

Manasquan River Group of Artists

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Newsletter



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November 2022

Letter from the President

As fall unfolds and cloaks our surroundings in a golden glow, we enter the month of November. We have much to be thankful for.thankful for the camaraderie we share as members of MRGA, thankful for the opportunities to show our work in varied locations and I am thankful for all of you!

This month there is a new feature in our newsletter titled "Member Spotlight"

Each month a new MRGA member will be highlighted. This month, Margo Fletcher interviewed Betty Clayton, an honorary member of MRGA.

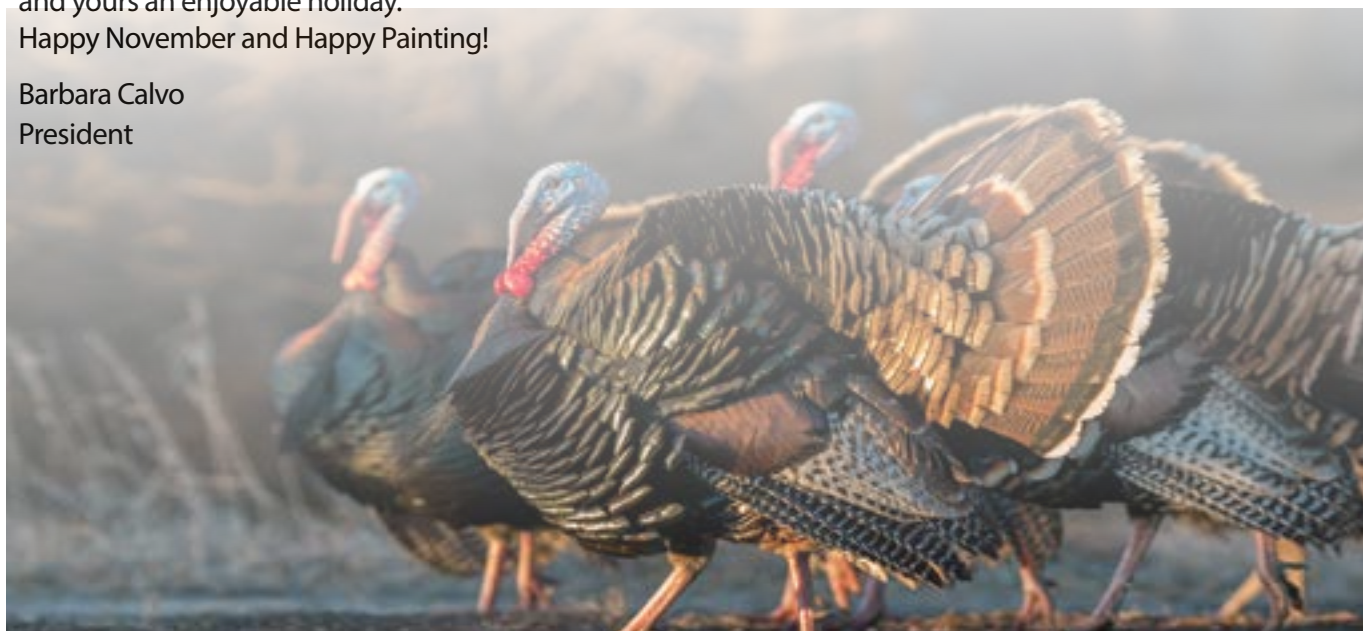
By the time you read this newsletter, the show at the Wall Library will be hung. Thank you to Show Director Donna Ferris for resurrecting this venue. Next up is the exhibit in Spring Lake's Upper Gallery. The information is reposted in this newsletter. The final MRGA event this month is the annual luncheon and special program planned by Mona Kirk at the Lobster Shanty on November 13th.

I know I may be rushing the season but be sure and read the information about our December Holiday Party. Margo Fletcher and Jackie St Angel have been working hard in planning a festive afternoon for us. If it is anything like last years' party, we are in for a fun time!

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends, whatever your traditions may be, I wish you and yours an enjoyable holiday.

Happy November and Happy Painting!

Barbara Calvo
President



Please Note Members Meeting

The regular MRGA Meeting for November is replaced by the Annual Luncheon on November 13th.

