

# Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938  
*Newsletter*



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## *President's Message*

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Welcome Back! The Board of trustees has decided we will resume our General Membership meetings the first Friday in October at 6 pm at the Curtis House. Masks are optional, and no restrictions are required by the town other than to observe social distancing and supplying our own sanitizer.

Our organization is wasting no time trying to accelerate getting back to business. Some MRGA members participated in Art in the Park in Spring Lake which returned on June 6. An attempt is being made to resume the Sea Girt Lighthouse Show this summer.

A date has been reserved for August 21 at Ocean Grove for a show exclusive to MRGA members, some preliminary information is included in this newsletter. Further details are being developed and will be sent to members as soon as they are finalized. If successful, this could be a summer replacement for the show no longer held at Avon. So get ready to participate. As the summer progresses, we hope to finalize a few other venues if we are able, in order to restore our previous activities.

Its time for payment of annual dues which is due by June 30th for the coming year. Please take time to submit your payment before the deadline and avoid a penalty.

In the meantime, get back to Jersey summer life. Sun, sand, shorts, and the shore.

Bob Stetz,  
President

### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The 2021 dues payment of \$30 for active members and \$10 for inactive members is due by June 30. Please send your payment to Treasurer Laura Lutz, 64 Clark Street, Manasquan, NJ 08736

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.

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## Improve your sketching habits

The all-important sketch we artists live by is usually the first step in the creative process, whether it fixes an idea, perfects a layout, or punctuates a detail. Sketching is an important aspect that seems to interfere with "getting on to painting", but should not be by-passed. Sketching out, however crudely, your idea or composition proved to me that this process uncovers issues that may be unable to be fixed if encountered creating the finished product.

I dismissed doing a value sketch when I began painting, considering it a waste of time, now I don't begin doing a painting without one. Even a crude line drawing is important to plan the finished product. In an effort to reduce my time doing a sketch I got into books from the Urban Sketching Handbook series which are a guide to doing sketches of anything anywhere and are a guide to improving your sketching skills.

I am reluctant to recommend anything to my friends like restaurants, movies, etc. and include books in that category for fear their experience will not be enjoyable and my credibility will suffer. But the most recent book on sketching, "The Urban Sketching Art Pack" by Quarto Publishing is something a little different than your standard sketching bible and it has improved my sketching approach, quality, and time. Yes, it does have information on thumbnails, perspective, architectural detailing, and simple approaches to composing but has an attachment of "challenges" in a neat foldout that presents blank pages with a suggestion for a sketch like, "draw a storefront", "draw a friend", and many other ideas so you don't even have to think of subject matter. Also, it is contained in an approximately 7" x 8" hard covered fold-open packaged book that even has an elastic band to keep it neatly closed for travel. I found this a great carry for sketching at the beach or outdoors on location and it doesn't take a lot of room to include in a carryon. Also, the "challenge" attachment portion is removable when used up and can be replaced with your own sketch pad. The Urban Sketching Art Pack, authored by Stephanie Bower, Gabriel Campanario, and Veronica Lawlor, is a great little investment for about 20 bucks; and no, I am not getting a kick back from the company. Happy sketching.

### *Member Opportunity*

"The Peto Museum in Island Heights (with Tour guide and Curator Harry Bower) is conducting two PM sessions on June 17th (Thurs) exclusively for 12 of our members...The museum is exhibiting rare Thomas Eakins photos of the jersey waterways as well as several new Peto paintings from their collection...

Please notify: Vinnie Nardone, 732-319-1772 or email: [nardoneart@comcast.net](mailto:nardoneart@comcast.net) about attending and your preference for the 1 to 2 pm session (6 persons each) or the 2 to 3 pm session (6 persons each)..

## MRGA MEMBERS – save the date!

**Saturday, August 21, 2021, 10 am – 4pm**

Outdoor Show and Sale for MRGA Members Only

OCEAN Grove Auditorium Pavilion

Completely covered large pavilion in the center of the town square.

Table to be provided for exhibitors, bring our own racks, etc.

ORIGINALS, PRINTS, NOTE CARDS, PORTFOLIO ITEMS

Permitted – no photography

\$5.00 registration fee and current paid membership

NO COMMISSION on SALES – Reserve your place now!

e-mail [rstetz2@verizon.net](mailto:rstetz2@verizon.net)

## Member News

**Jackie St. Angel and MaryAnn Goodwin** were named as Elected Members of the New Jersey Watercolor Society. **Jackie St. Angel** was, also, named as an Elected Member of the Audubon Artists.

We offer our condolences to Member, **Bonnie Stroffolino Martelli**, whose husband, Bruce, recently passed.



## Art in The Park

After a year in lockdown, Art in The Park returned in person at Spring Lake. Please enjoy the photos



### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION-PLEASE NOTE

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. Newsletters are prepared the prior month for September, October, November, December, January/February (Single issue in Feb.), March, April, May, and June. 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. "Classifieds" will run only once unless you request a repeat.