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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 November, 2024 www.mrga38.org

President's Message

Happy Autumn! We've had such a lovely stretch of weather – hopefully a few of you got a chance to get out and paint the beautiful fall colors. I know that three of you did - I got three responses to my October Challenge to paint a Fall scene. Look for those beautiful pieces by Pam Fisezi, Susanna Anastasia and Laura Lutz in this newsletter and on our website.

During the month of October, we had a great meeting with an outstanding oil painting demonstration by Scott Nickerson, and the work of MRGA members is on display at the beautiful Turner House Gallery in Ocean Township. A lavish reception was held on October 6th. Great job, Mary and Diane! Don't forget to pick up your paintings on November 8th.

Our Wall Library Show will be held in November and December, coordinated by Donna Ferris. Painting drop-off is Thursday, October 31st, from 1-3 pm, with pick up on January 2, 2025. A reception will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 12 to 2 pm.

Coming up on Sunday, November 3rd, is our annual luncheon at the Lobster Shanty. Many thanks to Mona Kirk for organizing this wonderful event featuring a hot and cold buffet and a presentation by artist Rose Sinatra. Rose is an award-winning watercolor artist whose passion is to capture nature's incredible beauty. Originally from New Jersey, Rose painted and taught classes in California for many years. She now lives in Toms River, and belongs to the Ocean County Artists Guild, Garden State Watercolor Society, Oil Painters of America, and several other art organizations. Her work has been featured in many magazines and is in private collections in the United States and Europe. We look forward to seeing some of her paintings and hearing about her journey in the art world.

And lastly, here's the challenge for November! Since it's the month of Thanksgiving, how about a painting of what you are thankful for? It could be a person, a place, a pet, a still life of delicious food or beautiful flowers.... this one should be easy! Do a painting of something for which you are thankful, send in an image (mrga38cal@gmail.com) and it will be featured in next month's newsletter, website and the MRGA Facebook page.

Happy painting! See you at the Luncheon!
Sheila



Next Members Meeting

The next MRGA Meeting will be Friday, December 6th, 4pm. Our Holiday Party

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Member News

Susie, Corresponding Sec MRGA would like to remind members to
GO VOTE!

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.

ART CLASSES

Sponsored by
 The Manasquan Group of Artists
 Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
 At the Sea Girt Lighthouse



2024

September	10 and 17 – Rose Sinatra – watercolor	626-797-1213
	24 – Arlene Newman - watercolor	682-3397
October	1- Arlene Newman – watercolor	682-3397
	8 and 15 – Margaret Patterson – pastel	223-9048
	22 – Mona Kirk – portrait drawing	223-2569
	29 – Barbara Calvo – pastel	996-0738
November	5 – Mona Kirk – portraits	223-2569
	12 and 19 – Leona Lavone watercolor	914-9941
December	3 and 10 – Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
	17 – Janice Collinson – watercolor	528-7179

2025

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

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27 – November 4

MRGA Art Exhibition

Turner House Gallery,
601 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ

Pick up of Paintings – Friday, November 8

November 1 – January 3

Wall Township Library Show

2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township

Painting Drop-Off – October 31st 1 – 3 pm

Reception – Saturday, November 16th 12 – 2 pm

Sunday, November 3 – 12 noon

MRGA Annual Luncheon

Lobster Shanty

Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach

Presentation by Rose Sinatra

Friday, December 6 - 4:00 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting & Holiday Party

