 70th Annual Exhibition. This show can be seen online October 1st through Monday, December 31st, 2012 at its website: [www.AudubonArtists.org](http://www.AudubonArtists.org) The painting is entitled "Tina's Tuscany." Elsa also received an Honorable Mention in the Tewksbury Historical Society's Annual Invitational Show. Helen Lance's Place"

**JOAN MCKINNEY** was awarded Best in Show, Town of Tewksbury, in the annual Juried Tewksbury Historical Society's Show. Her work was also included in the juried exhibit "Hidden Hunterdon County."

**DIANA PATTON** will be participating in CCA's Holiday Boutique Friday and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Do come by and say "Hi!"

*Please, RVAA members, do snail mail or email me your news. Our next Newsletter will be in January but I will keep your news in my RVAA file. If you want to update your paintings on our website, please email me.*

If you wish to see our Newsletters and photos in full color, please go to our website [www.raritanvalleyarts.org](http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org)

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**Holiday Dinner**

Your name.....

Phone number.....

Guests, if any.....

Amount enclosed, \$30. for each person, check made out to RVAA

*Please mail to Alka Dalal, 592 Cabot Hill Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807*

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**"Holiday Collection" Members Show and Sale**

Receiving dates:

For racks, screens only -Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 3-4:30

For paintings, Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 10-12 noon (as long as you check in by 11:30; you can take your time hanging. Take down Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>  
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 26<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.*
4. Screens, and all parts of screens, should have owner's name on them.
5. All paintings must be properly wired and numbered. **Have your contact information and/or business cards, with your works, both on the screens and in the cases.**
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 in it. Paintings sold may be replaced, but new paintings should then be recorded in the book. Please read the instructions in the book. *Selling is outside the library*
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. 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 Saturday.*

## **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. Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Entering two works \_\_\_\_\_ I have both large Yes No and smalls Yes No  
(# of) \_\_\_\_\_ screens to share. (delivery 11/30)