



What's Happening in the PAPJC February-March 2012

Good news! It took some time, but thanks to all of you who volunteered, we will be able to go ahead with our 2012 annual members show. Rae O'Shea, Caroline Klein, and Catherine Love are serving as your Member Show Committee and will plan and manage this year's show. Once they have a complete schedule in place, we'll get that information out to you. This will be our 10th annual show, and it will be held in June at the Middletown Art Center. For now, hold the following dates:

Mon., May 7:	Registration deadline
Wed., 5/30, 10 am-1 pm:	Painting drop-off & hanging
Sat., 6/2, 7-9 pm:	Opening reception

We had a good turnout for the Winter All Members meeting at the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center in February, and everyone who came and stayed deserves a medal. The Cultural Center's furnace was on the fritz and it was *freezing*!! The main topics for the meeting included the following:

- Dianne Bollerman gave an update on the River Views gala, which is still in the formative stages.
- We had an open discussion about the 2011 annual show and what members do and don't want to carry forward for the 2012 show. The two biggest changes are that this year we will not restrict size like we did last year – that is, we're doing away with the confusing “gap” between large and small works – and we will not award ribbons. The focus for this show will be on plein air paintings like last year.
- The final topic was an open discussion of signature membership. We clarified who the current signature members are (Tony Migliaccio, Rae O'Shea, Judy Stach, and Marge Levine), how they were selected to jump-start the new membership level, how other plein air organizations have implemented signature membership, why someone would want to be a signature member, and its benefits for PAPJC as an organization. The discussion concluded with members asking us to define the criteria to be used for PAPJC signature membership, stating their preference for objective (checklist) criteria.

We are planning another All Member meeting for March 26th. The Member Show committee will give us more details about the annual member show. Judy will give another update on the River Views show scheduled for September 29. If time permits, Kathleen Beausoleil will demo our new Yahoo group. For those who are interested and want to stay for it, we will wrap up the meeting with a Q&A session on our new signature membership criteria and the application process.

There is now an online form for signing up for the Keyport Garden Walk paint out and show on June 9th and 10th. To sign up, go to our home page at www.thepapjc.com and scroll down until you see the “Click here” link under Invitational Events. When you click “Submit”, your information will be sent to Louisa Farina Reilly of the Garden Walk committee. She will supply you with everything you need to know to participate.

The June show is just around the corner, so break out your paints, put on a coat, and come join us for some late winter painting. The subtle color harmonies out there now are simply beautiful, and they won't last much longer. The tree buds are already starting to swell, and spring will be here before you know it!

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