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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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www.mrga38.org

December President's Message

Greetings, MRGA! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and has emerged feeling creative and productive. We had some nice events in November, including our annual luncheon, the Wall Library show reception, and a field trip to a "hidden gem" in Monmouth County. Pictures of our events can be found on our website and in the following pages.

The MRGA Annual Luncheon was very well attended, and members enjoyed the great Lobster Shanty food and a wonderful presentation by Rose Sinatra. Rose displayed many of her beautiful paintings and discussed her artistic journey from New Jersey to California and back again. Thank you, Mona, for arranging this great event.

Over 30 works of MRGA art are on display at the Wall Library meeting room through December. A marvelous reception was held on November 15, with many members attending to view the excellent paintings and of course, sample some delicious food. Donna Ferris did a great job in coordinating the show.

On November 22, a group of MRGA members and friends visited a private collection of 1959 Cadillacs, complete with amazing murals, a 1960's Texaco station, and assorted collectibles. We had a great time touring the building, and speaking with the owner, Joe Puleo, and mural artist, Bobby Duncan. We will be setting up another trip because it's really cool and no doubt more of you will want to go!

And now for the MRGA Monthly Challenge – I only got 2 responses last month, (thanks Arlene and Barbara), but I will persist with a December Challenge. This one is easy – send me a Holiday card! It could be this year's or a "golden oldie". I will post them on our website and Face Book page and give you some publicity. Send a photo of the front of your card to MRGA38cal@gmail.com by December 23rd.

Our December meeting is quickly approaching – we will have a quick business meeting, followed by a raucous Holiday Party, complete with fine food, fun activities and even some caroling! We will meet on Friday, December 6th, at 4:00 pm, at the Curtis House. There will be a Mystery Gift Exchange – please bring a wrapped art-related gift, valued \$10-15. It can be art supplies, your personal artwork or notecards, artsy socks, fashion accessories, home décor, etc. If you would like to bring a favorite dessert or appetizer, please contact Margo Fletcher at margo812@aol.com

Happy painting! See you at the party!

Sheila



ART CLASSES

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

2025	December	3 and 10 – Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
		17 – Janice Collinson – watercolor	528-7179
	January	7 – Janice Collinson – watercolor	528-7179
		14 and 21 – Bev Sirianni – watercolor	774-0014
		28 – Arlene Newman – watercolor	682-3397
	February	4 – Arlene Newman – watercolor	682-3397
		11 and 18 – Melinda Saminski – pastel	610-8626
		25 – Tamara Woronczuk – book making	998-8286
	March	4 – Tamara Woronczuk – book making	998-8286
		11 and 18 – Debbie Herbster -watercolor	908-380-7580
		25 – Leona Lavone – watercolor	914-9941
	April	1 – Leona Lavone – watercolor	914-9941
		8 – Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
		29 – Rose Sinatra – watercolor	626-797-1213
	May	6 – Rose Sinatra – watercolor	626-797-1213
		12 – End of Year Class	
		Instructed classes	\$6.00
		Catch-up classes	\$3.00
		Please call instructor before attending class for necessary information.	
		Any other information, please call Mona Kirk – 732-223-2569	

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MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

DECEMBER MEETING

Friday, December 6th 4 pm

Curtis House, Brielle

**Please join your fellow artists for an evening
of Fun, Food and Friendship**

**Mystery Gift Exchange! Please bring a wrapped "Artsy"
gift - value \$10-15. Could be art supplies, original art or
notecards, art-related socks, jewelry, or accessories, etc.**

