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INDEPENDENT ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER March 2025

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Presidents Message - Christine Greene

I want to welcome all our members back to the Plainview Library after our two month hiatus. Many of you were at our meeting on March 11 and enjoyed our demo artist Jock Anderson show us his technique with egg tempera painting. Read the review later in this newsletter by our new Secretary Tina Anthony. We have a lot planned for this season starting with our Spring Members Show at Jericho Library in April. There is still time to register and send in your entrees. The last day is Saturday, March 22. Please consider entering this show. You don't have to enter your newest work. A gem you did 5 years ago can still be a winner. The show is only open to paid up members. So please make sure you have paid dues through February 2026. Another activity we have planned is an interactive demo/paint meeting on Tuesday April 8 with Emily Eisen who will be teaching about Sumi-e painting. For those interested in painting along, we will have sumi-e brushes and rice paper for you. Cost is \$6.00. If you only want to watch that's okay too.

March Artist Review -Tina Anthony

Jock Anderson's unique approach to art demonstrates his deep appreciation for the masters of the past. He often references the techniques and philosophies of an artist's journey through time.

Over the forty years of working in the art field and practicing his craft, Jock Anderson has absorbed a wealth of knowledge. His demonstrations are a blend of technique, history, and personal insight. Rather than rushing to finish a piece, Anderson takes his time to explain the nuances of his methods, the significance of certain styles and the historical context of his work.

Jock Anderson begins by using a panel that he gessoes and sands smoothly. Jock makes his own paints by purchasing pigments from Dick Blick or Kremer and mixes them with egg yolk and a splash of purified water. This technique keeps colors more durable. Then he adds the egg yolk and water which he mixes with a small amount of pigment creating his paint. Often the artist uses egg tempera as an underpainting for oil painting. Other times he applies as many as 35 layers of egg tempera to any given piece without the use of oil. Unlike oil, adding additional layers of paint do not darken the piece.

In conclusion, Jock Anderson's unique approach to art demonstrations offer a refreshing and deeply engaging experience. His vast knowledge and appreciation of Art History make his sessions invaluable for anyone looking to deepen their understanding and love of art. The Town of Oyster Bay offers free instruction with Jock Anderson in Massapequa, Hicksville and Syosset. Students can paint in the medium of their choice. Contact the Town of Oyster Bay for further information.

April 8, 2025 Demo Artist - Emily Eisen

Emily Eisen is a fine artist and exhibits currently at the Firefly artist gallery in Northport Long Island New York. She has studied Japanese brush painting for many years and enjoys teaching her students how to use it as a form of meditation as well as artistic creation. Following is a description of what we will be doing at the demo/class:

Introduction To Japanese Brush Painting Meditation

Emily Eisen, M.Ed., Fine Artist

In this class we will use the art of Sumi-e, Japanese Brush painting to enter a relaxing and centering meditative state. Fine Artist Emily Eisen, Yoga teacher, will introduce you to calming/energizing breathing practices to accompany your painting practice. We will learn the basic Sumi-e brush strokes, then apply them to render images, then compose! Japanese Flute music will be our soundtrack. Bring a bottle of water, and a smile.

We will have brushes and sumi-e paper for \$6 to purchase. Emily will supply the Sumi-e ink. If you have your own Sumi-e brushes and paper there is no need for you to buy from us. If you don't want to paint, you are still welcome to watch and enjoy the evening. There will be a raffle of Emily's sumi-e demo paintings.

About Our Members

Christine Greene won an Honorable Mention in the Suburban Artists Members Art Show in February which was at the Plainview Library. She is also in the current show called "World Of Color 2" at D'Velez Art Gallery in Huntington, NY. She will be in a show with the National League of American Pen Women LI Branch in May at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Shelter Rock. Manhasset, NY.

Lisa Corradi sold one of her 5 x 7 oil pieces in a storefront Jewelry by Wendy in Calabash, North Carolina.

Vivien Pollack will be doing a painting to illustrate a poem for Northport's Poetry Path which will go up later this year. She also illustrated a poem which is on display now for the Path's inaugural year. The Path where they are displayed runs through the Harborside Park by Northport Village.

Louise McClellan has paintings at the Jericho Library with ALNC, also showing at the Firefly Call to Artist Exhibit and on retainer for Douglas Eliman Babylon for house portraits.

Opportunities and Art Information

Orchid Society Plein Air Event

The Tenth Annual Long Island Orchid Society Orchid Festival at Planting Fields Arboretum: Friday thru Sunday, May 30, 31, June 1. The event features a Plein Air Painting weekend with free admission for members of the ALNC and SAL (our sister league). Registration for the event will be necessary. The "Natural Beauty" Art Exhibit with paintings for display and sale will be on exhibit during the festival. Receiving and set up day is Thursday, May 29th. A Prospectus with more details will be coming soon.

Town of Oyster Bay Art in the Park

TOB Art in The Park Sunday May 21, 2025. Go to oysterbaytown.com for more information.

D. Velez Art Gallery

Animal Kingdom II at the D. Velez Art Gallery March 21 - April 13, 2025 Reception Saturday April 5, 5-7pm. Watch for future opportunities to show at the gallery.
www.dvelezartgallery.com

Suburban Art League

Start preparing your entries for Suburban Art League who is having their Open Art Exhibit in Harborfields Library. IAS members pay the lower entry fee as a sister league of SAL. More information to follow in our next newsletter and on their website suburbanartleague.com.

Birthday Greetings to IAS Members

Wishing our March birthdays **Ann Zaionz, Janice Nesta** and **Christine Greene** a very happy and healthy birthday and many, many more.