

Manasquan River Group of Artists

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Newsletter



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New Jersey 08736

September, 2023

Letter from the President

Can it be September already? The summer has certainly flown by and I hope you enjoyed the many opportunities to share your art through shows sponsored by the Manasquan River Group of Artists. When I look back, my head is swimming with all that has happened. We started with Art in the Park in Spring Lake, the exhibits at both the Brielle and the Brick Libraries, the Sea Girt Lighthouse outdoor show, and the exhibit at the North Hall Gallery with the closing reception on August 27. My appreciation and thanks to all the Show Directors, Susanna Anastasia, Tracy Miller, Vinnie Nardone, Margo Jane Fletcher, Janice Collinson and Karen Norby for all their hard work. We couldn't do this without you!

Our next exhibit in October is completely new in both concept and venue. Jackie St Angel has been working very hard to plan the "Manasquan River Group of Artists Invitational Art Show and Sale". We have invited the Art Society of NJ to join us in this exhibit at the Middletown Arts Center. There will be cash prizes too! Please join in this newest venture to exhibit your work! You will find the prospectus and application in this newsletter.

Happy September! Happy Fall! Happy Painting!

Barbara



Please Note Next Members Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 1st. Refreshments at **4- 4:30pm**;
Business meeting to follow at **4:30pm**

Manasquan Group of Artists 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

October – Middletown Arts Center

Jackie St Angel 732.216.8568
Barbara Calvo 732.996.0738

November- Wall Library Show

Donna Ferris 732.995.5491

December–Upper Gallery Spring Lake

Pam Fesizi 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

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 1, 2023

Sangita Phadke "Pastel Demonstration"

Sangita is an award-winning pastel artist who paints realistic still life paintings, arranging her compositions to create dramatic contrasts between the subject and the dark background.

October 6, 2023

Shari Epstein "Collage/Mixed Media Demonstration"

Shari will demonstrate using various materials including napkins and fiber and will incorporate birds into her finished work.

November 5, 2023

Luncheon at The Lobster Shanty

December 2023

Holiday Fun

January

NO MEETING

February 2, 2024

Vinnie Nardone

"The Victorian Art Scene at the Jersey Shore"

Vinnie will share some fascinating documents, wood engravings and highlights from Harper's Weekly newspaper of that era, a "show and tell" eye opener of the turn of the 20th century artists and a new look at our MRGA predecessors.

March 1, 2024

David Levy

"What a Judge Sees or Should See and Where the Artist and Judge are Left in the Process"

David will discuss the "subjective" nature of judging, the qualities an "ideal" judge should possess, the criteria for excellence many judges use, how to think like a judge, and much more.

April 5, 2024

Karen Norby "Hands-On Origami Demonstration"

Using the ancient art of Japanese paper folding, Karen will teach how to transform a 2-D piece of paper into 3-D forms of a swan, a cat, a hopping frog and more.

May 3, 2024

Jim Inzero "Painting with Encaustic"

Jim will bring in some of his paintings and explain his process of wax encaustic

June 2024

Potluck Dinner.

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

Sponsored by The Manasquan Group of Artists

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Sea Girt Lighthouse

2023

September 12 & 19

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

September 26

Lou Riccio-drawing/the grid.....732.295.3575

October 3

Lou Riccio-watercolor.....732.295.3575

October 10 & 17

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397

October 24 & 31

Margaret Patterson-pastel.....732.223.9048

November 7 & 14

June Coles-watercolor.....732.974.0746

November 28

Janice Collinson-watercolor.....732.528.7179

December 5

Janice Collinson-watercolor.....732.528.7179

December 12 & 19

Leona Lavone-watercolor.....732.914.9941

2024

January 9 & 16

Bev Sirianni-watercolor.....732.774.0014

January 23 & 30

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397

February 6 & 13

Melinda Saminski-pastel732.610.8626

February 20

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.996.0738

February 27

Barbara Calvo-pastel.....732.996.0738

March 9 & 12

Pauline Mickle-watercolor.....732.892.5606

March 19

Tamara Woronczuk-book art.....732.998.8286

April 9

Tamara Woronczuk-book art.....732.998.8286

April 16 & 23

Leona Lavone-watercolor.....732.914.9941

April 30

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

May 7

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

May 14

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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ART CLASSES

Sea Girt Lighthouse... ..732.223.2569

Art Musings

Originality

We get ideas for our paintings from many sources, including images we photograph, our imagination, and even the classes and workshops we take. Are we inspired by something we see? Is it another artists' work? It's crucial to keep learning from other artists. Taking a class or workshop is a way of growing artistically, exploring and challenging your limits. If you want your art to be meaningful, master the basics and in early stages, it may mean copying the works of others. There is nothing wrong with mimicking others' work. Picasso did it and many of the great artists learned that way but this all leads you to develop your own original style.