Curtis House, Brielle

OCTOBER CHALLENGE-

AUTUMN LANDSCAPES

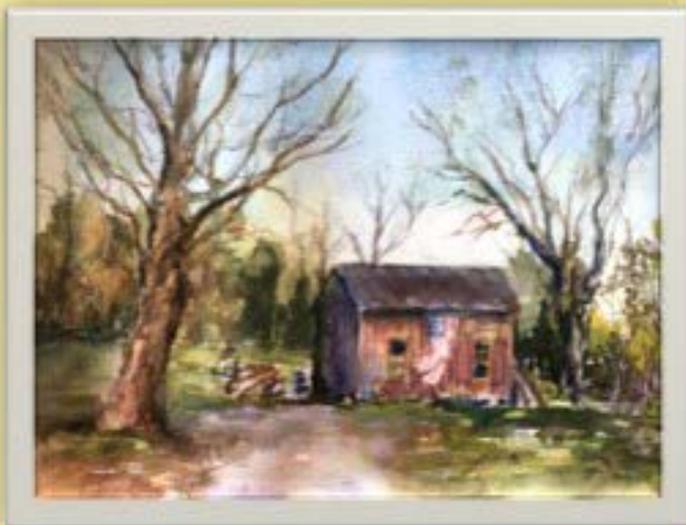
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PAM FISEZI



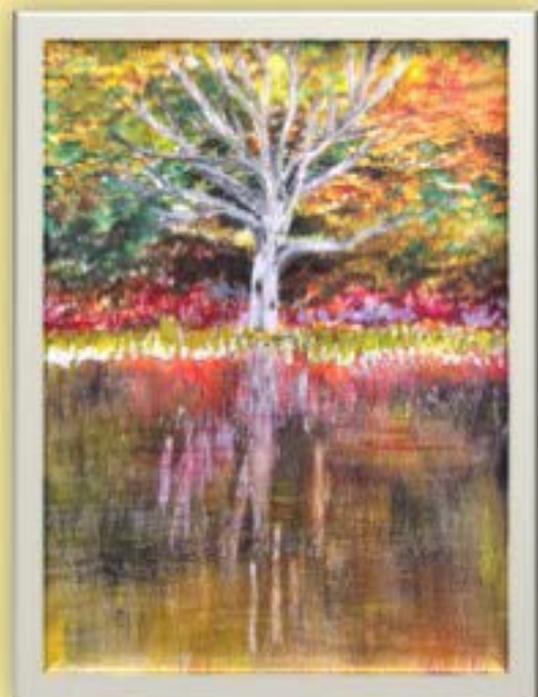
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AUTUMN REFLECTIONS

LAURA LUTZ



The M A C Invitational Show

On Sunday, September 29th a closing reception was held for The Middletown Art Center Invitational show. Thanks to **Jackie St. Angel**, Show Director and everyone who volunteered to make this a successful exhibit. Thanks also to Ocean First Bank for providing awards.



1st Place: Valerie Morone "Window into Her World"



Award of Merit: Michele Rath "Lady in Waiting"



2nd Place: Nancy Robinson "Summer Sail"



3rd Place: Margo Jane Fletcher
"Buds"



Award of Merit: Karen Wachter *"The Carriage"*



Group of Winners: Back left to right-
Nancy Robinson, Michele Rath, Karen
Wachter, Margo Fletcher
Front: Valerie Morone, Bob Stetz

Welcome New Members

New Members were inducted into the Manasquan River Group of Artists at the October meeting. Mona Kirk and Tina Adamitis; Mona and Cheri Pessutti; Mona and Claudia Simes; Mona and Beth Stamp.



October Member's Meeting

October's Members' Meeting featured, Scott Nickerson who demonstrated his techniques in oil painting a portrait. Our own, Laura Lutz sat for Nick as his model. We also welcomed four new members .





Field Trip Opportunity!

We have been given the offer of a visit to a hidden gem in Wall Township – Joe Puleo’s “Cadillac Coral”- a collection of over 50 vintage Cadillacs, antique cash registers, and model trains. They are housed in large buildings covered with huge murals by Bobby Duncan. There’s even an actual Texaco station from the 1950’s!

MRGA members are invited to view the collections and murals on a weekday in late November. Exact date and time to be determined. Anyone interested in joining the group, please contact Sheila at 732-674-2038, or Jackie at 732-216-8568.