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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736

August, 2025

www.mrga38.org

Greetings, MRGA members!

Welcome to August! The summer is certainly flying by, with lots of arts opportunities to keep us busy. The last few weeks have brought us three art exhibits, an outdoor show, and a few receptions. Currently, we have a great show in the beautiful Terner House Gallery in Ocean Township, and our "By the Shore" exhibit in the North Hall Gallery in the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church is selling artwork like hotcakes. Our Brick Library Show just wrapped up on July 30 with a well-attended reception. We had a small but mighty group of artists at the Sea Girt Lighthouse on July 19th. The dubious weather led to a great turnout of customers, and sales were robust (until the rains came!).

Our next exhibit is the MRGA Invitational Art Show and Sale at the Middletown Arts Center. This prestigious show runs from August 26 to September 28, but the entry form and payment are due **August 8th**. As we have done in the past, members of the Art Society of Monmouth County are invited to participate. Thanks to generous sponsorships, this show offers \$750 in award prizes.

In September, we will return to our monthly meetings and our popular art classes at the Sea Girt Lighthouse. Our September meeting will be on Friday, September 12th at 4 pm. Yes, this is the 2nd Friday of the month, but the Curtis House is not available on the 5th, due to Brielle Day preparations. So, we will see you on the 12th, with refreshments/networking, a business meeting and a wonderful demonstration/guest speaker. The schedule of Sea Girt Lighthouse art classes, which run from 1 – 3 pm on Tuesdays, will be posted on the MRGA website in early August. The classes, which will begin again on September 16th, feature MRGA members sharing their tips and techniques in various media and are coordinated by Mona Kirk.

Hopefully many of you were able to participate in our summer events and were able to readily find the information needed. Our website, www.mrga38.org is a good resource for dates and times of events as well as show prospectuses, and other information. If you forget the address, you can always just "google" Manasquan River Group of Artists. By the way, if you'd like your artwork featured on the website, send me some pictures! Please include medium, title and size. Also, check the tab for "Artist contact List" – if you wish to be included or need to make a change, please let me know. Sending an email to mrga38cal@gmail.com is best. Don't forget, we have a Facebook page too, and it's a great way to publicize our shows. Just become a "follower" and share our message with your friends! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Stay cool, and Happy Painting!

Sheila Soyster

MRGA President



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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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28

Brick Township Library

Chambersbridge Road, Brick

Reception & Painting Pick-up: June 28th 12 – 3 pm

June 25 – September 7

North Hall Gallery, Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Bay & Forman Avenues, Pt. Pleasant Beach

Reception & Pick-up: Sunday, September 7th 11 am - noon

August 27 – September 28

MRGA Invitational Art show & Sale

Middletown Arts Center

36 Church Street, Middletown

Entry Form & Payment Due: August 8th ← **deadline extended!**

Receiving: Tuesday, August 26th 12 noon – 2 pm

July 25 – September 3

Terner House Gallery, Ocean Twp. Library

601 Deal Road, Ocean

Painting Pick-up: September 3

Friday, September 12 4:00 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

POINT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NORTH HALL GALLERY

presents

Manasquan River Group of Artists

Now on display until
September 7, 2025



*The public may enter the gallery through the
Forman Avenue Church Office entrance
Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m
to Noon and 1 pm to 3:00 p.m.
Closed on Major Holidays.*

 701 Forman Avenue Point Pleasant Beach

SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE ART SHOW

July 19th



Brick Library Exhibit Reception & Awards - July 30

Best in Show – John Troisi

Floral – Emily Beezley

Figurative -Melinda Saminski

Originality - Margo Fletcher

Seascape- Michael Dreher

Landscape - Tamara Woronczuk

Mixed Media - Robert D'Imperio

Composition- Paula Shipman

Awards of Merit – Valerie Morone,
Anne Milanesi, Lou Riccio, Elizabeth
Grimaldi



Here's an opportunity to showcase your photography skills!



New Jersey Monthly Magazine is looking for photos that capture the spirit of New Jersey!

It's time to submit your best photos and enter New Jersey Monthly and Unique Photo's Cover Search 2025. Anyone can win!

New Jersey Monthly and Unique Photo will award valuable prizes to 39 Cover Search honorees. Best of all, New Jersey Monthly will use the grand prize-winning photo as the cover image on the December 2025/January 2026 issue of the magazine.

Amateurs and professionals alike can submit an unlimited number of photos in the competition, which runs through September 12, 2025. Student entries (full-time students ages 25 and under) are free.

Photographs must be taken in New Jersey and can show any facet of life in the Garden State. Some topics to keep in mind include landscape and nature; down the Shore; wildlife; architecture; and lifestyle. Drone and aerial photography can also be submitted. Photographs can feature people, nature, iconic places, newsworthy moments, sports, weddings and more.

Here's the link! <https://contests.njmonthly.com/contests/cover-search-contest-2025/entries/create?hsCtaAttrib=159713391887>

And for another artistic opportunity.....



Ocean County Library FanNation Art Contest! All ages are welcome to enter the contest. This year's contest asks that participants **draw the image for an OCL FanNation Trading Card.**

FanNation features Anime, Gaming, Comics, Cosplay & More.

Entries will be accepted from Tuesday, July 1st until Monday, September 1st, 2025, at 5:00PM EST. No entries will be accepted after that date.

<https://theoceancountylibrary.org/fannation/art-contest>

Manasquan River Group of Artists' Invitational Art Show and Sale

Sponsored by Manasquan Bank

August 27 – September 28, 2025

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: August 1

Receiving: August 26, (Tuesday) 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Reception and Awards Presentation: September 28, (Sunday) 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pick up: September 28, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Eligible Work: Open only to members of MRGA and ASMC. Entries are limited to the first 70 artists registered. Original work only. No reproductions. Art must be properly framed, wired and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers. No works larger than 25"x 37", including frame. No photography, sculpture, or digital art. No nudes or political statements. MRGA reserves the right to refuse artwork that it deems inappropriate or does not conform to the criteria.

Entry Rules: 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 (MAC). 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.

\$500 in 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.

Submission Fee: There is a non-refundable \$15 entry fee which must be paid by a check made out to "MRGA". Entries (the entry fee and a completed entry form) must be received by MRGA no later than August 1, 2024. Artists will be included in the show based on the order in which their entry is received. Entries received after the show is full will be refunded.

Show Director: Emily Gilman Beezley, egilbeez@gmail.com

