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Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

MRGA, P. O. Box 614, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736

November, 2025 www.mrga38.org

President's Message

Well, here we are in the midst of Fall! The leaves are beautiful, and the days have been crisp and clear. Great inspiration for a painting! (Hurry up...There's a Nor'easter brewing!)

We've had lots of interesting things going on with the MRGA - from shows and receptions to workshops and beaded bracelets, with more to come! October began with a fun and informative jewelry activity at our meeting and is finishing with a website workshop and drop-off for the Wall Library Show. And November brings our annual luncheon and lots of other artistic gatherings.

On October 18th, many of our artists filled the Curtis House with their works, spending a great day with fellow artists. And despite a lot going on that weekend, there were many visitors - perusing and purchasing our paintings. Our next show is at Monmouth County Library's Wall Township branch. There are still a few spots available - drop off your painting on Thursday, October 30th from 1 to 3 pm. There is no fee to participate in this show, but please contact Donna Ferris (732-995-5491) if you haven't signed up but wish to exhibit a painting. November 15th will be a busy day - the Wall Library reception is from 12 noon to 2 pm, and the reception for Tracy and Margo's Brick Library show is from 1 - 3 pm.

Our annual luncheon is coming up on Sunday, November 9th at The Lobster Shanty in Point Pleasant Beach from noon to 4 pm. We'll have a delicious hot and cold buffet, cash bar, and an ice cream sundae bar (woohoo!). Our guest presenter will be Tom Rutledge, a renowned artist, illustrator and sculptor. His works include numerous paintings, magazine covers, books, advertisements, architectural renderings and sculptures. He has been the recipient of many awards and is a member of prestigious art organizations. His work can be seen at <https://www.pinterest.com/elainemarieart/thomas-e-rutledge-artwork/>

Also, don't forget to bring your completed Stars for Charity to the luncheon. Linda Hejduk will be collecting them and shipping them out asap. Bidding on eBay (new_dover_umc) opens on November 29th. Check out the rest of our goings-on in this newsletter. There's plenty to do and lots of wonderful and talented people to meet. I am proud to be a part of the illustrious and thriving Manasquan River Group of Artists!

See you at the luncheon or before!

Sheila

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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.

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.

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 30 2-4 pm

MRGA Website Workshop with Al Soyster

Curtis House, Brielle

To sign up – call Sheila @ 732-674-2038 or email www.mrga38cal@gmail.com

October 30 – January 8

Wall Township Library Show

2700 Allaire Road, Wall Township

Painting Drop-Off – October 30 1-3 pm

Reception – November 15th 12 – 2 pm

Painting pick-up January 8th 11am-12 noon

Sunday, November 9 12 noon

MRGA Annual Luncheon

Lobster Shanty

Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach

Presentation by Tom Rutledge

December 5th 4 pm

MRGA General Membership Meeting & Holiday Party

Curtis House, Brielle

January – March, 2026

Point Pleasant Beach Library Exhibit

McLean Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach

ART CLASSES

Sponsored by:
The Manasquan River Group of Artists

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 pm
At the Sea Girt Lighthouse



2025

September	16 & 23 – Sheila Soyster – watercolor	732-674-2038
	30 – Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
October	7 – Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
	14 & 21 – Arlene Newman – watercolor	732-682-3397
	28 – Leona Lavone – watercolor	732-914-9941
November	4 – Leona Lavone – watercolor	732-914-9941
	11 & 18 – Mona Kirk – portraits	732-223-2569
December	2 & 9 – Karen Wachter – watercolor	732-202-8417
	16 – Janice Collinson – watercolor	732-528-7179

2026

January	6 - Janice Collinson – watercolor	732-528-7179
	13 & 20 – Bev Sirianni – watercolor	732-774-0014
	27 – Arlene Newman – watercolor	732-682-3397
February	3 - Arlene Newman – watercolor	732-682-3397
	10 & 17 – Melinda Saminski – pastel	732-610-8626
	24 – Tamara Woronczuk – collage	732-998-8286
March	3 - Tamara Woronczuk – collage	732-998-8286
	10 & 17 – Leona Lavone – watercolor	732-914-9941
	24 – Barbara Calvo – pastel	732-996-0738
April	14 & 21 – Carol Ann Oporto – pastel pet portraits	732-504-7217
	28 - Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
May	5 - Debbie Herbster – watercolor	908-380-7580
	12 – End of Year Class	

Instructed Classes - \$6.00

Catch-up Classes - \$3.00

Please call instructor before attending class for necessary information.

Any other information, please call Mona Kirk – 732-223-2569

Member News

Receptions!

Sunday, November 2 1- 4 pm

Ocean County Artists Guild, Island Heights

In Gallery 2, **Robert D’Imperio** presents his latest collection of impressionistic mixed-media works.

In the Pop-Up Gallery, **Tamara Woronczuk** takes viewers on a journey through “Tamara’s Travels: Adventures in Gouache.”