**If you have a favorite dessert or appetizer you'd like to
share, please bring it along.**

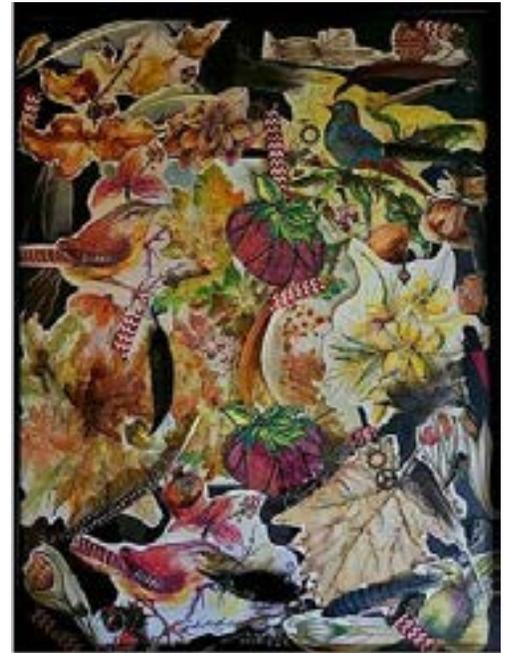
Member News

Congratulations MRGA Artists!

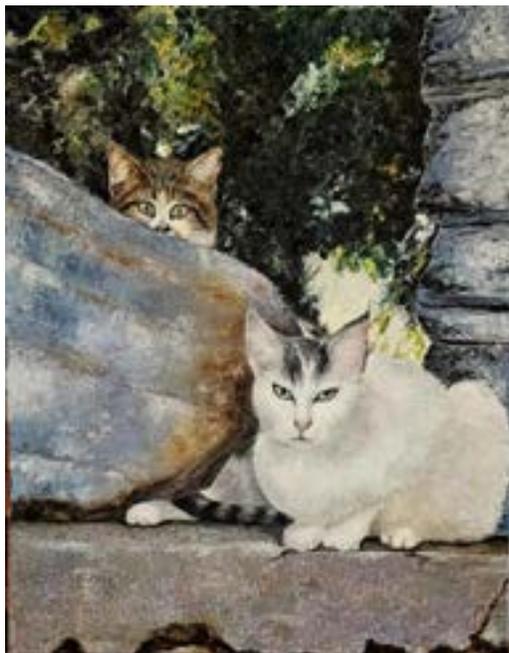
Paintings by **Linda Hejduk**, **MaryAnn Goodwin**, **Margo Fletcher** and **Laura Lutz** have been accepted into the Audubon Artists 82nd Annual Exhibition. The show can be viewed online at audubonartists.org from December 1, 2024 through December 1, 2025.



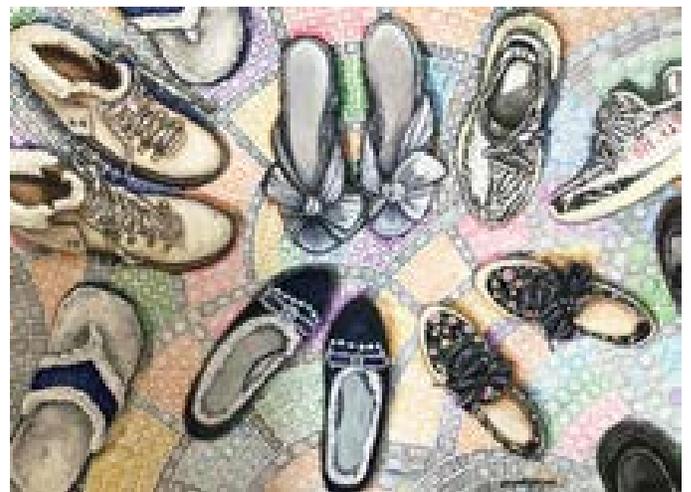
Linda Hejduk



Margo Fletcher



Laura Lutz



MaryAnn Goodwin



Linda Hejduk's painting *Precious Moments*, was accepted into the New Jersey Watercolor Society's 82nd Annual Open Juried Exhibit

Valerie Morone's "Sonoran Saguro" is in the American Artists Professional League 96th Grand National Exhibition at Salmagundi Club. The show runs through November 15. This painting was also featured in the November edition of American Art Collector Magazine.



"The Table is Set" by **MaryAnn Goodwin** was selected for the Guild of Creative Arts' Open Juried Show. It also is featured on the Prospectus information for the 2024 Garden State Watercolor Society Annual Members Exhibition.

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 6 4:00 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

Holiday Party!

