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# Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736 October, 2024 [www.mrga38.org](http://www.mrga38.org)

## President's Message

Happy Autumn, MRGA members! The MRGA had many successful art exhibits and activities this summer, and there are more to look forward to this Fall. It is also a beautiful time of year to create some new artwork.

We have just wrapped up our Invitational Show at the Monmouth Arts Center in Middletown. Congratulations to all winners and participants. Many thanks to Jackie St. Angel, for coordinating this impressive show. Look for photos and awards commentary in the next newsletter. The Turner House Gallery is hosting our current exhibit. Please join us at the reception on October 6th in this beautiful new venue. The last MRGA show of 2024 will be held in the Wall Township Library in November. The prospectus is attached in this newsletter. And don't forget our Tuesday afternoon art classes at the Sea Girt Lighthouse. Now is the time to celebrate the beauty and warmth of the autumn season by transforming your blank sketchpads and canvases into magical works of art. Whether it's Lancaster or Bucks County, PA, Hunterdon County, NJ, or nearby Allaire State Park, there are many places to inspire you. On a recent trip to Western Pennsylvania, I photographed several beautiful old barns and beautiful scenery, which I hope to put into a painting.

So, here's the challenge for this month – Take a look at the beautiful fall scenery and depict what you see – plain air or from a photo, whatever medium you prefer. Send in an image of your work to [mrga38cal@gmail.com](mailto:mrga38cal@gmail.com) and it will appear in the next newsletter and on our social media.

Our next general membership meeting is on Friday, October 4th. We will have our refreshments and networking from 4:00 pm, followed by our business meeting at 4:30 pm. Instead of our previously scheduled Gytaku demonstration, our featured artist will be Scott Nickerson, who will be painting a portrait using a live model. Scott is local artist who specializes in oil paintings of still life, animals, portraits and interiors.

See you soon, and Happy Painting!

Sheila



## Next Members Meeting

The next MRGA Meeting will be at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty, Sunday November 3rd, 12 Noon -4pm.  
Please RSVP by October 18th to Mona Kirk 732-223-2569

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## *Member News*

**Thomas Nulton** is teaching a Perspective Drawing Class at Ocean County Artists Guild, Island Heights on Fridays Nov.1, 8, 15, 22: 1:30-3PM \$100 for all four sessions

Please contact:

<https://www.ocartistsguild.org/series/ocag244-intro-to-perspective-drawing/>

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.mrga38.org) Our website is being updated regularly by Sheila Soyster. Please contact Sheila with any information: [sheila624@comcast.net](mailto: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**

Terner House Gallery,  
601 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ

Reception – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm

Painting pick-up - November 8th

**Friday, October 4 4:00 pm**

### **MRGA General Membership Meeting**

Curtis House, Brielle

Oil Painting Demonstration by Scott Nickerson

**Sunday, November 3 12 noon**

### **MRGA Annual Luncheon**

Lobster Shanty

Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach

Presentation by Rose Sinatra

RSVP by 10/18 Mona- 732-223-2569

**October 31 – January 2**

### **Wall Township Library Show**

2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township

Painting Drop-Off – October 31 11am – 12 noon

Reception – November 16<sup>th</sup> 12 – 2 pm

Painting pick-up January 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 – 2 pm

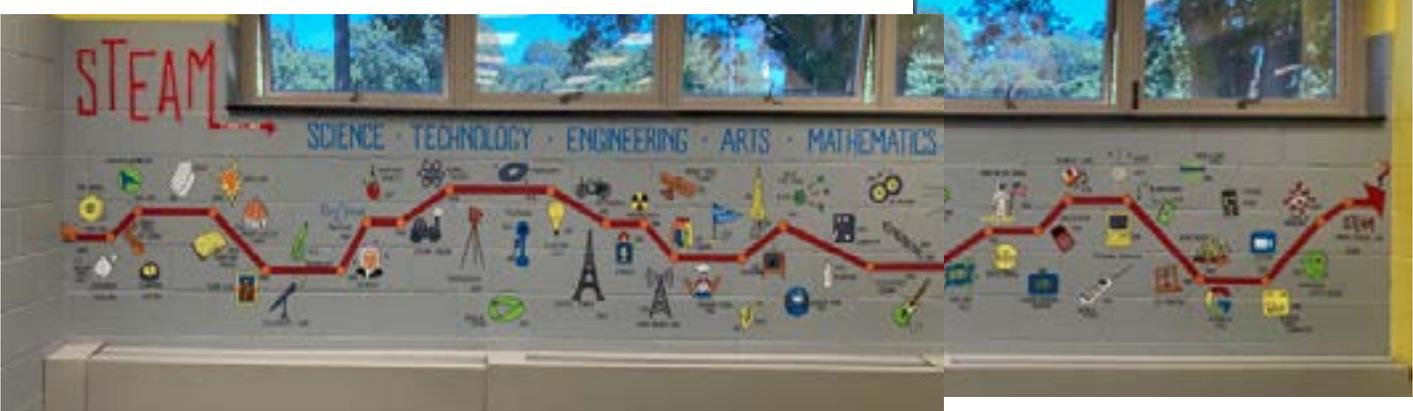
# SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE

*In last month's newsletter's President's Message, I mentioned an "Unconventional Art Project" which I was working on and asked to see what projects anyone else was working on. Here's what I got!*

**From Karen Norby:** This overglaze tile painting is on the Earle residence off Riverview Drive in Brielle. You can see it from the Manasquan River. I painted it 10 years ago. Some of the tiles were damaged due to the weather and improper sealing, and I was asked to duplicate the broken tiles. They took down all the tiles and a big Earle dump truck dropped them off at my house. I repaired and replaced the broken tiles, and as luck would have it, I still had the 10 year old glazes! Who would think?



