



# WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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**November 2024**

**Imagine, Create, Enjoy**

### ***Bits from the Board***

I am hoping everyone is doing well. We are at that time of year again, Fall with Winter around the corner. Our Members Judged Show was a great success. Thank you to everyone that brought it all together.

Remember Memberships will be coming due at the end of the year so let's not forget to renew.

Our general meetings are on the first Saturday of the month in the classroom at the Museum, followed by the Board meeting at Friendly's.

Please, remember to keep being creative.

Thank you.  
Robert S. Walton – President WACG Board

### ***2024 WACG Shows***

Judged Member Show  
Seacoast Artists Gallery  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

Art In The Park  
Valor Park, Market Common  
November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

### ***Monthly Meeting***



Initially inspired by coastal imagery, Dean's work has evolved into a vivid celebration of color palettes and textures. Working in mixed-media allows her to create pieces in a spontaneous, organic way. Fused glass is her primary medium, and often finds itself utilized in unexpected ways. The play of light in glass is what drew her to exploring its use.

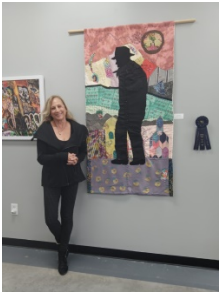
Her work can be found in galleries up and down the Southeastern Coast.



## 2024 Member Show

Our Annual Members' Judged Show is currently on exhibit at the Seacoast Gallery in Market Common, as is the Mini Masterpiece Fund Raiser.

The reception was a huge success as a result of the hard work that all of our volunteers put into it. The food donations were delicious and everyone had a fun time. See last page of this newsletter for full list of winners.



Reception photos courtesy of: Allison Cesario Paton, Janet Keown and Phil Ianniello

The show runs through October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Members who have artwork in the show must pick up their pieces on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> between 8:00am and 12:00noon.

## Annual Sea Haven Donation

As the holidays are approaching, we begin to think about all that we're grateful for, and how fortunate we are to have what many others don't. It's also the time of year for getting and giving gifts, and for donating gifts to causes that have meaning for us.

Each year the Guild focuses it's giving on a special group that serves our area, Sea Haven for Youth. This group helps "At-Risk Young People" who have had the good fortune to find their way to Sea Haven from awful circumstances. Sea Haven exists solely on donations from the public, and we have found that we, as a group, can help them in special ways. Art therapy allows the children (generally teenagers) to express their emotions, work out issues, and cultivate good thoughts. In that regard, we donate gently used art supplies and new supplies like drawing pads, canvas boards, etc. WACG members have been generous in the past, and we are once again asking for your generosity.

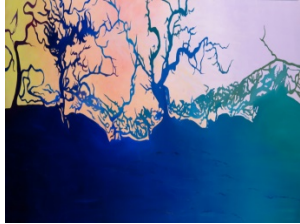
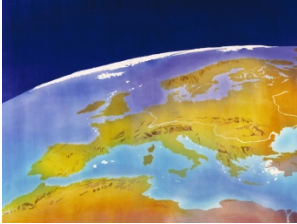
Along with art supplies, we also donate new or gently used clothing for boys and girls as most of the young people arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs. Non-perishable food items and personal care items are also needed.

We pitch this to our members each year because we believe in Sea Haven and the work that they do. It is clear that these young people are getting a chance to turn their lives around, and that they appreciate everything that is done to help them.

If you can, please bring donations to one of the next two Saturday meetings, November 2<sup>nd</sup> or December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum (3100 South Ocean Blvd, Myrtle Beach) from 10:00am to 11:30am. We will be collecting the items during those meetings and Tom will be delivering them in December to the facility. You can also delivery donations the WACG table at the November Arts In the Park event, at the cement slab, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> between 10:00am and 4:00pm. If you can't make any of these days/times and would like to donate, Tom may be able to arrange to pick up your donation (call him 843-907-6875). Thanks for helping,

## Shows & Exhibits

**Mary Edna Fraser:**  
**Awakening**  
Myrtle Beach Art Museum  
January 11 – May 18, 2025



Working out of her gorgeous – and very zen – studio on James Island that backs up to a tidal creek with the most beautiful view, Mary Edna Fraser is able to create the world’s largest batiks. “The process is labor intensive but beautifully meditative,” says Fraser. The artist’s creations typically begin and are inspired by a flight in her family’s vintage plane over the area that she intends to capture on silk, canvas or linen. From the open cockpit, Fraser photographs the views from above, which will eventually be translated into dreamy batiks and paintings. Fraser also spends significant time on site on the ground photographing and plein-air painting as part of her process. Back in the studio, she transposes these captured scenes into what she calls visual poetry.

