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October 2021

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits From The Board

What a treat to have Fall-like weather coincide with the calendar!

Festival season is ramping up. Thanks to all the artists who worked to make the Guild booth at the MB Home Show a success, especially Kathy Britton and Sharon Sorrels. Thanks also to Rob Walton, who demonstrated his painting techniques for visitors. In addition to informing the public about the local art scene, we acquired funding for some of our future speakers.

Our next sponsored events will be Art in the Park and our Annual Members show, both in October.

As we approach a new year(!), this is a good time for you to step up and serve on the Board. A new President will also be needed.

Hope to see everyone out and about, supporting the arts along the Grand Strand. Be kind and help out others.

Carolyn Powell, President

2021 WACG Show Dates

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

WACG Member's Judged Show
October 18th – 29th
The prospectus and online application is
available at wacg.org

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

Monthly Meeting

**WE WILL HAVE A MEETING ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 2ND, FROM 10:00 AM – NOON!!!**

Yes, we are having a member meeting at the art museum and we will have a program provided by Carolyn Powell. Her program will address S.C.A.M.P.E.R. which is a means by which we can all deal with "artists block". Have you ever experienced a creative block, gotten "stuck", had no idea what to do next with a project? Her program may help. Come join us at the museum on Saturday.

OCTOBER ONLINE VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

I have always thought of October as a month of transformation and of even being a bit magical. Autumn seems to sweep in with cooler temperatures, tree leaves change colors and start to drop, pumpkins harvested from fields often end up as decorative objects carved with a wide array of silly and scary faces. And on Halloween, kids, and sometimes adults too, get all decked out in store-bought and/or homemade costumes, to roam the neighborhoods for sacks of treats. It is a definitely a unique month and it is within this spirit of transformation and magic that I wanted to research and select presentations, which supported and reinforced the concepts and ideas of things changing or being changed and the taking on of very special, maybe even magical, qualities. With that said, the October presentations selected, feature artists and their creations from around the globe - including Germany, the United Kingdom, China, and the United States of America who work towards creating objects, which when completed are unique, yet similar in form and function. Interestingly, each of the artists seem to progress through comparably similar creative and design processes. They skillfully utilize like tools and materials. And, best of all, their ensuing and beautifully crafted works, clearly support and reinforce the ideas and concepts of transformation and through their use, present very special, even somewhat magical, qualities. Enjoy!

Viewing Directions: If you are reading this online, just click the blue https link provided below the title of the presentation and it should go right to the presentation. If you are reading this in a printed-paper version you will need to get to a computer, a smartphone, or tablet that can connect to the Internet. Once you have opened an Internet Browser Search Box, there are two methods of getting to the video – 1. In the search box type YouTube and the exact title of the video then press Search or Enter or Return depending upon the device you are using, or, 2. Carefully type the exact https link of the video you wish to view in the search box and press Search or Enter or Return depending upon the device you are using.

Merchants' Bridge Erfurt - Puppet-maker Martin Gobsch
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4A0uHgAtTI&list=PLoFjus7KItoVK_aqjTFSdp9FepITvdXT8

“The picturesque Merchants' Bridge belongs to the most popular attractions of medieval Erfurt. It is the longest bridge in Europe completely covered with houses. Today, the bridge is home to craftshops, galleries, wine and spice traders and much more... He creates magical worlds...the puppet-maker Martin Gobsch, whose manufactory is a magnet for children and grown-ups alike.” (From YouTube Website)

(YouTube, Thüringen entdecken, *Merchants' Bridge Erfurt - Puppet-maker Martin Gobsch*, Dec 17, 2014, Accessed September 22, 2021, Duration 2:19)

Cashore Marionettes - Movers & Makers (2020)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFQG2mnWF7A&list=PLjdpHkJPqgdY8WNtJPJWvfYWujt6wE2yo&index=51&t=4s>

“Puppeteer Joseph Cashore's marionettes express pathos unmatched by human actors.” Also ... “Movers & Makers introduces you to fascinating people and interesting places in the greater Philadelphia region. Explore our unique and vibrant local arts scene and get to know creators making an impact on our community.” (Both From YouTube Website) (YouTube, Movers & Makers: Arts and Culture in the Philadelphia Region WHYY, *Cashore Marionettes - Movers & Makers* (2020), April 30, 2020, Accessed September 14, 2021, Duration 6:32)

Process: Making Marionettes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zWri57zjHRA>

“Witness master puppet maker Geahk Burchill breathe life into Asenath, the Appalachian witch.” (From YouTube website)

(YouTube, Etsy, *Process: Making Marionettes*, January 25, 2011, Accessed September 15, 2021, Duration 6:18)

A Family of Marionette Makers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Arvuk0DdmWg>

“Mingzhu Fu was born into art. Growing up watching his grandfather's marionette performances in Quanzhou, China, Mingzhu picked up a knife to craft his own puppets when he graduated high school in 1980. Forty years later, he continues on with his craft, spending up to 10 hours a day on his marionettes. His passion has passed on to his children, who follow in their father's footsteps, carving and crafting marionettes, keeping the family tradition alive. This Great Big Story was inspired by Genesis. ...” (From YouTube Website)

