



Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

NEWSLETTER

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Bits From The Board

After a wonderful presentation by CCU photographer Armon Means, the Board met briefly to discuss a number of matters including the possibility of a new gallery at Myrtle Beach Mall. We are currently awaiting information about utility costs so we can calculate the likely cost per exhibitor. Once that is established we can move further on the project.

With regard to the Guild finances, members discussed possible ways to boost income. We currently operate at a slight yearly deficit and would like to correct the situation.

Show/Communications Director Tom Britton updated us on the Juried Spring Show at the Art Museum. Our newly designed 2015 rack cards have been distributed throughout the Grand Strand and at Visitor Centers.

We have set a date to begin digitizing Guild records. This will be done at CCU under the direction of Dr. Larry Bunch. We hope to complete the process in the next few months. Many of our old documents are deteriorating, and as the oldest art guild in the area, our history is of importance to the Grand Strand arts history.

Imagine, Create, Enjoy...

Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild will have a booth at the Myrtle Beach Home Show this month, and Art in the Park kicks off a new season in April. Hope to see everyone out and about.

Carolyn Powell, President

In The Beginning

The Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild was born in February of 1969 after an informal chat over coffee at Skip's Kitchen restaurant. Landscape artist and gallery owner Larry Boulier and others later met at Horry Tech and founded the guild with 32 charter members. The association was named by John Woodruff.

The original purpose of WACG was "to correct a cultural deficiency in fine arts in Horry County", and membership was open to all who loved the arts, not just artists and craftsmen.

The Guild was tasked with providing encouragement and support to local artists by offering meetings, workshops, and shows. The group also intended to provide further training for art students and had a long term goal of building an arts center for the county.

(based on information from The Sun News)

New Gallery?

As we announced previously, your Board of Directors is exploring the possibility of a guild gallery in the Myrtle Beach Mall (formerly Colonial Mall). After publishing this announcement last month, we received responses from some of our members interested in displaying in the gallery and some of our members willing to help put it together. To all those members a big “thank you”. As indicated previously, a feasibility study is under way to determine the initial expenses, operating costs, amount of interest in the project, etc. **We need to hear from all artists interested in displaying in the gallery. If you would be interested in a space in our gallery please let us know as soon as possible.**

Show Dates

The following Show dates have been established for 2015:

Home Show (Convention Center) -

April 30th – May 31st

Juried Spring Show – (Art Museum)

April 30th – May 31st

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

November 14th - 15th

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.

Membership

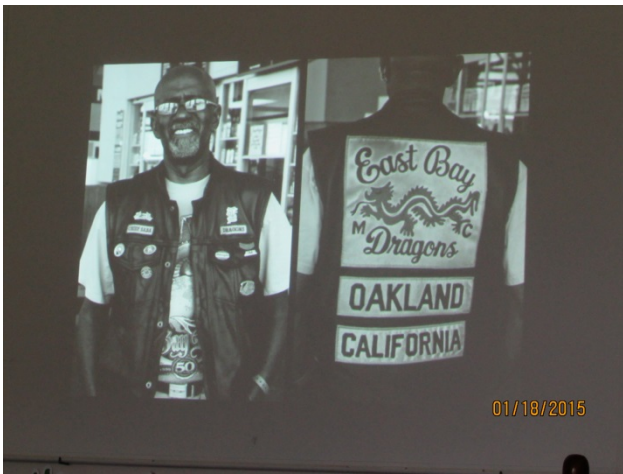
We have a lot of good things planned for 2015. Be an active part of the Guild...a member in good standing...and remember your dues. For those who have not done so, you can still renew your membership. This month we will be removing the names of those who have not paid their dues from our mailing list.

If you still need to pay your dues go to the WACG website and print the membership form. Choose the type of membership and complete the form. Please answer all questions on the form and fill it out completely. We are updating the information that we have on our members and we need to make sure it is correct. Send the completed form with your check to WACG, P.O. Box 1595, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578.

Remember, full time students, ages 18-25 with valid student ID, are eligible for a FREE membership.

Meetings

For our January speaker we had **Armon Means** who is currently an Assistant Professor of Photography at Coastal Carolina University. He has been an exhibiting fine art photographer and educator since 2003. Areas of instruction include all levels of photography, alternative



process techniques, history of photography, and art survey/appreciation. He has exhibited widely in group exhibitions in France, Hungary and numerous eastern and midwestern states. His work centers on ideas of cultural concerns, minority identity, and environmental influences and is represented in multiple collections across the United States and Germany. His program was interesting and entertaining.

Our **February** program will feature **Cat Taylor** who is an instructor of visual arts and the Foundations Coordinator at Coastal Carolina University. He was born in Florence, SC, received his BA from Coastal Carolina University, and his MFA from Savannah College of Art and Design. He has done

portraits for such noted people as the Arch Bishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela, and he is a member of the National Portrait Society.

His program should be interesting and informative for all. So plan on joining us at the Art Museum on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM. Cat is going to bring a selection of his works to share and discuss.

Looking ahead, our March program will be presented by Claudia E. Dominguez. Claudia is a painter and fabric artist. She is also an associate faculty member at Coastal Carolina University. This should be an interesting program.

Display Opportunities

BIG SHOW – SHORT NOTICE

February 12th to March 11th the Waccamaw Mall Show. This show will be for large and expensive works (\$500 - \$5,000+). This show has been announced about 2 weeks ahead of the opening date. Investors have renovated the old Waccamaw Pottery Facility and they are offering members of our art community an opportunity to sell their art. The owner has offered an 8000 square foot facility for use as a gallery. So far, 5 well known Chinese Artists will be displaying 36 large pieces for the show, which leaves a lot of space for artists to display.

There is no fee to participate, however, there will be a 40% commission on all sales (price accordingly). You must submit a photo of each piece that you wish to you enter into the show for consideration. If accepted, the work must be:

Minimum size 18 x 24.

Price \$500 - \$5000 (or more).

All work must be framed.

Frames must be new or in like new condition (no defects).

No Gallery Wraps or Cheap Metal Frames.

No plastic or pressed wood frames (no exceptions).

No items that have recently been displayed at a lower price with no significant changes.

Bigger is better...there will only be about 200 pieces in this 8000 SF facility.

Open to 2-D works and sculpture.

Jeff at Art & Frame Outlet is coordinating this event. Submit Questions with subject matter in the header and include contact name and info for a response. Submit inquiries and entries to <mailto:WaccamawMallShow@gmail.com> if you are interested in submitting work(s) for consideration send small images of your art in JPEG format and provide the frame opening size. Jeff is selling ready-made frames at 50% off and discounting custom frames for this event.

Art and Frame Outlet is located at 204 George Bishop Pkwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. Phone # (843)236-4370. Open Tuesday – Friday 11-6 and Saturday 11-3. Closed Sunday and Monday.

SUBMIT ASAP – EVEN IF AFTER OPENING DATE AS SPACES WILL OPEN UP DUE TO SALES.

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 food is very good and the atmosphere is unique. 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 are willing to display works by local artists. The owner, Larry Bond, is the son of one of our members, Linda Weatherspoon. He and his wife, Fabiana, are trying to introduce something a little different to the beach. ART is definitely different and interesting. Stop in and check it out. While there, try the liquid nitrogen cocktails or some liquid nitrogen ice cream.

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 Lianes

The Burroughs and Chapin Art Museum is having the Fourth Annual Collector's Event at the Collector's Café in Myrtle Beach on

February 22, 2015. This event is \$100 per ticket and each ticket-holder attending will take home a work of art valued at \$100 or more. Some of our artists have donated art works for this event. This is a fundraiser for the museum and we encourage our members to attend and help support the museum.

The Art Muesum is celebrating the **Chinese New Year, The Year of the Ram**. They are hosting a **Free Family Day** on Saturday, **February 7th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**.

There will be activities for all ages including a parade, Chinese story-telling, ice sculpting, vegetable carving, tai chi, tai cong, martial arts, traditional Chinese dancing. Participants will enjoy a Collaborative Handprint Dragon mural, New Year Drums, paper lanterns, Ram, Lion and Dragon masks, kites, face painting, paper folding and cutting. They are also offering chopstick lessons and noodle tasting, tea, rice cakes, and fortune cookies. There will be Mah Jong, Dominoes, and Chinese Checkers. There will be a Chinese Culture Display and Chinese New Year Videos. It should be a lot of fun for all who attend. A great opportunity for a very special, and educational, family outing.

Art Fields, a festival in Lake City, SC is a nine day event that transforms the town into a large art gallery. It will take place in April featuring 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 was designed to provide opportunities for artists, educational programs and arts programs for the public. 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.

A Call For Help

We have recently been contacted by **Christian Rabon**, an art teacher at Aynor Elementary School, who is trying to find artists to come to the school and do demonstrations for their Fine Arts Day on Thursday, March 26, 2015. On that day they set up artists stations and the artists would have a group for about 30 minutes and do a demo explaining what they are doing and how. The students move around from one station to another and each artist does 3-4 sessions.

Lunch is provided and they are willing to pay the artists though it is my understanding that their budget is very limited. If you are interested in doing this program for the children contact Christian directly at CRabon001@horrycountyschools.net

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

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 – watercolor, inking and pen work

Mondays – January thru March 2015

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 A.C. Moore stores. Contact him at (843)213-1037 or fuforu@aol.com.

Hank Pulkowski – watercolor classes at CCU OLLI

Winter Term: Street Scenes in watercolor: Rainy London, Paris and Rome - \$75+

Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon at Myrtle Beach Education Center, 900 79th Avenue N, MB, SC – 6 weeks – January 21st to February 25th. 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

Alex Powers – Springmaid Beach Watermedia Workshops; “Design & Personal Style” March 1-6, 2015, contact Heather Orr, (843)315-7150, orr@SpringmaidBeach.com

Weekly Art Museum Class – “Critique & PowerPoint Programs” Critiques lead to lessons that apply to all; no painting in class; B&C Museum at 3200 S. Ocean Blvd. Contact Alex: (843)742-4061 AlxPwrs@yahoo.com , www.alexPowersArt.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 demos February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd. All are held at 10:00 AM – 4 PM. In addition, The Experimental Glass Theater will be held in January and March, dates and times TBA. barb@conwayglass.com

Linda Weatherspoon – teaches Art Therapy for Stroke Survivors once a month at HelpersFinders 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, 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.

Paint Like Picasso – CCU-OLLI Lifelong Learning Class Conway – Thursday 1-4 PM Feb. 12th – XART 140 C01 Myrtle Beach – Tues. 1-4 PM Mar 24th –XART 140 MO1

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> ,

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