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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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

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www.mrga38.org

Presidents Letter

Hello MRGA Members!

I hope you had a pleasant and productive January, filled with lots of opportunities to relax and be creative, perhaps with a warm drink in hand. The Manasquan River Group of Artists Trustees and Show Directors have been busy planning lots of wonderful things for our group. This includes ten art exhibits, two workshops, another trip to see the Cadillacs, and several meetings with interesting and informative presentations.

Currently, our Point Pleasant Beach Library Show is underway. If you have a chance, stop by the library on McLean Avenue in Point Pleasant Beach, and look at the outstanding work of 28 MRGA members. The works will be judged for artistic excellence, and prizes awarded at the reception on March 1st. There is also an opportunity to vote for the "Peoples' Choice" award. All members and guests are invited to the reception.

We will start off the new year with our general membership meeting on Friday, February 7th, at 4 pm at the Curtis House. At the business meeting, you'll get a sneak peak at the upcoming events, and we'll welcome a few wonderfully talented new members. Our guest artist, painter and printmaker Jo Guscott, will be demonstrating linocut printmaking, featuring her contemporary block prints. Jo teaches printmaking at the Ocean County Artists Guild and is represented by several galleries. Each of her linocut prints are unique, as variations in ink and carving result in distinct markings with each impression. She has garnered recognition and many awards from local and regional venues.

The Upcoming Events page in this newsletter outlines our February and March events. Additional information and prospectus can be found on our website – www.mrga38.org. Don't miss our January Challenge artwork which features our members' depictions of birds. Well done!

Speaking of challenges.... Here's one for February! I had to go with Valentines Day, the celebration of love and affection. What comes to mind? A still life with red and pink roses? Cupids? Hearts? Chocolates? Maybe a homemade Valentine you will send to your loved one? Have fun and send in your creation to mrga38cal@gmail.org. I will post them on our website, and you'll see them in the next newsletter.

See you on February 7th!

Sheila Soyster, MRGA President



ART CLASSES

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

February	4-Arlene Newman - Watercolor.....528-7179
	11 and 18 - Melinda Kaminski - Pastel610-8626
	25 - Tamara Woronczuk - Book Making998-8286
March	4 - Tamara Woronczuk - Book Making998-8286
	11 and 18 - Debbie Herbster - Watercolor908-380-7580
	25 - Leona Lavone - Watercolor914-9941
April	1 - Leona Lavone - Watercolor914-9941
	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

Instucted Classes.....\$6.00

Catch Up Classes.....\$3.00

PLease Call instructor before attending class for necessary information

Any other informaton, please call Mona Kirk - 732-223-2569

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ART CLASSES

Sea Girt Lighthouse....732.223.2569

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3 - March 31

MRGA Art Exhibition

Point Pleasant Beach Library
McLean Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach

Reception – Saturday, March 1, 10 am – 12 noon

Friday, February 7 4 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

Linocut Printmaking Demonstration by Jo Guscott

Friday, March 7 4 pm

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“Casein Painting for All” by Vinnie Nardone

Wednesday, March 26 10 am

MRGA Visit to Joe Puleo’s Cadillac Museum

Sign up at the meetings or call Sheila to reserve a spot

March 27 – April 30

Spring Lake Upper Gallery

Receiving: Thursday March 27 11:30 am – 1 pm

Saturday, March 29 9 am – 1 pm

Pastel Workshop with Renee Leopardi

Curtis House, Brielle

Information on registration, materials and fees to follow

Dues Are Due!

We know you have a lot to DO.....But MRGA DUES are DUE
Why?

Because we have a lot for you in the coming year. So DO send us your DUES!

IT'S TIME TO SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$40 (ACTIVE MEMBER) OR \$20 (INACTIVE MEMBER) MADE OUT TO MRGA.

Please mail your check to Laura Lutz

**PO Box 614
Manasquan NJ 08736**

Or bring Cash/Check to the MRGA February 7th Meeting

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.

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.

January Challenge!

Art is for the Birds....



Margo Fletcher



Elizabeth Covino



Karen Norby



Bev Sirianni



Sheila Soyster





Barbara Crimaldi



Arlene Newman



Laura Lutz



Michael Dreher



Linda Hejduk

MEMBER NEWS

Oil Painters of America, a nationally recognized organization dedicated to the pursuit of representational art, recognized the work of **Valerie Morone**, awarding her the Shirl Smithson Memorial Scholarship to attend a workshop of class in representational oil painting. Congratulations, Valerie!

The Manasquan River Group of Artists was well-represented in the Audubon Artists 82nd Annual Artists' Exhibition, held online in December of 2024. Four of our members received awards in this prestigious show. Congratulations, MaryAnn, Margo, Linda & Valerie!

What Should I wear Today?

MaryAnn Goodwin

Blick Art Materials Award



Autumn

Margo Fletcher

Audubon Artists Silver Medal of Honor in Collage & Mixed Media

Tranquil Reflections

Valerie Morone

Juror's Select Choice Award



Country Pride

Linda Hejduk

Christopher Berardicelli Creative Excellence Award & Medal
(selected by the Berardicelli Family)

MRGA SPRING LAKE UPPER GALLERY SHOW PROSPECTUS

RECEIVING: THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH, 11:30AM-1PM .)

RECEPTION: TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 5-7PM

PICKUP: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH 11:30AM-1PM

- ENTRY FEE \$5: Check payable to MRGA. (No Cash) Please send check and entry form to **Pam Fisezi: 2555 Collier Rd. Manasquan, NJ 08736**
No later than 3/25

ONE FRAMED ORIGINAL WORK No larger than 24X36

- WORK DATED: within the last 5 years and not shown at this gallery.
- PREVIOUS MRGA award piece not eligible.
- ALL Exhibited and Sold Hanging Art Works must stay for the duration of the show.
- PUBLICITY: Media coverage by local papers, MRGA Newsletter and Website

EXHIBIT COORDINATORS:

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MRGA ENTRY FORM SPRING LAKE UPPER GALLERY SHOW

ARTIST_____

TITLE_____

MEDIUM_____

PRICE_____ CONTACT_____

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

SIGNATURE_____