(YouTube, Great Big Story, *A Family of Marionette Makers*, December 10, 2019, Accessed August 30, 2021, Duration 7:02)

Looking China: World famous Quanzhou Marionette Troupe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VJRrFbpM2Q>

“The world-famous Quanzhou Marionette Troupe performs traditional Chinese puppet shows around China and the world, receiving great acclaim and affection. This "Looking China" film introduces you to two puppeteers, a puppet master who has worked with puppets for over 38 years and a young female newcomer to the organization. As the master reflects on his long career, and the newcomer looks to the future, the fate of puppeteering lies in the balance. Will this ancient art form survive in modern China? What can be done to make puppeteering relevant to a new generation of people worldwide?” (From YouTube Website)

(YouTube, CGTN, *Looking China: World famous Quanzhou Marionette Troupe*, January 23, 2017, Accessed September 22, 2021, Duration 11:29)

ORIGINAL SC | Puppet Maker Lyon Hill

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pugui-ro3hc>

"I can't make something to be popular...the best thing I can do is make it interesting to me and then I hope that...that I am like other people and it will find an audience...so being fiercely true to yourself, as a way of actually making something that connects with other people, has been what I try to do." This explains a lot about Lyon Hill. He's the

Artistic Director at Columbia Marionette Theatre located in Columbia, South Carolina. He has been a puppetmaker and puppeteer since 1997.” (From YouTube Website) (YouTube, South Carolina ETV, *ORIGINAL SC / Puppet Maker Lyon Hill*, June 5, 2014, Accessed September 22, 2021, Duration 5:25)

Shows & Exhibits

Myrtle Beach Art Museum

CHELLIS BAIRD | TETHERED

**SEPTEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 19, 2021 | OPENING
RECEPTION: SEPTEMBER 11, 4 – 6 PM (FREE FOR
MEMBERS; \$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS)**

Based out of New York City, Spartanburg-SC native Chellis Baird (b. 1983) explores movement, dimension and fluidity in her woven paintings. Reconstructing the elements of a painting, Baird employs fabric, paint and wood to weave – not in the traditional sense – complex sculptural forms that expand beyond the edges of their frameworks. Inspired by Baird’s passion for color, dance, fashion and textiles, the tangled, monochromatic works featured in *Tethered* beckon viewers to explore their winding and intrinsically meditative compositions. The artist hopes viewers will “immerse themselves in the tactility of the human hand and spirit, with enough space to fill in and release their own emotions.” Baird received her BFA in textiles from Rhode Island School of Design and studied studio art at the Art Students League in New York City.

REYNIER LLANES | WHEN THERE IS NO FRONTIER

**SEPTEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 31, 2021 | OPENING
RECEPTION: SEPTEMBER 19, 1 – 3 PM (FREE FOR
MEMBERS; \$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS)**

When There Is No Frontier is an exhibition of 60 fantastical paintings in oil, watercolor and coffee, spanning the last six years of Miami-based painter Reynier Llanes’ career. The work stems from the artist’s fascination with the creation of parallel universes as we escape into our imagined worlds, seeking respite and comfort from our ever-changing and sometimes daunting realities. Responding to shared ongoing crises that creep into our everyday consciousness, sometimes leaving us feeling small and afraid – a global pandemic and controversy over social reform – Llanes gifts viewers with a painted series of magical landscapes, still lifes and portraits into which they can temporarily escape and be wonderfully amused.

Llanes taps into the positive outcomes that have surfaced amidst the chaos of the last year, like the ushering in of new methods of communication and creativity, the time to connect with loved ones and a renewed connection with nature. “I find myself trying to express the inexpressible with this series,” states Llanes. “With this series, I am taking realities we are facing and juxtaposing them with the ‘what ifs.’ The parallel worlds in my paintings are dream worlds ...sometimes I am left wondering which one is real.”

Classes & Workshops

CHECK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

CLASSES:

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

Myrtle Beach Recreation Center –

<http://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/recreation.html>

Members Who Teach

Susan Duke – 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

William H. Miller

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.

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Esther Sharp – is a new member who also joined our list of sponsors. Esther made a generous donation to our guild.

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

SOUTH CAROLINA **arts** COMMISSION

One More Thing -

It is October and things are gradually getting back to something called "normal". Not there yet, but things are looking better. We are finally going to have a member meeting at the museum....we really are. We will be wearing masks, but we will be there doing art stuff again!

The pandemic has changed the world, and now it is up to all of us to do what we can to change it back. We need to crawl out of our holes and reclaim our lives. We have a Member's Judged Show coming up and the deadline for entries is this Thursday, September 30th. Get your entries in and let's have a great show.

Don't forget the Mini Masterpiece fund raiser. Even if you are not in the Judged Show you can participate in the Mini Masterpiece sale.

Hope to see all of you there.

Tom Britton, Editor
WACG Show & Communications Director

