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# Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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

April, 2026

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

Greetings MRGA members!

Happy Spring! Aren't we all so glad that Spring is finally here? The crocuses and daffodils are making an appearance, and soon there will be more blossoms and flowers to paint. Speaking of blossoms, hopefully you got a chance to see our "Blossoms and Wings" exhibit at the Shrewsbury branch of the Monmouth County Library. This beautiful exhibit of local flowers and birds runs through April 30<sup>th</sup>, with our reception from 1:30 – 3 pm and painting pickup following. Stop by and check out this new show.

There's lots going on this Spring. Two important reminders – 1. Our Point Pleasant Beach Library Show is wrapping up – pickup of paintings is Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 3 pm. If you are unable to be there, please let me know (732-674-2038). And 2. Our April meeting will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>, which is NOT this first Friday of the month. That's because the first Friday of April is Good Friday, which several members wish to observe. So, we will gather next at the Curtis House at 4 pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>, when we will have a presentation on "Preparing your Art for Exhibition – from Creation to Hanging" by renowned artist, longtime member and past president Robert Stetz.

Next up is our annual Brielle Library exhibition which will be running from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 28<sup>th</sup>. Receiving is from 1 – 3 pm on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The prospectus and entry form is in this newsletter. Please take note of the maximum size requirements - hanging & portfolio space is limited! Please call Tracy – 732-822-2099 if you have any questions.

In addition to our meetings and exhibits, don't forget about the Sea Girt Lighthouse classes and the various art group gatherings and workshops in the area. One interesting new opportunity is the Point Pleasant Beach Plein Air Painting Competition on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This event welcomes any artist who works in oil, watercolor, acrylic or pastel, to paint outdoors, capturing the vibrant buildings, streetscapes, scenery and the spirit of the Point Pleasant Beach Business District. Paintings must be started and completed between 7:30 am and 3 pm and will then be hung in the Jim Inzero Gallery for judging. Additional info can be found at [https://assets.artworkarchive.com/.../Prospectus\\_wta5rr.pdf](https://assets.artworkarchive.com/.../Prospectus_wta5rr.pdf)

I hope everyone enjoys all that comes with the beginning of Spring and you all get a chance to paint something new and vibrant. I hope to see you soon at our exhibits and meetings.

Happy painting!

*Sheila*

*Sheila Soyster*

*President, Manasquan River Group of Artists*



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**PLEIN AIR COMPETITION**  
COMING TO  
**POINT PLEASANT BEACH!**

For more information about this event or how to participate, contact  
**Jim Inzero Gallery**  
502 Bay Ave • Pt Pleasant Beach  
**732-451-2666**  
studio@jiminzero.com

MANASQUAN RIVER  
GROUP OF ARTISTS

*Blossoms & Wings*  
*A Spring Reverie*

Original paintings of birds and flowers to welcome Spring

On display at the  
Monmouth County Library  
Eastern Branch  
Rt. 35, Shrewsbury, NJ



For further information and prospectus for the Plein Air competition:

[https://assets.artworkarchive.com/.../Prospectus\\_wta5rr.pdf](https://assets.artworkarchive.com/.../Prospectus_wta5rr.pdf)

# MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 2 – March 30**

### **MRGA Winter Art Exhibition**

Point Pleasant Beach Library, McLean Avenue, Pt. Pleasant Beach

→ **Painting pick-up – March 30 1-3 pm** ←

**Friday, April 10 4:00 pm**

### **MRGA General Membership Meeting**

Curtis House, Brielle

*Preparing your Art for Exhibition – from Creation to Hanging*

*Presentation by Robert Stetz*

**March 7 – April 30**

### **“Blossoms & Wings: A Spring Reverie” Art Exhibition**

Monmouth County Library Eastern Branch, Rt. 35, Shrewsbury

**Reception: Thursday, April 30 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Pick up: April 30 3:00 – 4:00 pm**

**May 1st – June 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **MRGA Brielle Library Art Exhibit**

Brielle Library, 610 South St. Brielle

**Receiving: Friday, May 1 1 – 3PM**

**RECEPTION: Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup> 12 – 3PM**

**(Awards: 2 PM; Pick-Up Art: 3PM)**

**Friday, May 1 4:00 pm**

### **MRGA General Membership Meeting**

Curtis House, Brielle

*Hows, Whys & What-nots of Acrylic Painting*

*Presentation & Demonstration by Christopher McKinnon*

# ART CLASSES

Sponsored by:  
The Manasquan River Group of Artists

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



## 2025

**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**

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.

