

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## Holiday Greetings!

**What!?** **Already!?** **Yes, indeedy.** And you will want to start the season off with a bang, by coming to our next meeting, **Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** (please note change of date for this time) at the Somerset County Library, 7:15 pm, when we will have a return appearance by a terrific artist and demonstrator, [Andrea Gianchiglia](#). Andrea Gianchiglia, local artist of Califon, New Jersey, graduated from the Hartford Art school receiving her BFA in illustration with a minor in art history. Andrea works as a full time artist with private commissions and freelance illustration, as well as an art instructor at the Visual Art Center of New Jersey, the Center for Contemporary Art, the Hunterdon Art Museum and conducts private lessons through her private studio. She is a member of The Society of Animal Artists, The Pastel Society of America, and The Salmagundi Club. She was also recently flown out to Denver to film her online class "The Art of Painting Horses" at Craftsy.com studios. Andrea is represented by Studio 7 Fine Art Gallery in Bernardsville, NJ. If interested in viewing her portfolio, classes, and more please visit her website, [www.AGillustration.com](http://www.AGillustration.com).



In October we were treated to an **excellent demo by our own Donna Souren**, who showed us the meticulous and creative work that goes into painting feathers in watercolor. Even in black and white with the color not added, Donna can make a feather shimmer, just as it does in real life. Thank you, Donna!



**Our Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library will be as it was last year.** We will only use the Circular Gallery and the display cases. Depending on how many of you respond to me by Wednesday, Nov 21, I will know how many works you can submit. **So please email me [diana@dianapatton.com](mailto:diana@dianapatton.com)** or snail mail 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. I think if perhaps 10 of you respond, you could each have two pieces in the Circular Gallery and probably 5-10 small works for the display cases. Depending on the response, I'll email you the changes in the number of works you may display after I've heard from all of you. Then, if you can email/snail mail me titles and prices Gard will put this on the website and I will be able to type up a list of exhibitors. If an artist would like their email and phone number up on our poster, please note it. Otherwise, all traffic will be directed to RVAA's website. There is no longer a Customer Service Desk. I am still waiting to see if you can put the prices on your works. We're not requiring Show Sitting, but I will have a calendar with slots to show sit when you come to hang if you are so inclined.

#### **DATES:**

**Wednesday, Nov 21**, date I need to know if you are participating and if you can exhibit both large and small (for the cases) works

**Saturday, Nov 24** I'll email you how many works you may exhibit

**Wednesday, Nov 28** Titles, prices, contact info (if you want it public) due

**Saturday, December 1** 11-1:00 delivery of works

**Sunday, December 30** pickup

The library will be closed Christmas Eve day, Christmas, and New Year's Eve day. The fee is only \$5. this year. Emailers can simply bring the \$5. to the library on the Dec. 1 if you wish. If you make a sale, please send a check for 10% of the sale price, made out to RVAA, to our treasurer Barbara Fiorentino, 22 Preston Drive, Branchburg, 08876.

## RVAA Holiday Party

Peg Tombro has graciously offered to host our annual Holiday party (thank you so much, Peg! And this on top of your moving...wow!) from Peg...

On Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 9pm, I will be holding the annual RVAA Holiday gathering at my home 20 Olsen Drive in Warren 07059. Please inform me as to what you will be bringing. We ask for hand held appetizers, approximately 20 count per person. I will supply coffee, tea, and soda. If you wish to have an alcoholic beverage please bring it with you. Please let me know what you plan to bring by Dec 1. My email is [ptombro@gmail.com](mailto:ptombro@gmail.com) my phone # is 732-809-1582

Happy Holidays! Peg Tombro

**Exhibition Opportunity** which was obtained for us by RVAA member Nancy Boney (Thank you, Nancy!). The exhibit will be at the Bernardsville Library in the spring and we will have a reception. Here is the information

Bernardsville Library Exhibit

Participation: RVAA Members only

Original Artwork Only

3 Medium pieces no larger than 24" X 36'

3 Small works for display cases no larger than 12" X 9"

Exhibit Dates: April 1-April 27, 2019

Delivery Date: March 30, 10-11 am

Reception: Sunday, April 7, 2-4 pm

Pick Up Date: Saturday April 27, 1-2 pm

Registration for the Bernardsville Library show must be submitted by March 15

Inventory sheet must be submitted with registration to include:

Artist Name, Title, Size, Medium and Price, Make an additional copy for yourself.

