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# Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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

October, 2025

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

Hello MRGA Members!

Autumn has arrived and so has lots of interesting activities to do and beautiful scenery to paint. I hope everyone had a pleasant end-of-summer, and did lots of cool, creative things. I know that many members of the MRGA went on wonderful trips, visiting Europe, America's National Parks, and taking exciting cruises. All good inspiration for artwork and creative thinking! And of course, the MRGA provided us at home with some wonderful art exhibits, with more to come.

In September, we wrapped up our shows at the Turner House Gallery, the North Hall Gallery and The Middletown Arts Center. Each show was beautifully displayed and offered the public a chance to see and purchase our artwork. Many thanks to our show directors Mary O'Malley, Karen Norby, and Emily Beezley and the numerous members who assisted.

But the fun isn't over yet! We've got more opportunities in the works! Coming up on October 18<sup>th</sup> is our Curtis House Exhibit, where members will get a chance to display many of their creations. There's room for just a few more – please contact Barbara Calvo ASAP to join the gathering. The prospectuses for the Curtis House Show and our upcoming Wall Library show are included in this newsletter. The Wall Library exhibit will begin on October 30<sup>th</sup> and run through January 8<sup>th</sup>. The reception is on November 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 2 pm.

Also on October 30<sup>th</sup>, after the painting drop-off at the Wall Library, we'll have our first ever Website Workshop for Artists, presented by Al Soyster. If you'd like a little help in getting that presence on social media, come to our free workshop from 2 to 4 pm. Please send a message to [www.mrgacal38.org](http://www.mrgacal38.org) to reserve your spot.

Don't forget – if you'd like to attend our annual luncheon, reservations and payment are due to Mona by October 17<sup>th</sup>! This wonderful event will feature a hot & cold buffet, cash bar, ice cream sundae bar, and a presentation by renowned artist Tom Rutledge. The luncheon will be held at the Lobster Shanty, Point Pleasant Beach on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 pm.

The MRGA is proud to be a part of the *Stars for Charity* project. Plain wooden stars have been distributed by Linda Hejduk for our masterful artists to decorate. These will be sold and auctioned off to help two major food banks, with a goal of providing over 100,000 meals! What an awesome and appropriate volunteer activity for our artists. Please bring your completed stars to the luncheon.

Our next meeting is the luncheon, so we will not meet on the first Friday of November. The December MRGA meeting will be our Holiday Party, on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Curtis House.

See you soon!

*Sheila Soyster*

President, Manasquan River Group of Artists

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### **ART CLASSES**

*Sea Girt Lighthouse.....732.223.2569*

## Allaire Exhibit

**Saturday, September 20 – Sunday, November 23<sup>RD</sup>**

*Exhibit is in The Enameling Building, and is open during  
The Historic Village at Allaire's business hours, 11am to  
4pm, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays*

**Reception – Sunday, November 23 1-3 pm**



### **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.

# MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 18 10 – 4 pm**

**Curtis House Exhibit**

644 Union Lane, Brielle

Set-up – Friday, October 17 2-5 pm

Show Director – Barbara Calvo 732-996-0738

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 12 – 2 pm

Painting pick-up January 8<sup>th</sup> 11am-12 noon

**Sunday, November 9 12 noon**

**MRGA Annual Luncheon**

Lobster Shanty

Channel Drive, Point Pleasant Beach

Presentation by Tom Rutledge

RSVP by 10/17 Mona- 732-223-2569

**December 5<sup>th</sup> 4 pm**

**MRGA General Membership Meeting & Holiday Party**

Curtis House, Brielle

# ART CLASSES

Sponsored by:  
The Manasquan River Group of Artists

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



## 2025

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

## 2026

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

## More Members' Shows!



### **EMILY BEEZLEY**

*Selections from the Studio*

Spring Lake Theatre Upper Gallery  
Spring Lake Community House  
300 Madison Avenue, Spring Lake

October 1 – December 9, 2025

Reception Wednesday, October 15, 6 – 8 pm

### **ROBERT D'IMPERIO**

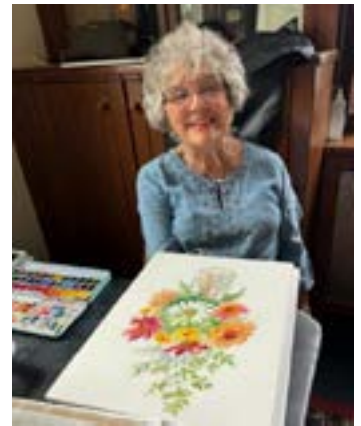
Solo Show

November, 2025

Ocean County Artists Guild  
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights

Reception – Sunday, November 2, 2025





**Manasquan River Group of Artists**

**Sea Girt Lighthouse Art Class**

**September 16, 2025**

Sheila Soyster, Instructor

*Many thanks to*

*Ocean County Master Gardeners*

*For the beautiful flowers!*



# North Hall Gallery Exhibit



*Karen Norby, Show Director*



*View of gallery show*



# MAC Invitational Exhibit



*Emily Beezly, Show Director*



*Award Winners*



*Paula Shipman*



*John Troisi*



*Anne Milanesi*

# REACH FOR THE STARS

And Help Feed Those In Need.



## STARS FOR CHARITY

**STARS FOR CHARITY** is a volunteer group of artists who use their skills and individual styles to transform a 5" WOODEN STAR into fine art. The stars are then auctioned on Ebay. Any remaining stars will be sold at a live auction. 100% of the proceeds go to an agreed upon charity. This year we are donating to two New Jersey food-based nonprofits- "Bread-Breakers" of New Dover United Methodist Church in Edison and Feeding America, which supplies food banks throughout the United States. Last year we provided 90,000 meals for the needy. This year our goal is 100,000 meals with corporate matching.

Please bid on a star from November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup> on our Ebay store- [new\\_dover\\_umc](#) - using this UPC code then search Stars For Charity.



# Member News



## Calling all Monmouth County artists!

The 250th Anniversary of the United States of America is coming in 2026.

America's Semi quincentennial will be celebrated across the nation and in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey. To highlight Monmouth County's role in the American Revolution and to showcase the talent and creativity of Monmouth County residents, the Monmouth NJ 250 Committee is hosting an art competition for professional and non-professional artists.

Theme: "Revolutionary Monmouth County – Freedom's Battleground" Artwork submissions must capture an historic moment in Revolutionary Monmouth County history, between the years of 1775 and 1783.

<http://monmouthnj250.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Art-Competition-guidelines-revised-February-13-2025.pdf>

## Art Exhibit

Tracy Roccanova  
&  
Margo Fletcher

Brick Library

November 3 - December 30

Reception – Saturday, November  
15<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm



**ANNUAL MRGA  
LUNCHEON BUFFET 2025**

at Jack Baker's  
**Lobster Shanty**

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83 Channel Drive, Pt. Pleasant  
Sunday November 9th, Noon ~ 4pm  
\$35.00 per person

**~ Buffet Includes ~**

Soup du Jour ~ Caesar Salad  
Apricot Chicken ~ Herb Crusted Salmon  
Penne Rosa  
Coffee ~ Soda ~ Cash Bar  
Ice Cream Sundae Bar

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Your Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to MRGA by **Fri. October 17, 2025**  
Mail to Mona Kirk: 67 Lakewood Road, Manasquan, NJ 08736  
Questions, please call Mona at 732-223-2569

# 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Curtis House Exhibit**  
**October 18, 2025 10-4 PM**  
**Prospectus Manasquan River Group of Artists**

**Set-up: Friday, October 17 from 2- 5**

**2:00** If you have racks, please bring them at this time.

**3:00-5:00** Those without racks please bring work during this time.

Racks will be available to those without. Each artist will have two 4' x 6' racks to use so plan ahead. for the size of your paintings you bring and the # that will fit in that space.

Artwork must be properly framed, wired and ready to hang. Please bring your own hooks (S-shaped or drapery hooks) to hang your paintings.

**MRGA labels** will be available to attach to your originals and prints.

**Tables** with tablecloths will be set up along the walls in both rooms for additional paintings to be displayed on table easels. If you have table easels, please bring. **No standing easels.** Notecards can also be displayed on the tables.

**Portfolio racks** can be used to display reproduction prints. Bring your own.

The artist should stay for the entire exhibit which ends at 4:00 at which time you will take down your work. Sales are your responsibility.

There is no reception for this exhibit so bring your lunch if you'd like. If you would like to bring snacks or a dessert to share, these can be set up in the kitchen. There is a refrigerator for your use.

**Publicity:** Boro Sign, Flyers, Coast Star, MRGA Website and Facebook

There is no fee for this exhibit, but you will need to sign the MRGA Liability Clause when you arrive.

**Show Director:** Barbara Calvo

Call or text me with questions 732.996.0738 **Thank You!**