



# WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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Imagine, Create, Enjoy

## *Bits From The Board*

I hope everyone is having a great beginning to summer. I don't have to much, as President, to put in this newsletter. I will say that there are some great things happening in Myrtle Beach as far as visual arts go. From art walks downtown to the new show at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum. If any of you members get the opportunity to go, please do.

As always Be creative and kind.

Robert S. Walton – President

## *2023 WACG Shows*

HGHBA Home Show (participant)  
Myrtle Beach Convention Center  
September 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

Judged Member Show  
Seacoast Artists Gallery  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Art In The Park  
Valor Park, Market Common  
October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

Art In The Park  
Valor Park, Market Common  
November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

## *Monthly Meeting*

In June, we had a Board meeting at the Seawitch Café. At that time, we discussed the future of our educational outreach efforts, communications issues, becoming active in the downtown art district, and our efforts to find a home.

We are also trying to create educational opportunities for our members. To that end, we are currently trying to set up an oil painting workshop with Amelia Rose Smith on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We sent out details via email, and the current deadline for interested artists is June 30<sup>th</sup>. If we can get enough participation, we will try to do more. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will advise if we have enough commitments to go forward with this workshop.

The Board of Directors will have a meeting at SeaWitch Café at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## *Shows & Exhibits*

### Myrtle Beach Art Museum

**LIFTING BLACK VOICES / THE  
RHODES COLLECTION OF  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART**

**June 13th – September 10th, 2023**

This summer, experience the vibrant and expressive African-American art collection of Dr. and Mrs. Harold M. Rhodes, III. Although their collecting began in 1991, Dr. Rhodes explains that his interest in art has followed him all his life. "To me, art ignites the imagination and influences the decisions we make....It affects each one of us differently, and that is the beauty of art," says Rhodes. Work by such prominent artists as Arianne King Comer, James Denmark, Tom Feelings, Tyrone Geter, Jonathan Green, Philip Simmons and Leo Twiggs will fill our galleries. All of the artists represented are either native to or spent a significant time in their career working in South Carolina. The 80 selections from the Rhodes Collection range from paintings and sculpture to quilts, batiks and collage and are representative of the black Carolinian experience, from the dark times of enslavement and discrimination to those celebrating ancestry, faith, life, love, perseverance and heritage.

## THE STICK BY CLAY RICE

June 6th – September 3rd, 2023

Developed by nationally-known silhouette artist Clay Rice and The South Carolina State Museum, *The Stick* traveling exhibition is based on the artist's children's book of the same name. *The Stick* is about a young boy, who embarks on an exciting life journey after finding a very special stick that sparks his creativity. "*The Stick* is a poignant and heartfelt oath to the power of imagination," says Rice. With original illustrations by Rice, as well as dramatic gallery backdrops by local set designer Tim Harvey, *The Stick* will come to life inside our Museum walls. This family-friendly exhibition invites all ages to immerse themselves in the elegant black-and-white world of Rice's silhouettes accentuated by a fun and colorful gallery experience filled with kids' costumes, photo-ops and a cozy reading nook.

## Classes & Workshops

### CHECK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION

#### CLASSES:

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](mailto:susanduke.artist@yahoo.com)

### **William H. Miller**

**Private & Group Painting Lessons** - 2 hour Sessions in Acrylic, Watercolor, Abstract, Drawing, Creativity, Mixed Media and more. Can schedule to mutual agreed times. (\$40 per person, no supplies, \$50 includes supplies) - Generally Available Mornings & Evenings, Saturdays.

### **Business of Being An Artist Mentorship**

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

### **Custom Painting Parties, Vision Board Sessions, and Artsy Events** - contact for details.

### **William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art**

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

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Two locations – 3261 Waccamaw Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 & 5200 C Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

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

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900 Main Street, Suite C, Conway, SC 29526

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

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1131 48<sup>th</sup> Ave. N, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

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

**Esther Sharp** – thanks to this very generous member of our guild for her support.

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## *One More Thing -*

When I first announced our effort to establish an oil painting workshop, I had a dozen artists contact me immediately, At that time we had few details, and did not know where we could get a venue. As details emerged, it became clear that the cost of a one-day event for a dozen students would be about \$140 each. All workshops have a cost and, in this case, that is the best that we can do. I hope that we can get this workshop, and others, for our members. It will depend upon the level of interest. So far, some have backed out due to the cost, scheduling conflicts, etc. We will know by June 30<sup>th</sup> if we have enough artists to make it work.

You may have noticed that we now have dates for the Member's Judged Show on October. For that show each member artist may enter (up to) 2 artworks. Art that was not accepted into the Juried Show this year would be eligible. Of course, anything that was actually in a previous show is not eligible. So, let's all create some great art for the Member Show.

The development of the downtown Arts & Innovation District will take some time, but there are already efforts to bring events into that area. We want to become part of that project and participate in those events. One thing that is happening now are plein air painting opportunities at Nance Plaza. There are art walks on the first Friday of each month going into the fall. Our artists can go down there from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and set up. It could be a great opportunity to sell some art and get noticed. I am trying to gather more information on how to participate, where we can set up, and what may be required. I will send out information when I can get it. We need to get active in the district.

Enjoy the summer months and be safe!

Tom Britton  
Show & Communications Director  
Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

