

# Manasquan River Group of Artists

Established 1938  
*Newsletter*



MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan,

[www.mrga38.org](http://www.mrga38.org)

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## President's Message

It's Summertime, and I am pleased and honored to begin my term as President of the Manasquan River Group of Artists. I look forward to working with everyone, as we carry on our time-honored traditions and build new ones. I hope to continue the excellent leadership of our past presidents and thank them for their support and guidance. Having been a member for over 40 years, most of you know me, but here's a few "fun facts". I served as co-president of the MRGA with my mother, Pauline Mickle, in the 1980's, I recently retired from teaching high school art for 39 years, and I now work for Kean University, supervising art student teachers. I am involved with Point Beach Arts and the Ocean County Artists Guild and whatever random art projects come my way. I intend to draw upon the experiences and knowledge I have acquired from my various art connections to bring new ideas to our wonderful group.

During my term as president, I look to upgrade our use of technology in our record-keeping and communications and continue to search out new ways to bring our art into the community. I plan to continue our interesting programs, provide excellent venues to exhibit our work, and offer inspiring classes and workshops. I look forward to your participation, both as a participant and a leader. There is a need for volunteers to assist in many capacities, whether it's setting up refreshments, serving on a committee, or running an art exhibit. A list of open positions will be published in the September newsletter.

There's a lot happening in July and August! We've got 5 art shows going on! We have an outstanding display of works at the Brick Library, running through July, and the North Hall Gallery in Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church is currently displaying the work of MRGA artists through mid-August. And then there's the Sea Girt Lighthouse Show on July 20th. This outdoor show offers you the opportunity to show the beach crowd your originals and prints. On Saturday, August 10th, we will be hosting an art exhibit at the Curtis House. Last but not least, is our Invitational Show at the Middletown Arts Center. This show is in September, but entry forms and payment are due August 1st. Information on these shows can be found in this or previous newsletters, or on our website - [www.mrga38.org](http://www.mrga38.org). Don't miss out on your chance to participate!

I hope you all have a marvelous summer, with lots of time to paint, display your work and appreciate the beauty of the summertime. Our September meeting will be at the Curtis House on Friday, September 6th, beginning with refreshments at 4:00 pm.



See you soon!  
Sheila

## Next Members Meeting

The regular MRGA Meeting is September 6. Refreshments at 4PM. Business meeting to begin at 4:30PM

# *In Memory of Ellen Scharfenberg*

*March 16, 1940 - June 11, 2024*

Longtime MRGA member Ellen Scharfenberg passed away on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers go out to her family and loved ones.

Ellen was born on March 16, 1940, in Linden, New Jersey. She attended Linden High School, graduating in 1958. In 1962, she received her bachelor's degree in education from Douglass College at Rutgers University. Ellen and Walter Scharfenberg married in May 1964, enjoying a rich life together and traveling the world.



Ellen was active in her career and as an artist as well. In September 1964, she became a German teacher with the Toms River Schools, retiring in 1999.

Art was not just a hobby for Ellen; it was her life's passion. She started in oils, moved to watercolors, and became accomplished in pastels. She was an active member of the Manasquan River Group of Artists for many years and was a past president of the Ocean County Artists Guild. She loved traveling with her art friends on painting trips to Italy and Key West. She won countless awards and accolades for her artwork.

Ellen was pre-deceased by her father, mother, three brothers and husband, Walter. She is survived by her son William, daughter-in-law Carolyn and granddaughter Brooke.

A service to celebrate Ellen's life was held in June.

## **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](mailto: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.

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.



## *June Member Meeting...and Pot Luck Dinner*

The June Members' Meeting featured the passing of the gavel from Barbara Calvo to Sheila Soyster. It was then time to enjoy the Pot Luck dinner and games hosted by Margo Jane and Jackie. A great time was enjoyed by all.





## BRIELLE LIBRARY EXHIBIT JUNE 29, 2024

### *Awards Ceremony*

Awards Jurors: David Levy, Artist/Historian/President of Guild of Creative Art  
Leslie Backlund, Artist & Former President of Guild of Creative Art

The June Newsletter featured the award winning images and judges' notes. Below are the artists with their paintings and Judge, David Levy. The reception was well attended and David Levy congratulated all the winners and praised the quality of all the entries.



