



Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

NEWSLETTER

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Imagine, Create, Enjoy...

Bits From The Board

The WACG Board met briefly after the November program, a thoughtful and enjoyable presentation by Charles Clary of CCU. His organically inspired works are done with paper constructs.

The Board approved the inclusion of Myrtle Beach art teacher Olivia Thornton on the Board. Our two new members will serve in an interim capacity until approval by guild members in December. Treasury matters were discussed including the receipt of \$81, from a commission on a work sold at the Member's Show in October. Tom Britton reported a savings of approximately \$1000 on expenses for that show.

We worked out the details of the December meeting, which will feature a panel of long time members Dixie Dugan, Alex Powers, Phyllis Dunn, and Elaine Bigelow discussing their recollections of the Guild's past. It will be videotaped and included in our digital historical records project.

Kathy Britton and I took the art supplies that members have so generously donated over the last couple of months, to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Myrtle Beach. They were thrilled to have the supplies, and very appreciative of the Guild's support. Since they have a need for art supplies for their summer programs, we are considering another drive during the spring meetings. We welcome any feedback from our members pertaining to this project.

The last Art in the Park (until spring) was very successful, according to the vendors. Our next opportunity to show and sell will be the home show in February. Until then, we hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Wishing you a wonderful, magical holiday season.

Carolyn Powell, President

Looking Back...

(A continuation of the museum story from November.)

Faced with the dilemma of moving Springmaid Villa, the guild obtained gifts of \$10,000 (from the family of Ann Springs Close, who had once owned the house) and \$5000 (from Grand Strand realtor Mac McLeod) to cover the cost.

Myrtle Beach Mayor Eric Ficken saw an opportunity for the city to support the arts, and in February 1984, the city worked out details to move the villa to a parking lot behind J. Pepper Geddings Recreation Center on Oak Street, but stopped short of making a financial commitment.

Various routes were considered. The Highway 17 Bypass was rejected because of high voltage lines. Coming straight down Ocean Blvd. would be cost prohibitive due to cutting and repairing wires. Kings Highway (17 Business) would be difficult because of the number of electric lines crossing the street. Moreover, side streets would have to be wide enough to accommodate the 45 foot wide girth.

Before a move could start, however, the city demanded that everyone should be allowed to use the building. Some within the Guild balked at that, as WACG Board member Bill Keener observed, "I am sure a few in the Guild wanted to keep the house under their control."

Thus the Pepper Geddings site fell through.

(To be continued...again)

Congratulations

Suzanne Gaff finished a week-long Stay at Santee State Park in Santee South Carolina as part of the SC Artist-in-Residence program. As a result of her time there she will be working on a photography project which will soon be on display at the park.

Two of our members won awards at the Georgetown County Watercolor Show at the Rice Museum in Georgetown in October. Brenda Lawson won Best in Show and Nancy Van Buren won 2nd Place.

Richard McGrath had his sculpture, "Road Runner with Cactus" was accepted to the 2015 Bank of the Arts Juried Show.

Under the Heading of "**Believe it or not...**" Sharon Sorrels also won the "Peoples Choice Award" in the Seacoast Artist's Guild 2015 Fall Show for "I Use Rope & Bait". If that sounds familiar to you she also won 1st Place Professional in our show for the same piece! If that wasn't enough, she also won our Peoples Choice for her other entry "Beginnings of a New Masterpiece"

Show Dates

Home Show – (Convention Center)
February 2016

We will roll out specific 2016 show dates soon.

Other Show / Event Info

The Myrtle Beach Art Museum is hosting some interesting programs this fall. These should be of interest to all of our members. Shows currently in progress through January 7, 2016 include:

"Indigo" Works in Denim by Jim Arendt. Indigo was one of South Carolinas most important cash crops during the colonial period. The leaves could be processed and fermented to create blue dye (the official state color) that was the color of American military uniforms during the Revolutionary War. Indigo dye was also used to create denim fabric. For Myrtle Beach artist Jim Arendt, Assistant Professor and Gallery Director at Coastal Carolina University, denim is tinged with the bitterness of the work of enslaved Africans. "Indigo" is a celebration of the tenacity and resilience of people and exhibits Arendt's works constructed of layered, cut pieces of varying shades of denim.

