



# WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

## NEWSLETTER

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### ***Our Board of Directors***

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**December 2024**

**Imagine, Create, Enjoy**

### *Bits from the Board*

I am hoping everyone is doing well. It's that most wonderful time of the year. That's right, its Membership renewal time, so don't forget to renew. It's also the winding down of the Holiday crafts season, I really hope all our artists had a successful year.

I want to wish all our members and friends of the Guild a very Happy Thanksgiving if it is celebrated by you and yours.

I would like to also put it out there that there are Board positions open. So if any of you members are interested in having a say in the direction the Guild will be going in the future and can commit then let our Director of Communications Leslie or any Board member know.

As a reminder, our general meetings are on the first Saturday of the month at 10am in the second floor classroom at the Museum. **Our Board meeting this month will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Friendly's, time to be determined.**

Please, remember to keep being creative.

Thank you.

Robert S. Walton – President WACG Board

### *2025 WACG Shows*

HGHBA Spring Home Show  
Myrtle Beach Convention Center  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Art In The Park  
Valor Park, Market Common  
April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Judged Members' Show  
Seacoast Artists Gallery  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

HGHBA Fall Home Show  
Myrtle Beach Convention Center  
September: days TBD

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

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Show  
Myrtle Beach Art Museum  
October 28<sup>th</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>

Art In The Park  
Valor Park, Market Common  
November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

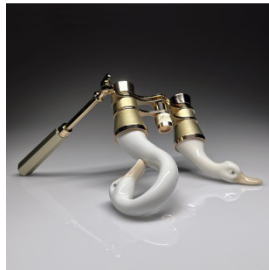
## Monthly Meeting

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am

Myrtle Beach Museum, Second Floor Classroom

Presenter: Jeremy R. Brooks

Jeremy R. Brooks grew up in the suburbs of Sterling Heights, MI. His first notable ceramic artwork was a queer little trophy created for “never winning a trophy” (1986). Since a young lad he has identified as a ceramophile and has been afflicted with occasional bouts of decalcomania. He received a BFA in art and design from Grand Valley State University and a MFA in ceramic art from the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. Jeremy has balanced his career between working as an artist and teaching at the university level. He is currently an Associate Professor of Ceramics and 3D at Coastal Carolina University. Jeremy has exhibited artwork in over 100 exhibitions..



### Artist Statement:

I make work through appropriating (largely ceramic) collectibles and altering them through a variety of collage, decalcomania, and assemblage techniques. Altering and combining components from a diverse assortment of found objects yields an opportunity to create narratives that are divergent from their original source materials. My narratives are devised to subvert heteronormative perspectives by communicating some semblance of a queer experience or Otherness through satire, exaggeration, double entendre, and sexual innuendo. My goal is to create work that contributes to the visibility and diverse perspectives within the LGBTQ+ community, while vocalizing my own marginalized identity and sensibilities as a gay man. Through my work I am inviting the viewer to consider a more diverse representation of gender and sexual identity within American life and consumer culture.

## Board Vote Reminder

Voting for the 2025 Board of Directors will take place during the December members' meeting. Voting can only be done in person at the meeting so, if you'd like to vote, please plan on attending the meeting.

## A T-Shirt Contest

You can help us, and help yourself. We are having a T-Shirt contest to design a nice T-Shirt that everyone would want to wear. Your design should include our logo somewhere. It should be about 8 x 10 and it should have broad appeal. It needs to be a work of art. You pick the message, and the theme should relate to art. We will select a winner at the end of the year. Winner gets \$100 and a free shirt. Help promote your Guild. If anyone has questions and hasn't yet asked, please send to [wacg@wacg.org](mailto:wacg@wacg.org) by Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Annual Sea Haven Donation

Each year the Guild focuses its annual 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.

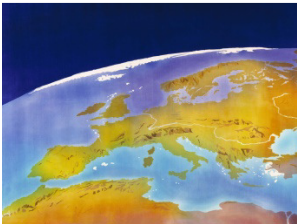
Along with art supplies, we also donate new or gently used clothing for boys and girls as most of the young people arrive with little more than the clothes on their backs. Non-perishable food items and personal care items are also needed.

If you can, please bring donations to the next Saturday meeting, 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 that meeting, and Tom will be delivering them in December to the facility. If you can't make it to the meeting 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. 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.

**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.

## *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  
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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.

**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**

### *A Sad Note -*

We are so sad to announce the passing of life long Guild member Elaine Bigelow. Elaine, 85, passed away peacefully of natural causes in Gig Harbor, WA. Born in Kingston, NY in 1939, Elaine knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist after watching her grandmother paint ceramics. Upon arriving in Myrtle Beach, SC, Elaine would work to become one of the Grand Strand's well known artists studying under such artists as Alex Powers. Her works are owned and displayed in homes and businesses all over the world. Elaine will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, Elaine's family asked all to please consider making a donation to a local arts program in your area in her honor.

You can read more about Elaine here:

<https://www.weeksfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/elaine-bigelow-2024>

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**