### 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.

**Thank you David Levy for your marvelous Italian Renaissance presentation at our March meeting!**



## Member News

Works by **Susanna Anastasia** and **Vinnie Nardone** were accepted into the national juried exhibition at the Monmouth Museum under the theme: "A Time Within a Time". Susanna's artwork was an acrylic titled "Blackbird" and Vinnie's artwork was a casein titled: "Bay Jazz". The exhibit is scheduled in the main gallery from March 15th to May 10th, 2026.

**MaryAnn Goodwin's** watercolor "Asian Vase" and **Nancy Robinson's** "Leathersmith" were accepted into the Garden State Watercolor Society Open Juried Exhibition at Middletown Art Center. On view, April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 30th.

Accepted into the Art Alliance of Monmouth County Annual Juried Show, "Pumpkin Loves a Blanket" by



**MaryAnn Goodwin**

and **Mary O'Malley-**

**Joyce's** "Historic

Portland Place on the Navesink River"



**Tracy Rocanova-Miller** is having a Spring Show and Sale of Original Watercolors at the Point Pleasant Beach Library from April 2nd to May 30th, 2026. The Artist's Reception will be held on Saturday, April 18th, from 11 am to 1 pm. Light Refreshments will be served.

## March MRGA Meeting

WELCOME to our newest MRGA members! **Stephen Harrison, Jonathan Weir, Donna Bissell and Loretta Simon**



And congratulations to our beloved **Mona Kirk**, who received a plaque commemorating her status as an Honorary Member of the Manasquan River Group of Artists.



- Pick up your artwork from the Point Pleasant Beach Library Show! Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm.
- Our next MRGA General Membership Meeting is NEXT Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>! (Good Friday is the first Friday, so we moved the meeting to the second Friday)

## MRGA PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT!

Virtually everyone who uses email has experienced a “phishing” attempt. Recently, you may have gotten an “evite” to a party supposedly thrown by another MRGA member. Here’s a little information on how to spot and avoid these attempts to eventually steal your personal information.

1. When you send out an email to groups of people, don’t list them all on the “To” line. Putting yourself on the “To” line and listing the rest on the Bcc (Blind copy) line will protect them. Scammers love to capture a whole group of addresses at once!
2. If you get a suspicious email, but it says it’s from a known person or business, check the URL (the web address at the top of the message) to make sure it’s really coming from someone you want to hear from.
3. Please know that the MRGA will NEVER solicit donations or gift cards through our email account.
4. If you have any questions about any messages from the MRGA you can call Sheila at 732-674-2038

**GONE PHISHING**  
DON'T GET CAUGHT IN THE DATA TRAP *don't be this guy*

**Check the URL**  
Horizon Security ALERT - g1arificacion@tpurw.edu.tr  
NA To: You

**Never click on emailed links**  
(Type the address in directly or copy the link address and paste it into the browser)

**Don't fear threats in an email**  
(E.g. closure of account)

**Don't automatically trust common entity names, images, or attachments**

**Be skeptical about direct phone calls if vital information is requested, call the phone number back directly**

# Awards from the Pt. Pleasant Library Show



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E-Mail:.....

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MEDIUM:.....

PRICE \$.....

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# **Spring Lake Art in the Park 2026**

**Saturday – May 30, 2026 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**(set-up 8:00 am)**

**Rain date: Sunday May 31, 2026**

**Divine Park at Lake**

**( 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 (made out to MRGA) to: Susanna Anastasia  
4141 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Wall N J 07727

Phone: 732-715-1555

**Checks must be received by May 20th**