

Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938

Newsletter



MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan,

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New Jersey 08736

October, 2023

Letter from the President

It's October, a month filled with the promise of cooler temperatures, the rich hues of changing leaves and the enticing smells of pumpkin spice, hot cider, and hearty soups. Whatever Autumn means to you, I hope you are inspired by its beauty as you delve into your latest painting endeavors.

Here at MRGA, the season is filled with many events. The much-anticipated Invitational at the Middletown Art Center, nicknamed "The MAC", is at the end of the month. As Show Director, Jackie St Angel has done an amazing job with securing sponsors and garnering publicity for this exhibit with over 60 participants! Hope to see you all at the reception on October 28th.

The annual exhibit at the Wall Library is coming up soon. Show Director Donna Ferris will have a sign-up sheet at our October meeting for refreshments. The Prospectus and sign-up sheet are in this newsletter.

Also in this newsletter is the flyer for the November buffet luncheon at the Lobster Shanty. This annual event, expertly planned by Mona Kirk, is always such a fun time to socialize as a group, a chance to bring your family, enjoy good food and be enlightened by the speaker Mona invites. This year guest is Pamela Ward, Executive Director of the Algonquin Theater.

Please bring the stars that you have created for the Stars for Charity fundraiser to the October meeting. Don't forget to drill a hole at the top, attach a ribbon for hanging and sign your name. Thank you to Linda Hejduk for inspiring us to support this worthwhile charity.

Our October monthly meeting is October 6 at the Curtis House. Refreshments will be served at 4, meeting at 4:30 and we will have a demonstration by Shari Epstein on Collage and Mixed Media. Hope to see you all there. There will be no meeting in November.

Be sure and check the calendar in this newsletter for updates.

Happy October and Happy Painting!

Barbara



Please Note Next Members Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 6th. Refreshments at **4 - 4:30pm**;
Business meeting to follow at **4:30pm**

Manasquan Group of Artists 2023-2024 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

October – Middletown Arts Center

Jackie St Angel 732.216.8568
Barbara Calvo 732.996.0738

November- Wall Library Show

Donna Ferris 732.995.5491

December–Upper Gallery Spring Lake

Pam Fesizi 908.233.4197
MaryAnn Goodwin 732.539.4150

January/February- Pt. Pleasant Beach Library Show

Sheila Soyster 732.674.2038
Pauline Mickle 732.892.5606

April-Brielle Library Show

Tracy Rocanova-Miller 732.822.2099

June- Spring Lake Art in the Park (Devine Park)

Susanna Anastasia 732.715.1555

July- Sea Girt Lighthouse Outdoor Show

Janice Collinson 908.489.7696

July- Brick Library Show

Margo Fletcher 732.840.5635

July/August-North Hall Gallery Show

PT. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Pt. Pleasant Beach
Karen Norby 908.915.2301

MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKS

October 6, 2023

Shari Epstein "Collage/Mixed Media Demonstration"

Shari will demonstrate using various materials including napkins and fiber and will incorporate birds into her finished work.

November 5, 2023

Luncheon at The Lobster Shanty

December 2, 2023

Holiday Party

January

NO MEETING

February 2, 2024

Vinnie Nardone

"The Victorian Art Scene at the Jersey Shore"

Vinnie will share some fascinating documents, wood engravings and highlights from Harper's Weekly newspaper of that era, a "show and tell" eye opener of the turn of the 20th century artists and a new look at our MRGA predecessors.

March 1, 2024

David Levy

"What a Judge Sees or Should See and Where the Artist and Judge are Left in the Process"

David will discuss the "subjective" nature of judging, the qualities an "ideal" judge should possess, the criteria for excellence many judges use, how to think like a judge, and much more.

April 5, 2024

Karen Norby "Hands-On Origami Demonstration"

Using the ancient art of Japanese paper folding, Karen will teach how to transform a 2-D piece of paper into 3-D forms of a swan, a cat, a hopping frog and more.

May 3, 2024

Jim Inzero "Painting with Encaustic"

Jim will bring in some of his paintings and explain his process of wax encaustic

June 2024

Potluck Dinner.

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.

Art Classes

Sponsored by The Manasquan Group of Artists

Tuesdays 1:00 - 3:00 PM at the Sea Girt Lighthouse

2023

September 12 & 19

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

September 26

Lou Riccio-drawing/the grid.....732.295.3575

October 3

Lou Riccio-watercolor.....732.295.3575

October 10 & 17

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397

October 24 & 31

Margaret Patterson-pastel.....732.223.9048

November 7 & 14

June Coles-watercolor.....732.974.0746

November 28

Janice Collinson-watercolor.....732.528.7179

December 5

Janice Collinson-watercolor.....732.528.7179

December 12 & 19

Leona Lavone-watercolor.....732.914.9941

2024

January 9 & 16

Bev Sirianni-watercolor.....732.774.0014

January 23 & 30

Arlene Newman-watercolor.....732.682.3397

February 6 & 13

Melinda Saminski-pastel732.610.8626

February 20

Barbara Calvo-pastel.....732.996.0738

February 27

Karen Norby-origami.....732.996.0738

March 9 & 16

Pauline Mickle-watercolor.....732.892.5606

March 19

Tamara Woronczuk-book art.....732.998.8286

April 9

Tamara Woronczuk-book art.....732.998.8286

April 16 & 23

Leona Lavone-watercolor.....732.914.9941

April 30

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

May 7

Rose Sinatra-watercolor.....626.797.1213

May 14

End of Year Class

Instructed Classes \$6.00 Catch-up Classes \$3.00

Please call instructor before attending class for necessary information.

