

November/December 2016 Newsletter

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Holiday Greetings!

Already? Holiday greetings? Yes, and this is our Nov/Dec issue.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 21st at the Somerset County Library, at 7:30. We will have a mini show; each one of us is invited to bring an example or two of our art to share with other members, our own sort of "Show and Tell". This is a sharing to get to know each other better, and not a critiquing session. It should be a fun session for sure!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I would like to continue our discussion about the best day and time to meet the needs of most of the members. I will speak with the library's Jackie O'Hare and see how they can accommodate us - if at all.

We can talk again about the Christmas Party, the nametags, and have our "show and tell". I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Marge McGovern

Robert Heyer created a wonderful watercolor for us at the October meeting. He gave us lots of good tips and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Do see more of his work online. Just google his name with NJ artist and click onto "images", for a lovely treat.

Please, friends, our dues are past due. Individual membership is \$35. per year Family \$40. per year. Student (through high school) \$20. per year. Please make your check payable to RVAA and mail the application (at the end of this newsletter) with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836. You know these wonderful demos don't just happen! They cost us! And you also have 3 shows a year where you can exhibit, as well as delightful events such as a bus trip to NYC. And, oh, yes, this Newsletter and our website where you can post



your paintings in the "Members Gallery". So please mail your check to Susan ASAP! Thank you!

Our Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library will be different this year. We will only use the Circular Gallery and the three display cases. Depending on how many of you respond to me by Tuesday, Nov.22nd I will know how many works you can submit. I think if perhaps 10 of you respond, you could each have two pieces in the Circular Gallery and probably 5 small works for the display cases. There is a form at the end of this Newsletter which you can fill out. Be sure to leave your email address and phone number, and if fewer or more artists respond, I'll email you the changes in the numbers. If you can enter titles and prices Gard will put this on the website and I will be able to type up a price list for the Customer Service Desk. We are not requiring show sitting this year because we will not have racks with lots of paintings; besides, it was difficult to (wo)man the front desk for more than a short time. I plan to sit one or two Saturday mornings, and if any of you want to sit, great, just let me know when, during delivery, which will be Thursday, December 1st from 4-6:30 and pick-up any time Friday, December 30th. The library will be closed Christmas Eve day, Christmas, and New Year's Eve day. The fee is only \$5. this year. Please send 10% made out to RVAA if you make a sale to our treasurer Barbara Fiorentino, 22 Preston Drive, Branchburg, 08876.

Our Holiday Party...with great thanks to Mary Lou Guididas...

**RVAA Holiday Party, Monday Dec. 5
6 – 9 p.m.**

**BYOB + hors d'oeuvres platter
Home of Ed and Mary Lou Guididas
68 Hillcrest Rd.
Martinsville**

**RSVP at the Nov. RVAA meeting
Or call Mary Lou at 732 356 8781
Or ergmlg@yahoo.com by Nov. 22**

Here's the scoop:

We are planning a holiday party this year (minus the Secret Santa) for members and their guests at the home of Ed and Mary Lou Guididas. Everyone is asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres– for example: mini Reubens, chicken or egg salad with crackers, mini turkey sandwiches, Chinese pot stickers, salami, pepperoni or kielbasa platter with crackers, cheese platter, veggie platter, fruit salad, etc. –hot or cold - you get the idea – 18 pieces or servings - all finger food or toothpick speared. Already there are volunteers for a shrimp platter and stuffed mushrooms. Mary Lou will provide coffee, tea, soft drinks, and a dessert assortment. If you want beer or wine, please bring your own.

Because the party is less than 2 weeks after Thanksgiving, and Mary Lou is having out of town guests as well as Thanksgiving dinner, she is asking that anyone who is planning to attend let her know by phone or email by Monday Nov. 22 or at the RVAA meeting.

If you have an idea of what you'd like to provide, please let her know that as well so we do not have duplicates. If you want some suggestions, she has a list of ideas. It doesn't have to be fancy – we want to relax and have fun.

Getting to Mary Lou's house is easy from Rt. 22, take the Vosseller Ave North exit up the hill to the 3rd right, which is Hillcrest Rd. Her yellow colonial is exactly 1 mile on Hillcrest on the right – decorated mailbox and light post. Hillcrest Rd. is in the woods – it's dark and the deer are all over. Be careful. Parking is on the street, in front of the garage, and around the circle in front of the house. Carpooling is not a bad idea. There is also a gravel driveway.

Let's have a good turnout this year. Remember to RSVP.

Your editor urges you to see RVAA's current exhibit at the Somerville Public Library on West End Avenue in Somerville, which will be up until November 29, **pickup being 9:30-11 on the 30th (if morning not good, please do it that night; library is open until 9).**

There are 28 beautiful paintings in watercolor and oil on the main floor and going up the stairs to the Teen Dept. Those artists exhibiting are Susan Boyd, Bill Gilbert, Judy Hummer, Bill Metz, Ellie Morehouse, Diana Patton, and Donna Souren. The Somerville Library welcomes individual and group shows, and you may get an application from them to do so.

