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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

Greetings MRGA Artists!

I hope you are enjoying these “lovely” summer days and getting lots of artwork done, or perhaps acquiring artistic inspiration from your travels and summer activities. Hopefully you’ve been preparing some fabulous artwork for our upcoming shows!

Our June meeting/party was a great success, with food, fun and friendship to kick off the summer. Spring Lake Art in the Park followed, with ten hardy artists enjoying the day in the park. More recently, many artists, friends and families gathered at our Brielle Library reception. Judges David Levy and Barbara Russo joined us to offer their insight into the paintings chosen for awards. As David pointed out, it is always interesting to hear about the good things others have noticed in your work – sometimes it may not be what you planned at all, but it worked! Photos of the reception and award winners are in this newsletter.

Please look at the Upcoming Events page in this newsletter. There’s a lot going on! Currently, there are two shows in progress – Brick Township Library and Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church’s North Hall Gallery. Stop by and see the wonderful artwork by our members. The reception and pickup for Brick is on July 30th, and North Hall Gallery is on September 7th. Meanwhile, the Sea Girt Lighthouse show is approaching – July 19th from 10 to 4 pm. If you’ve never done an outdoor show, it’s a nice opportunity to display lots of your work – originals and reproductions. On July 25th, it’s receiving time at the Turner House Gallery in Ocean Township. This show runs until September 3rd, with a reception on July 27th. Our summer wraps up with our annual Invitational Art show and Sale at the Middletown Arts Center. Don’t forget to send in your payment and entry forms by August 1st! Show prospectus information can be found in MRGA newsletters and on our website.

If you still need more places to display your work, how about a show at the Point Pleasant Beach Library? Margo and Tracy just had a great show there and sold 6 pieces! September and October are available for individual or small group exhibits. For details, contact Bryn at 732-892-4575.

Our website – www.mrga38.org is finally getting a bit more notice, could use some new artwork on the “Member Art” page. If you would like your work featured, please send in images of up to three pieces to mrga38cal@gmail.com – please indicate medium, title and size, and put “For Website” in the subject. Likewise, if you’ve gotten some recognition or have a show outside of the MRGA, send it in!

Our next meeting is on Friday, September 12th. (due to Brielle Day preparations on the first Friday of September). Our Sea Girt Lighthouse classes will resume in September also. Look for the schedule in the August newsletter.

Enjoy your summer, and Happy Painting!

Sheila

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Sea Girt Lighthouse... .732.223.2569



Hey MRGA Artists!

Would you like to join in a fun project and help NJ conservation efforts?

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation is looking for artwork of New Jersey birds created by different New Jersey artists. The images would be printed on "trading cards", which would be sold in packs to benefit conservation. Each card would also feature the artist's name and Instagram/website.

Images need to be in proportion to 2.5" x 3.5" and can be submitted digitally.

Please contact Sheila at mrga38cal@gmail.com for more information and a list of birds.

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.

June's Member's Meeting

Our closing meeting of the year was a themed 60s - 70s Summer Party. There were many happy hippies in attendance. Door Prizes were given out thanks to Vinnie Nardone and those artists who contributed their art work for the prizes.



MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 10 -July 30

MRGA Art Exhibition – Brick Township Library

Chambersbridge Road, Brick

Reception & Pick-up – Wednesday, July 30, 1-3 pm

June 25 – September 7

North Hall Gallery Show, Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Bay & Forman Ave. Pt. Pleasant Beach

Reception & Pick-up – Sunday, September 7, 11 am – Noon

July 19 10 am – 4 pm

Sea Girt Lighthouse Art in the Garden Show & Sale

Beacon Blvd. & Ocean Avenue

July 25 – September 3

Terner House Gallery, Ocean Township Library

601 Deal Road, Ocean

Receiving: July 25 9:30 – 11:30

Reception: July 27 2-4 pm

Pick-up: September 3

August 27 – September 28

MRGA Invitational Art Show & Sale

Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown

Entry Form & Payment Due: August 1

Receiving: August 26 12 noon – 2 pm

Reception & Awards: Sunday, September 28, 1-3 pm

Pick-up: September 28, 3-4 pm

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Brielle Library Art Exhibit & Sale

Reception – June 28

Awards Jurors: David Levy, Artist/Historian, President of *Guild of Creative Art*

