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INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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President's Message

Welcome back members for another season of creativity and interesting demos at our monthly meetings at the Plainview Old Bethpage Library. Our March meeting was Tuesday, March 12 and our demo artist, Vivien Pollack treated us with a glimpse of her creative process of painting on silk. there are more details about it in our review. I look forward to seeing more of you in the coming months.

In addition, please consider stepping up and volunteering for the following:

Greeter: Welcomes members and guests at the door and makes sure they sign in. Also sells the raffle tickets as people come in.

Treasurer: Deposits all checks that come in and keeps records of finances. We have our account at Ridgewood Savings Bank.

Social Media/ Publicity Chairman: Takes pictures at the meetings and show receptions, places them on our Facebook page and Instagram. Advertises our meetings in the local Pennysaver or town paper.

Christine Greene, President

Mark Your Calendar

Our Spring Member's Show this year is in June at the Jericho Library, 1 Merry Lane, Jericho NY. The Prospectus with all the details will be in the April Newsletter. You can either fill out the paper registration form and send it in along with your check made out to IAS to me, at 52 Hidden Ridge Drive, Syosset, Ny 11791 or go online to our website: independentartsociety.org and register using a credit card. Registration online opens on May 1st. The deadline for registering is May 18.

IAS's demo lineup through October:

April 9- Anthony D'Avino-Acrylic
May 14- Derek Owens-Collage
June 11-Sungsook Setton- Sumie Painting
July 9-Tom Germano- Plein Air-demo
Aug13-Suzala-Plein Air-watercolor
Sept10 - TBA
October 8-Liz Jorg Masi-Pastel landscape

SAL, our sister league, is having their spring art exhibit with open registration for all (but limited space in May at the Levittown Library). The address is 1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown NY Registration opens April 1 running through April 17, with information and registration at <https://www.suburbanartleague.com/art-exhibitions.html>

SAL's lineup for demos through June are:

April: Chuck Van Horn, Watercolor
May: Christine D'Addario, Oil, seascape/landscape
June: Jock Anderson, Egg tempura

The Town of Oyster Bay is happy to [announce](#) Art in the Park is back for 2024! This event will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park & Beach in Oyster Bay. The rain date is Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Art in the Park will include local artists & craft vendors (that's you!), live music, food trucks and family-friendly activities.

The cost to reserve a 15 x 15 spot and sell your work at this event is \$25.00. You can visit their website at www.oysterbaytown.com for more information.

Our April 2024 Demonstrator

Born in Brooklyn, Anthony D'Avino cultivated his life-long interest in art at the State University of NY at New Paltz, where he received his Master's degree in Fine Art. He turned to education and became the head of the Art Department at Burr Jr. HS in

Commack NY. Mr. D'Avino was named "Teacher of the Year" and named in the publication "Outstanding Teachers of America". Later he moved to head the Art Department at Commack HS and remained there until his retirement in 2004. Mr. D'Avino has been actively pursuing his fine arts career and recently he was featured in a Newsday article. His piece "The Walking Spaceman" won "Best in Show" at the Babylon Citizens Council of the arts competition, and was selected by Artists Magazine for inclusion in their national yearly calendar. His work is displayed at RVS Fine Art Gallery and the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, as well as, the cover for the Christmas edition of Dan's Papers. He has also exhibited at the Museums in Stonybrook, The Art League of Long Island, The Islip Art Museum, The Richard Demoto Gallery in Sag Harbor, Adelphi University, Nassau Community College and the Ripe Art Gallery.

Described as a "Super Realist", Mr. D'Avino's style goes beyond representation and captures a charm and joy through color and composition. His recent work, based on his antique toy collection, evokes a nostalgia for growing up in 1950's New York. His work has embellished custom electric guitars, adding visual fire and flash, to the instrument. Mr. D'Avino also created the back drop art work for the Los Angeles play "Riding the Midnight Express" for his lifelong surfing friend Billy Hayes. Truly a Renaissance man, Mr. D'Avino is an accomplished musician and a sixth degree black belt in Shorinjiryu Karatedo. When he is not painting, he can often be found surfing along the shore.

Mr. D'Avino will be demonstrating an acrylic painting at our next meeting. He is very knowledgeable in all art forms and promises to answer any art questions you may have.

March Meeting Review Christine Greene

Vivien Pollack is a master of painting on silk. The silk she uses is a fine weave called Huberty. Dharma Trading in California is a good source for silk painting supplies. Vivien starts by stretching her silk on wooden stretcher bars and lightly drawing her design on the silk with a pencil. She then uses a clear liquid resist called Gutta to outline her design on the silk. The resist outline acts as a barrier so when she paints, her colors don't run together. The paint she uses is a dye exclusively made to paint on silk and is water based. She paints with watercolor brushes. The paint can be diluted with water to get different values of the color. She paints light to dark since she can darken an area but not go lighter. When the painting was still wet, she sprinkled salt in areas for a texture effect. Once the painting is dry, it has to be steamed to set the dyes. They then become permanent and the colors are brighter. Vivien told us how she rolls them up and places them over a double boiler on her stove and lets them steam for about 2 to 3 hours. Her finished floral and landscape paintings are stretched on a white board, matted and framed under glass.

For her scarves, Vivien showed us how she can create a tie dye effect by folding it and tying cord tightly around it in a coil and dipping it in a tub of diluted dye. She also used a darker shade to paint on top of the rolled scarf to get a deeper value of the color. She used a hair dryer to dry the scarf while she undid the cord and rolled out the scarf. A beautiful tie dye scarf was created in minutes. It was a real treat for all at the meeting to see.

To see or buy Vivien's paintings and scarves, you can go to Etsy.com and find her store: Vivien Pollack Design. Kathleen Oliva was the lucky member who went home with a beautiful scarf that was our raffle prize. Thank you, Vivien.

If you are interested in learning more about Vivien's techniques for painting on silk, she can email you a materials and instruction sheet that she gives out to her students in her classes. Her email is vivienpollackdesign@gmail.com.

News For and About Our Members

Daniela Velez has opened a Gallery in Huntington, NY. It is located a few doors down from The Paramount, at 380 New York Ave. Email her to find out her hours before going. danivg45@gmail.com

Christine Greene has 3 paintings in a show with The National League of American Pen Women LI Branch at Long Island Arts Council at Freeport. 130 East Merrick Rd. Freeport, NY. The show is up until June 27. **Phyllis Coniglio** will also be exhibiting. All paintings are for sale.

Lisa Corradi has a Solo Show at the Elmont Public Library, 700 Hempstead Tpke. Elmont throughout the month of June. Be sure to visit and see Lisa's work.

Karen Kirshner is having a solo show entitled epiphany at Bj Spoke Gallery April 3 through April 28. The reception is on Saturday, April 13, from 2 PM to 5 PM. There will be refreshments. All are welcome.

In March she has been exhibiting at the George Billis Gallery on 23rd St., and 10th Ave., in Chelsea. She has four paintings on exhibit there, and is showing at the Steinberg Museum with the New York Society of Women Artists at Long Island University through the month of March in an exhibition, entitled, All Together Now.

Also in March, she has been showing at the D. Velez, Art Gallery on New York Ave. in Huntington and a show entitled, World of Color, which runs until the end of the month.

Birthday Greetings to our IAS members-

Wishing our March birthdays **Ann Zaioz, Janice Nesta, and Christine Greene** 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

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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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c/o Louise Cassano, Membership Chairperson
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