Any questions, please call Mona Kirk 732.223.2569

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ART CLASSES

Sea Girt Lighthouse... ..732.223.2569

In Memoriam: June Coles



As I read all the tributes that have been expressed by our members about June at her passing, I think we all feel the same way... "A treasure has been lost to the art world". June was an iconic part of the Manasquan River Group of Artists. A devoted member since 1984, June served as President and Vice-President for a total of 6 terms. She taught classes at the Sea Girt Lighthouse each year and was a popular presence at both Spring Lake's Art in the Park and Art in the Garden at the Sea Girt Lighthouse. Her phenomenal talent as a watercolorist garnered June many awards yet she was always humble. June was always willing

to share her time and encouraging words with others and has enriched many lives in doing so. June will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her and the legacy she has left Manasquan River Group of Artists will endure going forward.



Stars for Charity Reminder

Dear Members please remember to bring your completed Stars to the October 6th meeting. Linda Hejduk will be collecting them for photographing.

Thank you in advance for being part of this worthy charity.



For Sale

**Allaire Auxiliary has picture frames for free.
If anyone is interested they can call Gwen Barbetti at 732-804-0807.**

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. "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

Sangita Phadke Demonstration

At our September 1st meeting we were delighted to have international pastelist, Sangita Phadke demonstrate for us. Sangita very patiently answered all our questions, sharing her procedures, supplies and solutions as she painted a beautiful pastel of a tulip.



Workshop with Theresa Heidel

On September 16, the very talented watercolor artist, Theresa Heidel, presented a workshop on painting a street scene in Arles, France. Each of the 14 participants created a painting unique to their style and interpretation. Partial funding for the workshop was provided by a grant from Monmouth Arts.



This program is made possible in part from funds by Monmouth Arts, a partner of NJ State Council on The Arts and the Monmouth County Board of Commissioners

North Hall Gallery Exhibit



A big thank you to all of the members who participated in the exhibit "BY the SHORE" at the North Hall Gallery. The wonderful goodies brought in by our members to share with the congregation of Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church were very well received!

I am happy to share with you that we sold some work. Susanna sold her "Grapes and Cherries", Pauline's painting "Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church" was purchased by Pastor Molly, and June Coles's "The Sea" was purchased before church began on Sunday, August 27th. A couple who are long time patrons of Manasquan River Group of Artists came in early to purchase the work. They read of the show in the Ocean Star (kudos Michelle) and reviewed their paintings by MRGA and needed to add June's work to their "gallery". Portfolio work was sold by Barbara Calvo, Margaret Patterson, Mona Kirk, and Pauline. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Thank you again to all of you!



Thank You

A Big Thank You to the following Sponsors of the Middletown Art Center Invitational Art Show
Monmouth Arts, Manasquan Bank and Ocean First Bank



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WALL LIBRARY ART SHOW

A Branch of the Monmouth County Library System
2700 Allaire Road Wall Township, No 07719 732-449-8877

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2022

DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE, ONLY THE FIRST 30 APPLICANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ONLY ONE ORIGINAL PAINTING PER ARTIST.

Drop off October 27th 1-3 Pick-up December 29th 1-3

There is a \$15.00 entry fee, checks to MRGA (no cash)

Work must be completed within the last five years

The Library prepares a very nice brochure for the exhibit. If you would like to be included in the brochure the following information is required by Friday, October 14th

Reception November 4th 11-3

NAME OF ARTIST: _____

TITLE OF PAINTING: _____

MEDIUM: _____

PRICE IF FOR SALE: _____

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

Your painting must be ready for hanging with a wire, not a clip. We will hang that day and once it is hung, there will be no changes. Please don't submit a painting unless it can remain for the entire exhibit.

Contact Donna Ferris, at morninglight2000@yahoo.com or text 732-995-5491 or return this form to 813 Ocean Road, Spring Lake Heights, NJ 07762

Thanks for participating!
Donna Ferris

Liability: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members will not be responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork, however caused. Your entry in this exhibit constitutes an agreement with those terms and conditions found in this prospectus.

Signature _____

**MRGA 85th ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON BUFFET 2023**

at Jack Baker's
Lobster Shanty



83 Channel Drive, Pt. Pleasant
Sunday November 5th, Noon ~ 4pm
\$45.00 per person (includes tax & gratuity)

~ Buffet Includes ~

Soup du Jour ~ Caesar Salad
Chicken Francaise ~ Herb Crusted Salmon
Beef Tenderloin Tips
Coffee ~ Soda ~ Cash Bar
Special Anniversary Cake



Your Name (s) _____ \$ _____

Number of People _____

Please make checks payable to MRGA by **Fri. October 20, 2023**
Mail to Mona Kirk: 67 Lakewood Road, Manasquan, NJ 08736
Questions, please call Mona at 732-223-2569