

# Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938

## Newsletter



M. R. G. A., P. O. Box 614, Manasquan, [www.mrga38.org](http://www.mrga38.org) New Jersey 08736 March 2022

### President's Message

Presidents Message February 2022

A sure sign that spring is on the way is the beginning of Daylight Savings time. We at MRGA are entering our busiest part of the year with hopes that our show schedule will re-start and our members will find their way back to attend our regular general meetings. Each year the Trustees consider requests by the members to change the general meetings held on the first Friday of each month from the evening, to eliminate late after dark departures from Curtis, particularly in poor weather. As approved by the Trustees, beginning in September, the General Meetings will now take place Friday afternoons, with refreshments beginning at 4:30 p.m., and the business portion held from 5 to 6:30. Also at the recent Trustees Meeting the slate of Officers was approved and received a vote of acceptance from the members at the General members March 4th meeting. Your new officers will begin their term on July 1 of this year. The newly elected Officers are listed herein. Congratulations to all on their commitment to the organization.

Bob Stetz  
President



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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### **X-raying Artworks “bones”**

Art conservators explore ancient paintings using many recently perfected methods developed by advanced technology to determine authenticity, techniques used by artists, materials used, and history. This imaging analysis use specialized equipment capturing light wavelengths invisible to the naked eye to examine the layers of an art piece. One that has been available to art analysis, is a device that was invented in 1895, that many of us have stood before called the good old x-ray machine. There are many other methods such as, ultraviolet light, infrared reflectography, polarized light microscopy; but all this space age technology is too complicated to explain let alone understand how they work, so I'll stick to the simple x-ray. The technique that sees our broken bones, can also see inside of paintings. Ok, here goes, stay with me now; x-radiographic uses energy found beyond ultraviolet light in the electromagnetic spectrum that can penetrate deep into the layers of an object. These x-radiographic detectors record the difference in densities in a painting. Dense areas appear white (like our bones), on an x-ray because the denser materials contained in an object impede the penetration of the radiographic detectors. Thick wood appears whiter than surrounding areas because it is physically denser, while lead paint appears whiter because it is chemically denser than other paints. This method can also help conservators to look at the canvas weave, construction of the panels painted on, and their construction. But enough with the science lesson.

Below is an original painting on the left, and the x-ray image on the right. The x-ray indicates the structured panel, stretchers of the original painting and looking closely we can see the many tacks around the outside securing the canvas to the frame. The underlying features indicate the lead white passages used on the face, a figure on the lower left painted over on the original, and a grid used to construct the painting.\*

We can now see the “bones” of the painting.



*\*Information courtesy of the Balboa Conservation Center, San Diego., Cal*

## Member News

Our Treasurer **Laura Lutz**, traveled to Maine a few weeks ago to check on the construction of the hand-crafted canoe received as a gift from her husband. Considered a true work of art, the canoe is made of cedar, ash, and mahogany, with 3800 brass tacks as part of the construction. Cut from a selected tree, the wood is cut, soaked, molded, and hand assembled. Below are some photos from her adventure. She hopes to launch the vessel this spring.



### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION-

All submissions for the newsletter and changes to your address, phone or email should be sent by 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Please continue to send any member news, artwork and opportunities to MaryAnn Goodwin at [maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com](mailto:maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com)

## MRGA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2022

The following Officers will begin their term July 1 of this year.

**Barbara Calvo – President**  
**Vincent Nardone - Vice President**  
**Jackie St.Angel – Recording Secretary**  
**Sheila Soyster – Corresponding Secretary**  
**Laura Lutz – Treasurer**

### TRUSTEES

**Sue Anastasia**  
**June Coles**  
**Janice Collinson**  
**Linda Hejduk**  
**Mona Kirk**  
**Karen Norby (At-Large member)**  
**Joanne Pisapia**  
**Beverly Sirianni (At-Large Member)**  
**Sheila Soyster**  
**Robert Stetz**

### *Art Opportunities*

**To the Membership of the MRGA:**  
Concerning the opportunities for the MRGA Showings please contact:

**Susanna Anastasia - [artsanastasia@gmail.com](mailto:artsanastasia@gmail.com) or  
Call 732-449-9287.**

Susanna will meet with the organization representative and review the Opportunities offered to the MRGA organization before proceeding with a commitment to display our art works in community venues or private facilities. Please feel free to call me or pass my phone/email along to the representative. The MRGA Board will review the opportunity for confirmation.

