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## **INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**June 2024**

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### **President's Message**

Greetings to all members. Summer is almost here and I hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather we've been having. Go out walking and take your camera or phone and take pictures that may inspire you to paint. It's also the season for Plein Air painting or sketching. Don't forget to take your paints and a sketch book when you go to the beach this summer or on vacation.

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**President**

### **Mark your Calendars**

Our meetings in July and August are outdoors. This year we are planning to have our summer demo artists in two different parks. Tuesday, July 9 will be at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay from 1:00 to 3:00. Rain date is Wed. July 10. Tom Germano, our demo artist, will be painting in oils a scene that he chooses in the park. We

are invited to bring our sketch books, pens, pencils or watercolors if we wish or you can choose to just watch Tom paint and enjoy the park. It's up to you.

Our meeting on Tuesday August 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 will be in Clark Botanical Gardens in Albertson. Rain date on Wed. August 14. Our demo artist is Suzala who will be painting in watercolor a scene in the Garden. We are invited to also bring our watercolors and plein air easels and create our own paintings. Or we can watch Suzala paint and enjoy the park. No matter what you decide, please plan on coming and enjoy the two outdoor meetings we have each year. Remember to bring your lawn chairs, water and snacks.

Our sister League, Suburban Art League, has finished their season and break for the summer. They will return on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at Syosset Woodbury Park Community Center. Their demo artist will be Dennis Ponsot who will be doing a watercolor. Their new season will have two new presidents as Lisa Corradi has completed her two terms. They are Marilou Arcuri Weimann and Madeleine Giraldi (Co-President). I congratulate them and wish them well.

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**President**

### **Our July 2024 Demonstrator Thomas Germano**

Thomas Germano is a professional artist and professor of art with over three decades of exhibitions and professional experience. A native New Yorker, Germano was born in NYC and currently lives and maintains an art studio in Long Island, NY.

Germano is a Full Professor of Art and Art History at Farmingdale State College/SUNY. He also teaches a Graduate Seminar at the New York Academy of Art, NYC and taught an annual class alternating in studio painting and Renaissance Art History in Florence, Rome and Lucca Italy. He holds an MFA in Painting from Yale University and a BFA from Cornell University, concentrating in painting and minoring in art history.

Professor Germano is an exhibiting artist, published author and frequent presenter of art lectures throughout the NYC and Long Island areas. He is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Humanities Awards in 2011 and 2014; The Edwin Palmer Award in Painting from the National Academy of Design, 2006; an IREX Award in 1989; twelve Professional Development Awards through SUNY; and the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Creative Scholarship, 2017.

Thomas Germano has exhibited his artwork frequently throughout the US and Europe and he maintains an active studio practice in Long Island, NY.

You can go to his website [ThomasGermano.com](https://thomasgermano.com) and follow him on Instagram: thomas\_germano\_artist; and his website of art lectures can be found at: <https://thomasgermanoartlectures.wordpress.com>

Germano's paintings and drawings are in public and private collections throughout New York, The US, The UK and Europe.

## **June Meeting Review     Christine Greene**

Sungsook Setton believes "In starting a Sumi painting, essence and intention are most important". She used her phone to pick out a floral subject to interpret. It was a beautiful purple Iris. From her array of Sumi brushes she chose one and loaded it with her paint and holding it vertically she formed each petal with one swift stroke, getting the light and dark shades by using pressure on her brush. There is no layering of paint like in western watercolor painting. The tip of a loaded brush is darkest while the lighter shades are produced by the side of the brush. The paintings were done on Rice Paper. For the leaves she dipped her brush in a mixture of black ink mixed with green watercolor. Each leaf was done in three strokes, never going back over it once it was on the paper. The stems were on the paper either using the side of the brush or by stroking up using only the tip of the brush. When she finished the flower, she added a delicate butterfly hovering above. Important elements in Sumi painting are pressure on the brush and speed of execution.

She created three other paintings, a Peony and two landscapes. We were all transfixed by Sungsook's ability with Sumi and the beauty she created with speed and assurance. The winner of our raffle, Ken Drescher, was allowed to choose one of her creations to take home.

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

**Lisa Corradi** sold a piece of work at Planting Fields as well as winning a Town of Oyster Bay Citation Award in SAL Exhibit at Levittown Library and an Honorable Mention award in our IAS exhibit at Jericho Library.

If you are in Northport, take a look at their new poetry path in the park. The poems are illustrated by artists. **Vivian Pollack** illustrated the poem about Northport by Douglas Swezey.

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

Wishing our June birthdays **Nancy Kropp** and **Ralph Zaionz** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.