

Manasquan River Group of Artists

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Newsletter



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Letter from the President

Summer is in full swing, (can you feel it?) and so is the Manasquan River Group of Artists. Although we will not meet as a group until September, the planning for the 2022-2023 year has been ongoing by the Executive Board and the Board of Trustees.

We were all treated to two wonderful art exhibits, one at the North Hall Gallery in the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, which is still there to view until August 30th and the other at the Brick Library. Read the comments from Show Directors, Karen Norby and Margo Fletcher and the photos from MRGA's official photographer, Melinda Saminsky.

The annual Trifold was always mailed out in August, informing all members of upcoming meetings, art shows and classes at Sea Girt Lighthouse. The Trifold, renamed the Calendar of Events, will be published in each newsletter and on our website mrga38.org. Copies will be mailed out to those members without access to a computer. In another nod to technology and social media, MRGA has a Facebook page! It's a work in progress so stay tuned for more information.

If you have a star to paint for Stars for Charity, please read the essential information from Linda Hejduk.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting, my first as your new President, on September 2 at The Curtis House. Please note the new time: refreshments will be served from 4:00 – 4:30 PM, general meeting at 4:30 PM, followed by a demonstration by Arlene Newman. Hope to see you there, until then, enjoy the rest of your summer and stay cool.

Barbara Calvo
President



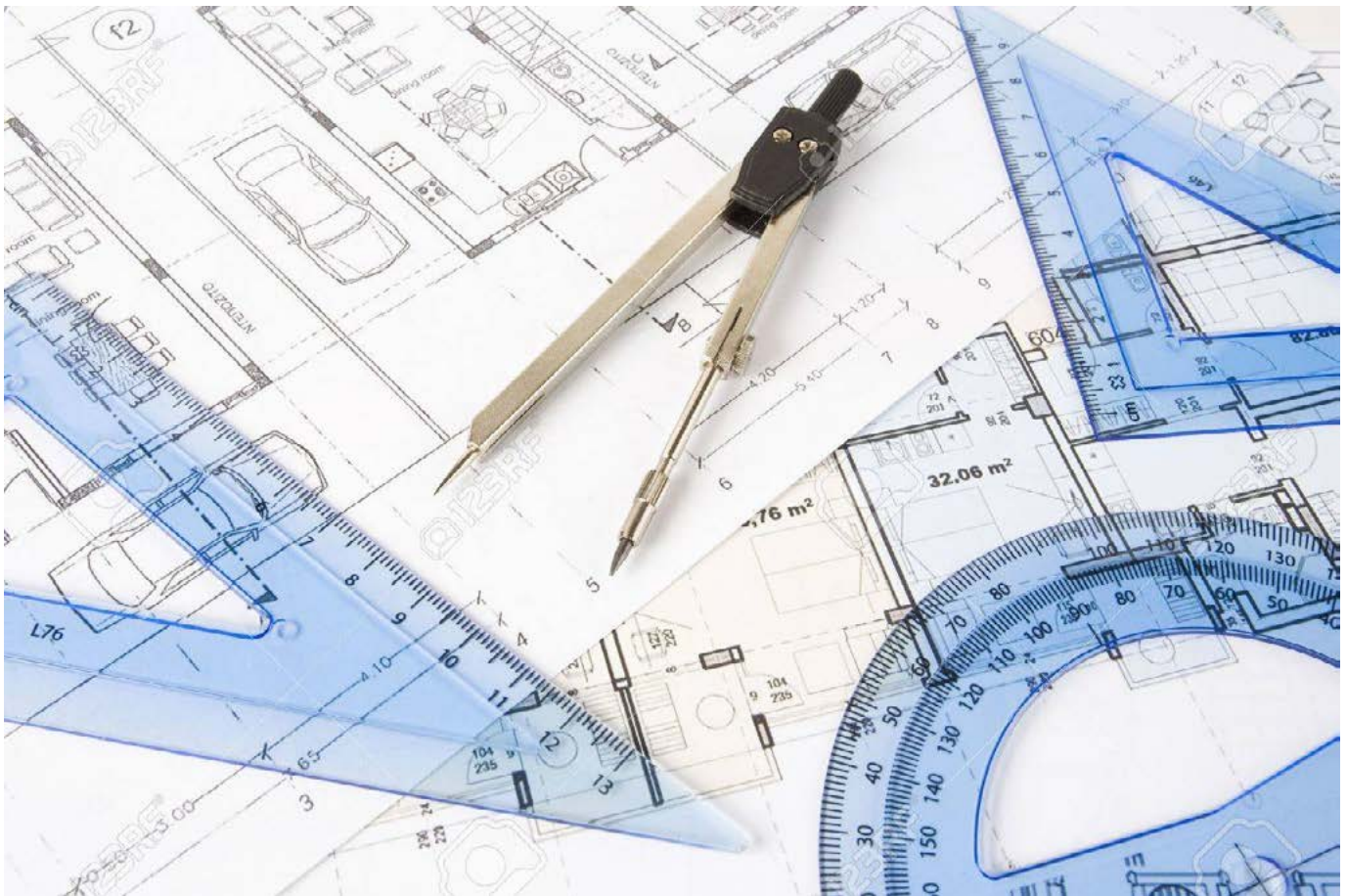
Please Note Next Members Meeting NEW TIME