Saturday, November 15 12 – 2 pm

Wall Library 2700 Allaire Road, Wall

Manasquan River Group of Artists Members’ Show

Saturday, November 15 1-3 pm

Brick Library Chambersbridge Road, Brick

Exhibit of works by Tracy Roccanova-Miller & Margo Fletcher



Sunday, November 23 1-3 pm

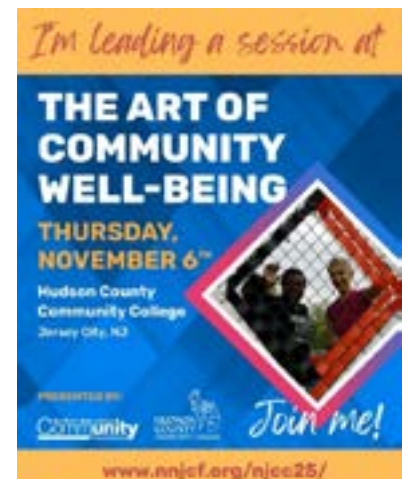
Historic Village at Allaire, Allaire State Park

This exhibit features the works of several MRGA artists and other local artists. Pauline Mickle will be recognized for her years of artistic contributions to Allaire Village.

Public Art Info Session - Thursday, November 6

Emily Beezley will be presenting a session on: Getting Started in Public Art for Creatives -Are you interested in competing for public art opportunities but don’t know what a public art project involves or how to start? In this session learn about resources for identifying public art opportunities and examples of proposals that include initial submissions for qualifications, winning design concepts, descriptions, project plans, budgets and installation considerations.

[The Art of Community Well-being](http://www.nnjcf.org/njcc25/)



Congratulations!

Valerie Morone's artwork was accepted in 3 Salmagundi juried shows. A Bookplate for the 21st Century Competition (Salmagundi Club Bookplate), 16th Annual Sylvia Maria Glesmann Floral Exhibition (Complex Simplicity 2), and 2025 Fall Auction (Scott's Flowers).



Sheila Soyster's American Oystercatcher will be appearing in the first series of trading cards featuring depictions of New Jersey birds by New Jersey artists. Donors to the New Jersey Conservation Foundation will receive packs of the trading cards.

Another series is in the works! If you sent in artwork, your bird may be coming soon!

More Member News

MRGA Members: **Susanna Anastasia and Mona Kirk** were both juried in to the New Jersey Watercolor Society's Annual Juried Show, Middletown Arts Center, Middletown, N J. October thru October 25
Garden State WaterColor Society juried Show and Sale: Show continues thru December.
"America the Beautiful" is the theme. Please check the website for more details.and location.



MaryAnn Goodwin (left) is exhibiting Watercolors and Acrylics at the Axelrod Gallery on Grant, Grant Avenue, Deal in conjunction with their production of "Cinderella" The exhibit runs through January 2026

MRGA Member, **Bob Stetz (below)** gave a watercolor demonstration and workshop at the Laurelton Art Society's October 11th meeting



Vinnie Nardone recently exhibited at the Reading Museum



Member Meeting

The October Members' Meeting featured the induction of two new members and a jewelry demo and hands on workshop led by Terry Groak



Katherine Sexton and Mona



Lance Meehan and Mona





**ART
AT THE
CURTIS
HOUSE**

October 18





Mississippi River Group of Artists present
Art at the Curtis House
Come Join the Artists of the Mississippi River Group
of Artists on October 18 from 12-5 at the Curtis
House, 944 Green Lake, Brattle



28 plus Artists Displaying Paintings, Reproductions,
Prints and Pottery for Sale



The Mississippi River Group of Artists is a
Member Organization of Tennessee Arts



WALL LIBRARY ART SHOW & SALE

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

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025

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

Drop off October 30th 1-3 Pick-up January 8th 11-12

There is NO fee

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 17th

Reception November 15th 12-2pm

NAME OF ARTIST: _____

TITLE OF PAINTING: _____

MEDIUM: _____

PRICE IF FOR SALE: _____

YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

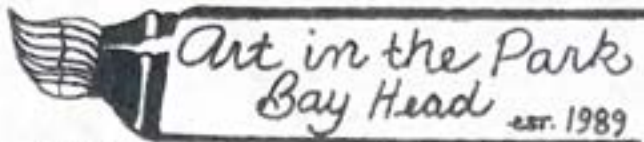
Your painting must be ready for hanging with a wire, not a clip. We will hang that day and once it is hung, there will be no changes. Please don't submit a painting unless it can remain for the entire exhibit.

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 _____



JUNE 28, 2026 3rd Sunday in June, Centennial Park, Bay Head 10-4pm

call for entries: opens November 1st Application fee: \$30.00 (nonrefundable)

checks payable: BHBA Venmo: Bay Head Business Association @bayheadbiz

*****accepted artists will be notified by: Dec 15th.***once accepted:NON-refundable fee \$150.00 & completed waiver forms MUST returned to BHBA(AITP)& received by Jan 5th or artist **will not be** allowed to participate. (ADDITIONAL INFO WILL BE SENT TO ACCEPTED ARTISTS)***submission of art DOES NOT constitute admission to exhibit at the show up to 5 jpeg to be submitted to:**

NEW EMAIL: BHBAlovebayhead@gmail.com (forms/photos to be sent to electronically)

Space is limited:if your work is not accepted-try again next year.

questionnaire:

1) have you shown in AITP before? y/n

(if yes how many years _____ your spot # _____ last year

have you submitted before but not been accepted? _____

how many times did you submit? _____

2) what type of art/medium is your work _____

price range _____

describe your work _____

3) do you have a website? _____

a retail store/space? _____ etsy _____

instagram/facebook? _____

4) list other shows where you exhibit:

Deadline for application: **DECEMBER 1st**

I have read the application & provided the information

Sign _____ date _____

Print name _____

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