Barbara Biello Russo, Graphic Designer & V.P. of *Guild of Creative Art*

Awards

1. **BEST IN SHOW:** Jackie St. Angel *Boys in the Band II* Oils
 2. **BEST WATERCOLOR:** Mona Kirk *Balloons for Sale* Watercolor
 3. **BEST OILS/ACRYLICS:** Jules Duffy *Gathering Place* Medium: Oils
 4. **BEST MIXED MEDIA:** Vincent Nardone *The World of a Visionary* Casein & Wax Encaustic
 5. **BEST FIGURATIVE:** Melinda Saminski *Aunt Wanda at 101* Oils
 6. **BEST LANDSCAPE/SEASCAPE:** Sandy Binger *View from the Deck* Gouache
 7. **BEST ORIGINALITY:** Artist: John Troisi *Trenton Blvd. Bulkhead* Oils
 8. **BEST FLORAL/FOLIAGE:** Tracy Roccanova-Miller *Peachy-Pink Peonies* Watercolor
 9. **AWARD OF MERIT:** Paula Shipman *Decked Out Mule* Gouache
 10. **AWARD OF MERIT:** Valerie Morone *Scarlet Woods* Oils
 11. **AWARD OF MERIT:** Sheila Soyster *Tranquility* Oils
 12. **AWARD OF MERIT:** Barbara Calvo *The Rainbow Clouds* Pastel
 13. **AWARD OF MERIT:** Nancy Robinson *Beauty and the Beach* Watercolor
- PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD:** Linda Hejduk



The Judges – David Levy & Barbara Russo



Award Winners!



Best in Show – Jackie St. Angel



Best figurative – Melinda Saminski



Best in Florals – Tracy Miller



Best Watercolor – Mona Kirk



Award of Merit – Valerie Morone



Award of Merit – Barbara Calvo



**People's choice Award –
Linda Hejduk**



Sea Girt Lighthouse Art in the Garden Show & Sale

Beacon Blvd. and Ocean Ave., Sea Girt

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2025, Raindate: Sunday, July 20, 2025

Time: Show Hours – 10 am to 4 pm

Fee: \$20. Non-refundable, check made out to MRGA

Artists Set-up: There is no snow fence. Displays may be on racks or tables. Umbrellas ok if NOT stuck into the ground (because of the sprinkler system). We will set up on the side and back lawn areas of the Lighthouse. Restrooms inside will be open for the artists. A loading zone will be marked on Beacon Blvd. by 7:30 am for arriving artists. Get there early for the beach crowd!

Originals and prints welcome, but please keep the reproductions to less than half of the work you are showing, and label them as such. Thanks! No photography or crafts.

Please send the registration form with your check by July 10th to:

Janice Collinson, 2421 Beech St., Manasquan, NJ 08736

For info: 732-528-7179, cell 908-489-7696 or jlc7379@yahoo.com

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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.

Artist's signature _____

Manasquan River Group of Artists
TURNER HOUSE GALLERY EXHIBIT

Ocean Township Library

601 Deal Road, Ocean, New Jersey 07712

Delivery of paintings – July 25th 9:30 - 11:30am

Reception – July 27th 2– 4pm

Pick up of Paintings – September 3rd

(The Turner Gallery is located next to the library with a separate entrance, but the gallery can be accessed through the library. Do not go through the library when dropping off your work or picking it up.)

There is no fee or commission for exhibitors.

One original artwork, properly framed & wired.

1. Previous MRGA award pieces cannot be shown at any MRGA sponsored site
2. All work should be completed within the last five (5) yrs.
3. All exhibited & sold hanging artworks must stay for the duration of the show
4. Nudes & Photography are not permitted for exhibition
5. MRGA entry form label must be attached to artworks

Publicity: Media coverage by local papers, MRGA Newsletter and Website.

Questions? Call Mary O'Malley-Joyce: 908-247-4233

MRGA ENTRY FORM - Turner Gallery Show, Ocean NJ

ARTIST _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

TITLE of ARTWORK _____

MEDIUM _____ **PRICE** _____

SIZE (including Frame) _____

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PROSPECTUS

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

ENTRY FORM

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August 27 – September 28, 2025 • Middletown Arts Center

This completed Entry Form and a check in the amount of \$15 are due Aug. 1, 2025. No cash or credit cards will be accepted. Please make your check payable to MRGA.

Mail to: Emily Gilman Beezley, 2394 Sycamore St., Manasquan, NJ 08736.

Your Art Organization, check one: () MRGA () ASMC Check No. _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Entry Title _____

Medium _____ Size, including frame _____ Price \$ _____

Your entry into this exhibit constitutes an agreement with the following terms and conditions.

LIABILITY: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members are not responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork however caused.

MEDIA RELEASE: MRGA may use my name and likeness and/or images of my art for publicity purposes.

Name (print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____



<p><i>Attach this form to the back of your art.</i></p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Medium _____</p> <p>Price _____</p> <p>Artist _____</p> <p>Art Organization () MRGA () ASMC</p>

Member News

Melinda Saminski's painting, "Pavarotti & the Ghost of Mozart" won 1st place in the Laurelton Art Society's 45th Anniversary Festival of Art.



Margo Fletcher's painting, "Fishing" is one of many pieces that were sold at the Brielle Library.