All reasonable care will be taken with your work, but RVAA is not responsible for damaged stolen or lost work.

Questions: Nancy Boney [nancyboney@optimum.net](mailto:nancyboney@optimum.net) or Peggye Tombro [ptombro@gmail.com](mailto:ptombro@gmail.com)

**A very special opportunity! From my artist friend Barbara Gerson comes Local Art School for Sale**

**Teaching Children, Teens, Adults & Seniors**

**For more information please contact:**

**Barbara Gerson**

**908.725.4490**

**Art4allschool@aol.com**

**And another special opportunity...** Have you ever been interested in making your own papercutting art, like the work of artist Dan Landau? (<https://www.facebook.com/danlandauart/> or <https://www.allthingspaper.net/2018/02/paper-cut-map-portraits-dan-landau.html>) If so, you're in luck! Dan is partnering with Princeton University to offer a **FREE** papercutting workshop on Monday, November 26 at 6:15 p.m.

You'll hear a little bit about the very long history of papercutting as an art form and get hands-on instruction to learn how to make your own papercut art. Dan will even provide the tools (craft knife, cutting mat, etc.) which you'll get to keep afterwards. (*editor's note: paper cutting is so cool*)

Space is limited and online registration is required <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-evening-of-paper-cutting-with-dan-landau-tickets-51523559353>

### **BCAC Exhibit**

The Bridgewater Creative Arts Committee show *Talent in the Town* is up until Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgewater Municipal Building. There is a reception from 6:30-8 Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. RVAA members Donna Souren, Mary Lou Guididas, and Diana Patton have work in the exhibit.

**Another business opportunity** Artist Getaway is for sale for \$3000 or best offer. Here's what you get: [artistgetaway.com](http://artistgetaway.com) with the easy to use Webstarts online website making program. It's \$96 a year.info@artistgetaway.com email address.

- Artist Getaway Corporation, it's an S Corp. This protects you from liability without having to get insurance for that.
- 3 tried and true California locations with hotels and great places to paint. Half Moon Bay, Occidental and Murphys.
- Prizes and samples collected which haven't been dispersed yet.
- Comprehensive list of art manufacturers contact information for requesting more prizes and samples
- Mail Chimp email list of over 2100 email contacts.
- Fliers and pamphlets about more places and hotels to consider for more Artist Getaways
- Letter templates for sample and prize requests, letters to guests.
- Artist Choice and People's Choice award ribbons.
- If you're interested or have any questions, please feel free to reply to this email and ask me! Samantha McNally

### **MEMBERS' NEWS**

**Lois Westerfield, Peggye Cole Tombro, and Judy Hummer** were all in the Garden State Watercolor Society special exhibit in a pop-up week plus two weekends show recently. This is something the GSWS tries to do each fall and it is very successful.

**PEGGYE COLE TOMBRO and NANCY BONEY** pose with their paintings in the Hunterdon Art Museum. Their work is on exhibit there until January.



**LINDA ARNOLD** had her painting "Random" accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society's annual juried exhibit at the Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie Mansion, Trenton, from November 16<sup>th</sup> to January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**JUDITH HUMMER** had her painting "Falling Water" accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society's annual juried exhibit at the Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie.

**DEBBIE TINTLE** had her painting "Sunday Morning, Gloucester" accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society's annual juried exhibit at the Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie.

**LOIS WESTERFIELD** had her painting "Upper Falls, Yellowstone River" accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society's annual juried exhibit at the Trenton City Museum, Ellarslie.

**DIANA PATTON** has a one-woman exhibit at the Somerset County/Bridgewater Library up now through November 30. If you can't get to the show itself, you can see the paintings by going to [www.dianapatton.com/scl.pdf](http://www.dianapatton.com/scl.pdf). On December 10<sup>th</sup> she will be in an Arts & Crafts Exhibit at On Fire 4 Fitness in the Prince Rodgers Mall (across the street from the library). The exhibit of jewelry, paintings, pottery and other crafts is for all; you're invited to see what we do (and where we exercise).

**What are you doing? What will you be doing? Our next issue will be in January but all news is kept in a file until then. Inquiring minds want to know! Please email me your news or snail mail to 497 Stony Brook Drive, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807**

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