"Rice" Paintings by Jonathan Green It is called Carolina Gold Rice because it was the cash crop of colonial South Carolina's agricultural economy. South Carolina artist Jonathan Green presents a collection of drawings and paintings representative of the America's African descendants whose agricultural knowledge and

skill propelled South Carolina's colonial plantation economy.

Remnants of the Rice Culture by David Shriver Soliday features aerial photography of retired but still visible rice fields in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Soliday, of Charleston South Carolina, presents his photographs, printed on infused aluminum, that provide a unique perspective into the incredible skill and expertise required to create the system of dikes and canals associated with the rice fields.

Also, available through December 27th –

Contemporary Conversations II is one half of a two part exhibit featuring a collection of works by 95 contemporary South Carolina artists. The exhibit is designed to suggest the quality and diversity of the state's cultural heritage. Contemporary Conversations includes everything from hard-edge geometric abstraction to surrealist-tinged dreamscapes. The Art Museum will exhibit 37 works from Contemporary Conversations II (CCII) and one additional piece from CCI.

Other Show Info

Coastal Carolina University presents Portfolios: Senior Exhibition Fall 2015. Graduating seniors from the Department of visual Arts including Graphic Design and Art Studio present their thesis exhibition "Portfolios" from December 4th to the 12th. There is not much time to catch this impressive show in the Rebecca Randall Bryan Gallery on campus in room 129 of the Edwards College on 133 Chanticleer Drive W. The gallery is open from 9:00 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and from noon to 4:00 pm Saturday December 12th. This is always an interesting show so you might want to check it out.

Meetings

Our next regular monthly meeting will be on December 20th, at 1:30PM at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum. Mark your calendars. We will be discussing the history of the Guild with a panel of artists including Dixie Dugan, Alex Powers, Phyllis Dunn and Elaine Bigelow. It should be interesting as our Guild has a rich history.

Scrapbook Project

We are still documenting the history of the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts guild by digitizing the contents of the various scrapbooks. We are about 80% complete.

New Website & Facebook

We are still working on graphics, copy, and the details of the site structure. The programming is progressing and it is looking good. We hope to complete this project in the next few weeks, and I think that everyone will like the new look and functionality.

Important

Board of Directors – We welcome a new member, **Olivia Thornton**, to our Board of Directors. We still need some more new Board members. Join us and find out for yourself how rewarding it is to be on the Board of *your* art guild. Send us a brief resume to – wacg.mbsc@gmail.com.

Opportunity

ART – Burger & Sushi Bar located at 706 North Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC is a unique opportunity for our artists. They are willing to display works by local artists. Contact Linda Weatherspoon at (843)213-7127 or e-mail linda@jwxspoon.com, if you are interested in this opportunity.

Display Opportunity

The Waccamaw Art Center (formerly referred to as the Waccamaw Mall Gallery) is displaying works by local artists and Chinese artists at the old Waccamaw Pottery Facility. If you haven't seen it you may wish to visit this gallery which is located across from the Clarion Hotel. There is currently an opportunity for artists to display at this venue. There is a jurying process. Work must be original art only and 2-D work should be framed and in good condition. There is no fee to display in the

gallery, however, a 40% commission will apply to all sales and everyone must host the gallery at least 1 day/month (current requirement). Hosts will have an opportunity to earn commission of 5-10% of items sold. If this sounds interesting to you come by the gallery and check it out.

David Lee, the owner of the gallery, is a guild member and he has offered our members this opportunity to display their work. We certainly appreciate David's efforts and his support of art in the area. I encourage everyone to come out to the gallery and see what is going on.

If you haven't been there lately we have new LED track lighting, a new exterior sign and we are working on an advertising campaign.

Classes & Workshops

CLASSES:

Coastal Carolina Life Long Learning – Information at - www.coastal.edu/olli/

N. Myrtle Beach Rec Center – on Possum Trot Rd, NMB - <http://parks.nmb.us/>

Litchfield Exchange - <http://www.classatpawleys.com/>

Myrtle Beach Recreation Center – <http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/recreation.html>

For information on workshops contact Ron at Southernexposuresandart@gmail.com or call (843)651-1388 or (843)655-1800

William H. Miller, 714 Main Street, Myrtle Beach is offering weekly figure drawing sessions on Wednesdays for 3 hours each. Live nude models. Fee \$12 per session. For information whimdesigns@gmail.com or at (214)632-2809.

