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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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Happy Springtime MRGA members!

We're finally getting some warm weather, and the trees and flowers are blooming - great subjects to paint! This newsletter features many opportunities to enhance your creativity and exhibit your work.

Last month, 20 artists attended a wonderful pastel workshop with Renee Leopardi. I was pleased to be a student for a change and learned a lot about pastel techniques and materials. Our April general membership meeting was very well attended and featured a marvelous Urban Art watercolor demonstration by Dorrie Rifkin. Check out the photos from these events in the upcoming pages.

On May 2nd, after our business meeting, we will have a presentation on Early Renaissance Italian art, given by David Levy, award-winning artist, Co-President and Docent at the Guild of Creative Art in Shrewsbury, and a great friend of our group. David has often shared his expertise in Art and Art History with the Manasquan River Group of Artists and has judged and commented on many of our exhibits.

There's lots going on with our art shows. We've got the Spring Lake Upper Gallery show in progress, with many participating artists, and a nice turnout at the reception (along with a little excitement). Don't forget to pick up your paintings on May 21st. The Brielle Library Show kicks off on Tuesday, April 29th, with painting drop-off from 1 to 3 pm. Coming up is the Spring Lake Art in the Park outdoor show on June 7th, and the Brick Township Library Show beginning on June 10th. The prospectuses for both shows are in this newsletter. (and yes, that is the correct plural for prospectus!) Please check on the specifications - Spring Lake is originals only, and Brick Library has limitations on insurance coverage for the artwork.

And then, there's another workshop! Theresa Troise Heidel will be teaching floral watercolors at the Curtis House on Saturday, May 17th. Bring your own flowers to depict in your masterpiece. Space is very limited - please call Barbara Calvo ASAP if you wish to attend. (732-996-0738)

I didn't get too many responses for my April Challenge, but I'll try again in May with the theme of "Artist's Choice". Please email an image of your painting to mrga38cal@gmail.com so it doesn't get lost in my regular email. Thanks! I'll post your paintings on Facebook and on the website.

Shortly after our May meeting, I'll be off to Budapest for a long-awaited river cruise on the Danube, taking in some art inspiration and a little relaxation too. And before you know it, it'll time for our June meeting and the beginning of Summer. Lots to look forward to!

Happy painting!

Sheila

Sheila Soyster, MRGA President



ART CLASSES

Sponsored by the Manasquan Group of Artists
Tuesdays 1:00-3:00 PM
at the Sea Girt Lighthouse

May 6 - Rose Sinatra - Watercolor.....626-797-1213
 12 - End of Year Class

Instucted Classes.....\$6.00 Catch Up Classes.....\$3.00
Please Call instructor before attending class for necessary information
Any other informaton, please call Mona Kirk - 732-223-2569

Member News



Susanna Anastasia has received "Best in Show" at the annual Essex Water Color Club Exhibition 2025 held at the Chatham Library, N. J.

Valerie Marone's painting "Last Touch of Light" was Juried into American Artists Professional League 2025 Spring Members Online Show. The show runs May 3-July 12.

"Monument Sunset" was Juried into the 2025 Salma-gundi Club Invitational Summer Exhibition. May 20 -June 6.



Margo Fletcher and Tracy Miller willl have a two-person show at Point Pleasant Beach Library during May & June, Reception is June 14. 11-1



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MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April – May 21

Upper Gallery, Spring Lake Community House

300 Madison Ave. Spring Lake

Painting Pick-up: May 21st 11am – 1pm ← **new day!**

April 29 – June 28

Brielle Library Art Show & Sale

610 South Street, Brielle

Receiving: Tuesday, April 29, 1-3 pm

Awards & Reception: Saturday, June 28th, 12 – 3 pm

Friday, May 2 4:00 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

Business Meeting & Italian Art 1400 – 1435 Presentation by David Levy

Saturday, May 17 10 am – 2 pm

Floral Painting Workshop with Theresa Heidel

Curtis House, Brielle

Registration required!

Friday, June 6 4:00 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting

Curtis House, Brielle

Business Meeting & Welcome to Summer Party

Saturday, June 7 10 am – 4 pm

Art in the Park Outdoor Show

Divine Park, Spring Lake

June 10 – July 30

Brick Township Library Show

Receiving: Tuesday, June 10th 12³⁰ – 3 pm

Reception & Pick-up: Wednesday, July 30th 1-3 pm

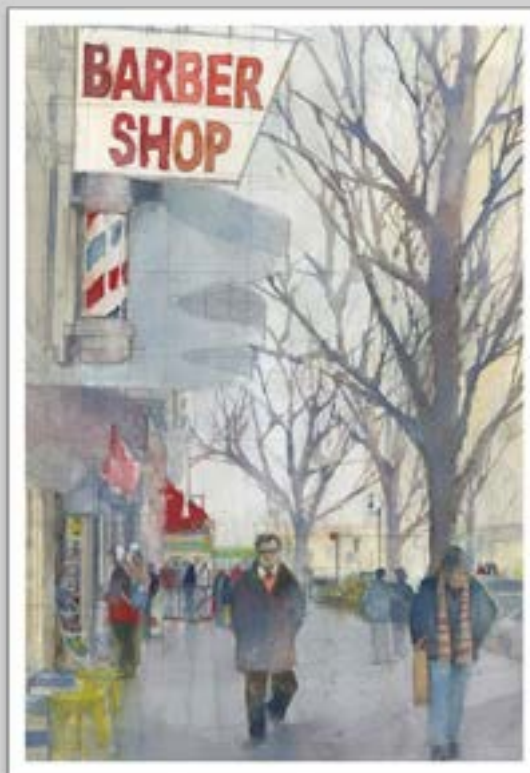
April Member's Meeting

Painting the Urban Landscape

Dorrie Rifkin, an accomplished watercolor artist from Englewood, NJ, did a watercolor demonstration at our April meeting.



Dorrie shared her sketchbook with the group and painted a street scene of New York titled "Hey Barber - 2025"



Painting in Pastel with Renee Leopardi

Twenty artists gathered at the Curtis House on March 29, for a four-hour pastel workshop with Renee Leopardi, a well-known and talented artist from Northfield, NJ. Renee chose to demonstrate using a photo from a trail in Batsto, titled “Quaker Pond”. Participants could also paint from their own reference photo. Whether an experienced pastelist or a newcomer to the medium, everyone was excited with their painting!



Art in The Park 2025

Saturday - June 7th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (set-up 8:00 am)

Rain date: Sunday June 8th

Spring Lake Divine Park (Town side of the Lake)

Regulations

- Original Artwork only – no crafts, prints or reproductions
- Your original artwork must be suitable for public viewing.
- Approximately 12 x 12 ft. of fencing or open area.
- Bring your own tables, modules, chair, - no tents.
- Bathrooms will be provided.
- Cars may drive close to the vicinity of your display area. After unloading, move your vehicle to street parking.
- \$20.00 entry (no refunds) Members only and dues paid

Send Check to: Susanna Anastasia

4141 W. 18th Ave. Wall N J 07727

Phone: 732-715-1555



Saturday, May 17th

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Curtis House, Brielle

\$35 per person

Theresa Troise Heidel

Floral Painting Workshop



Bring your own flowers to paint!



To Register -

Call Barbara Calvo- 732-996-0738



MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

ART EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS 2025

BRICK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

*** RECEIVING TUESDAY JUNE 10th...12:30 to 3:00**

RECEPTION & PICK UP WEDNESDAY JULY 30th...1:00 to 3:00

Entry Form Must be Filled Out with a \$15.00 Entry Fee
CHECKS Only

ONE HANGING ORIGINAL WORK: PROPERLY WIRED

1. Artwork Including Frame: Size Maximum 24" x 30"
2. Work: Not Previously Shown at the Brick Library
3. All artwork must be for **SALE**
4. NO Portfolio Pieces
5. Sold Art should remain for the **ENTIRE EXHIBIT**
Unless buyer is Not Local!
6. Brick Library Advertises in their Newsletter
MRGA will publicize in Newsletter & on Website
7. Awards Announced & Ribbons Awarded on July 30th

Art Exhibit Judges: David Levy & Associate

Liability: *MRGA Officers, Trustees & Members will not be responsible
for loss or damage of submitted artwork however*

*Brick Library Insurance Coverage will not exceed \$500.00. Your entry
constitutes an agreement with these terms and conditions in this prospectus*

MRGA Show Director: Margo Jane Fletcher margo812@aol.com

"YOU CAN BRING YOUR ART TO MY HOME FOR DELIVERY TO LIBRARY"



April Challenge – Celebrate Earth Day with a Seascape or Landscape!

Barbara Crimaldi met the challenge with this lovely watercolor.

May's Challenge is Artist's Choice – let's go MRGA! Send in your work!

Member Reminders!

Pick up for the Upper Gallery Show is Wednesday, May 21st. 11:30-1PM

**Pick up for the Brielle Library will be after the awards presentation at the Reception
on Saturday, June 28th 12-3pm**