When we exhibit the resulting paintings, are we mindful of the source of that painting? At no point should you exhibit a work that was done in class and call it your own. The instructor should make it clear to their students that the work they are copying is the property of the instructor and cannot be entered into a show without crediting the source. As artists, continue to be inspired by others but make your art your own. *BJC*

Member News

Five MRGA membrs won awards at the Monmouth County Senior Art Show Awards Reception on August 16, 2023. Missing from the photo is Linda Alston , who won first place in the Professional category of Drawing with "Ben".



In Memoriam: Joanne Zezula

MRGA lost a vibrant part of our organization when Joanne Zezula passed away on August 3 at age 81 after a long illness. Joanne served as secretary of MRGA, from 2010 to 2015. A talented artist, Joanne taught watercolor classes at the Sea Girt Light House for seven years, where I first met her. Joanne had a great sense of humor, was always ready to lend a helping hand and very involved in many organizations. Joanne taught history at Brick High School and was Founder of the Brick Historical Society where she was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Joanne will be missed and remembered for her enthusiasm and her engaging personality.



Brick Library Show and Reception

MRGA members attended the Brick Library Show and Reception, which was a fun afternoon under the creative efforts of Margo Jane Fletcher, Show Director. Here are the winners and comments from Jack McGovern, the judge.



Ellen Price-Best in Landscape "Calm Before the Storm" This work holds the viewers attention with the use of perspective and atmosphere of an impending storm.



Susan Penn-Best-Humorous "Li-bear-y" Such a fun image, a bear with books in an art exhibit in a library!

Arlene Newman-Best in Technical Artistry "Metal and Onions" The work is serene and beautifully painted. Each item pictured could stand on its own as a painting.



Valerie Moron- Best in Oil or Acrylic "Wind Dancers". I am walking in the work, feeling the leaves as they fall! The perspective is also used well, engaging the viewer....mesmerizing!



Laura Lutz-Best in Seascape Configuration or Seascape "Time for Lunch" you can hear the waves hitting the shoreline and the songs of the seagulls.



Janice Collinson-Best in Pastel "Garden Flowers" Exuberant is how I would describe the work! The details of the flowers are beautifully rendered.



Linda Hejduk-Best in Watercolor "In the Garden" This artist is able to manipulate the medium with excellent dexterity.



Melinda Saminski-Honorable Mention "Aran Island Thatched Cottage" A work that tugs at the roots of ancestry... beautiful!



Bob Stetz-Best in Realism "Tending the Gate" The figures are rendered well, and the watercolors are handled expertly, particularly, the center figure.



Lou Riccio-Best in Show "Montana Dave" Looks like a Russian writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Engaging!!! Excellent painting...the deft hand of a master!



Mona Kirk-Best in Composition "Garden Time" The composition of this work is enhanced through the rendering of the image, The artist's dexterity in watercolor is on full display in the painting!



Robert D'Imperio-Best in Mixed Media "Joanna" The work is the very definition of mixed media. It is also pleasing to the eye and engaging to the viewer with the variety of the media used.

Upcoming Events and Artists Opportunities

Painting with Theresa Heidel

On September 16, 2023, Theresa Heidel will be giving a watercolor workshop at the Curtis House from 11 to 3. Participants will paint a sunny street scene from Provence. The fee is \$35, paid by check, made out to MRGA. Please bring a snack. 15 participants maximum. Deadline for signing up is September 11.

Text or email Barbara Calvo if attending 732.996.0738

barbara@creativeexpressionsartiststudio.com



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Arlene Newman will be doing a demonstration for the Laurelton Art Society, on Saturday September 16, 2-4pm; at the First Baptist Church of Laurelton's Ivy Hall, 1832 route 88 (Post Road), Brick, 08723 She will be using Heritage Multimedia paints and showing how the paints can blend like oils without being toxic like oil paints. These paints stay open, (stay wet), longer than traditional acrylic paint which allows for more blendability. Arlene will show us how to use Alla Prima techniques for this demo.

