

Bits From The Board

Judging from the influx of visitors to the Grand Strand during the Fourth of July holiday, things are rapidly returning to pre- pandemic days. Similarly, during a recent trek in the American West, I found attractions, restaurants, hotels, etc. to be wide open. This makes for cautious optimism about resuming in person gatherings in the Fall. Please contact Board members with your ideas for and/or willingness to present programs. WACG is only as strong as its members are involved.

Look for upcoming Guild events including the Home Show at the MB Convention Center (September), and Art in the Park weekends in October and November. In addition, Tom Britton does a good job of notifying members of other opportunities to display or participate in art events.

The Board will meet this month, with time and place to be determined.

If you have a chance to travel this summer, I commend it to you. Different colors, shapes, light, subjects and cultural/historical influences experienced while traveling can greatly enhance your art.

Take care and enjoy your creativity.

- Carolyn Powell, President

2021 WACG Show Dates

HGHBA Home Show Myrtle Beach Convention Center September 17th – 19th

Art In The Park Valor Park, Market Common October 9th & 10th

WACG Member's Judged Show October – TBA

Art In The Park Valor Park, Market Common November 13th & 14th

Monthly Meeting

No general meeting this month. The Board of Directors will meet at a time and place to be determined. To the rest of you....take a break, summer is here!

Virtual Program Info

We hope to resume REAL, IN PERSON, programs in the fall. We do not have any more virtual instruction at the present. If you didn't see all of the videos offered in past issues, you may want to look them up on the archive and check them out.

WACG Education

Education Grant Award

Your guild is always looking for ways to further art education in our area schools. In recent years, funding has been cut from art programs in the schools leaving teachers with limited resources. Since students need materials, many teachers pull money from their own pockets to provide projects for the students, your guild entered a partnership with Seacoast artist guild and offered grants to area art teachers.

Each teacher had to submit an application and outline what he/she would do with the grant. Our winner, Chris King, presented a very good plan for a project involving his 5th graders using clay.

On May 27th representatives from Seacoast and Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild went to St. James Intermediate School for the presentation. A check was issued to Chris King and St. James Intermediate School in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 from each guild). Congratulations to Chris King and his students.



Show Info

The 24th Annual Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Juried Show April 29th – May 27th, 2021 One last bit of information from our show regarding sales. We had 9 sales for a total of \$3,480.00 and the guild got a commission from those sales. Of course, the artists were happy!

In the end result, between commissions, entry fees, etc. we did not lose money on this show. That may be a first for this show as we normally lose a substantial amount. Basically, we had no formal reception due to Covid 19. That saved about \$2,000, so I can't take credit for outstanding money management!

I have worked hard in recent years to minimize losses without taking anything away from the show, awards or reception. We do not need to find creative ways to cover the show expense from this show. That probably will not happen again, but it happened once!

Classes & Workshops

CHECK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION CLASSES: Litchfield Exchange -<u>http://www.classatpawleys.com/</u>

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

Members Who Teach

<u>Susan Duke</u> – watercolor, gouache & all water media, all skill levels. Tuesdays 10-12:30, her studio, 637 Grissom Pkwy, MB (at the corner of Hwy 501 and Grissom Pkwy). Wednesdays 9:30-12:30 at B&C Art Museum. Call (843)251-3877 or email - susanduke.artist@yahoo.com

<u>William H. Miller</u>

Weekly Figure Drawing Sessions with nude model Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:30pm \$10 Model Fee

Private & Group Painting Lessons - 3 hour sessions in Acrylic, Watercolor, Abstract, Drawing, Creative Mixed Media, and more. Can schedule to mutually agreed times. (\$30 per person, no supplies) (\$40 per person, includes

supplies) - Generally available, Mornings and Evenings

The Business of Being and Artist

Artistic Mentorship learning how to sell, price and show your art. Cultivate more collectors, set artistic goals, build a series, and attract a gallery. Can schedule to mutually agreed times. \$50 per session

Custom Painting Parties

A fun event that can celebrate your occasion, be it a birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, or team building event. I work with you to create a fun event lasting 2-3 hours, scheduled at a mutually agreed time. Cost is \$200 for 5 people, and additional \$40 per person. Can easily accommodate up to twenty people. BYOB and Food, (Can be provided at extra cost) Canvas, Easels, Aprons, Water, Brushes, Paint and Instruction included.

William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art

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Our Sponsors

Support them - they support us. They are also really good at what they do. WACG is proud to be associated with each of them.

Horry Georgetown Homebuilders Association – is your contractor a member? WACG is allowed to participate in 2 HGHBA Home Shows per year.

Ameriprise Financial Services – good advice and good results – improving Guild finances. Linda Rabon, & Aaron Neal 900 Main Street, Suite C, Conway, SC 29526

Three Ring Focus – web design and marketing – create & host our website. 1925 Mr. Joe White Ave., Myrtle Beach, SC

Collectors Café - great food & fine art. 7740 N. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Our good friends at Collector's Café suffered a serious loss in past months due to a fire in the building. We hope that they will be able to recover, and if they do, be sure to visit them for a great meal. They have always supported our shows.

Prestige Art & Frame (formerly Myrtle Beach Art

& Frame) – great quality frames at low prices. Member Discounts. Call Brad at (843)236-4370 Two locations – 3261 Waccamaw Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 & 5200 C Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Brad, once again, donated prizes for some of our winners in the show. Remember his generosity when you need a frame. He has great frames and our artists get a discount. **King & Godbold, LLC –** CPA for WACG. 1131 48th Ave. N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Office Depot – discounted office supplies & printing. 9678 Hwy 17 Bypass S, South Strand Commons, Surfside Beach

Jerri-Bob's Mail Services – printing, packing, mailing & shipping. Member Discounts. 1413 Hwy. 17 S, Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce – Member Discounts – at various businesses around town.

Esther Sharp – is a new member who also joined our list of sponsors. Esther made a generous donation to our guild. We hope to meet her, in person, and welcome her to our guild, when we resume our meetings in the fall.

This organization is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

SOUTH CITS COMMISSION

One More Thing -

Here we are, a week into July, which reminds me that September is not far off. Our usual activities should resume in September. I am sure that will be a subject for discussion at the Board meeting this month. I hope to see everyone at a *regular* monthly meeting again soon.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Tom Britton, Editor WACG Show & Communications Director