**From Sheila Soyster:** I painted two murals in Point Pleasant Memorial Middle School's S.T.E.A.M. classroom. (Steam stands for Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Mathematics). One is in the center front of the room, about 8 x 10 feet, and the other is a 23-foot-long illustrated timeline.



*Participate in our October Challenge – Fall Foliage Paintings - and have your work featured here next month!*

## The North Hall Gallery Show

Dear MRGA Members,

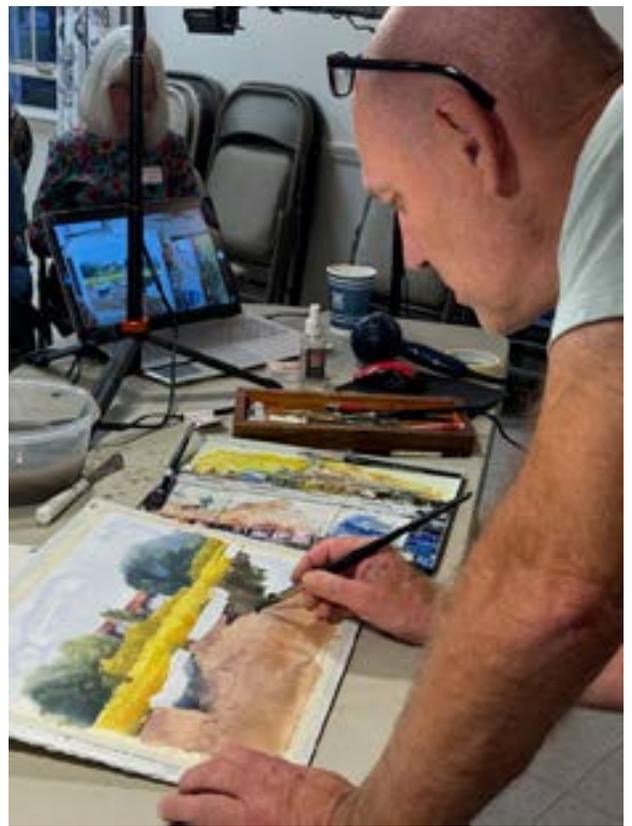
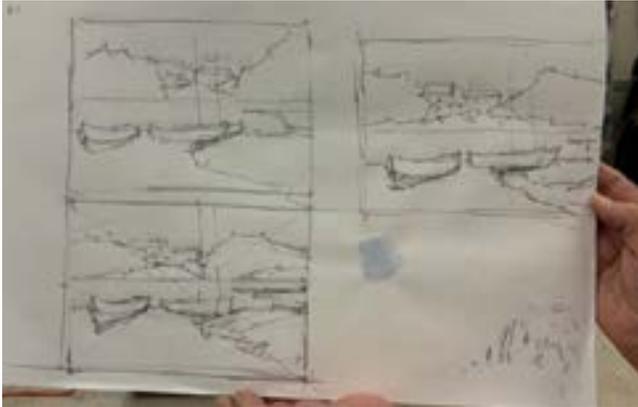
Thank you so much for participating in "By the Shore" @ The North Hall Gallery located in the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. A special thank you goes to the members who assisted with set-up and provided the yummy refreshments. MRGA, also had two members who donated work to the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Twenty-seven artists exhibited a large range of shore inspired subjects using various techniques. MRGA received many accolades! One framed painting and fourteen portfolio pieces were sold. Kudos.

Peace and Blessings,  
Karen Norby



# September Member's Meeting

September's Members' Meeting featured, Joe Hughes who demonstrated his techniques for painting a waterscape. We also welcomed two new members (see below).



## Welcome New Members

At the September meeting, New Members: Jackie Quatse (left) and Jules Duffy (right) were welcomed to our Manasquan River Group of Artists.



# WALL LIBRARY ART SHOW & SALE

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

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

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

### Drop off October 31st 1-3 Pick-up January 2nd 11-12

There is NO fee

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 18th

### Reception November 16th 12-2pm

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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL MRGA  
LUNCHEON BUFFET 2024**

at Jack Baker's  
**Lobster Shanty**

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83 Channel Drive, Pt. Pleasant  
Sunday November 3rd, Noon ~ 4pm  
\$35.00 per person

~ Buffet Includes ~

Soup du Jour ~ Caesar Salad  
Apricot Chicken ~ Herb Crusted Salmon  
Beef Tenderloin Tips  
Coffee ~ Soda ~ Cash Bar  
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

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Your Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MRGA by **Fri. October 18, 2024**  
Mail to Mona Kirk: 67 Lakewood Road, Manasquan, NJ 08736  
Questions, please call Mona at 732-223-2569