October 31 – January 2

Wall Township Library Show

2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township

Painting pick-up January 2nd 12 – 2 pm

January 3 – March 31

Point Pleasant Beach Library

McLean Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach

Painting Drop off – Friday, January 3rd, 10 am-12 noon

Reception – Saturday, March 1st, 11 am – 1 pm

Painting Pick-up March 31st – 12 – 2 pm

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.

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.

*November Challenge —
What are you thankful for?*



Arlene Newman

I am thankful for all the beautiful Fall colors in the leaves this year!

God has the most beautiful paint brush of us all!

Barbara Calvo

*I am thankful for my son,
Andrew*



MRGA Annual Luncheon

November 2024

Lobster Shanty, Point Pleasant Beach



Guest presenter: Rose Sinatra



Reach For the Stars

and help feed those in need.



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 in to fine art. The stars are then auctioned on Ebay. Any remaining stars will be sold at a live auction. 100% of the proceeds go Bread-Breakers of New Dover United Methodist Church in Edison and Feeding America, which supplies food banks throughout the United States. Last year we provided 78,000 meals for the needy. This year our goal is 100,000 meals.

Please bid on a star from November 29th - December 14th on our Ebay store [new_dover_umc](#) using the UPC code then search Stars For Charity



Stars for Charity

Included here are some of MRGA'S Stars that are up for auction this year.



TINA
ADAMITIS



EMILY
BEEZLEY



JIM
CARLSON



MIKE
DREHER



JULES
DUFFY



BARBARA
CALVO



BEVERLY
SIRIANI



JOEL
GAHR



MARY ANN
GODWIN



JOHN
TROIISI



VAL
MORONE



SUSAN
PENN



SHEILA
SOYSTER



LAUREN
MORONE



LAURA
LUTZ



VINCENT
HARDONE



ELLEN
PRICE



CLAUDIA
SIMES



MRGA Point Pleasant Beach Library
Winter Art Exhibit
January – February – March 2025



Delivery of paintings – Friday, January 3rd, 10am - 12 noon
Reception – Saturday, March 1st 11am – 1 pm
Pick up of Paintings – Monday, March 31st, 1 - 4 pm

- ENTRY FEE \$15 – Check only, payable to MRGA Please send check and entry form to **Sheila Soyster, 53 Serpentine Road, Brick, NJ 08724** or bring to December meeting.
- ONE FRAMED ORIGINAL WORK - No larger than 24 x 36”
- NO PORTFOLIO PIECES
- WORK CREATED WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS
- PREVIOUS MRGA AWARD PIECES NOT ELIGIBLE
- ALL EXHIBITED & SOLD ARTWORK MUST STAY FOR THE DURATION OF THE SHOW
- SHOW LOCATION: Point Pleasant Beach Library, 710 McLean Ave, Pt. Pleasant Beach
- PUBLICITY: Local newspapers, MRGA Newsletter, Facebook Page & Website
- JUDGING: People’s Choice Award & Recognition of Artistic Excellence

Questions? Call show Coordinators - Sheila Soyster-732-674-2038 sheila624@comcast.net
or Emily Beezley -917-859-5559 egilbeez@gmail.com

MRGA ENTRY FORM

POINT PLEASANT BEACH LIBRARY WINTER SHOW

ARTIST _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

TITLE OF ARTWORK _____

MEDIUM _____ PRICE _____

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

SIGNATURE _____

MRGA Field Trip to the Cadillac Corral

A great trip to a "hidden gem" in Wall Township! Joe Puleo gave us a tour of his amazing collection of Cadillacs, murals and memorabilia and we met mural artist Bobby Duncan.



Pauline Mickle's Art Exhibit

The Ocean County Artists Guild honored Pauline Mickle, a longtime teacher and artist, with a retrospective show for the month of November. The show featured her work over the years and corresponding stories. She greatly appreciated the many artists and friends who came to her reception.



Pauline Mickle- member of the Manasquan River Group of Artists & The Ocean County Artist Guild for many years



A display of Pauline's 45 sketchbooks, 1945- present



A few of the works done for her many watercolor classes



Former students and fellow artists