

Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938
Newsletter



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www.mrga38.org

New Jersey 08736

March, 2024

Letter from the President

Spring is really here! Everywhere I look, the soft colors of the flowering trees and the green new leaves and plants signal renewal everywhere. Here at MRGA we welcome renewal too. New members, new ideas and new show venues are always welcome. In the past few months 13 new members have joined MRGA. At the April meeting, Sheila Soyster, our Corresponding Secretary, will discuss all the MRGA committees that are open for new (and old) members to join, don't be shy, please get involved so MRGA can continue to be a vibrant, visible and significant organization in the community and beyond.

I can't help but reiterate these six words to live by as shared by Margo Jane Fletcher:

"Be Kind Be Grateful Give Back"

We can't control the hate and dissention that surrounds us in the world but in MRGA, we can **Be Kind** by treating each other with caring and respect. We can **Be Grateful** by being thankful we have been given the talents we have to share with others and the friendships we have developed as part of MRGA and in the art community. We can **Give Back** by being open to volunteering our time and expertise in a committee and sharing new ideas.

The Brielle Library exhibit is coming in April. The entry form and prospectus are in this newsletter. Also coming is the exhibit at the Brick Library in June. More information will be in the May newsletter. The Point Beach Arts virtual /in-person show is still accepting work. Until April 15. More info can be found at <https://pointpleasantbeach.org/2024-juried-art-show>

We will be voting for the 2024/2025 Executive Board Officers at the April meeting.

The slate is as follows:

President - Sheila Soyster
Vice President – Vincent Nardone
Treasurer – Laura Lutz
Recording Secretary – Jackie St Angel
Corresponding Secretary – Susanna Anastasia

We look forward to Vinnie Nardone's "Show and Tell" Jersey Shore Victorian Art Scene presentation also at the April meeting. Hope to see you on April 5!

Happy April! Happy Spring! Happy Painting!
Barbara



Next Members Meeting

. The regular MRGA Meeting is on April 5 at 4-4:30pm. Refreshments and Business meeting to follow.

Manasquan Group of Artists 2024 Calendar of Events

ART SHOWS

April-Brielle Library Show

Tracy Roccanova-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 732.259.7767.

July/August-North Hall Gallery Show

PT. Pleasant Presbyterian Church Pt. Pleasant Beach

Karen Norby 908.915.2301

MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS, TALKS

April 5, 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.

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.

ART CLASSES

Sponsored by The Manasquan Group of Artists

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

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

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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

**MRGA Executive Board
and Committees 2023-2024**

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Your opportunity to serve MRGA with creative energy awaits you in this position.

NEWSLETTER

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Maureen Anderson732 306-7798

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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-

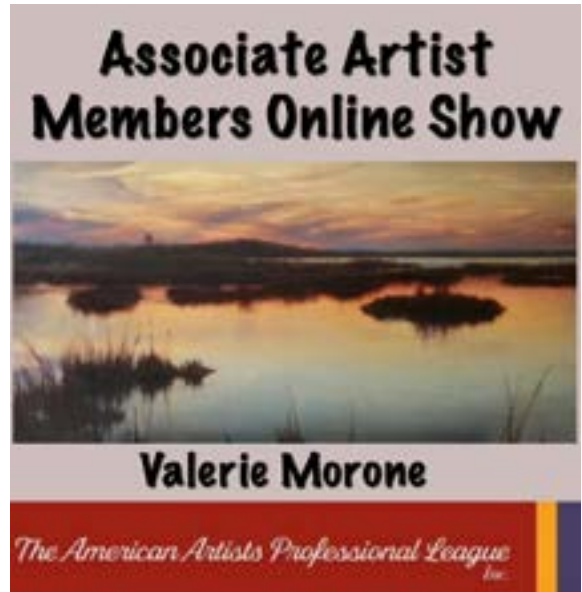
All submissions for the newsletter and changes to your address, phone or email should be sent by email to MaryAnn Goodwin at maryanngoodwinarts@gmail.com by the 20th of the month for the next newsletter. When announcing an award please give the title of your work. Photographs should include the names of the persons in them except for a large group. "Classifieds" will run only once unless you request a repeat.

Member News



The pouring rain on March 23 didn't dampen the spirits of the 20 artists, 8 of which were from MRGA, in **Bob Stetz's** watercolor workshop sponsored by the Laurelton Arts Society.

Valerie Marone's painting "Islands in the Sky 2" was juried into American Artists Professional League Associate Artists Members Online Show. February 22 - April 18, 2024
It was also one of the paintings featured on their website on the link "in the press". The online show can be viewed here.
<https://aaplinc.org/artwork-store>



Congratulations to the following MRGA artists who were juried into the Garden State Watercolor Society's 54th Open Juried Show: **Susanna Anastasia, MaryAnn Goodwin, Jackie St. Angel and Nancy Robinson**
The exhibit is at the Middletown Arts Center and runs from April 8th through May 11. The reception is on May 11 2:30-4 PM

Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey at the March meeting. All suggestions will be discussed at a future Trustee meeting. There were 38 responses, here are the results:

Keeping in mind that MRGA cannot provide transportation, would you be interested in MRGA organizing a trip for members with reduced or group admission to destinations such as Grounds for Sculpture or Zimmerli Art Museum?

