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# Manasquan River Group of Artists Newsletter

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

June, 2026

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

Hello Members!

There is so much going on in the MRGA these days! As I began to prepare this newsletter, my list of items to include just kept growing. And I probably still forgot something! Thankfully, MaryAnn does her usual awesome job in putting everything together.

Our June meeting will be held in the Curtis House on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, when we will have a patriotic Welcome to Summer Pizza Party, with our business meeting, food, fun and fellowship. Feel free to show off your patriotic spirit wearing your best red, white and blue! Although we will not be meeting as a group in July and August, there are lots of events, both MRGA and locally, where we will be together this summer.

On May 30, our Spring Lake Art in the Park show was held, which hopefully drew in a nice group of artists and onlookers. Our Brielle Library Art Exhibit is ongoing, with the reception and awards presentation on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3 pm. Stop by and see the beautiful works of over 50 MRGA artists. Many thanks to Tracy Rocanova-Miller for organizing this marvelous show.

The Brick Library Show is coming up in June, with painting drop-off on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The show will be on display until July 31<sup>st</sup>. The prospectus is included in this newsletter. Please be sure to adhere to policies regarding painting sizes and prices. Contact Margo (732-259-7767) with any questions. And then on June 29<sup>th</sup>, Karen Norby will begin receiving works for the show at the North Hall Gallery. This show, set up between the indoor buttresses of the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, features hanging originals and matted works. The pick-up and reception are Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to noon.

And continuing into the summer, we have our Sea Girt Lighthouse Art in the Garden Show & Sale, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 4 pm. It's a beautiful setting on the grounds of the historic lighthouse, with the views of Sea Girt beach and boardwalk. Bring your originals and prints, along with your tables or racks. Contact Janice Collinson with any questions (732-528-7179)

Don't put those brushes and paints away when August hits! Our MRGA Invitational Art Exhibition at the Middletown Arts Center is right around the corner, followed by The Turner Gallery, the Ocean County Artists Guild, The Wall Library and the Spring Lake Community House Upper Gallery. Speaking of all these shows, would you like to assist in organizing or hanging a show or two? Please let the Show Director know, inform any board member. Also, we need to fill a few officer positions for 2027 – please look at the information in this newsletter and let Linda or me know if you are interested. I've been asked to stay on as President for 2 more years.

I hope everyone has a great summer – full of interesting travels and creative adventures! I'll see you at the summer shows!

*Sheila Soyster*

President, Manasquan River Group of Artists

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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.

# MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 8th – June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**MRGA Brielle Library Art Exhibit**

Brielle Library, 610 South St. Brielle

**RECEPTION: Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup> 12 – 3PM (Awards: 2 PM; Pick-Up Art: 3PM)**

**Saturday, May 30 10am – 4 pm**

**Spring Lake Art in the Park Outdoor Show**

Divine Park, Spring Lake

**Original Artwork only – no crafts, prints or reproductions**

**Rain date – Sunday, May 31**

**Friday, June 5 4:00 pm**

**MRGA General Membership Meeting**

Curtis House, Brielle

**Welcome to Summer Pizza Party – America250 celebration, games, prizes**

**June 9 – July 31**

**Brick Branch, Ocean County Library Art Exhibit**

Brick Library, 301 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick

**Receiving: Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 1 pm**

**Pick up: Friday, July 31, 11 am – 1 pm**

**June 29 – September 13**

**North Hall Gallery - Pt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church**

Bay & Forman Avenues, Pt. Pleas. Beach

**Receiving: Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 12 noon**

**Pick up & Reception: Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 12 noon**

**Saturday, July 18 10 am – 4 pm**

**Sea Girt Lighthouse Art in the Garden**

Beacon Blvd & Ocean Avenue, Sea Girt

**Originals & Reproductions (50/50) Bring your own display racks or tables**

**Rain date: Sunday, July 19**

**\*Please Note- There are no MRGA General Membership Meetings in July and August! \***

# IMPORTANT MRGA NOTICES

## MRGA June meeting!

Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Join us for an All-American Pizza Party. Camaraderie, Contests and Prizes following our business meeting. Wear your finest Red, White & Blue!