Members Who Teach

Susan Duke – watercolor, gouache & all water media, all skill levels. Tuesdays 10-12:30, her studio, 637 Grissom Pkwy, MB. Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 at B&C Museum. Classes on Mondays at Coastal Carolina 9:30- 12:30 – information at www.coastal.edu/olli/ or (843)251-3877

Stuart Fleishman – oils, acrylics, pastels, charcoal. Teaches use of brush and palette knife in oil and acrylic. Classes at NMB Rec Center, NMB Hobby Lobby, and Myrtle Beach A.C. Moore stores. Contact him at (843)213-1037 or fufuru@aol.com.

Brenda Lawson – beginner & intermediate watercolor lessons. Her studio is located behind Bistro 217 offering 3 hour classes in 6 week sessions. All supplies (brushes, paint, paper...) are included and will be the property of the student after the session concludes. Please call (843)360-0805 for session dates and prices or for info go to- www.pawleysislandartstudio.com

Jackie Stacharowski – Painting As A Hobby at the Base Rec Center in Market Common. All mediums, all skill levels (especially beginners) – Everyone works on their own projects at their own pace. Thursdays 9:00 AM – Noon, Starting September 3 – June come anytime.
For info – (843)446-5749. Jackie799@gmail.com

Linda Weatherspoon – teaches Art Therapy for Stroke Survivors once a month at Helpers Finders for the Grand Strand Hospital. Registration (843)692-4444 for Stroke Groups and Art Therapy. linda@jwxspoon.com (832)213-7127 www.lindaweatherspoon.com.blogspot.com

Rebecca Zdybel – All media

Water Media Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM – Explore watermedia and the many techniques and ways to paint. We use various media and approaches in this fun and popular class. Lectures, demos, and critique every class. Call 843-450-2307 for reservation. Seating limited, supplies available.
Saturday Art Studio 1-4 PM All media welcome in this class which caters to those who work or have busy weekday schedules. Lectures, demos, and critique every class. Call 843-450-2307 for reservation. Seating limited, supplies available.

Arty Party Private Classes – All materials provided to help your group paint together just for fun. Each participant will come away with a unique painting, hand painted scarf, or wine glass. You schedule the time that works for you and your group, I will provide all art materials. BYOB optional. Call 843-450-2307 to schedule.

Eat, Paint, Cook Tour of Tuscany – Sept 24th - Oct. 1, 2016 (Note – Painting and cooking are optional) beautiful scenery, great food, ...visit Rebecca's website for details. <https://www.ilchiostro.com/workshops/eat-paint-cook-tour-of-tuscany/>

Link to Rebecca's website - <http://artmyrtlebeach.com> , <http://www.coastal.edu/olli/courses.html> Contact – website - rebeccazdybel.com or <http://www.artmyrtlebeach.com/> (843)450-2307

One More Thing

This is a special time of the year for almost everyone. A time to celebrate with family and friends. A time to reflect on the reason for the season. If you are a retailer...a chance to sell stuff (starting in July). Fortunately, as artists, we can sell our stuff all year long...OK, that's overly optimistic.

Seriously, I hope that everyone has a spectacular holiday season. Have fun and be safe,

Tom Britton

Newsletter Info

If anyone has any news items for this newsletter please e-mail them to us at wacg.mbsc@gmail.com. To clarify, we care about our fellow members their health, well-being and accomplishments. If you think something is newsworthy please let me know about it.

2016 Is Coming Soon

It is time to renew your membership. January 1st your dues are due...it's what we do. So we ask that everyone complete the membership form as it allows us to confirm and update your information. Please answer all questions, fill in all blanks, and read carefully as the form has changed. Then send in the form and your check.

As hard as we try to do so, it seems to get harder every year to get this done. Please do not procrastinate. Let's get this done early this year. To assist with the process I attach a copy of the new membership application and renewal form.

Thanks for your help,

Tom Britton, Editor
Show & Communications Director
Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild