



Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

NEWSLETTER

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Imagine, Create, Enjoy...

Bits From The Board

Our March meeting was very well attended; those present heard an extraordinary presentation by Claudia Dominguez. Originally from Mexico this instructor at CCU works in embroidery to express her ideas and work through issues in her life. In addition to sharing several of her works, she shared her current project, a graphic novel. Many thanks to Larry Bunch for arranging wonderful programs this year. The April meeting will be on another day and place due to the high school show at the art museum. We will meet at Conway Glass for a demonstration of glass work, on Saturday, April 25th.

Notifications for the juried show applicants have gone out and by now everyone should know if their work(s) were accepted.

Art in the Park will resume this month, 4/11-12 at Chapin Park and 4/18-19 at Valor Park.

The Board met after the last general meeting. As not enough members had made a commitment to the gallery, it was decided to issue one last call for artists before making a decision as to whether to proceed with the project. The deadline was March 31st.

One of WACG's concerns is encouraging young artists leading us to discuss this year's scholarship efforts. For the past few years we have been providing scholarships for a middle and high school student to attend CCU's summer art camp, however that program has been discontinued. In its place, we are considering an annual

scholarship for a graduating high school senior who wishes to pursue visual arts. More on that later.

Hope to see everyone at the 18th Annual Juried Show and Art in the Park.

Carolyn Powell, President

Looking Back

After a successful outdoor show at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center during the Sun Fun Festival in June 1969, the WACG turned its efforts to sponsoring the first ever fall show, an "Arts & Crafts Christmas Bazaar". It was held November 22-24 at the SC Public Service Authority Auditorium on Oak Street.

The show featured works by professional artists such as Pete Przekop, Jimmy Garrison, Larry Boulrier, Elizabeth Roberts, Alex Powers, and Martha Thomas. Many amateur painters and sculptors also participated.

Everything was for sale, from embroidered felt book marks (20 cents each) to paintings priced in the hundreds of dollars. Most artists, however, offered numerous small, affordable pieces to fit holiday budgets.

During the bazaar, Gus Oesterlund played an electric organ to entertain the crowds, and Alex Powers did on-the-spot portraits of attendees, according to newspaper accounts.

New Gallery?

As we announced previously, your Board of Directors was exploring the possibility of a guild gallery in the Myrtle Beach Mall (formerly Colonial Mall). Since we published this announcement, we have made several efforts to secure commitments from our members and members of other local art organizations in North & South Carolina. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough responses to go forward with this project. We have not abandoned the idea of a guild gallery, but this particular project lacked adequate support to justify the expenditure of funds needed for the start-up. Thanks to all who supported our efforts and to those who worked on the project. With a little luck another opportunity will come our way in the future.

Show Dates

The following Show dates have been established for 2015:

Juried Spring Show – (Art Museum)

April 30th – May 31st

If you submitted an entry you should have received a notification by mail pertaining to the status of your entry. If your work(s) were accepted into the show please follow the instructions provided with the letter. If you did not receive anything from us please contact Tom Britton at (843)650-7039.

Art In The Park – (Chapin Park)

April 11th – 12th

June 27th – 28th

October 10th – 11th

November 7th - 8th

Art In The Park – (Market Common)

April 18th - 19th

Fall Home Show

September 11th, 12th, 13th

Member Show (Seacoast Gallery)

October 22nd – 28th

These events are open to all members of the Guild. We hope that you will participate, and that you will enjoy these opportunities.

Other Show Info

The 2015 Senior Exhibition at CCU is a presentation of senior portfolios of graduating Graphic Designers and Studio Artists. The following shows will exhibit at the Rebecca Randall Bryan Art Gallery in the Edwards Building at CCU:

Portfolio 1: April 8th – April 19th, 2015
Opening Reception – April 8th, 2015
4:30 – 6:30 at the Bryan Art Gallery

Portfolio 2: April 27th - May 9th, 2015
Closing Reception – April 8th, 2015
4:30 – 6:30 at the Bryan Art Gallery

Meetings

Our **March 15th** program featured **Claudia Dominguez** who is an art instructor at Coastal Carolina University. She was born in Mexico City, Mexico and has lived in the United States included in numerous exhibitions around the USA and internationally. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of San Diego (2003) and her Master of Art and Design Degree from NC State (2012).