**Don't forget! There are no MRGA General Membership meetings in July or August – Our next meeting is Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Elections are coming up!** This fall, our Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of officers for 2027. Voting will take place in December. Any MRGA member who is interested in any of these positions should contact Linda Hejduk, chair of the Nominating Committee, send an email to [mrgacal38.org](mailto:mrgacal38.org), or call Sheila Soyster (732-674-2038). Complete Titles and Job Descriptions are listed in the By-Laws and Policies which are available on our website. But in general, here are the elected positions and a brief description of duties:

- **President** – has general powers and duties of management including serving as an ex-officio member of all committees, assigning duties and authority of other officers, presiding over meetings of the Trustees, Executive Board and General Membership, etc.
- **Vice President** – presides at meetings in the absence of the president, fills term if president leaves office, performs other duties as assigned by president.
- **Treasurer** – has custody of funds and securities of the MRGA and keeps regular books of account. Makes regular reports at general membership and board of Trustee meetings.
- **Corresponding Secretary** – corresponds with members regarding dues/attendance issues, mails newsletters to members without email, and tracks member attendance.
- **Recording Secretary** – keeps minutes of all meetings of the general membership and Board of Trustees.
- **Trustee-at-Large (2)** – acts as a liaison to the general membership to facilitate communication between the membership and the Board of Trustees.

**Have a wonderful and creative summer!**



## Member News

The Monmouth NJ250 Art Competition is on display at Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, 805 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, New Jersey. The artwork captures historic moments in Revolutionary Monmouth County history between the years of 1775 and 1783. Three members of MRGA have their paintings on exhibit which will run through the end of this year and is open to the public.



**Laura Lutz**, pastel - Molly Pitcher on the battlefield

**Susan Penn**, watercolor - Allen House Massacre

**Mary O Malley Joyce**, watercolor - Woman Water Carrier



**Mary Ann Goodwin's** "Temple Bar, Dublin" has been juried into the Philadelphia Sketch Club's Show: "Somewhere I Have Been" The opening reception is Sunday, June 14th, 1-3pm. The Philadelphia Sketch Club, established in 1860, is America's oldest club for artists.

Exhibition Dates: Jun 7–Jun 28, 2026.

235 South Camac Street, Philadelphia PA 19107



## *Blossoms and Wings Exhibit*

MRGA members brightened the walls of Eastern Branch Library, Shrewsbury with their exhibit "Blossoms and Wings" Exhibit. Elizabeth Grimaldi organized this exhibit which also featured a talk by a Park Naturalist on local birds.



*Aniko Nemeth won the People's Choice award..*



*Valerie Marone*



*Sheila Soyster*



*Linda Hejduk*



*Vinnie Nardone*



*Debbie Herbster, Denise Cahill, Margo Fletcher.*

# May Member Meeting

May's Member meeting featured painter Christopher McKinnon. Christopher gave a demonstration on his method of Plein Air Painting



*And!*

Our beloved **Mona Kirk** celebrated her 90th Birthday. We wish her so much love and many more years of Creativity!



# MRGA Watercolor Workshop with *TOM RUTLEDGE*

Saturday, May 23, 2026



# Local Art Opportunities

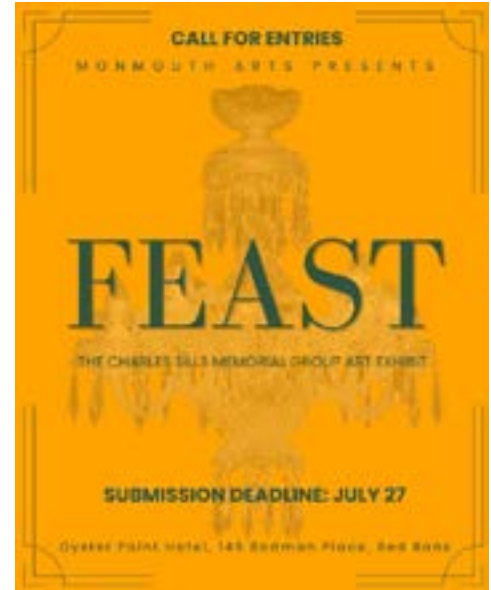


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Caroline Huber Wellness Center - Brookdale Community College, 765 Newman Springs Rd, Lincroft, NJ



