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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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

February, 2025

www.mrga38.org

President's Letter

Hello MRGA members!

I hope you are all recovering from the bleak winter and are ready for Spring and sunshine! Hopefully all the indoor time (or vacations in warmer climates) led to some great artwork. The MRGA Board of Trustees and Show Directors have planned some great events for March – whether it's an informative meeting, a show reception, a workshop or a trip to see an awesome Cadillac collection, or art classes, we've got something for you!

We open the month of March with the reception for the Point Pleasant Beach Library Show, from 11 am to 1 pm. Meet up with your fellow artists at the reception, see the wonderful artwork and grab a bite to eat. The show has been judged, but there's still time to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. The show runs until pick up day on March 31st, from 1-4 pm. The next MRGA show will be held in the beautiful Upper Gallery of the Spring Lake Community House, with a drop-off on March 27th. The prospectus is in this newsletter.

Our March 7th meeting is going to be a real treat, with a brief business meeting, followed by a two-part "Casein Painting for All" presentation by our Vice President, Vinnie Nardone. Vinnie has done extensive research into this time-honored medium and will share his wisdom on the medium of casein. He will then provide materials for hands-on experimentation for those who wish to try it out.

And the fun keeps on coming, with our weekly art classes at the Sea Girt Lighthouse, a trip to see Joe Puleo's Cadillacs and collections on March 26th, and our pastel workshop on the 29th. Information on these activities and more can be found in this newsletter.

Our March Challenge should be an easy one – Spring is coming, so send me some images of paintings of flowers, landscapes, bunnies, butterflies – whatever Spring means to you! I will post your work in our newsletter and on our website and Facebook page.

Happy painting!

Sheila



ART CLASSES

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

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

Instructed 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

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.

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3 - March 31

MRGA Art Exhibition – Pt. Pleasant Beach Library

McLean Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach

Reception – Saturday, March 1, 11 am – 1 pm

Friday, March 7 4 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

“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 10 am – 2 pm

Pastel Workshop with Renee Leopardi

Curtis House, Brielle

Sign up ASAP with Barbara Calvo – (732) 996-0738

Friday, April 4 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

“Bold Juicy Watercolors” by Dorrie Rifkin

Member News

Congratulations to MRGA members whose work will be exhibited at the Monmouth Museum's 2025 Juried Show. The Opening Reception is March 2nd, 4-6pm



Barbara Calvo

October Sky

Pastel

MaryAnn Goodwin

The Table is Set

Watercolor



Susan Penn

After the Rain

Collage & Watercolor



Tamara Woronczuk

The Red Dot

Mixed Media



February Members Meeting

Jo Guscott was the featured artist for February. Jo is a printmaker and she gave a demo of her techniques for Linocuts and printing without a press.



Welcome New Members

At the February members' meeting MRGA welcomed in four new members: Sandy Binger, Elizabeth Grimaldi, Anne Milanesi and Carol Ann Oporto.



Mona and Elizabeth Grimaldi (Above)



Mona and Sandy Binger (Above)



Mona and Anne Milanesi (Above)



Mona and Carol Ann Oporto (Above)



A few more things to do!

Design a bookmark for the Ocean County Library's 100th Anniversary!

<https://theoceancountylibrary.org/sites/default/files/news/events/100th-anniversary/contest/entry-form.pdf>

Check out the Asbury Short Film Concert: World's Besty Short Films – at the Algonquin Arts Theatre in Manasquan – Saturday, March 8th at 8 pm

New York City's longest-running exhibition of award-winning short films features the best in comedy, drama and animation by combining classic shorts with new international festival winners.

<https://www.algonquinarts.org/calendar.php?id=344>

Win some great prizes and support the Ocean County Artists Guild at their Gift Auction – Sunday, March 30th 12 noon – 4 pm at the Clarion Hotel, Toms River

<https://www.ocartistsguild.org/event/gift-basket-raffle-and-silent-auction/#tribe-tickets> [tickets-form](#)

February Valentine Challenge

Margo
Fletcher



Melinda
Saminski



A great Pastel Class at the
Sea Girt Lighthouse!

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:

Pam Fisezi (email) fispm314@gmail.com Phone: 908-930-8868

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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_____

**2025 MRGA BRIELLE LIBRARY
SHOW PROSPECTUS
SHOW DATES: MAY 1st – JUNE 28th**

RECEIVING: Tue., April 29th, 1 – 3PM

RECEPTION: Sat., June 28th, 12 – 3PM (Awards: 2 PM; Pick-Up Art: 3PM)

1. \$15 Entry Fee: Check Only (NO CASH) Payable to “MRGA”

2. One original work, properly framed and wired, Maximum Size: 20”x 24”
(including frame)
3. MRGA provided labels must be attached to front of originals and portfolio pieces.
4. Portfolio Works: 1 to 3 matted and wrapped pieces, Maximum Size: 16”x 20”
5. All pieces must be priced to sell; Judged artwork must be new to this venue and not a previous award winner of any MRGA Show.
6. A 20% Commission will be taken by the Library and the Library Staff will handle all sales transactions.
7. Publicity: Media Coverage in local papers; Brielle Boro Hall Electronic Sign, MRGA & Library Newsletters, Signage in Library
8. Awards Judge: TBD
9. Awards given to “Best in Show”, Best in Medium and Theme Categories, and “Peoples’ Choice Award”

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Library H

rs: M/W/F: 10am-5pm; Tu/Th: 10am-7:30pm; Sat: 10am-1pm; Closed Sunday



**Submitted by Susanna Anastasia
something to make us laugh**

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS
BRIELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SHOW AND SALE 2025

ENTRY FORM

SHOW DATES: MAY 1st TO JUNE 28th

RECEIVING: (TUE) APRIL 29th 1 – 3 PM
PICK-UP: 3 PM on Reception Day (June 28th)

ARTIST (print).....

SIGNATURE.....

TITLE of ARTWORK.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE \$.....

PHONE

E-MAIL

UP TO THREE (3) PORTFOLIO WORKS: Reproduction Prints and/or Originals – Maximum Size: 16”x20” – Matted and Wrapped

1. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE \$.....

2. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE \$.....

3. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE \$.....