Inspired greatly by the flattened forms and bold color palettes of Japanese prints and scrolls from the Edo era, as well as the Impressionists, like Bonnard, Monet, Van Gogh and Vuillard who, too, were influenced by *Japonisme*, Fraser approaches her silks and canvases by abstracting her subjects into meditative and expressive visual representations. In other words, she merges abstraction, expressionism and realism to form her unique painterly style.

**South Carolina Watermedia Society 47<sup>th</sup>  
Annual National Exhibition**  
Myrtle Beach Art Museum  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024



The South Carolina Watermedia Society presents its most competitive exhibition in years. With nearly 180 entries, juror Ken Call meticulously curated a collection of 58 pieces that represent artists from coast to coast. The collection focuses heavily on Southeastern artists, particularly those residing in Georgia, North Carolina and – of course – South Carolina. With works ranging from abstract to stark realism, the breadth of watermedia is expounded, explored and enriched through the South Carolina Watermedia Society’s 47th Annual National Exhibition.

## Gallery Search

For years now we have been looking for an appropriate space that we could call home. We have looked at numerous properties over the years, but none of them worked for our purposes. We learned from these efforts that any prospective property must be in a good location, be adequate in size and that any property will probably require a lot of work to convert it for our needs.

We are asking all of our members to be alert to any potential properties that may become available and let us know what they are, where they are and contact information if known.

Any help will be appreciated. We need to assure that the Guild moves forward and continues to serve the art community in the Grand Strand area.

## 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 [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 mutually agreed times. (\$50 per person, no supplies, \$60 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**

**Artists on 8th Ave**

**The Arts Grand Strand**

702 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

843-444-3213 Studio Phone

843-410-9535 Studio Voicemail

214-632-2809 Cell (ok to call or text)

[whimdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:whimdesigns@gmail.com)

### *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.

#### **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.

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

**Ameriprise Financial Services –** good advice and good results – improving Guild finances.

Linda Rabon, & Aaron Neal

900 Main Street, Suite C, Conway, SC 29526

**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.

**Walter B. Godbold CPA & Associates–** 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

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

**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 -*

We'd like to extend a very big thank you to Claudine Scheu, who, at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, put together a fun, hands-on demonstration entitled Joy to Paint, Multi-Media for the October members' meeting. Claudine graciously volunteered to fill in at the last minute when our scheduled presenter had to cancel due to a family emergency. Thank you Claudine!



Leslie Danklefs

Show & Communications Director

Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

PS – Remember, as members, we will advertise your classes in our newsletter as a free service to you and to help our members. You may also send in information on festivals and special events. Send your information to [wacg@wacg.org](mailto:wacg@wacg.org). We will get it posted. We will run regular ads until you change it or cancel it. Special events run 1 time.

We also want to know about members with needs health issues or that may need a kind word. This is your newsletter and we are here to serve our members. We care about you.

# WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD 2024 JUDGED MEMBER SHOW WINNERS LIST

Best in Show

"Life's Journey" - Fiber- Allison Cesario Paton



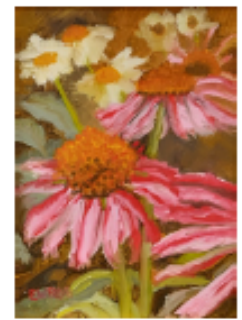
2nd Place

"Ribbon of Life" - Wood - Walt Nollan



3rd Place

"Ode to Summer" - Oil - Debanjana Bhattacharjee



Honorable Mention

"Indoor Garden" - Oil - Eileen Wroe



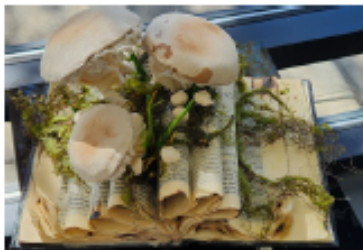
Honorable Mention

"Pampas Grass 2" - Photography - John Cello



Honorable Mention

"The Storm" - Oil - Todd Stewart



Honorable Mention

"River Trees" - Ceramic - Clay Johnson

Honorable Mention

"Magic" - Fiber - Kathleen Stuart



Honorable Mention

"My Body is a Garden and I am the Gardener" - Acrylic & Fiber - Michelle Davis