Art Musings

It's All About the Frame

Did you ever go to an art exhibit and as you view the kaleidoscope of colors, styles, sizes and mediums of the art on display, one painting seems to stand out like a sore thumb? Why? The issue is with the frame, which does not seem to sync with the painting. Envision this.....a stunning abstract painting in acrylic with a profusion of lines and bright colors surrounded not by a sleek metal frame or a simple black frame but a frame made from barnwood. Not a good choice! In the process of displaying my elementary students' work for hallway bulletin boards or yearly art exhibits, choosing the just right color of construction paper on which to mount the work really made a difference in the presentation and enhanced the child's artwork.

A number of years ago I read an article in Art News Magazine, that a major museum (cannot remember which one) was embarking on a monumental task of changing the frames surrounding many famous paintings. There were "before" and "after" photos which I shared with my fifth grade classes to explain aesthetics which was part of the core curriculum standards. This led to a lively discussion and the students really understood the impact that the right frame could make on the essence of an artwork. As a professional artist, choosing the right frame could also make a difference between a sale or not! A frame can either add to or detract from a painting, so choose carefully. *BJC*

Member News



Linda Hejduk's watercolor "Mrs. Zitki" received the Ted and Kathleen Nead Memorial Award at the 80th Annual Open Juried Exhibition of the New Jersey Watercolor Society.

The MRGA would like to welcome new member **Diane Lowy Greenblatt** who was introduced during the October Members' meeting. She is shown here with Membership Chair Mona Kirk and a selection of her artwork.



Member Opportunities

CALL FOR ENTRIES IN MONMOUTH MUSEUMS' 43RD ANNUAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION.

Submission Deadline: November 21, 2022 www.monmouthmuseum.org

If you know of any future opportunities to show your work, please send the information to MaryAnn Goodwin maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com

Manasquan Group of Artists 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

November/December Upper Gallery Spring Lake

Pamela Fisezi 908.233.4197

MaryAnn Goodwin 732.539.4150

January/February- Pt. Pleasant Beach Library Show

Sheila Soyster 732.674.2038,

Pauline Mickle 732.892.5606,

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

Susanna Anastasia 732.715.1555

April-Brielle Library Show

Tracy Rocanova-Miller 732.822.2099

July- Sea Girt Lighthouse Outdoor Show

Janice Collinson 908.489.7696

July- Brick Library Show

Margo Fletcher 732.259.7767

July/August-North Hall Gallery Show

PT. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Pt. Pleasant Beach

Karen Norby 908.915.2301

MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKS

November 13, 2022

Luncheon at The Lobster Shanty

December 3, 2022

Holiday Party

1-4pm

Curtis House

RSVP Margo Fletcher: margo812@aol.com

by November 18th

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

November 1

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397

November 8 & 15

June Coles-watercolor.....732.974.0746

December 6 & 13

Janice Collinson-watercolor.....732.528.7179

2023

January 3 & 10

Leona Lavone-watercolor.....732.914.9941

January 17 & 24

Bev Sirianni-watercolor.....732.774.0014

January 31-Catch-up Class

February 7&14

Mona Kirk-portraits/watercolor....732.223.2569

February 21& 28

Melinda Saminski-pastel732.610.8626

March 7 & 14

Barbara Calvo-watercolor.....732.996.0738

March 21 & 28-

Pauline Mickle-watercolor.....732.892.5606

April 18 & 25

Tamara Woronczuk-book art.....609.203.5201

May 2 & 9

Arlene Newman-watercolor732.682.3316-

May 16

End of Year Class

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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MEMBERSHIP

Mona Kirk.....732.223.2569

NOMINATING

Linda Hejduk.....732.714.0854

ART CLASSES

Sea Girt Lighthouse.....732.223.2569



Holiday Party

Saturday, December 3rd

1-4pm

Curtis House

Join us for a brief business meeting and stay for an afternoon of silly, rousing holiday
"Fun Art Related Grab Bag Games"

To join in the fun, please bring a **GIFT WRAPPED, ART-RELATED** item.
Your gift can be something new, something gently used or something you created.

Let us know you'll be there. As fast as Dancer and Prancer, Must RSVP by Nov. 18.

RSVP: Margo Fletcher margo812@aol.com

For Sale

From our member, Carol Colvin:

For sale: 6 top art racks, 37 x 37 fit into 6 art rack bottoms, 37 x 39, with bases and top hooks to connect them. Lots of set up variations possible
\$325 or best offer.

Contact Carol: colvincarol@aol.com



Member Spotlight



A new feature of the newsletter will be an article devoted to past members.
Our first artist is Betty Clayton.

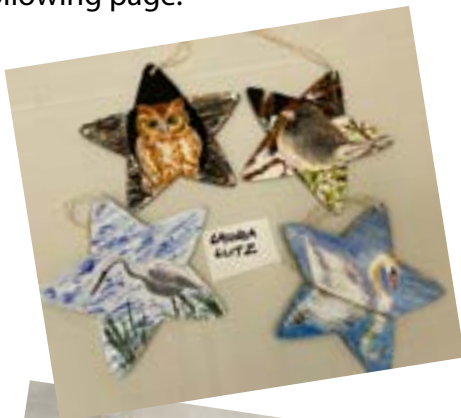
Betty Clayton became a member in the 1960s when the meetings were held in Spring Lake. She fondly remembers: Pauline Mickle, Susanna Anastasia (with whom she studied) Mary Jo Austin, Mona Kirk, June Coles, Joanne Pisapia, Vinnie Nardone, Lou Riccio. Betty was a volunteer for MRGA social events. She won many awards during her active membership. She felt it was a pleasure and honor to be part of MRGA and is very glad they are all still thriving and producing many original artworks with more amazing artists today!

Betty wishes
Good times and hellos to all!

She is retired and lives in Toms River, NJ

Stars for Charity

Stars for Charity is a project for feeding the hungry. Stars are sold on Ebay and the proceeds go to food banks. Linda Hejduk asked for MRGA artists to contribute their talents to this charity by painting provided stars. Some of our artist's contributions are here for you to see. More information about this charity is on the following page.



Help Feed Your Hungry Neighbors With

STARS FOR CHARITY



STARS FOR CHARITY is a volunteer group of artists who use their skills and individual styles to transform a 5" WOODEN STAR into fine art. The stars are then auctioned on Ebay. 100% of the proceeds go to "Bread-Breakers" of New Dover United Methodist Church in Edison, and Community Food Banks in NJ, PA, and NY. These supply food pantries all around NJ, PA, and NY. Last year we provided 13,000 meals for the needy. This year we aim to triple it to 40,000 with your help.

Please bid on a star between November 25th - December 10th

at our E-bay store:

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September Member Meeting

Arlene Newman gave a demonstration on Heritage Paints, a medium that can be worked both using water or mediums to create different effects. Arlene painted a beautiful hydrangea exploring the essentials of Heritage paint.



October Member Meeting

David Levy gave a fascinating and extremely informative lecture on the "Movers and Shakers of the Early Renaissance"; 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.



David Levy



Michelle Ignozza, David Levy,
Vinnie Nardone

MRGA SPRING LAKE UPPER GALLERY SHOW PROSPECTUS

RECEIVING: NOV. 16 (WED.) 11:30 to 1PM

PICKUP: JAN. 6, 2023 (FRI.). 11:30 to 1PM

RECEPTION: Nov. 21 (MON.) 5 -7PM

- ENTRY FEE \$10: Check payable to MRGA. (No Cash)
ONE FRAMED ORIGINAL WORK
- WORK DATED: within the last 5 years and not shown at this gallery.
- PREVIOUS MRGA award piece not eligible.
- ALL Exhibited and Sold Hanging Art Works must stay for the duration of the show.
- PUBLICITY: Media coverage by local papers, MRGA Newsletter and Website

EXHIBIT COORDINATORS:

Pam Fisezi (email) fispm314@gmail.com Phone: 908-930-8868

MaryAnn Goodwin (email) maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com Phone: 732-539-4150

MRGA ENTRY FORM SPRING LAKE UPPER GALLERY SHOW

ARTIST _____

TITLE _____

MEDIUM _____

PRICE _____ CONTACT _____

LIABILITY: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members are not responsible for loss or damage of submitted art work, however caused. Your entry into this exhibit constitutes an agreement with these terms and conditions.

SIGNATURE _____

A message from Donna Ferris

We are pleased to announce the opening of the annual Wall Public Library Art Exhibit. The exhibit includes the work of 32 of our members. Each piece is unique and shows the diversity and talent of the group. Subjects range from crashing waves to colorful floral still lifes, mixed media collages, and peaceful landscapes. The exhibit will be open through December 30, 2022.

A reception for the artists will be held at the library on **November 5 from 11:00 am to 3 pm** (2700 Allaire Road). All members are invited to attend. The open-to-the-public event will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Wall Public Library. Light refreshments will be served.

A special thank you to Debbie Herbster, Nancy Robinson, and Tamara Woronczuk for their help in setting up the exhibit.

We hope to see you there!
Donna Ferris