RVAA has been asked to show at Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Gallery in the Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, in Somerville. Kaitlin Bundy of the Commission sees to the hanging, and will create a postcard for the show, as well. Delivery to her at the gallery will be Monday, January 30th at 10 am and pickup Friday, March 17th at 2 pm. What I need from you now is to know who will be exhibiting. Again, depending on the number of responses, you can submit probably 2 works. 15% of the sale price will go to the SCC& HG. There is an overall fee of \$50. for arts organizations, so I'll just divide the \$50. by however many of you respond. I will remind you again the end of December by email (not a Newsletter) because I'll need to get art forms to you which you'll mail to the SCC& HG. If you wish to submit an image of your work, I'll remind you of that too, as that they need by January 2nd.

**Whew! In brief: Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library
December Holiday Dinner Dec. 5 at Mary Lou's and Ed's home
SCC & HG Exhibit....Jan. 30-March 17th [but must know soon whether you want to exhibit]
And finally, artists to pick up Somerville Library Show Nov. 30.**

The Bridgewater Creative Arts Council Exhibit is still up

at the Bridgewater Municipal Building. Several RVAA members are in it. They are Sherry Engelberg, Bill Metz, Diana Patton, Donna Souren, and George Straka. There is a lot of different media represented, including weaving, so you might want to check it out. I ran into Bill Metz at the Opening Reception, so here he is with one of his paintings.



Hamilton Street Gallery is proud to present eighteen artists and craftsmen in the juried exhibition entitled "Heart Wood." All of the exhibitors use wood as their primary media and source of inspiration. Various incarnations of the wood are used, including root burls, tree branches and bark, wood veneers, and found wooden objects such as table legs, buoys and firewood. They range from the finest hardwoods such as cherry and walnut, to salvaged pieces from Hurricane Sandy. The artists display a rich array of styles in wooden sculptures and constructions, wood engravings, mosaics, intricate carvings, marquetry and much more. The exhibit will run from November 12th to December 29th with the opening reception on Saturday, November 12th from 2 to 5 pm. All are welcome.

Members in the News

LINDA ARNOLD'S watercolor "Winter Brook" has been accepted into the Juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum.

ELSA HERRMAN won a special Award for her watercolor "Looking East" in the Juried Exhibit of the New Jersey Water Color Society. Elsa is also in the group exhibit "Scene at the Shore" in the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts, Ocean County College, 1 College Drive in Toms River. Do join Elsa at the Artists' Reception Sunday, Dec. 4th from 1-4. Her watercolor "Ingrid Ann" (a tugboat) is on the invitation postcard.



JUDY HUMMER'S watercolor "Empty Nester" has been accepted into the Juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum. (the photo is from the reception at the NJWC Society; Judy with her painting "Frosty Hedgerow")

DIANA PATTON'S painting "Lobsters on the Loose" has been accepted into the Juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Ellarslie. Diana will have a one-woman exhibit of 31 works at the Arbor Glenn Gallery November 17—January 4. She will do a program there in December, but a date has not yet been decided. Her picture book **Ronnie's Friend Trike** is now out and autographed copies are available for \$10. by emailing her.

DEBBIE TINTLE'S watercolor "The Welcoming Committee" has been accepted into the Juried Garden State Watercolor Society Show at Ellarslie, Trenton City Museum.

You do want to email or snail mail me news for the next issue, don't you? Believe it or not, it will be the January 2017 issue.

RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

ART level:

Beginner () Intermediate () Advanced ()

Most used medium:

Oil () Watercolor () Pencil () Photography () Printmaking ()

() Pastel () Collage () Pen & Ink () Other: _____

() Individual \$35. per year

() Family \$40. per year

() Student (through high school) \$20. per year

Make check payable to RVAA and mail the Application with your check to Susan Boyd, 437 Washington Avenue, Martinsville, NJ 08836

Comments:

RVAA's Annual Exhibit at the Somerset County Library Thursday, December 1st (delivery from 4-6:30 and pick-up any time Friday) to December 30th. \$5. check made out to RVAA

_____ will be entering two works for the Circular Gallery and _____ for the display cases. My phone # _____

My email is _____

Please mail ASAP to Diana Patton 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

You may email me the titles and prices later, by Nov. 27, because before then I'll know if you can bring more (or less) paintings.

RVAA's Exhibit at the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Commission Gallery January 30-March 17, 2017 *fee determined by number of artists entering*

_____ will be entering two works for the exhibit. My phone # _____ My email _____

Please remind me later in December and send me the art form to fill out for Kaitlin. Mail to Diana Patton 497 Stony Brook Drive Bridgewater NJ 08807