Yes-35 No-3

Suggested Locations-Brandywine, Princeton, Mercer, Newark, Philadelphia, Metropolitan, Zimmerli, Frick Museums, Fonthill, Morven, Longwood Gardens, The Highline, and the Barnes Collection

Subsidizing of Half-day or Full-day workshops by known artists.

Yes-35

Suggestions for workshops-Watercolor, Sketching, Oil, Alla Prima

What would you be willing to pay? \$25-\$40-21; \$45-\$60-13; \$65-\$80-4 No matter-2

Fee dependent on whether half day or full-day- 2

March Member Meeting....

At the March's Member Meeting David Levy, had a rapt audience as he discussed the "subjective" nature of judging, the qualities an "ideal" judge should possess, the criteria for excellence used by many judges and how to think like a judge.



....And New Members



Emily Beezley



Michael Dreher



Dana Mensel



Ron Surgent

MRGA welcomed new members: Emily Beezley, Dana Mensel, Ron Surgent and returning member Mike Dreher



MONMOUTH MUSEUM



GARY ERBE'S MAGICAL WORLD

MAIN GALLERY April 7 - June 2, 2024
OPENING RECEPTION April 7, 2024 4:00 - 6:00 PM

GARY ERBE'S MAGICAL WORLD

MAIN GALLERY April 7 - June 2, 2024



Over the years, I have explored the idiom of abstraction and cubism and how these modern principles can be integrated into Trompe l'oeil. I welcome the challenge of bridging the gap between modern art and realism without abandoning technique. I believe I have found ways of circumventing the so-called rules of Trompe l'oeil in favor

of originality, inventiveness and creativity. Most of my work since 1970 is highly complex and can be engaged on many different levels. I have underscored the point that my work has less to do with the tenets of Trompe l'oeil and far more to do with the creative process of discovery.



765 Newman Springs Rd.
Lincroft, NJ 07738
One Museum Drive, Parking Lot #1
at Brookdale Community College

Or Current Resident

OPENING RECEPTION
SUNDAY, APRIL 7th 4:00 - 6:00 PM
GALLERY HOURS
TUESDAY - SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
MONMOUTHMUSEUM.ORG 732.747.2266



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MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS ART EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS 2024

BRIELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY: April 29th (Mon) to June 29th (Sat)

RECEPTION: June 29th (Sat) 1 to 3pm...Awards: 2pm

ART WORK PICK UP: 3pm RECEPTION DAY

RECEIVING: April 26 (Fri) 1PM to 3PM..Hanging to 5pm

**Library Hrs: Mon, Wed, & Fri 10AM-5PM: Tues & Thurs 10AM-7:30pm
Sat, 10AM -1PM; Sun Closed**

1. \$15 ENTRY FEE: PAY CHECK (no CASH) on Registration Day.....PAYABLE TO MRGA Registration Form & Check Due on Receiving Day
2. MRGA PROVIDED EXHIBITION LABELS must be attached to front for Originals & Portfolio Works
3. ONE HANGING ORIGINAL WORK: Properly Framed & Wired (No free standing sculptures allowed this year).
4. Size Maximum: 24" x 30" Image/ Size Minimum size: 11X14 Image.
5. Original Artwork dated within last five (5) yrs.allowed except Portfolio works.
6. Previously shown art at this Site or Award works from any MRGA site Not Allowed..
7. PORTFOLIO WORKS: 18' X24' Max. size up to five (5) matted or wrapped reproduction prints or originals
8. ALL WORKS MUST BE FOR SALE: 20% commission to Library as handled by staff.
9. PUBLICITY: Media coverage by local papers; Brielle Boro Hall Electronic Sign; MRGA & Library Newsletters
10. AWARDS JUROR: David Levy
11. Awards given according to Medium & Theme Categories in addition to PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

**MRGA Show Director: Tracy Rocanova-Miller; 732-822-2099; e-mail:Tracyrock@comcast.net
Vinnie Nardone, Asst.; 732-319-1772; e-mail: nardoneart@comcast.net;**

Library Director: Maribeth Pelly: 732-528-9381 email: mpelly@monmouthcountylib.org

Mrga Officers, Trustees, & Members as well as the Brielle Library & Staff will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibited artwork. Your entry into this exhibit constitutes agreement with terms in Prospectus.

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS
BRIELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 2024

**** ENTRY FORM ****

Apr 26 (Fri) to June 29 (Sat)

RECEIVING: Apr. 26 (Fri) 1-3PM.....Hanging to 5pm

PICKUP: 3PM on Receiving Day

ARTIST (print).....
SIGNATURE.....
TITLE.....
MEDIUM.....
PRICE: \$.....
TEL #.....
E-MAIL.....

(5) PORTFOLIO WORKS: Reproduction PRINTS & ORIGINALS

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PRICE \$..... |
| 3. TITLE.....
MEDIUM.....
PRICE \$..... | *18"x24" Max Size Matted or Wrapped* |

Use MRGA Exhibit Labels

***SIGN OUT SIGNATURE.....**