

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## Chilly Fall Greetings!

Autumn is definitely here, the trees are shedding their scarlet and gold coats, witches and ghoulies have been stored away, and Gobble-gobble time is coming. Save some time for our next meeting.... **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library for a socko demo in oils by artist Carole Katz.** Carole has both BFA and BA degrees, as well as continued training, currently studying with noted portrait artist Marvin Mattelson, one of the top portrait painters in the USA. A traditional oil painter who is also adept at Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator, Carole has exhibited at the Salmagundi Club in NYC, the Javitz Center in NYC, Crafts at Lincoln Center and the River Edge Cultural Center, among other venues. One of her portraits was featured on the cover of The Connection magazine. For Carole, the goal in portrait painting is to create an image which has the perfect combination of form, value, color and likeness of the subject and which then comes alive and conveys emotion and life on the 2D surface of the canvas. Don't miss this!

October's meeting went well with the group enjoying Jamie Lindholm's painting birds using water soluble oils. **RVAA thanks Eleanor Nugent and Rita Gorky** who did our hospitality for this meeting. Please contact Alka at 908/393-6561 if you would care to volunteer for our November meeting hospitality. Nina Trippanera had details and a memorial card concerning our beloved longtime member Sonja Weir who passed away October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Your editor just wants to say a few words about Sonja. I've known her since 1975 and she was not only a very fine artist in several mediums, with many awards in both juried and non-juried shows, national and local, but one of the friendliest and warmhearted persons around. She also had a good sense of humor. Sonja taught both adults and children, in oils, watercolor, and drawing. She and her husband Richard kept an open house for their children and their grandchildren (they have five children) and it was always a happy, bustling household. For several years Sonja was President of the

American Artists Professional League, National, headquartered in New York City at the Salmagundi Club. She will be greatly missed.

At the October meeting President Alka Dalal discussed our annual holiday gathering. There was more positive response for a wine and cheese gathering at Alka and Sid Dalal's home than there was for one at McCarthy's, our usual venue. So...Alka kindly invites us all, spouses or significant others also, to her home on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 for a wine and cheese party. If you would like to bring anything, like an hors d'oeuvre or a sweet to share, it is fine but not required. Please RSVP by November 25<sup>th</sup>, a must, by email (alkadalal@hotmail.com). We will have our customary grab bag gift exchange and holiday/Christmas story reading, as usual.

We are still looking for a volunteer for the treasurer's position. Let's give Barbara Fiorentino a bit of a break, folks!

We're putting a shout out to those who have not yet paid their dues. **Membership fees 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). Dues will get you all these demonstrations, two or three exhibits a year, the annual Big Apple Trip, the newsletters, our wine & cheese, a presence on the internet (<http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org>), and last, but not least, lots of camaraderie.

And one of these shows is our annual **Holiday Show** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library. The plan is to hang the paintings from 5-8 on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pick-up is Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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) As you know we cannot put prices on the paintings, but they will allow us this year to leave the price list for the show sitters and we can sell the work within the library (unlike last year when we had to do it outside the library). Also...because we cannot have prices, only numbers, on the actual paintings...we will have a link to our website and the prices. Our webmaster, Gardner Patton, will put our names and the titles and prices up on our website. Only those who see the actual paintings will have the link. This way, if there is not a show sitter present, people can use their phones or the library's computers to discover the

paintings' prices immediately. We will also put our contact phone numbers/email, whatever, with our work.

Please don't forget that **Arbor Glen in Bridgewater is interested in showing works of RVAA members** on their very handsome 60' galley wall. Please contact Joan Bloomer at 908-541-1231. 20 % of sales goes to their special fund. If you do not have enough work to fill the wall, two or three of you could have a joint show.

Trinity United Church in Warren has monthly exhibits. Please email RVAA member Kit Bebbington ([kitlink@verizon.net](mailto:kitlink@verizon.net)) if you are interested in exhibiting at their church. 20% goes to the church. Soon they will be having a Christmas Bazaar with many handmade items at low prices. The bazaar will run Thurs. Dec. 5, from 10-5; Friday Dec. 6 from 10-8 and Sat. Dec. 7 from 10 to 3. They are located on King George Road in Warren.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**ALKA DALAL** Alka Dalal had a great art show in Trinity Church, Warren and the Jewish Community Center in Bridgewater and sold paintings.

**ELSA HERRMANN** was awarded the Pat Dews Award in the New Jersey Water Color Society's 71st Juried Show, (this show ran through October 27th at the Middletown Arts Center) and an honorable mention in the American Artists Professional League juried open show. She also won an award of merit at the Ocean County Senior Show in September.

**DIANA PATTON** had a successful show at Arbor Glen in Bridgewater and now has work at Trinity United Church in Warren. She had also been accepted into Rutgers One on One Writing and Illustration Conference which was a truly great experience in October.

**Please!** Your editor wants your news...this is the Raritan Valley Arts Association...*arts*...if you are singing in a show, or playing in an orchestra, or writing a book, we're interested in that as well. We may emphasize the visual at our demos but we are fond of, and inspired by, all the arts. Do email or snail mail me.

Happy painting! Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Hanukkah! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

*Happy painting!*  
*Diana*

# HOLIDAY SHOW RULES---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Pre-registration by Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Membership dues must be paid. Fee for the show is \$10. **Delivery and hanging Monday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-8 pm** *If possible, it would be a great help if you could email us the titles and prices as well as delivering hard copy, so we don't have to retype all the lists for the website. If we have your list in our email we can cut and paste instead of copying all the hard copy you deliver.*
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.
4. 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 show sit 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.
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 show sit 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 Monday, December 2nd.**

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## 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 only two works\_\_\_\_\_

I have both large Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_and smalls Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_