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Newsletter: Diana Patton

November/December 2014 Newsletter497 Stony Brook Drive
Bridgewater, NJ 08807diana@dianapatton.comFall Foliage Greetings! *Get ready to read...lots of important news!*

Our next meeting is on **November 24** and our demo artist is **Dorrie Rifkin**. An Englewood, NJ, resident, Dorrie Rifkin paints from her passions. Thirty years' experience as an award-winning art director ignited and cemented a life-long love affair with typography. Her other passions — music, New York City, and family - are palpable in her work. Every painting has a personal story. Dorrie's paintings have won prizes in many international and national juried shows. She is a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society, Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the Northeast Watercolor Society. Dorrie's work has been selected for both Splash 14: Light and Color and Splash 15: Creative Solutions (North Light Books, out summer 2013 and summer 2014, respectively). She was profiled in Watercolor Artist magazine's December 2010 "Ones to Watch" feature. You'll really want to come to this **watercolor demo! 7:30 Nov. 24th at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library**. If someone would like to volunteer for hospitality, please email Alka at alkadalal@hotmail.com. Do check out Dorrie's luminous watercolors at <http://dorrierifkin.com/>.

Our annual **Holiday Show** at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library is coming soon. The plan is to hang the paintings from 5-8 on Tuesday, December 2nd. Pick-up is Tuesday, December 30th. 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.

Our Holiday Dinner is on! Monday, December 8th at Cross Roads, formerly called McCarthys. So you know that we're in for great food. At \$25., the cost is actually \$5. less than it was two years ago, but still includes salad bar, choice of entrée (includes a vegetarian entrée), coffee, and dessert. We need the head count by our meeting on Nov 24. Time will be 7-9. If we don't

get their minimum number for the special price, we will still go as a group, however small, and order individually. **RVAAs must celebrate!** Holiday spirit reigns and togetherness with our artist buddies rules. Guests totally welcome. Yes, we will have our infamous white elephant or similar gift exchange, that is, a white elephant or gift worth \$5. - \$10. or so, 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, right now it's a Christmas story by your editor and a reading by Alka. *If you would like to provide some entertainment as well, please call Alka, 908-393-6561 or your editor 722-0562. The form is at the bottom of this Newsletter.* (directions for Cross Roads, formerly McCarthys, from 22 East you turn right onto Finderne Avenue, and when you get to the third light you turn right onto Main Street and Cross Roads is almost immediately on your left).

President Alka Dalal asked that the following be put in this Newsletter. "We want to **thank** folks who are so dedicated to RVAA: Diana Patton: Newsletter, Susan Boyd: Membership, Barbara Fiorentino: Treasurer, Rosemary Zangara: Secretary-Minutes, Bill Metz: Help with the mirror and storing it, thanks for his hospitality last month, and Linda Arnold for amazing years as President, Marge McGovern: Spring NYC trip, and to all volunteers: **BIG THANKS.**"

(Editor's note: we all thank President Alka Dalal for all her hard work and dedication to our group)

President Alka Dalal has obtained another show for us, this time at the Clarence Dillon Library in Bedminster. This promises to be a gala event. The library asks that each work be priced less than \$450.00. Each artist can put three paintings in the exhibit; one piece is to be donated, the other two the **artist gets 70% of the sale**. The exhibit benefits homeless men and women veterans in transitional housing. Please email .jpgs(denote which is your donated work) to mgolden24@msn.com Marianne Golden by January 15th. If you need help creating a jpg file, bring your art work to Alka and she will help you. Please call her at 908-393-6561 or email her for an appointment: alkadalal@hotmail.com . We will hang the art on May 1 and take down the show on May 30, 2015. The Clarence Dillon Library will give us a lovely reception and advertise a lot. All money earned from the sale of art, as well as admission fees to our reception, will be used to purchase clothing and food for the homeless men and women veterans in transitional housing at Community Hope and Valor Clinic's Paul's House.

Demo Artist needed. We are always looking for good artists who would like to demo at RVAA. If you know anyone, please refer them to us. If members want to demo their art, techniques, photography etc., please contact Alka alkadalal@hotmail.com .

There are a couple of openings for the **Holiday Show at Verve** in Somerville—jpegs of your work or a link to your website are required. Please email Susan Antin susanantin@verizon.net for information and an application. This show is sponsored by Arts on Division and will be held Sunday Nov. 30th from 12-7 at Verve Restaurant, 18 E. Main Street in Somerville. No fee to enter, but 35% of sales go to Arts on Division.

From our October demonstrator Nancy Shill: she is teaching classes at the Arts Council of Princeton, Tuesdays Nov. 4 through Dec. 2 1-3:30. Sign up at www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. She is giving a One day *Workshop* at the Center for Contemporary Art in Bedminster, Thursday Dec. 11 9:30 -2:30, 2020 Burnt Mills Rd., (908) 234-2345 Also, she invites you to an *Art Opening* Dec 6th at Trisha Vergis Gallery at the Laceworks in Lambertville, 287 South Main St. (route 29) see <http://www.trishavergisgallery.com/> for details and see her art at <http://shillart.com/>.