*Judge: David Levy and Jackie St. Angel*



*Tracy Rocconova Miller*



*Judge: David Levy and Valerie Morrone*



*Debra Herbster*



*Margo Fletcher*



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**PROSPECTUS**  
**Manasquan River Group of Artists' Invitational Art Show and Sale**  
***Sponsored by Manasquan Bank***  
**September 3–29, 2024**  
**Middletown Arts Center, 36 Church Street, Middletown, NJ 07748**

***Members of the Art Society of Monmouth County are cordially invited to participate.***  
(This Prospectus and Entry Form are available at [www.mrga38.org](http://www.mrga38.org))

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Entry Form and Payment due:** August 1

**Receiving:** August 28, (Wednesday) 11 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

**Reception and Awards Presentation:** September 29, (Sunday) 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Pick up:** September 29, 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Eligible Work:** Open only to members of MRGA and ASMC. Entries are limited to the first 70 artists registered. Original work only. No reproductions. Art must be properly framed, wired and ready to hang. No sawtooth hangers. No works larger than 25”x 37”, including frame. No photography, sculpture, or digital art. No nudes or political statements. MRGA reserves the right to refuse artwork that it deems inappropriate or does not conform to the criteria.

**Entry Rules:** Artwork must be for sale and remain on display for the duration of the exhibit. An artist will be notified of a potential buyer. It is the artist’s responsibility to manage the sale and to forward a 20% commission to the Middletown Arts Center (MAC). Sales Tax remittance is the responsibility of the artist.

By entering the show, artists agree that their name, likeness and image of their work may be used for publicity purposes. Artists are encouraged to insure their works, as the MRGA and MAC are not responsible for damage or loss of artwork during the Exhibit.

**\$500 in Cash Awards Sponsored by OceanFirst Bank:** Awards will be determined by an independent judge and presented at the Reception. Award winners will be asked to provide a jpeg of their work to be posted on the MRGA website.

**Submission Fee:** There is a non-refundable \$15 entry fee which must be paid by a check made out to “MRGA”. Entries (the entry fee and a completed entry form) must be received by MRGA no later than August 1, 2024. Artists will be included in the show based on the order in which their entry is received. Entries received after the show is full will be refunded.

**Show Director:** Jackie St. Angel, [jstangel62@gmail.com](mailto:jstangel62@gmail.com)

# ENTRY FORM

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This completed Entry Form and a check in the amount of \$15 are due Aug. 1, 2024. No cash or credit cards will be accepted. Please make your check payable to MRGA.

Mail to: Jackie St. Angel, 32 Honeysuckle Ct., Brick, NJ 08724.

Your Art Organization, check one: ( ) MRGA ( ) ASMC Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Size, including frame \_\_\_\_\_ Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your entry into this exhibit constitutes an agreement with the following terms and conditions.

LIABILITY: MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members are not responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork however caused.

MEDIA RELEASE: MRGA may use my name and likeness and/or images of my art for publicity purposes.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



*Attach this form to the back of your art.*

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Art Organization ( ) MRGA ( ) ASMC





# Sea Girt Lighthouse Show and Sale

*Beacon Blvd. and Ocean Ave., Sea Girt*

**Date:** Saturday, July 20, 2024    **Raindate:** Sunday, July 21

**Time:** Show Hours – 10 am to 4 pm

**Fee:** \$20. Non-refundable, check made out to MRGA

**Artists Set-up:** There is no snow fence. Displays may be on racks or tables. Umbrellas ok if NOT stuck into the ground (because of the sprinkler system). We will set up on the side and back lawn areas of the Lighthouse. Restrooms inside will be open for the artists. A loading zone will be marked on Beacon Blvd. by 7:30 am for arriving artists. Get there early for the beach crowd!

Originals and prints welcome, but please keep the reproductions to less than half of the work you are showing, and label them as such. Thanks! No photography or crafts.

Please send the registration form with your check by July 10<sup>th</sup> to:

**Janice Collinson, 2421 Beech St., Manasquan, NJ 08736**

For info: 732-528-7179, cell 908-489-7696 or [jlc7379@yahoo.com](mailto:jlc7379@yahoo.com)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITY:** MRGA Officers, Trustees and Members are not responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork, however caused. Entry into this exhibit constitutes an agreement with these terms and conditions.

Artist's signature \_\_\_\_\_



# **MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS**

## **Upcoming Events!**

**Saturday, July 20 10 am - 4 pm**

Sea Girt Light House - Art in the Garden Outdoor Show

**Wednesday, July 31 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Ocean County Library, Brick Branch  
Reception and Pickup

**August 1**

Entry Form and Payment Due - MRGA Invitational Art Show & Sale

**August 10**

MRGA Art Exhibit & Sale - Curtis House, Brielle  
(registration closed)

**Sunday, August 25 11:00 am - Noon**

North Hall Gallery, Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church  
Reception and Pickup

**September 3-29**

MRGA Invitational Art Show & Sale - Middletown Arts Center

**September 6**

General Membership Meeting - 4:00pm  
Curtis House, Brielle

**October**

Terner House Gallery Show, Ocean Township

**November**

Wall Library Art Exhibit