Susanna Anastasia, Community Relations

### ART WALK 2022

The Woman's Club of Manasquan is organizing an Art Walk to take place on Saturday, June 18th, 2022, on Main Street in Manasquan. If you are interested in participating in the Art Walk, the application can be found at:

<https://www.womansclubofmanasquan.org/events>

## JERSEY SHORE ART SOCIETIES 2022... compiled by V. Nardone 3/6/2022

- **Manasquan River Group of Artists (M.R.G.A)**(serving So.Monmouth / No.Ocean County)  
PO Box 614, Manasquan NJ 08736 (located at Curtis House, Brielle NJ) ...founded 1938  
e-mail: mrga38cal@gmail.com....www.mrga38.org...  
Tel# 732-687-0740.....President: Robert Stetz....
- **Laurelton Arts Society** (serving No. Ocean County artists)  
346 Chambers Bridge Road, PO Box 1525 Brick Township, NJ 08723  
e-mail: dimperioarttek@optonline.net.....www.laurelart.com  
Tel# 908-489-1170....President Robert D'Imperio
- **Belmar Arts Council** (serving So. Monmouth County artists)...Established 2004  
606 River Road, Belmar, NJ 07719  
e-mail: info@belmararts.org.....Tel# 732-749-3330  
www.belmararts.org.....Administrator: Dianne Cioffi
- **Pine Shores Art Association** (serving So. Ocean County)  
94 Stafford Avenue, PO Box 886, Manahawkin, NJ 08050  
e-mail: pineshoresart@gmail.com...Tel # 609-597-3557  
www.pineshoresartassociates.org.....President Tom Rutledge
- **Guild of Creative Art** (serving Monmouth County artists)  
620 Broad St., Shrewsbury NJ 07702  
e-mail: info@guildofcreativeart.org....www.guildofcreativeart.org  
Tel # 732-741-1441; Administrator: Vicky Culver.....President: David Levy
- **Ocean County Artists Guild** (serving So. Monmouth & Ocean County artists)  
22 Chestnut St., PO Box 1156 Island Heights NJ 08732  
E-mail: info@ocartistguild.org.....www.ocartistguild.org  
President: AnnMarie Dario
- **Atlantic Highlands Arts Council** (serving No. Monmouth County)  
PO Box 236, 54 First Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716  
e-mail: atlantichighlandsartscouncil@gmail.com or info@aharts.org ...Tel # 732-291-1260  
www.aharts.org.....President: Manda Gorsegner
- **Ocean City Arts Center** (serving Atlantic County artists)  
1735 Simpson Ave., Ocean City NJ 08226  
e-mail: info@oceancityartscenter.org.....www.oceancityartscenter.org  
Tel # 609-399-7628.....President: Dr. Jack DeVine....Exec. Dir: Chase Jackson
- **Cape May County Art League** (serving Atlantic & Cape May counties)..founded 1929  
PO Box 2195 or 670 Washington St., Cape May NJ 08204 .....contact: Reta Sweeney  
www. Capemaycountyartleague.com.....Tel# 609-884-8628
- **Art Society of Monmouth County**  
PO Box 722, New Monmouth (Middletown), NJ 07748  
e-mail: info@artsocietyofmonmouthcounty.org; www.artsocietyofmonmouthcounty.org  
Co-Pres: Vince Matulewich & Susan Van Volkenburgh
- **Art Alliance of Monmouth County** (founded in 1978)  
33 Monmouth St., Red Bank, NJ 07701  
E-mail: artallianceofmonmouth@gmail.com; www.artallianceofmonmouth.org  
Tel# 732-842-9403; President: Elaine Shor

# MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS ART EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS 2022

**BRIELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY : Mar. 31 (Thurs) to May 24 (Tues)**

**RECEPTION: To Be Announced RECEIVING: Mar. 31 (Thurs) 3-5PM...Hanging to 7pm  
PICK UP: May 23 (Mon) or 24 (Tues)**

Library Hrs: Tues, Thurs 10 am to 7.30pm

Mon, Wed & Fri 10-5pm ; Sat.10am to 1pm; Sun: Closed

1. \$10 ENTRY FEE: PAY CHECK (no CASH) on Registration Day.....Payable to: M.R.G.A.
2. Entry form label must be attached to rear for Originals & Portfolio works
2. ONE HANGING ORIGINAL WORK: Properly Framed & Wired (no saw tooth hangers)
3. Size Maximum: 24"Image Width x 30" Image Length
3. WORK DATED: within last five (5) yrs./not previously shown at library show
4. PORTFOLIO WORKS: Up to Six (6) wrapped Reproduction Prints, Photos or Originals
5. ALL WORKS MUST BE FOR SALE: 10% commission to Library as handled by staff
6. All Exhibited & Sold Hanging Art Works must stay for duration of show
7. No Insurance Coverage Provided by Brielle Library & MRGA
8. PUBLICITY: Media coverage by local papers; Boro Hall Electronic Sign ; MRGA Newsletter
9. AWARDS JUROR: to be announced....Awards Plaques or Certificates issued

LIBRARY EXHIBIT COORDINATOR: Gail Williams: 732-528-3234 email: buzzflit@gmail.com

M.R.G.A. CURATOR: Tracy Rocanova-Miller; 732-822-2099; e-mail :Tracyrock@comcast.net

EXHIBIT ASSISTANT: Vinnie Nardone; 732-319-1772; e-mail: nardoneart@comcasr.net

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BRIELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**\*\*\* ENTRY FORM \*\*\***

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