Artists are asked to explore the aesthetics and implications of abundance, desire, and consumption. Inspired by the rich visual language of historical still life painting — decadent tables, ornate objects, and symbols of status — the exhibition invites artists to reinterpret these traditions through a modern lens.



Sailfest Entries Due:  
July 2nd

Submit entries digitally to:  
[info@ocartistsguild.org](mailto:info@ocartistsguild.org)

Winner receives:

- Image on Sailfest Shirts
- Space to sell artwork at Sailfest
- \$100.00 Visa Gift Card



[ocartistsguild.org](http://ocartistsguild.org)



**SAND and SEA**  
*Arts Festival*

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

Vendors  
Live Music  
Food Trucks  
Kids Activities



For Vendor Information Please Visit [Oceangrovenj.com](http://Oceangrovenj.com)  
In Partnership with the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

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# MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

## ART EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS 2026

### BRICK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

**\* RECEIVING: TUESDAY JUNE 9TH... 11:00am to 1:00pm \***

**PICK UP: FRIDAY JULY 31ST...11:00am to 1:00pm \*\***

ORIGINAL WORK: **PROPERLY WIRED**

1. ARTWORK Including Frame: Size Maximum 24" x 30"  
OILS FINISHED ALL the AWAY AROUND ART
2. WORK: **Not previously shown at the Brick Library**
3. ALL ARTWORK: Must be for **SALE**
4. NO Portfolio Pieces: Library can **Not** Accommodate
5. Sold Art should remain for the **ENTIRE EXHIBIT**, unless there is an Extenuating issue such as purchaser is not local!
6. Brick Library advertises in their Newsletter & ONLINE MRGA Newsletter & Website
7. **\*ARTWORK CAN NOT EXCEED \$500.00\***

Liability: Brick Library & MRGA Officers, Trustees & Members will NOT be responsible for loss or damage of submitted artwork

Your entry constitutes an agreement with these terms & conditions in this Prospectus

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

YOU CAN BRING YOUR ART TO MY HOME, 397 CLARK DR. BRICK  
PRIOR TO JUNE 9TH  
732 259 7767

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTIST  
BRICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  
**\*\* ENTRY FORM \*\***

**RECEIVING TUESDAY JUNE 9TH 11:00 TO 1:00**

**PICK UP FRIDAY JULY 31ST 11:00 TO 1:00**

ARTIST .....

SIGNATURE.....

TITLE.....

MEDUIM.....

PRICE: \$.....

CELL PHONE #.....

E-MAIL.....

PLEASE USE MRGA EXHIBIT LABELS

SIGN OUT SIGNATURE.....

*THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING  
MARGO JANE FLETCHER 732 259 7767*

North Hall Gallery - Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church

**\*Entry Form\***

MANASQUAN RIVER GROUP OF ARTISTS

**RECEIVING - MONDAY JUNE 29 10 AM-12PM**

**Pick Up and Reception – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th 11to Noon**

ARTIST (print) .....

SIGNATURE .....

TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....PRICE.....

TEL #..... e-mail.....

3 PORTFOLIO WORKS: PRINTS AND ORIGINALS

1. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE.....

2. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE.....

3. TITLE.....

MEDIUM.....

PRICE.....

MRGA Officers, Trustees, & Members as well as the PPPC Staff will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibited artwork. Your entry into this exhibit constitutes agreement with terms in Prospectus .

SIGNED .....DATE .....

picked up-sign \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_



# Sea Girt Lighthouse Art in the Garden Show & Sale

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

**Date:** Saturday, July 18, 2026, Raindate: Sunday, July 19, 2026

**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 \_\_\_\_\_