

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION established 1939

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## Holiday Greetings!

### Next Meeting

November is upon us, but as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, my beautiful flowers are still blooming. You do not want to miss any of our beautiful meetings. Our next meeting is **Wednesday November 20, 2019, 7:15 Room B.** The demonstrator will be [Oscar Peterson](#) who will create a small, oil still life. Oscar has worked as an art director and graphic designer/illustrator for various corporations and non-profits, and now as a fine arts painter. An alumnus of Pratt Institute and The Art Students League of New York, Peterson has studied with leading realist painters, such as Nelson Shanks, Dave Passalacqua, Dan Thompson, and Costa Vavagiakis. He uses traditional methods and techniques while incorporating new ideas and personal observations as you can see from examples of his work below.



Sweetheart



French Coffee Cup



Pink Mask With Tea

## **Annual Holiday Show at the Somerset County Library**

Yes, it's almost here. Nancy Boney and Peg Tombro (with Bill Metz graciously offering to help hang) will be hanging December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be our 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Show! (I started it back in 1981 when the Somerset County Library opened!) (I did not run it every single year; Carol Skaponitz ran it 2 years and Debbie and John Tintle ran it perhaps six years?).

This year the details are:

**Hanging on December 2 at 1pm (contact Peggye if you can't come around 1)**

**2-3 Large Pieces per member**

**and 5-10 small pieces for the small cases**

**Contact Peggye if you wish to be in the show [Ptombro@gmail.com](mailto:Ptombro@gmail.com)**

**Peggye's Phone # 732-809-1582**

**Pick up pieces Monday December 30**

Peggye will have a sign-up sheet for the December Library show at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you don't attend the meeting and wish to show your work contact Peggye.

## **Message From The President**

November 20<sup>th</sup> will be our last meeting until January. I hope to see as many of you as possible there to finish off the year's business. Also, make a note now that meetings next year will be on a new day and at a new time. The library is making more use of their meeting rooms and that leaves fewer openings for others. In January the meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - January 23 from 7pm to 8:45. In February it will be again on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday - February 27 from 7pm to 8:45.

## **Annual Holiday Dinner**

Because the dinner will be discussed at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, a special email blast will have to be sent with the details. It will happen; it's just that the date and place will have to be announced.

## **Opportunities**

From Donna Bostick:

I wonder if you could share with your friends/members some information for 2 art opportunities; 1) a trip to Italy for my Art Adventures Abroad 2020, and 2) my Ghost Ranch Workshop/Retreats.

In Italy we are staying in a 16<sup>th</sup> century monastery in the Umbria region. All transportation (excl airfare), pick up and return to airport, lodging, daily excursions, instruction of making a travel journal, meals and wine included. There is a 10% discount if payment is made by 30 Nov and 10% more if shared with a spouse/friend. Presently we are all flying from the DFW airport and I can send flight info on United as well as AA. The United flight connects through Chicago (AA is direct). The United flight has a really great fare. There is room for more, so think about joining us for this amazing sketching/painting/journaling adventure! See <https://laromita.org/workshop/art-abroad-with-darla-bostick/> .

Ghost Ranch June and/or October 2020 details are on my website: [www.darlabostick.com](http://www.darlabostick.com)

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

**Donna Souren** had two paintings accepted into the Tewksbury Historical Society Juried Art Exhibition in October. She also had three paintings selected for The Beauty All Around Us Art Show at the Hillsborough Reformed Church at Millstone. The show takes place at One Amwell Rd., Hillsborough, on Saturday, November 16, from 1-5 and Sunday, November 17, from 11am-4pm.

*As Marge noted, this is the last Newsletter until January 2020! Yike! And it will be the last newsletter I write as Jenn Ali will take over as the new Editor next year. I have enjoyed being the Editor since 1994 (as well as a few years in the 1980s). Time has certainly flown by!*

*Now don't forget to send your news to Jenn, and please, please do!*

*Happy Painting!*  
*Dana*