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## **INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**November 2024**

### **IAS Board Members**

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### **President's Message**

We have had a beautiful fall season this year with plenty of sunny days and warm weather although very dry. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Thanksgiving in a week or so with family and friends. I was very pleased with our October Open Juried Show this year and look forward to next year's in 2025. We will have our Member's Juried Show at the Jericho Library in April. It's earlier next year so start painting in mind for our Spring show. Our next meeting on Dec. 10 is The White Elephant Sale and Potluck Buffet. It will start at 6:30 and go till 8:30 to allow for cleanup and removal of leftover food. I hope you are all attending.

Christine Greene-President

## Mark Your Calander

Our sister league, Suburban Art league usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Syosset Woodbury Community Center But this December they are meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17. From 7:00 to 8:00 and are having an Art **Swap**. Bring new or gently used art material or equipment to swap with one you want. From 8:00 to 10:00 will be a watercolor demo given by Jan Guarino. Go to [www.suburbanartleague.com](http://www.suburbanartleague.com) for more information about them and their events coming up.

Congratulations to Daniela and Steve Velez on their Ribbon Cutting and official Huntington Chamber of Commerce welcome certificate Nov. 8 at the gallery. If you haven't had a chance to go see their gallery. it's on 380 New York Ave. Huntington, NY. Hours are on their website [www.dvelezartgallery.com](http://www.dvelezartgallery.com)

Their next exhibition has a holiday theme. "All I Want For Xmas is Art". This one has a size limit of 12" including frame and has an open subject theme so it doesn't have to be a holiday painting. Submission in case you want to enter the show can be done through her website under the page "Apply" It's \$30 for 5. Works must be submitted by the deadline Nov. 17 at 11:59 PM. Daniela emails to let you know if any of your works were accepted.

## Our December 2024 Meeting-White Elephant Sale and Potluck Buffet

Our December meeting on Tuesday, Dec.10 will be different this year. It's a Fund Raiser and we are calling it **A White Elephant Sale and Pot Luck Buffet**. It will be here in our usual room at the library but will begin at 6:30 and go till 8:45. You will bring an unwrapped item of value. It does not need to be an art item but it can be. We will line them up on a table and sell raffle tickets so you can place them in a cup in front of the item you wish to try for. Also bring a food plate to donate to our supper. No hot food. Bring salads, bread or sandwiches or a plate of cold cuts or a dessert if you wish instead. It will be a lot of fun and will add to our shrinking bank account. We will all share in the food everyone brings. Please make every effort to join us for this Fund Raiser. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door: 7 for \$5 and 10 for \$15.

This meeting will be the last one until March 4, 2025. Our demo artist will be announced by our Program Director. Also our annual dues begin in March. So either mail a check made out to IAS for \$30 or \$40 for family membership and mail it to me at 52 Hidden Ridge Drive, Syosset, NY any time over the winter or

you can go on our website [www.independentartsociety.org/membership](http://www.independentartsociety.org/membership) and pay online with a credit card. Anyway you do it, please do it soon.

## **November Meeting Review by Tina Anthony**

### **Antonio Masi**

Those of us who attended the IAS Watercolor Demonstration on Tuesday night, November 12, walked away with a good deal of food for thought. Antonio Masi shared his concepts on what governs his approach to painting. Painting only what an artist knows well is primary to Antonio's philosophy. The Artist paints bridges using his own onsite experiences and photographs. He will use multiple pictures so that he can select the best features from each image to incorporate into his painting. Masi is familiar with the histories of the bridges that he paints and their basic engineering principles. The Artist loves his subjects and understands them inside and outside. His emotional attachment to the subject is absorbed into each piece that he paints. He chose to do a watercolor of fog over the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.

Prior to beginning any project, Antonio Masi does a sketch in three values. He uses this sketch to locate his focal point and to define what he wants to accomplish. At any given moment during the process, the Artist can determine where he is going simply by looking at his sketch. When his watercolor is completed, Masi will compare his sketch to the finished piece to determine if he achieved his goals.

Preparing his tools before beginning any project is essential to Antonio Masi. He has a range of paint brushes in various sizes, and shapes. He states that each brush has its own "voice" or "mark." A painter should comprehend the capability of each brush. Masi will even select brushes designed for oils if he feels that it would be beneficial. Instead of using a hair dryer to decrease drying time between layers, Masi uses a heat gun to dry his washes, It's much hotter and dries faster. The Artist suggests using a limited number of paints. He feels that value is the key to

a successful painting and color is secondary. The lucky winner of the raffle for the finished painting was Carol Koch. Congratulations.

### **New About Our Members**

Louise McClellon Is showing at Mills Pond Gallery November 1<sup>st</sup>- Dec 16. She is also at Harborfields Library through December with “Fearless Watercolor” by Jan Guarino.

Christine Greene has work in The National League of American Penwomen LI Branch Fall show at Plainview Library Nov 1st to 29

### **Birthday Greetings to IAS Members**

Wishing our November birthdays **Lisa Corradi, Mary Ellen Lewis, Susan Sterber and Daniela Velez** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.