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**INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**  
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**President's Message - Christine Greene**

Greetings Members, Welcome back to our Library meetings after our two Planting Fields meetings in July and August. Elaine Meranus, our long time member and Secretary and newsletter editor has resigned for personal reasons. If there is anyone who can volunteer to fill this office, please let me know and I will give you the details of what is involved.

Vera Worthington gave a great demo Sept 10 of her painting with alcohol inks. You can read all about it on our Review Page. We have our Annual Open Juried Show in October. Deadline for

registering and paying for your entrees is Sept. 24. Please don't delay in sending them to me with a check or registering on our website [www.independentartsociety.org/exhibitions/](http://www.independentartsociety.org/exhibitions/) We also have Liz Masi next month, October 8 she will be doing a pastel landscape painting. On Nov. 12, Antonio Masi will be our demo artist. He will be painting in watercolors. Our Dec 10 meeting will be a White Elephant Sale here at the library. Bring a treasure you can part with and a pot luck meal. More to follow.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

Our Sister League, **Suburban Art League**, Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting at The Syosset Community Center located in the Syosset Woodbury Park is having demo artist, Lisa Fazio-Sketch Book Painting. Time: 8:00 to 10:00 PM.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, at the Plainview Library, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Demo Artist Elizabeth Masi who will be painting in pastels.

**The Art League of Long Island** is having a show ,October 26 to November 27 at their Jeanie Tengelson Gallery, 107 Deer Park Rd, Dix Hills, NY. The theme is Figuratively Speaking. Go to their website [www.artleagueli.org](http://www.artleagueli.org) for the Prospectus and registration of your work.

**Daniela Velez**, an IAS member, is taking entrees for submission to her Haunted Halloween Show at her gallery at 380 New York Ave, Huntington, NY. Go to her website [www.dvelezartgallery.com/apply](http://www.dvelezartgallery.com/apply) to register up to 5 works on a spooky theme for \$30 fee. Hurry, registration ends Sept 22, 2024. Show is from Oct. 4 to Nov 3. Costume Party Reception is on Oct. 25

### **Our October 2024 Demonstrator Elizabeth Masi**

Liz was born in Suriname, South America to Dutch parents and immigrated to NYC at the age of 5 yrs. old. She went to the H.S. of Industrial Arts and received a scholarship to Parsons School of Design for Fashion Illustration.

Working for Women's Wear Daily for 1 year she began freelancing for Henri Bendel, Harpers Bazaar, Saks Fifth Ave. Cosmopolitan, Glamour and many AD agencies on various accounts to become a top illustrator.

She studied fine art at the Art Students League with Richard Pionk in Oil and pastel and with Dan Slapo on LI. NY. Also doing workshops with David Leffel, Sherri McGraw, Robert Johnson, Casey Baugh, Joni Falk to name a few, at the Scottsdale School of Art in AZ.

Liz excels in portraiture but also paints landscapes and still life's in Pastel, Oil, and Watercolor winning a total of 75 awards nationwide and became a member of 12 art organizations, entering juried competitions every year and becoming a signature member of Pastel Society of America, North East Watercolor Society, Philadelphia Watercolor Society,

and a full member of Catherine Lorillard Wolf Art Club, Audubon and American artists professional league.

Liz has been teaching Portraiture at the Montauk Artists Association in N.Y. for several years and has judged many juried shows in the country. Liz will be doing a pastel demonstration.

### **September meeting Review Janet Medler**

Vera Worthington gave a wonderful and informative demo using Alcohol Inks. She has been painting with alcohol inks since 2018 and has been teaching her techniques with alcohol inks since the spring of 2020. Working with Alcohol Inks you need good ventilation and you might need a respirator. Alcohol ink is great for abstract art because it makes unusual marks. Vera has mastered taming the ink so she can paint realistic subject matter. She used Amazon Basic photo paper but used the non shiny side of the paper. You can also use Yupo paper which is more expensive. In order to activate the ink, she used 91% ordinary alcohol that you buy in the drug store, but you can use up to 99% alcohol. The alcohol is also used to clean the brushes. The brushes are regular watercolor or acrylic brushes. Keep your alcohol ink brushes separate from your watercolor or acrylic brushes.

She showed us how she dropped the ink onto the photo paper and watched the paint spread. Some colors spread more than others. She tilted the paper so the ink would run and blend into each other. The ink dries quickly so you need to activate the paint with the alcohol. Some of her tools were a needle tipped bottle filled with alcohol, Q-tips to lift out the paint, paper towels and a blending stick that absorbs the alcohol. Vera did a very nice seascape and a sunset. Her tip to draw in birds or objects in her painting is to let the paint dry on her pallet and she dipped her brush in alcohol and then the dried paint. This gave her more control so she could paint birds or grasses on to her landscapes. She seals the paintings with Windsor and Newton UV protection spray so the alcohol ink cannot be reactivated. Kathy Oliva was the lucky winner of a beautiful matted flower print generously donated by Vera.

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

### **News About our members**

**Karen Kirshner**-She is in the Heckscher Museum biennial. Her work is showing at the George Billis Gallery with other artists whom he also represents. Her work is showing at the Velez Gallery and Huntington and Bj Spoke Gallery. This is through September. The Heckscher Museum show lasts through late January. She also won best in Show at the Westbury Arts in their mixed media show 2024.

**Linda Volin**- Past president of IAS, has published a book: Hunting for Family History, A Genealogy Guide. It is Available on Amazon.

**Nancy Kropp, Janet Medler, and Susan Sterber will be having an art exhibit titled “Oil, Water, and Ink” at the Jericho Library, 1 Merry Lane, Jericho on October 3 through October 30th. Reception: Sunday, October 6th from 2-4 pm.**

**Lisa Corradi’s** work was accepted at LIAF rotation exhibition. She has also sold a piece of art through ALNC at Old Westbury Gardens and several other pieces to private buyers through <https://lifeonmycanvas.weebly.com/>. In addition, Lisa will be displaying her work for sale at Art in the Park Farmingdale on Sunday, Sept. 15 and St Rose Church in Massapequa on Saturday, Sept 21.

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

Congratulations to our members who are having a birthday in September. **Margo Posil Messina, Dorothy Thumm, Tina Anthony, Gail Loetman and Mike Oswald.** Have a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.