



Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

NEWSLETTER

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Imagine, Create, Enjoy...

Bits From The Board

After a delightful presentation by Chris Hilton at our first general meeting after the summer hiatus, the Board met briefly. Thanks to Larry Bunch for arranging the programs again this year.

It was noted that the display at the Home Show was very successful. Eight artists participated and over a thousand dollars was earned on art sales, ten percent of which went to the Guild as commissions. Thirty seven dollars was also donated to our education fund.

Board members were highly pleased with the amount of art supplies brought to the September meeting by members; these supplies will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs. The board voted to extend the donation period to next month before delivering the items.

We still need some volunteers to help with the refreshment table and clean up at October show; others are also needed to welcome visitors to the show during the week of the exhibit. Please contact Tom Britton to indicate when and how you can help out.

Phyllis Dunn has brought in more documents and photos from Guild history for inclusion in our digitizing program. Anyone else who has items should let us know as we would like the record to be as complete as possible.

Don't forget: there are two more Art in the Park shows this year, and the all members exhibit in October. Hope to see you at these events.

Carolyn Powell, President

Looking Back...

It is said that the more things change, the more they stay the same...

Consider excerpts from a 1974 letter to the editor of the Sun News by James E. Garrison, WACG President at the time;

"We...have struggled along for six years trying to do our bit to bring an appreciation of fine arts to a sports oriented community. During this time we have had the support of only a handful of local citizenry, and to these we are ever grateful..."

"Guild members do not feel that their efforts have received a fair share of publicity...indeed, many activities have been completely ignored while newspaper pages are filled with bikini beauties, fishermen exhibiting catches, golf heroes, tall new buildings and charity bazaars. Surely there must be room for cultural things as well."

Congratulations

We always like to hear about the accomplishments of our very talented members. If you have news that we can share please send the details to wacg.mbsc@gmail.com address for publication in our newsletter.

This month we celebrate the fact that one of our members, **Alex Powers**, has an article published in International Artist magazine. It is a great article with some good advice and some of his current works. Pick up a copy and enjoy.

Brenda Lawson was juried into the South Carolina Watermedia Show for the third time which gave her Signature Status. The show, runs from October 10-13 at the Arts & Heritage Center at North Augusta, South Carolina. Brenda also advises that she received a

second and a third place award at the Old Santee Canal Park Fine Arts Exhibition hosted by the Berkeley Artist Guild which ran from August 29th to September 13th.

Congratulations,

Tom Britton

Show Dates

The following Show dates remain for 2015:

Art In The Park – (Chapin Park)

October 10th – 11th

November 7th - 8th

Art In The Park – (Market Common)

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. As far as the Members Show is concerned, the deadline for submissions has passed. It now appears that we will have about 85-90 pieces of art in the show. We also have a number of new members. It should be an interesting show.

During the show we would like to have some of our members at the gallery to “host”. The Seacoast Gallery will also provide “hosts” to process sales, open and close the gallery, etc. We only need someone there to answer questions about the art, the guild, and talk with the guests.

Please contact us if you can do any of these jobs. You can help us make this another great fall show. Please let me know by e-mail at wacg.mbsc@gmail.com if you can help.

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 Carolina's most important cash crops during the colonial period. The leaves could be processed and fermented to create blue dye. Indigo blue is the official state color and it was the color of American military uniforms during the Revolutionary War. Indigo dye was used to create denim fabric, but has since been replaced by synthetic dye. 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 life-size portrayals of friends and family members which are 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. Georgetown County was the leading producer of rice. South Carolina artist Jonathan Green presents a collection of drawings and paintings representative of the Lowcountry rice culture. The works were created as a proud example of America's African descendants whose agricultural knowledge and skill propelled South Carolina's colonial plantation economy into one dominantly sustained by rice production.

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, whose work has been featured in such major publications as National Geographic, National Wildlife and Smithsonian, began photographing the Lowcountry rice culture in 1977. His photographs, printed on infused aluminum, 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.

Collectors Event

Please remember that Sunday, February 21, 2016 will mark the fifth anniversary of the Art Museum's annual Collectors Event. The Museum's Board of Trustees, volunteers and staff hope that you will consider donating a piece of your art (valued at \$100 or more) to this special evening of celebrating not only the important work of the Art Museum, but also our growing and vibrant community of art and artists. Donated art needs to be delivered to the museum no later than November 18th, 2015. Each piece will be photographed and placed on the website along with the artists biographical information. By early 2016, ticket holders can peruse the art and artist information online well in advance of the event.