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 2nd. Refreshments at **4- 4:30pm**;
Business meeting to follow at **4:30pm**

Art Musings

“I Can’t Draw a Straight Line”

As artists, I am sure you all have heard this woefully exclaimed as others look at your paintings. I always answer, “I can’t draw a straight line either unless I use a ruler.” My thoughts still go back to all the August planning of meaningful art lessons for my elementary school students. These lessons would always include drawing for each grade level. Making drawing fun and not a task they had to struggle through was important. I would always encourage my students to really look at what they were drawing instead of drawing a preconceived image. Think cone-shaped mountains and lollipop trees! Whether they were painting from a silk flower for a Georgia O’Keeffe-related lesson, drawing a self-portrait or each other for a clay relief or as preparation for a lesson related to Keith Haring’s figures, learning to look and really observe rather than just seeing a subject, was my focus. I told my students, in these simple terms, that as they look at something to draw and really concentrate, your brain sends a message to the hand holding the pencil to follow the lines and shapes as they draw. We learned the difference between the right and left sides of the brain and even drew upside-down! Hopefully, I gave my students a foundation in drawing for other future art experiences.



Manasquan Group of Artists 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

November- Wall Library Show

Donna Ferris 732.995.5491

January/February- Pt. Pleasant Beach Library Show

Sheila Soyster 732.674.2038,
Pauline Mickle 732.892.5606,

April-Brielle Library Show

Tracy Roccanova-Miller 732.822.2099

June- Spring Lake Art in the Park (Devine Park)

Susanna Anastasia 732.715.1555

July- Sea Girt Lighthouse Outdoor Show

Janice Collinson 908.489.7696

July- Brick Library Show

Margo Fletcher 732.840.5635

July/August-North Hall Gallery Show

PT. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Pt. Pleasant Beach

Karen Norby 908.915.2301

MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKS

September 2, 2022

Arlene Newman "Heritage Paints"

Arlene will demonstrate the versatility of Heritage Paint used straight out of the tube as an acrylic, mixed with medium to use as watercolors or mixed with an extender to use as oil paint.

October 7, 2022

David Levy "Italian Art 1200-1350"

David will speak of "Movers and Shakers", those artists, patrons, saints and writers who were major figures of this period; the four cities where this art was created; the artistic traditions from which the art drew; and the types of works that were made.

November 13, 2022

Luncheon at The Lobster Shanty

December 2, 2022

Holiday Fun

January

NO MEETING

February 3, 2023

Tamara Woronczuk "Gelli Plate Printing"

A Gelli Plate is made from a unique plastic mixed with mineral oil to give it a "cushy" surface. Artists use this printing surface as a base to create original hand-printed papers to be used in collages and mixed media. Tamara will demonstrate how to use a variety of objects as well as stamps and stencils to create beautiful monoprints.

March 3, 2023

Vinnie Nardone "Vintage Shore Collection"

Vinnie will display and speak about a selection of "auction listed" and "collectible" art of NJ shore artists, both living and deceased. Included in the presentation will be biographical information and a discussion of each artists' painting styles. Vinnie promises this will be a fun and educational presentation and an opportunity to experience a museum-like setting in the Curtis House.