Stars for Charity

It's time to create your Stars for Charity designs. Last year, MRGA submitted 51 stars, along with the stars from other groups that were auctioned on Ebay. As a result, 27,000 meals were provided for food-deprived people. This year, Stars for Charity Administrator and fellow artist, Bill Bunting, aims to double that amount! This year, Stars for Charity is donating to "Bread-Breakers" of New Dover United Methodist Church in Edison and "Feeding America" which supplies food banks in the NJ, PA and NY area. Linda Hejduk has been working with Bill for the past 3 years to encourage MRGA members to use the power of our art to support the needy. If you haven't already taken a star from Linda there will be stars available at the September meeting. After creating your star, sign your name and drill a hole at the top and attach a ribbon or cord so it can be hung. Please bring your completed stars to the October meeting so they can be photographed. Any questions, call Linda 732.714.0854.



Drawing Emily



On Saturday, August 19th, model Emily Grant delighted ten MRGA members as she posed for two hours as we honed our drawing skills. What a treat and a fun afternoon! Emily will be back in the future for another modeling session.



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Artist Opportunities

The Manasquan River Group of Artists is having an exhibit at the Middletown Arts Center in October 2023. This is a first-time endeavor for MRGA, Jackie St Angel is the Show Director. Members of the Art Society of Monmouth County have been invited to join us. This will be a juried show with cash prizes. Be sure to view the prospectus in this newsletter.

PROSPECTUS

Manasquan River Group of Artists' Invitational Art Show and Sale Sponsored by Manasquan Bank

Oct. 2 – 28, 2023

Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748

Members of the Art Society of Monmouth County are cordially invited to participate.

(This Prospectus and Entry Form are available at www.mrga38.org)

IMPORTANT DATES

Entry Form and Payment due: September 19

Receiving: October 1, (Sunday) 11 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Reception and Awards Presentation: October 28, (Saturday) 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pick up: Oct. 28, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Eligible Work: Open only to members of MRGA and ASMC. Original work only. No reproductions. No photography, sculpture, or digital art. Art must be properly framed, wired and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers. No works larger than 24"x 36", including frame. No nudes or political statements. MRGA reserves the right to refuse artwork that does not conform to the criteria.

Entry Rules: All artwork must be for sale and remain on display for the duration of the exhibit. An artist will be notified of a potential buyer. It is the artist's responsibility to manage the sale and to forward a 20% commission to the Middletown Arts Center. Sales Tax remittance is the responsibility of the artist.

By entering the show, artists agree that their name, likeness and image of their work may be used for publicity purposes. Artists are encouraged to insure their works, as the MRGA and MAC are not responsible for damage or loss of artwork during the Exhibit.

Cash Awards Sponsored by OceanFirst Bank: Awards will be determined by an independent judge and presented at the Reception. Award winners will be asked to provide a jpeg of their work to be posted on the MRGA website. No artist may receive more than one award.

Submission Fee: There is a non-refundable \$15 entry fee which must be paid by a check made out to "MRGA". The entry fee along with a completed entry form, must be received by MRGA by Sept. 19th.

Show Director: Jackie St. Angel, jstangel62@gmail.com



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ENTRY FORM

Manasquan River Group of Artists' Invitational Art Show and Sale Oct. 2 – 28, 2023 Middletown Arts Center

This completed Entry Form and a check in the amount of \$15 are due Sept. 19, 2023. No cash or credit cards will be accepted. Please make your check payable to MRGA.

Mail to: Jackie St. Angel, 32 Honeysuckle Ct., Brick, NJ 08724.

Your Art Organization, check one: () MRGA () ASMC Check No. _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Entry Title _____

Medium _____ Size, including frame _____ Price \$ _____

Your entry into this exhibit constitutes an agreement with the following terms and conditions.

LIABILITY: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members are not responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork however caused.

MEDIA RELEASE: MRGA may use my name and likeness and/or images of my art for publicity purposes.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____



ATTACH THIS FORM TO BACK OF PAINTING.

Title _____

Medium _____

Price _____

Artist _____

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