

The Rochester New York  
Chapter of New York Plein Air Painters (NYPAP)

**GENESEE VALLEY**



**PLEIN AIR PAINTERS**

*Geneese Valley Plein Air Painters, an artist association, promotes and inspires quality plein air painting while providing socially-pleasant painting opportunities for its membership throughout the year.*

## **February 1, 2006 E-LETTER**

**Editor, Brande Arno, Charter Signature Member**

As I write this newsletter, there is a beautiful winter scene outside. I put my boots on to set some bird seed out and discover it's also a mild day. I see pink in the snow. I want to set up and catch this in a painting but I have learned that snow and oil paint don't mix. Maybe after I finish, I'll ride out to paint in the car... I have to get milk anyway.

### **MEMBER NEWS:**

Snowbird SUSIE Covert wants to share that in the sunny state of Florida, she is not only enjoying fresh squeezed orange juice, but is painting every week in an old fishing village near Sarasota, where the light is lovely. She also paints with a figure painting group and is working on a self portrait. She hopes to send us jpegs of her work soon.

BARBARA Jablonski will be giving her almost famous *Winter Survival Plein Air Painting Presentation & Demonstration* on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at the Suburban Rochester Art Club. They meet at the Greece Town Hall, located off Long Pond Road. All are invited.

BARBARA will also be the featured artist at the CENTURY CLUB for the month of March. She will show both plein air and studio pieces. Call the Century Club for viewing hours.

BRANDE Arno will give an oil painting demo with palette knife for the Penfield Art Association on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Penfield High School, Art Room at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

JUDY Soprano is also painting in the comfort of warm sunbeams. But, she will be back to give a watercolor landscape demo also for the Penfield Art Association on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Penfield High School, Art Room at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to our members that took ribbons for their work in our Inaugural Art Show at Barnes & Noble:

Phil Bliss - Best of show and three Juror's awards  
Kathleen Bolin - Juror award  
Don Cooney - Juror award  
Pamela Drix - Juror award  
Don Grieger - Two Merit awards  
David Huebsch - Merit award  
Chris O'Handley - Merit award  
Colette Savage - Merit award  
Chip Stevens - Merit award

BARBARA Jablonski would like to extend a sincere "thank you" and "job well done" kudos to all that worked and donated items to make this show the success it was. The opening was well attended. A sale was even made that afternoon! This is only the beginning. We have much to look forward to! We will have another show there next January.

### **NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

*MARK THIS DATE!* July 22, 2006 -- Portage Hill Gallery is hosting a plein air painting contest. This will be held on the historic Portage Trail (by Jamestown, NY). More info regarding this event may be found at [www.portagehillgallery.com](http://www.portagehillgallery.com) Note that there is a terrific picture of a woman in a large brimmed hat...it's Brande Arno.

*2006 Art du Jour* -Workshops to Break Out of Your Comfort Zone sponsored by the Pittsford Art Group will be held on Saturday, March 25, at MAG's Creative Workshop from 7:45 am - 4:15 pm. Fee is \$60.00 which includes two 3 hr. workshop sessions, continental breakfast and lunch with beverages. This is a FANTASTIC opportunity to allow you the opportunity to try something new. Enrollment information can be obtained by sending an email to the Art du Jour Chair: [bjablons@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bjablons@rochester.rr.com) I cannot say enough Good about this. Please look into this and join us if you can. Hurry as spaces fill up fast.

### **WEBSITE AND OTHER TECHIE STUFF:**

We have successfully launched our very own website. We can thank Chris O'Handley for his very hard work to make this happen. Go to [www.gvpap.com](http://www.gvpap.com) and see what we've got showing. In you have not done so, please send two jpegs of your paintings to Chris so that your work may be posted on our site.

Notice on our website that members who have websites are indicated on ours. Viewers may simply click on your name and bingo...they're at the member's site. If you have a personal website, consider putting a link to GVPAP on your computer. - Yes folks, we're talking technical here.

### **DEADLINE FOR NEXT E-LETTER**

The deadline for the *March 1, 2006 E-LETTER* is Tuesday, February 21. If you have plein air art news, painting tips or other related news, send it to Brande Arno at: [artistbrande@msn.com](mailto:artistbrande@msn.com)

Thank you all and see you painting!

For more information regarding the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters, see our website at [www.gvpap.com](http://www.gvpap.com) or email [gv\\_pap@yahoo.com](mailto:gv_pap@yahoo.com)