Claudia presented a collection of her works and discussed her creative process. Her works were inspired by events and experiences related to her

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express her feelings with regard to life-changing events. Everyone who attended the program was impressed by the emotional quality of her



art. Claudia works in a variety of mediums but primarily works as a fabric artist. Everyone came away from this program with a new understanding of what it means to be inspired.

The April meeting will be at Conway Glass where we will see a demonstration of glass work. **We will not be meeting at the museum.** The meeting will be on Saturday April 25th from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 209 Laurel Street, Conway, SC 29526. You can visit their website at www.conwayglass.com.

Scrapbook Project

We are documenting the history of the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts guild by digitizing the contents of the various scrapbooks maintained since the guild was founded. It has been a lot of work but we are now over halfway through the process. If you have any items of interest that should be included in our historical preservation project please let us know.

Display Opportunities

The Waccamaw Pottery Gallery is displaying works by local artists at the old Waccamaw Pottery Facility. If you haven't seen it you may wish to visit this gallery. There may also be an opportunity to display some of your work in the future.

ART – Burger & Sushi Bar located at 706 North Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach, SC is a unique opportunity for our artists. This is an art-themed restaurant located on the ocean front. The design of the restaurant allows for art to be displayed on the wall and on flat panel screens using digital images of the artwork. They are working on the concept and are willing to display works by local artists. The owner, Larry Bond, is the son of one of our members, Linda Weatherspoon.

Contests

Pawley's Island 25th Annual Festival of Art & Music Poster Competition is currently under way. They are looking for one outstanding poster that evokes all that the festival represents to the community. You may contact Susan Bryant by telephone at (843)626-8911 or e-mail at sbryant01@strandmedia.com for details.

The North Charleston Arts Festival May 1st - will have a Judged Fine Art Competition. Awards will be presented in five categories: Acrylic, Oil, Drawing/Pastel, Watercolor, and Mixed Media. The total award package amounts to \$4675.00. Entry fee \$10 per entry.

There will also be a Photography Exhibition with a prize package totaling \$2,175.00. Prizes will be awarded in two divisions Professional/Advanced and amateur with categories of color, monochrome, and digitally enhanced. Up to 4 entries per artist in one or more categories. Entry fee \$5 per entry. For information on these shows contact NorthCharlestonArtsFest.com/apply. Delivery of entries on Wednesday 4/29 and Thursday 4/30.

2015 Piccolo Spoleto Juried Art Exhibition This exhibit will be at the City Gallery at Waterfront Park May 22nd – June 7th. Prizes of

\$100 each for best photography, printmaking, sculpture, painting, and drawing. Best in show is \$500. Work shown in Art Fields or the North Charleston Art Fest will not be accepted. Deadline April 17th, and the fee \$20. For more info contact Ann Quattlebaum, QuattlebaumA@charleston-sc.gov

Art In Our Area

The Franklin G. Burroughs – Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum has two exhibits available for viewing from now until April 23rd.

Swim: An Artist's Journey by **Charles Williams** centers around the life-altering, near-drowning experience of this African American artist and Georgetown, SC native. The show includes 8 large oil paintings and 40 small painted studies. His works address conflicting emotions aroused by the ocean: alluring yet mysterious, and at times overwhelming. In his works he confronts his own fears as well as the cultural and psychological barriers to swimming experienced by black youth.

Voices of the Island: The Cuban Art Collection of Reynier Llanes Reynier Llanes is an artist, curator and passionate art collector who has assembled a collection of paintings by mid-career contemporary, professional artists (himself included) from Pinar del Rio, a unique multi-cultural region of Cuba. The exhibit includes drawings and paintings in a multitude of styles such as abstraction, magic realism, and representational landscapes and still lifes.