April 7, 2023

Theresa Heidel "A Street Scene in Watercolor"

Renowned watercolorist Theresa Heidel will give a brief demonstration how monochromatic value studies, a good drawing and value plan are key to a painting's success. The street scene she will paint will show progression from dark to light with emphasis on luminosity, clarity and confidence in brush strokes.

May 5, 2023

TBD

June 2, 2023

Potluck Dinner hosted by Margo Fletcher and Paula Shipman, our Hospitality Chairs

Please visit the website for MRGA www.mrga38.org Our website is being updated regularly by Sheila Soyster. Please contact Sheila with any information: sheila624@comcast.net or 732-892-7692.
Thank you Sheila.

ART CLASSES

MRGA Executive Board and Committees 2022-2023

Sponsored by The Manasquan Group of Artists
Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Sea Girt Lighthouse

2022

September 13 & 20	
<i>Leona Lavone-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.914.9941</i>
September 27	
<i>Lou Riccio-drawing.....</i>	<i>732.295.3575</i>
October 4-	
<i>Lou Riccio-drawing/watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.295.3575</i>
October 11 & 18	
<i>Sheila Soyster-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.892.7692</i>
October 25	
<i>Arlene Newman-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.682.3397</i>
November 1	
<i>Arlene Newman-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.682.3397</i>
November 8 & 15-	
<i>June Coles-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.974.0746</i>
December 6 & 13	
<i>Janice Collinson-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.528.7179</i>

2023

January 3 & 10	
<i>Leona Lavone-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.914.9941</i>
January 17 & 24-	
<i>Bev Sirianni-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.774.0014</i>
January 31-Catch-up Class	
February 7&14-	
<i>Mona Kirk-portraits/watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.223.2569</i>
February 21& 28-	
<i>Melinda Saminski-pastel</i>	<i>732.610.8626</i>
March 7 & 14-	
<i>Barbara Calvo-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.996.0738</i>
March 21 & 28-	
<i>Pauline Mickle-watercolor.....</i>	<i>732.892.5606</i>
April 18 & 25-	
<i>Tamara Woronczuk-book ar.....</i>	<i>609.203.5201</i>
May 2 & 9-	
<i>Arlene Newman-watercolor</i>	<i>732.682.3316-</i>
May 16-	
<i>End of Year Class</i>	

Instructed Classes \$6.00 Catch-up Classes \$3.00

Please call instructor before attending class for necessary information.

Any questions, please call Mona Kirk 732.223.2569

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The North Hall Gallery Exhibit

The North Hall Gallery, located in the niches of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church is proud to exhibit twenty-six pieces of art by twenty-six MRGA members. Thank you all so much for your support, advice and patience. Thank you to those of you helped me with registration, hanging the art and the use of your portfolios. You have gotten many compliments about your paintings and have sold some.

The artist's reception was held on Sunday, July 17th. Thank you to those who provided refreshments. If you have not gotten a chance to see "By the Shore" the church is open week days 9:00am to noon and from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. You can enter the gallery through the Forman Avenue Church Office entrance. If you have not provided your biography and would like to display it, please e-mail it to me and I will print it out and hang it with the others.

PICK-UP IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 11:30AM TO 1:00PM.

Blessings and Peace, Karen Norby



Pictured l to r: Jaelie St. Angel, Barbara Calvo, President, Karen Norby, Show Director

Brick Library Exhibit

There was a great turn out for Brick Library Reception on July 28th! There were 11 winners. Photos of the winners with judges comments are shown on the next page.

A special thank you to Master Artist, Lou Riccio who aided with our Pledge of Alliance

A Big Thank You to all the Artists who participated in bringing food, goodies, drinks and helping with set up and break downmuch appreciated!

A good time was had by all!



Winners and Judges Comments



Best in Show: Jackie St Angel

The portrait subject is beautifully painted with luminous skin tones. He is confidently painted with clarity and skill. He stands out from the softened background tones so we know who's important in this painting!



Best in Mixed Media: Tamara Woronczuk

Interesting application of paints which leads to varying textures, soft and hard edges, colors deeper and paler, and a single change up of color to add a bit of zing! Put together all make a very fine painting.



