

Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938

Newsletter



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October 2022

Letter from the President

It's October, the favorite month of my favorite season! The crisp air and vibrant hues of Autumn are so inspiring to get out and experience all there is. Enjoy!

There is a lot happening in MRGA in the next few months. The Calendar of Events has been updated in this newsletter to include the upcoming show at the Wall Township Library and The Upper Gallery in Spring Lake. The Show Directors, Donna Ferris for Wall Library and MaryAnn Goodwin and Pam Fisezi for The Upper Gallery, will have sign-up sheets available at the October meeting. Look for the details in this newsletter.

Our annual MRGA luncheon is back on November 13 after a hiatus due to Covid. The afternoon luncheon and special program at The Lobster Shanty promises to be a wonderful event. The sign-up form is in this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

I hope everyone who received the "Stars for Charity" have been busy painting or collaging unique designs. Don't forget to drill a hole and attach a ribbon for hanging. Please bring your finished stars to the October meeting where they will be displayed. Linda Hejduk will then mail them to the charity organizer. For more details on this charitable fundraiser, see the August newsletter.

Our monthly MRGA General meeting is October 7 at the Curtis House. Refreshments will be available at 4PM, business meeting at 4:30 and David Levy will do his presentation on Italian Art following the meeting. Please join us. There will be no November meeting at the Curtis House!

Happy October and Happy Painting!

Barbara Calvo

President



Please Note Members Meeting NEW TIME

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7th. Refreshments at **4- 4:30pm**;
Business meeting to follow at **4:30pm**

Art Musings

Emotion and Art

"A work of art is a world in itself, reflecting senses and emotions of the artist's world"
Hans Hoffman

Art is an expression and response to our emotions. Artmaking represents the innermost feelings of a person that is reflected in their art. As artists, we are aware of this but what about when you look at a painting or a sculpture. Did you ever experience an emotional reaction? Did you feel happy? Energized? Sad? Angry? Maybe you had no feelings at all. I once read a book which focused on Mark Rothko's Chapel in Houston, Texas. Fourteen massive paintings in varying hues of black, fill the space between the floor and ceiling. The book describes the emotional reactions of the chapel's visitors. Benches invite contemplation but not always tranquility. Most reactions were feelings of despair, sadness and many tears. It was a depressing read but I continued, hoping for a happier ending.....that didn't happen! As I read, I thought of my own reaction to an exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 2000 "Van Gogh: Face to Face". As I walked into one room, I was surrounded by the portraits of Joseph Roulin and his family. Joseph was the Postman in Arles. As I looked from face to face in the portraits of Joseph, his wife Augustine and their children, a wave of sadness overtook me, and I began to cry. Joseph was Van Gogh's loyal friend, the one who found Van Gogh after he cut off his ear and ran for the doctor. How did they feel as he painted them? What did they talk about? What was their reaction to his death? I thought of the passion Van Gogh had for his paintings but received little or no recognition. What feelings did he experience as he painted the Roulin family? What was he trying to express? That museum visit, 22 years ago, has remained a vivid emotional experience to this day, one that has never been repeated. BJC

Member News

Eighteen of our members have been accepted into the Audubon Artists 80th Exhibition. The online exhibition will run from November 6, 2022 to November 6, 2023. MRGA had the highest number of acceptances in the country according to Vinnie Nardone who is the Vice President of the Audubon Artists. Congratulations to:

Mary Jo Austin, Linda Hejduk, Laura Lutz, Arlene Newman, Karen Norby and Melinda Saminski, ACRYLIC & OILS; Barbara Calvo, MaryAnn Goodwin, Mona Kirk, Jeanine Nagrod, Joanne Pisapia, Paula Shipman, Jackie St. Angel, and Bob Stetz, AQUAMEDIA; Vincent Nardone, Ellen Price and Tamara Woronzuk, COLLAGE & MIXED MEDIA; and Susanna Anastasia, PASTEL.



Barbara Calvo's solo show (photo, left) is at the Turner Gallery in Ocean Township until October 21. Check the library website for hours



MaryAnn Goodwin won the Tom Wilczewski Memorial Award for Watercolor at the Guild of Creative Arts 30th Annual Open Juried Show for "What Will I Wear Today."

Manasquan Group of Artists 2022-2023 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

November- Wall Library Show

Donna Ferris 732.995.5491

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

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

- October 4**
Lou Riccio-drawing/watercolor.....732.295.3575
- October 11 & 18**
Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397
- October 25**
Sheila Soyster-watercolor.....732.892.7692
- 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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Sea Girt Lighthouse.....732.223.2569

MRGA LUNCHEON 2022

at Jack Baker's

Lobster Shanty

83 Channel Drive, Pt. Pleasant

Sunday November 13, Noon ~ 4pm

\$45.00 per person (includes tax & gratuity)

~ Menu ~

Fresh Fruit Cocktail • Caesar Salad

~ Choice of Entree ~

Chicken Francaise

Herb Crusted Salmon

Roast Prime Rib of Beef

Chocolate Sundae ~ Coffee ~ Soda ~ Cash Bar

Your Name (s) _____ \$ _____

Choice and # of Entrees:

Chicken Francaise _____ Salmon _____ Roast Prime Rib of Beef _____

Please make checks payable to MRGA by **Fri. October 28, 2022**

Mail to Mona Kirk: 67 Lakewood Road, Manasquan, NJ 08736

Questions, please call Mona at 732-223-2569

WALL LIBRARY ART SHOW

A Branch of the Monmouth County Library System
2700 Allaire Road Wall Township, No 07719 732-449-8877

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022

DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE, ONLY THE FIRST 30 APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ONLY ONE ORIGINAL PAINTING PER ARTIST.

Drop off October 28th 1-5 Pick-up December 30th 1-3

There is a \$10.00 entry fee, checks to MRGA (no cash)

Work must be completed within the last five years

The Library prepares a very nice brochure for the exhibit. If you would like to be included in the brochure the following information is required by Friday, October 14th

Reception November 5th 11-3

NAME OF ARTIST: _____

TITLE OF PAINTING: _____

MEDIUM: _____

PRICE IF FOR SALE: _____

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

Your painting must be ready for hanging with a wire, not a clip. We will hang that day and once it is hung, there will be no changes. Please don't submit a painting unless it can remain for the entire exhibit.

Contact Donna Ferris, at morninglight2000@yahoo.com or text 732-995-5491 or return this form to 813 Ocean Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

Thanks for participating!
Donna Ferris

Liability: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members will not be responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork, however caused. Your entry in this exhibit constitutes an agreement with those terms and conditions found in this prospectus.

Signature _____

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 _____

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SIGNATURE _____