Art Fields, a festival in Lake City, SC is a nine day event (April 25th – May 2nd) that transforms the town into a large art gallery. It will feature artists from twelve southeastern states. Selected artists compete for a share of \$100,000 in prizes. The festival was founded in 2013 as a charitable program of the Lake City Partnership Council. It has become one of the largest art shows in South Carolina. If you have not been to this event you have certainly missed a chance to see some unusual and interesting works of art.

East, but not least, the **Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild 18th Annual Juried Show** begins April 30th at the Franklin G. Burroughs – Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum. Works will be on display through May 31, 2015.

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>

Island Art Gallery –

There are a number of workshops available. For information go to <mailto:islandartcoop@gmail.com> or call (843)314-0298

Workshops at Seacoast Gallery:

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

Gelli Printing Workshop with Acrylic Paints

April 14, 12:30 – 4:30 Linda Beyer – Instructor - Fee \$60

Zentangle

May 20th, 1-4 Jolene Stinson Williams – Instructor - \$60

Beach & Waves an Oil Paint Workshop

May 23rd, 9-Noon, Priscilla Lafron – Instructor.

Slow Motion Photography

May 20th, 10-1 at Pawleys Pier - Kate Silva – Instructor \$70

Members Who Teach

Susan Duke – watercolor, gouache & all water media, all skill levels. Tuesdays 10-12:30, her studio, 3205-B Hwy 17, MB. Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 at B&C Museum. Classes at Coastal Carolina – www.coastal.edu/olli/ or (843)251-3877

Alice Estes – Mini Workshops: Batik-on Immersion Dying, Shibori (wrapping/pleating) and Tjap and Block Print Stamping Wednesday and Saturday (1 or 2 day classes). Should complete 1 -2 projects in each.

Classes offered through CCU Lifelong Learning (843)333-4669, (843)283-8532, or CCU Myrtle Beach at (843)349-2767 www.coastal.edu/olli/ or alicemestes@sc.rr.com.

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

fuforu@aol.com.

Hank Pulkowski – watercolor classes at CCU OLLI Contact him directly or OLLI for current schedule. Materials lists for all classes available on the OLLI website.

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)237-5373 or (843)360-0805 for session dates and prices or for info go to www.pawleysislandartstudio.com

Jackie Stacharowski – all mediums, all skill levels (including beginners) – Open Studio at the Base Rec Center in Market Common. Everyone works on their own projects. Thursdays 9:00 AM – Noon, September to June – come anytime. (843)446-5749. Jackie799@gmail.com

Barbara Streeter – Conway Glass Free demo May 2nd at 10:00 AM – 4 PM. barb@conwayglass.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 th Groups and Art Therapy. linda@jwxspoon.com (832)213-7127 www.lindaweatherspoon.com.blogspot.com

Rebecca Zdybel – All media, open studio
Mondays 1:00-4:00 PM at her studio.
Watercolor Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 PM – Learn basics to more advanced watercolor techniques in a fun and supportive setting - \$25 All materials available for an additional \$5.
Thursdays 1-4 PM Explore Acrylic painting. \$25 materials included for an additional \$5.
Saturday sessions 1-4 PM Paint with likeminded people in the medium of choice with projects tailored to your skills and interests.
Eat, Paint, Cook Tour of Tuscany – Oct. 3-10, 2015
(Note – Painting and cooking are optional) beautiful scenery, great food, ...visit Rebecca's website for details.
<http://artmyrtlebeach.com> ,
<http://www.coastal.edu/olli/courses.html> Contact – website - rebeccazdybel.com or <http://www.artmyrtlebeach.com/>
(843)450-2307

want to keep everything current for the benefit of our members.

I hope to see everyone at the 18th Annual Juried Show at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum.

Tom Britton, Editor

Newsletter Info

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