Another reminder that RVAA dues are due. Please, we need you to support us; we know you enjoy the demos and our shows. **Dues are due.** In keeping with the times and our expenses, our dues have been raised \$5. across the board, so they are as follows: \$35 for Individual, \$40 for Family, and \$20 for Student (through high school). Please send your checks made out to RVAA to our Membership Chairman **Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836.** 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.

Our exhibition is up from November 6- Dec 31 in the Adult Day Center of Somerset County, 872 Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. The Center has announced our exhibit in their October Newsletter; more announcements will be coming. A tentative December reception is planned by them; Alka will let you know by email about that. Their website is www.adultdaycenter.org. Eleven of our members are exhibiting: Linda Arnold, Susan Boyd, Alka Dalal, Sherry Engelberg, William Gilbert, Rita Gorky, William Metz, Eleanor Nugent, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, and Rosemary Zangara.

President Alka Dalal and Diana Patton hanging out at ADC....



The web page for the RVAA Wounded Warrior project is on our website <http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org/ww.html>. Interested artists should send their jpg file to Gard as soon as possible. Gard's email is: gcp6@optonline.net. You can display any painting(s) you want

to donate, which must be ready to hang (it could even be a fine print). Wounded veterans can then choose a painting, which the artist ships to him/her. The shipping cost will be absorbed by the organization. Alka has been working with Rick Lynch who is the WW contact in Texas; he is the retired Lieutenant General involved in building homes for the wounded warriors. Your email should include the name of the painting, the medium (original watercolor, print on canvas, etc.), and the size.

RVAA member Bill Metz kindly sent some photos he took from the Arts on Division Show in September. Thanks, Bill!



RVAA member Olga Phelps Manyakhina and your editor Diana Patton at AOD, Fall

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD had her work accepted into the juried New Jersey Water Color Society show, held in Middletown, NJ which ran from 9/29-10/26 and also the GSWCS show still going on at Capital Health in Princeton. Linda was also in the Juried Tewksbury Show. Linda teaches at the Community Center in Basking Ridge and Fellowship Village in Basking Ridge. Her paintings are included in the Artistic Touch 6 book.

JUDITH HUMMER had a solo art exhibit at the Bernardsville Library, Bernardsville, NJ, from August 2, 2014 through August 28, 2014. She was also in the Nat'l Watercolor Society's All Member Exhibition, June-August 2014 at the NWS Gallery in San Pedro, CA. Judy has earned Signature Status in several art associations: the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the Northeast Watercolor Society and the Garden State Watercolor Society. She is in "SPLASH: Promising Watercolorists!" from November 22, 2014 through January 18, 2015 at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie. The reception is November 22, 2014. Judy is exhibiting at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, PA from November 8, 2014 - February 8, 2015 (PA Watercolor Society Juried Show), the Kent Gallery in Kent, CT for the Northeast Watercolor Society Open show October 19, 2014 - November 2, 2014 and the Garden State Watercolor Show at 1 Capital Health Medical Center, Hopewell, NJ from October 6 - Jan 10. She has

openings in a watercolor class that she is teaching at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church on Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:30pm. Please contact jhummermom@aol.com for more information. Judy is also in the Late Harvest Art Show at the Old York Cellars in Ringoes with two other watercolorists.

JOAN MCKINNEY's watercolor "Non-Such Swaying Flowers" was given the Saker Shorprites, Inc. Award of \$100 in the annual New Jersey Water Color Society's juried show.

DIANA PATTON's works "Studio Reflections" and "Cabbages and Petunias" are in the juried show "Splash: Promising Watercolorists" at Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum (Cabbages is one of the paintings on the invite!) All are invited to the wine and cheese reception Sat. Nov. 22 from 7-9. Ellarslie is in lovely Cadwalader Park on the outskirts of Trenton. (www.ellarslie.org) Victorian Christmas is also on exhibit then and there is a charming gift shop right there as well!

Hello, out there in RVAA Land! We'd like to hear what you've been doing. Do write or email me! And many thanks to those of you who have let me know your news.



Happy Painting!
Diana

HOLIDAY SHOW RULES---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Pre-registration by Tuesday, November 25th. Membership dues must be paid. Fee for the show is \$10. **Delivery and hanging Tuesday, Dec. 2nd 5-8 pm** *If possible, it would be a great help if you could email us the titles and prices by Nov. 30th 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 Tuesday, December 2nd.**

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 _____

Holiday Dinner at Cross Roads (*formerly McCarthys*)

Holiday Dinner

Your name.....

Phone number.....

Guests, if any.....

Amount enclosed, \$25. for each person, check made out to RVAA

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