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## **INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**August 2024**

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### **President's Message**

Greetings members, I love this time of year, late summer, early fall because of the crystal-clear sunny days and golden evenings which are great for walks. We were very fortunate this summer with good weather for our first ever Planting Fields demos given by Tom Germano at Coe Hall in July and Suzala at The Manor House in August. They were very successful and I hope to do it again next summer.

I am looking forward to our Tuesday, September 10th meeting which will be back at the Plainview Library at 7:00 downstairs in rooms A or B. Our demo artist will be Vera Worthington, who will be doing a painting in Alcohol Inks. I hope to see many of you there. Don't forget to bring cash for the raffle.

Christine Greene  
President

## Mark Your Calendars

Our annual Open Juried Show is coming up in October at the Plainview Library. Look for the prospectus at end of this newsletter. You can fill out the paper form and mail me a check made out to IAS or you can register your work on our website and pay with a credit card. [www.independentartsociety.org/exhibitions](http://www.independentartsociety.org/exhibitions) Registration is open now until Tuesday, September 24th. Whichever way, please enter our biggest show of the year.

Our sister league, Suburban Art League, is back from their summer break on Tuesday, September 3rd. They meet the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. Their meetings start at 8:00pm and are at The Syosset/Woodbury Community Center, located at the Syosset Woodbury Park, Woodbury, NY. Their demo artist will be Denis Ponsot who will be painting in watercolors.

We are planning a White Elephant Sale of your donated, gently used art material or other treasures that you want to contribute for our December 10th meeting. It is still in its planning stage and I will let you know more in later newsletters. There will be a buffet table with everyone bringing a dish.

So, start thinking about what treasure you are going to bring.

## September Demonstrator

Vera Worthington is a classically trained artist who studied fine art and illustration at the Fashion Institute of Technology in NYC. She has been painting with alcohol inks since 2018 and has been teaching her techniques with alcohol inks since the spring of 2020. Alcohol ink is such a fluid and loose medium that wants to drip and flow into abstract works of art rather than be tamed.

Her art is inspired by nature from animals to landscapes and she is most inspired by local LI beaches. In 2020, she was invited by the founding member and administrator of the Alcohol Ink Art Community group on Facebook to be one of only 15 contributors for the 54,000 member group. She teaches in-person classes and workshops on Long Island to spread the joy of the wondrous alcohol inks. She was invited to contribute a project to a book called "Creating Art with Alcohol Ink", now available on Amazon. Book number two is in the works.

Her art can be seen on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and YouTube, on all 4 she is WorthingtonFineArt. Her website is <https://www.veraworthington.com/>

## August Meeting Review     Christine Greene

Our August 13th demo by Suzala at Planting Fields was at The Manor House. It's a stately modern looking building, all white with a beautiful entrance flanked by columns. She set up her plein air easel in a shady spot overlooking the path leading up to the

entrance. She proceeded to paint a wonderfully loose and colorful watercolor interpretation of the scene. The weather was perfect and the time of day she chose, 4 to 6pm, was a time of day when the sun was low and cast lovely shadows from the trees onto the path. The sun also gave a golden hue to the white building.

Suzala does not start with a drawing. Instead, she lays her water down and drops in the pigment or lightly sketches with a pale watery wash of paint. She uses Daniel Smith watercolors on Baohong watercolor cold press paper made in China. She mixes her own greens with Ultramarine blue and yellows and a little Burnt Sienna. She prefers a limited palette. She paints standing and holds her unique folding travel palette in her left hand while painting with her right. Her board that holds her painting to the tripod easel is at an angle. Her many brushes were in a brush pouch that she wore around her waist like an apron. It made it very convenient to use her brushes without any rolling away. One of her brushes was a Da Vinci Casaneo # 2. She also used a Black Silver Series round with a sharp point. She painted all over as she went, always being aware of light and values. Her color tip: Use no more than 5 colors, otherwise the painting gets muddy and it's harder to get the values right.

Suzala belongs to Urban Sketchers that meet in different locations in NYC. She also likes to draw people while riding on a train or sitting in a park. Her sketch book is always with her. Congratulations to Kathy Oliva who was the lucky raffle winner of Suzala's painting of The Manor House.

### **News For and About Our Members**

**Vivien Pollack** will have an oil painting in the Mill Pond Gallery in St. James Juried Show running September 7- October 11, 2024, entitled "In relation to the land".

**Louise McClellan** has a watercolor painting in The Northport Library show entitled "Works on Paper" running for the month of August.

Congratulations to Lisa Corradi on the sale of "Thatched Cottage" a watercolor piece purchased by a patron from the Old Westbury Gardens gift shop. More of her work is on display in the gift shop through Labor Day.

### **Birthday Greetings to our IAS members-**

Wishing our August birthdays **Maxine Geller, Eleanore Abrams, and Marion Abramowitz** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.



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