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**INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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President's Message

Our White Elephant Sale and Pot Luck Buffet was a huge success. Thank you all members and guests who attended. Everyone had fun bringing their items, buying their raffle tickets and picking the items they wished to win. There were 19 in all. Our Buffet table looked very festive with everyone's donations of food. Thank you Kathy Oliva for setting it up and also contributing 2 wonderful centerpieces for our tables. Congratulations to Harriet Rosen who won the \$50 Dick Blick Coupon. Ellen Winter and Daniela Velez took home the 2 centerpieces. Check out the photos of the event on our website www.independentartsociety.org and our Facebook page

independentartsociety.IAS. I wish everyone a Happy Holiday & Happy New Year.

Our thanks to Tina Anthony who has volunteered to be our secretary. She will do the review of our demo meetings. Janet Medler has volunteered to co-edit our Newsletter. I also wish to remind you that dues are being accepted starting in March for the 2025-26 season. Please go to our website www.independentartsociety.org/membership to register online or to download and print the member's form and mail to Louise Cassano at 29 Lilac Lane, Levittown, NY 11756. Membership is still \$30-individual and \$40-family.

Christine Greene-President

Mark Your Calendar

We will meet again in 2025 here at the library on Tuesday March 11, at 7:00 PM. Our demo artist will be Jock Anderson who will be painting in egg tempura and oils. Our demo schedule for 2025 can be found on our website www.independentartsociety.org/demos.

Our Juried Membership show will be in April at the Jericho Library. I will be sending the prospectus for it in an email attachment in February. Receiving will be on April 1, reception will be on April 6 and the take down will be April 30. Our judge will be Marc Josloff. Take some time during the winter to do some painting.

Our sister league, Suburban Art League is having an Art Swap and watercolor demo and book signing by Jan Guarino on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Jan will raffle off her new book [Thinking Your Way Through Watercolors: Thoughts to inspire You to be Fearless in Your Art](#) and have copies available for purchase. They meet at the Syosset Woodbury Community Center, Woodbury, NY. On Tuesday January 7 at 8:00 they will have Howard Rose painting in oils. February 4 they will have a watercolor demo by Anthony D'Avino and March 4 they will host an acrylic demo by Rob Becker. Their Members Only exhibit is February 1- 28 at Plainview Old Bethpage Library. Online registration begins January 1 to Midnight January 17. Go to their website for details and to register. www.suburbanartleague.com/art exhibitions

The Art League of Long Island in Dix Hills is having their members exhibitions in 2 parts. Dec. 14 through January 24 for members with initials M-Z and February 1 through February 28 for members with initials A-L. Go to their website www.artleagueli.org for more details and to register.

Holiday Celebration and the White Elephant Sale

By Tina Anthony

The Independent Art Society celebrated the conclusion of another calendar year with a potluck supper and a White Elephant Sale. Members brought in a wide variety of salads, entrees, and desserts to be placed on the Holiday Buffet Table. Participants also donated items to be raffled off to raise money for the organization. Everywhere blue and white snowflakes danced festively along the tablecloths.

Kathy Oliva, who sets up our weekly, wonderful coffee, tea, and dessert tables, hand crafted two large, Winter Wonderland Centerpieces complete with snow, snowmen, and evergreen trees as items for the raffle. Who knew Kathy had hidden talents? These centerpieces were won by Ellen Winter and Daniela Velez. Now Ellen and Daniela have no need to shop for table décor for the Holidays. They have attractive pieces already. Kathy, on the other hand, will spend some peaceful hours catching up on her reading. When it came to Art books, Kathy cleared the table and the library.

Several of our members donated Art materials. Joanne, Harriet, Ralph, and Barbara will add to their canvas, paint, palette and paint brush collections even though these artists probably have plenty stockpiled at home. It never hurts to have more “candy.”

So often Artists are in a pinch to find the perfect, large frame for a potential “Masterpiece.” No need to worry. Ellen Winter, Joanne Doyle and Tina Anthony each took home a beautiful 16 “X 20” wooden frame complete with glass. Now, the only thing that these ladies must do is to find a clear pathway to their respective easels.

There were other interesting “White Elephants” raffled off. Vivien Pollack took home a lovely evening bag, Barbara Dillon a bangle and other pieces of jewelry, Steven Smith (Daniela’s Husband) a gold rimmed sugar bowl, Christine Greene some ornaments, Daniela Velez a carousel horse, Ellen Winter some sparkling cider, and Harriet Rosen a poster of Hopalong Cassidy plus a \$50 coupon from Dick Blick Art Materials.

This was a great finale for a wonderful year, and a lovely way to say “Good-Bye” for a little while.

Our March, 2025 Demo Artist- Jock Anderson

Jock Anderson is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. He has a BFA from the Philadelphia College of Art. He has been exhibiting for 30 years in Solo and group shows. He paints in oils, tempera, watercolor, acrylic and charcoal. He is presently teaching classes for the Town of Oyster Bay and has taught for the Art League of Long Island. He also teaches for the Great Neck Community Education. As a teacher, Jock strives to impart knowledge that comes from 40 years of studio work, grappling with the same problems that his students face. His

experience benefits those with a similar desire to create, with the fellowship of teacher and student in the same boat or climbing the same mountain. The demo will be an oil painting with an egg tempera under painting.

New About Our Members

Karen Kirshner is in the Long Island Museum Milestones exhibition in Stony Brook, the Heckscher Museum of Art biennial, Body Politic through January 19. She is in Guild Hall, East Hampton; the D. Velez "All I Want for Christmas is Art" exhibition; the Huntington Arts Council exhibition fundraiser, Small Canvas, Big Impact . She is also in BJ Spoke gallery in the Harvest of Artists Show and also in the LUCORE Gallery in Montauk in a holiday exhibition. Karen was in the George Billis Gallery, Red Dot Miami Show and sold a painting. Congratulations.

Lisa Corradi has several pieces of her work for sale in Hope Taylor & Co on Main St., in Myrtle Beach and sold a 16 x 20 "Bike with Flowers" watercolor. In addition, Lisa has 15 pieces for sale in Jewelry by Wendy on Rt. 179 in Calabash, NC, through March.

Christine Greene will have a painting in February in the Members Show at Art League of Long Island in Dix Hills, NY

Harriet Rosen sold a pastel painting "Michael" from the "Figuratively Speaking" show at the Art league of Long Island in November. Congratulations.

Birthday Greetings to IAS Members

Wishing our December birthdays **Lynda Wright and Irene Westman** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.