Participating artists will receive two complimentary ticket to the event; the artist tickets do not, however, include the opportunity to bid on the art. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar.

This event will take place at the Collector's Café, 7740 N. Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach on Sunday, February 21, 2016 from 5-7 PM (doors open at 4:00 PM)

Meetings

Our next regular monthly meeting will be on October 18th, at 1:30PM at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum. The program will be a presentation by Christine Martin Lizzul. Many of you know Christine and have seen her photography. Her interest in the art world began with her father, an accomplished oil painter. At a very early age, he introduced her to an esoteric world of creativity through self-expression. After some experimentation she discovered photography and knew this was something that she had to do. Everyone sees and interprets their surroundings

differently. Her landscapes and nature images are her way of sharing with others how she relates to this world – its light, its colors and awe-inspiring beauty.

Come to the meeting, catch up on what has been going on and enjoy the program.

Scrapbook Project

We are still documenting the history of the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts guild by digitizing the contents of the various scrapbooks maintained since the guild was founded. If you have old photos of guild events, we still may be able to use them.

New Website & Facebook

We have been experiencing some difficulties with our website and Facebook. They didn't really convey our image (as an art guild) and it was difficult to keep the information fresh.

We are currently working on graphics, copy, and the details of the site structure. The programming is progressing and we are moving forward

WE NEED YOUR HELP. All members received an email and/or a letter from me pertaining to this project. We still need a response from some of our members. This is very important.

We need to know if we have your permission to list you on the web page in the "Our Members" section. It would include your **name, address, phone, email, website, and media**. You may simply say "yes" to all info and tell us what media to list, **tell us what specific things you want us to publish**, or say "no". **If you fail to respond (soon), we will not be able to list you in the directory.** We see this as another way to promote our artists, and we hope that you will participate. Send your response to wacq.mbsc@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who have already responded. I also want to thank those who have very generously donated artwork for use on the new website. We hope to complete this project in the

near future, and I think that everyone will like the new look and functionality.

Important

Board of Directors – We need some 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 the owner, Larry Bond, 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.

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*

September 10th, 25th, October 9th, 23rd
Watercolor Tips & Techniques – **Paula Robertson**
1:00-4:00 PM apply by 9/3/2015

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

Carole Barnes – a watermedia instructor for 25 years at Springmaid, is back the first week of November. If you are interested there are still some openings due to contact Susan Koch (843)315,7011. Pat Goodwin at the art museum says that she is a wonderful artist and instructor. You might want to check this out.

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

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.

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

Alex Powers – Springmaid Beach Workshop, Myrtle Beach; November 16th (Monday) – 20th (Friday); 9 AM – 5 PM; plus two evening programs; beginners to advanced; any media except oil paint. Contact: 843-315-7150 or 866-890-5647 to receive a brochure and other info.

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 th 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 – Oct. 3-10, 2015
(Note – Painting and cooking are optional) beautiful scenery, great food, ...visit Rebecca's website for details. <https://www.ilchiostro.com/index.php?action=workshop-inst&item=283>

Paint Like Picasso- CCU's OLLI-Lifelong Learning Class register online here:<http://www.coastal.edu/olli/> \$25+ materials (acrylic paints and canvas, paper or board)
Conway–Thurs., 1 to 4 p.m. Rebecca Zdybel XART 140 C01 Feb. 12
Litchfield–Thurs., 1 to 4 p.m. Rebecca Zdybel XART 140 L01 Jan. 22
Myrtle Beach–Tues., 1 to 4 p.m. Rebecca Zdybel XART 140 M01 March 24
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

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.

If you have a class or event please submit that information to us and update information as needed. We want to keep everything current for the members.

Tom Britton, Editor
WACG Show & Communications Director

One More Thing

Art & Frame Outlet has moved to 3261 Waccamaw Blvd (next to the Spirit of Halloween) in the old Waccamaw Pottery complex. Jeff's new facility looks great, so you might want to check it out. He is open Tuesday – Friday 11-6 and 11-3 on Saturday. For any additional info call 236-4370.