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## **INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**December 2023**

### **IAS Board Members**

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### **President's Message**

I want to wish all our members a joyous holiday season with family and friends and a Happy New Year 2024. January and February are our off months, but I hope they will be an opportunity to be creative with our brushes or cameras during the winter. Don't forget the Spring Membership Show at the Jericho Library will be in May.

**Christine Greene, President**

### **Mark Your Calendars**

The Suburban Art League is having Their Members Show in February at the Plainview Library Feb.1-29, 2024. The Prospectus is available on their website: [www.suburbanartleague.com](http://www.suburbanartleague.com). You have to be a member to take part. Membership is \$30/yr. and you can register and pay on their website. If you already

belong, the entry fee is \$30 for one entry. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, Jan. 17 before Midnight. It will be juried and awards given.

The Art League of Long Island located at 107 Deer Park Rd. Dix Hills, NY is having their Members Show in the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery from Feb 6 through March 9, 2024. You also have to be a member to take part. Go to their website; [www.artleagueli.org/membership](http://www.artleagueli.org/membership) to join and to download the prospectus go to [artleagueli.org/category/call-for-artists](http://artleagueli.org/category/call-for-artists) You must register and pay \$30 for one entry online by Friday, Jan.12, 2024.

### **December 12 Luncheon at Villa D'Aqua**

12 members were able to attend our first annual Holiday Luncheon. This year it was held at Villa D'Aqua in Bellmore, NY. It was a huge success. The food, service and even the weather was great. See the photos that are posted on our Facebook page and on our website. Congratulations to Kiki Tsirou who won our lovely Door Prize of a Gift Basket. We all exchanged grab bag gifts and enjoyed each other's company. I hope we can do it again next year with more members attending. Meanwhile, keep painting and I look forward to seeing everyone at our March 12 meeting at the library.

### **Our March 2024 Demonstrator**

Vivien Pollack spent over 30 years in the design industry after graduating from F.I.T as Textile Designer, Silk Painter and Teacher of silk painting. Experience includes designing for the textile print industry creating original designs that were sold to manufacturers. She learned how to paint on silk while designing for a design studio in N.Y.C and fell in love with the medium. She has since exhibited her award-winning silk art in galleries and shows on Long Island as well as Santa Fe, New Mexico and Maryland, including the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, University of Maryland and the Sandy Springs Museum in Maryland, The Heckscher Museum in Huntington and the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook. Her award-winning silk paintings have been in the New York Times and in the book "The Best of Silk by Tuckman and Janas and their recent book "The Fine Art of Painting on Silk " she was also featured in the L.I. Village Connection Magazine and her painting "Tulips" is on the cover of Barbara Kellum Scott's Book "Perseverance of The Saints." She also spent many years teaching silk painting at the Long Island Art League. She now sells her hand-painted silk scarves online in her Etsy shop Vivien Pollack Design. Additionally, Vivien has taken up oil painting and pastels, but she still enjoys sharing the silk painting techniques learned over the years.

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

**Lisa Corradi** sold a piece of her artwork through the ALNC exhibit at Old Westbury Gardens. In addition, sixty-one pieces of Lisa's artwork are on display at the Plainview Old Bethpage Library on Old Country Road, through Dec. 31.

**Janet Medler** will be teaching Gelli Plate painting at the Bar Harbor Library in Massapequa on February 5, 12 and 22 at 10am. Non-residents can join if there is room. Registration starts January 22.

**Karen Kirshner** will be showing at the following exhibits in the month of January:  
**Barnes Gallery** Special exhibition of the National Art League, January 2- February 24, 2024, Reception: February 3, 5:30-7:30 PM, Garden City, NY  
**WFA at the Pictor Gallery**  
8th Annual World Fine Art Exhibition (January) 2024,  
547 W. 27 St., NY, NY

**Birthday Greetings to our IAS members-**

Wishing our December, January and February birthdays, **Lynda Wright, Joanne Doyle, Vivien Pollack, Petie Oswald, Sylvia Puglisi and Gina McCabe** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.



**INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY - IAS  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - 2024**

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Please select type of member-  Independent  Family

*Thank you!*  
*We value your membership and look forward to providing programs, shows and events for you and all of our members in 2024 and beyond. Membership year is March 1st to the end of February.*

**Membership in IAS is \$30 per year for individuals and \$40 for family membership.**

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