Best in Landscape: Debbie Herbster

Bold, rich, pure colors are very appealing and make this little painting very strong. I like the lead in which changes direction and the bold blue becoming soft and light in the distance.



Best in Seascape: Linda Hejduk

An calm and inviting painting which draws the viewer in to enjoy.



Best in Abstract: Vinny Nordone

This painting is all about movement and activity. The colors laid thickly on the surface have a kind of electricity. It changes constantly and reminded me of music.



Best in Realism: Paula Shipman

This artwork jumps forward to the viewer with powerful contrast and painting excellence which is evidenced in every stroke of the brush. An extraordinary painting!



**Best in Composition:
Melinda Saminski**

This quiet room has an abundance of movement in its tricky angles and turns which all bring the viewer back to the figure and he looks out at the viewer making eye contact no matter where one stands.



Best in Figurative: Robert Stetz

Nice grouping of many figures in varied groups in shadow and light. Very ambitious in subject matter and execution well done!



**Best Innovative:
Margo Fletcher:**

The pigment is laid down and manipulated in such ways as give definition to the floral subject in a surprising and unexpected way. The painting has a natural flow of movement from this manipulation that describes the subject even better. The flowers seem alive and about to move



Best Humorous: Karen Norby:

Big kites in the sky! Very well painted and fun for the viewer. Colorful and lighthearted.



**Best Technical Artistry:
Mary Jo Austin:**

The brush strokes in this painting give illustration to the meaning of a painting having a "painterly quality". It describes the artist as being so comfortable, able, and sure handed that the paint itself gives a liveliness and grace to the subject. See the work of artist Frans Hals!



Stars for Charity

A little history on Stars for Charity: On October 23, 2021, Linda Hejduk, received the following letter from Bill Bunting "Hi Linda, dear fellow artist, you may remember me as the artist who paints cars. I'm writing to you because I am reviving the "Stars for Charity" fundraiser, started by Anne Neff at the Anchor and Palette in Bayhead, NJ, many years ago...now The Jolly Tar. Anne is the daughter of Dick La Bonte, a very well-known, stylized artist in Bay Head for many years whose art, almost Folk Art in its simplicity, depicted life in Bay Head, NJ." Bill writes that he has always found it disgraceful that the richest nation in history allows any of its citizens to go hungry, many of them, Veterans, who risked their lives to defend this country.

Linda spearheaded the "Stars for Charity" with MRGA members and many of you painted these stars last year which were auctioned on Ebay. 100% of the proceeds go to an agreed charity. Last year, Stars for Charity donated to two NJ food-based non-profits Bread-Breakers of New Dover Methodist Church in Edison and the Community Food Bank of Hillside which supplies food pantries throughout NJ. Together they provided 13,000 meals for the needy! This year's goal is to triple it to 40,000, with expansion into PA and NY.

Linda has already handed out 42 Stars and will bring the remaining few to the September meeting. Linda would like you to transform your 5" wooden Star into fine art...be it an ornament, a sculpture, or mixed media, using individual style to interpret your entry. After the EBay auction, any remaining Stars will be sold at a live auction. A website will be announced once the Stars are online. You will be able to follow the bidding and see other Stars submitted by fellow artists.

Here are the guidelines to follow for your stars:

- You will need to drill a hole for hanging by tying a ribbon through the hole.
- You may paint one or both sides, be sure and autograph the back (Linda paints and autographs both sides)
- When complete you may bring your finished star(s) to the October MRGA meeting or mail to:
Stars for Charity c/o New Dover Methodist Church New Dover Road
Edison NJ 08820 Attention: William Bunting
- Include your name, phone number, email, # of starts completed, a short bio and state that you are a MRGA member, place all into a small plastic ziplock-style bag. The stars must be received by November 20, 2022.

Any questions, please contact Linda Hejduk 732.714.0854 or buntingart@yahoo.com

SAMPLES OF 2021 STARS FOR CHARITY



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION-

All submissions for the newsletter and changes to your address, phone or email should be sent by email to MaryAnn Goodwin at maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for the next newsletter. When announcing an award please give the title of your work. Photographs should include the names of the persons in them except for a large group. "Classifieds" will run only once unless you request a repeat.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please continue to send any member news, artwork and opportunities to MaryAnn Goodwin at maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com