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Glorious Autumnal Greetings! *Lots of important news! Please read!*

Our next meeting will be early this month, **Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, at the Somerset County Library, 7:30, and you won't want to miss a **great pastel demo by Jeri Greenberg**. After many years as a fashion designer and illustrator, Jeri now works full time in painting. She says, "Pastels are a joy, and my love of pastels lets me enjoy painting landscapes, still lifes, as well as to continue doing figurative and commissioned painting". Jeri teaches pastel painting in classes and workshops in both landscapes and still life. Jeri also says "Pastels are pure color and pure joy for me, and the ability to make them do whatever you want, using both soft and hard pastels, is both freeing and a delicious torture."



Jeri Greenberg is a member of the Pastel Society of America and has won numerous awards, including Best in Show and Firsts at the Annual Gaelen Exhibit. (editor's note: you should really check out her beautiful work at <http://www.jerigreenbergart.com/> ) If someone would like to volunteer for hospitality, please email Alka at [alkadalal@hotmail.com](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) .

*This is serious, fellow artists.... Friends, you know what a great organization this is....8 wonderful demos a year, free, exhibits, the bus ride to New York City, newsletters....but with under 20 respondents so far for membership, we won't be able to continue unless more of you mail your membership dues to Susan asap. Please, artists, let's respond. We need to get out of the red and into the black.* The ball is in your court; please send your dues to our Membership Chair Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Valley Rd, Martinsville, NJ 08836 Individual \$35. per year Family \$40. per year Student (through high school) \$20. per year. Please make your check payable to RVAA. Oh, yes, we even have our own website [www.raritanvalleyarts.org](http://www.raritanvalleyarts.org) where you can post your paintings in the "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan asap! Thank you!

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 1<sup>st</sup>**. Pick-up is Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 11-1. 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 to leave the price list for the show sitters and we can sell the work within 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 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 ish.** We would like a head count by November 28th. However, Crossroads Restaurant, formerly McCarthy's, is now closed. So we will go to Maggianos, 600 Commons Way, Bridgewater. We will still go as a group, however small, and order and pay individually. **RVAAers 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 ...if you would like to provide some entertainment as well, please call Alka, 908-393-6561 or your editor 908-722-0562. **For the head count only, please email [diana@dianapatton.com](mailto:diana@dianapatton.com)** or mail the form below by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Demo Artists 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](mailto:alkadalal@hotmail.com) .

**From the Zimmerli Museum at Rutgers in New Brunswick comes this invitation:** please join us for an event celebrating the exhibition *Vagrigh Bakhchanyan: Accidental Absurdity*. The program includes a curator-led tour of the exhibition, a roundtable discussion with individuals who were close to the artist, and a screening of the film *Vagrigh and the Black Square*, followed by a reception. **4:30pm / Curator-led Tour** Julia Tulovsky, the Zimmerli's associate curator for Russian and Soviet Nonconformist Art, provides insight into the exhibition *Vagrigh Bakhchanyan: Accidental Absurdity*. **5 to 6pm / Roundtable** Irene Bakhchanyan, the artist's wife; writer Alexander Genis, a friend who collaborated with the artist; Russian-American artist Vitaly Komar; and filmmaker Andrei Zagdansky discuss the artist's life and work. **6 to 7:30pm / Film Screening** Zagdansky's documentary *Vagrigh and the Black Square* leads viewers into the absurd and bitterly funny universe of the artist. **7:30 to 8:30pm / Reception** The evening ends with a complimentary reception, serving light drinks and snacks. The event is free and open to the public. Visit the webpage for details. *The exhibition Vagrigh Bakhchanyan: Accidental Absurdity and related programs are made possible by the Avenir Foundation Endowment Fund.*

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**JUDY HUMMER** won the Avery and Nina Johnson Award with \$250 in the juried New Jersey Water Color Society Exhibit for her painting "Winter Guardian".

**LINDA LAM, DONNA SOUREN, and DIANA PATTON** have paintings at the Bridgewater Municipal Building for the "Talent in the Town" show.

**We'd like to hear what you've been doing. Do write or email me! The next issue will be in January but I will save your news for sure! So send me news any time.**

*Happy Painting!*  
*Diana*

## **HOLIDAY SHOW RULES---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

1. Pre-registration by Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Membership dues must be paid. Fee for the show is \$10. **Delivery and hanging Tuesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 5-8 pm** *If possible, it would be a great help if you could email us the titles and prices by Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.** -----

## **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 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\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

## **Holiday Dinner at Maggiano's 600 Commons Way, Bridgewater**

**Holiday Dinner**

Your name.....

Phone number.....

Guests, if any.....

*Please mail to: Diana Patton 497 Stony Brook Dr Bridgewater, NJ 08807*