



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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February 2025

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

Happy New Year to all of our Members and friends.

2025 has started out great, with the Guild signing the lease for 320 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC. The Board has voted on the name for the Gallery and it is "Gallery 320."

The up-fits and remodeling have begun., and we have opportunities for our members and friends to volunteer time with the remodeling and set up.

We are also looking for donations such as book shelves, easy chairs, end tables and a sofa. We are also in need of office supplies, repurposed cabinets and counters. These are just a few things.

Please keep an eye out for emails updating you on the progress of the Meeting space and Gallery.

Our February meeting will be at the Museum on Saturday, February 1st, at 10am. Our BOD meeting will follow at 320 Broadway St.

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 21st – 23rd

Art in the Park
Valor Park, Market Common
April 12th & 13th

UPDATE: Judged Members' Show
Late Spring
Date to be Determined

HGHBA Fall Home Show
Myrtle Beach Convention Center
September 12th – 14th

Art in the Park
Valor Park, Market Common
October 11th & 12th

28th Annual Juried Show
Myrtle Beach Art Museum
October 28th – December 21st

Art in the Park
Valor Park, Market Common
November 8th & 9th

Monthly Meeting - January

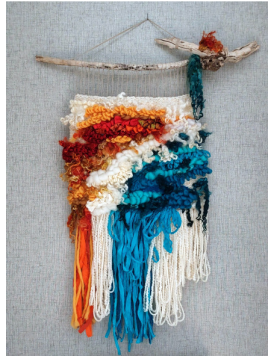
Saturday, February 1st, 10:00am

Myrtle Beach Museum, Second Floor Classroom

Presenter: Donna Mertz

Ocean Breeze Studios, Supply, NC

www.donnamertz.com



Donna's hand woven wall hangings are made using as many up cycled and rescued fibers and materials as possible alongside new fibers and custom fibers. On some pieces she incorporates beach findings and other findings from her back yard. Her inspirations come from found materials, fibers, places she's been, emotions, written word, & nature.

The mixed media pieces can include: original written word, fibers, fabrics, paints and paper mediums. Every piece of art is one of a kind, the techniques Donna uses are mainly self taught, when starting something new she will read or take a class to learn the very basics, and then experiment on her own from there, making her art truly unique.

Donna hopes to either, resurface a happy memory for her viewers, or take them to a quiet place where they can feel at peace.

Some Fun Facts Donna wants you to know:

“Once upon a time I was a computer systems analyst, & hated it!

I've been self employed since 1989, first as a photographer,
then full time artist since 1998.

A certified scuba diver, I am now happiest on the beach!”

December Meeting Wrap-Up



Last month's meeting had a fun presentation by Heather Baldwin. Heather described her processes for making her metal sculptures and jewelry, and showed us many examples of her work.



Project HeART Art Show

Sea Haven's 3rd Annual Project HeART Art Show is coming up on March 28 this year. They are excited to be hosting this year's event at Barefoot Conference Center beside Barefoot Resort and think it will provide an even greater space to showcase their growing art exhibits.

Sea Haven is so thankful for the support that the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild has provided for previous showcases and hopes that we will join them once again with our generous donations. As always, they would love to have any of our members volunteer at the event, also. In addition, they are also considering featuring a live art demonstration at this year's event.

****The Project HeART Art Show is an art showcase to benefit Sea Haven to help raise funds for the creation of a new transitional living program (home) for 18-24 yr olds. This TLP will enable them to provide safe housing, life skills, employment, and education support toward the achievement of fully independent living and youth homelessness prevention.***

Check your email over the next week or so for more details about this wonderful opportunity.

Important:

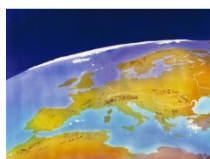
Membership Renewal Reminder

Annual dues apply to the period from January 1st to December 31st of each year. If you have not yet renewed please do so soon to retain your membership and all its benefits.

Please note: If you recently joined as a new member August 1, 2024 or later, you are already paid in full for the 2025 year.

Current and Upcoming Shows & Exhibits

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



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.

25th Annual Horry-Georgetown County High Schools Juried Art Exhibition
Myrtle Beach Art Museum
May 4 – June 1, 2025

Get ready to see what our area high-schoolers have been up to in their visual arts departments this year! Museum visitors look forward every year to seeing the amazingly creative and skillful work that makes up this diverse and vibrant annual exhibition juried by Curator Liz Miller and Education Coordinators Jayme Carlson and Colin Riebe.

After a full week of jurying at all participating high schools in Horry and Georgetown Counties, as well as a viewing visit with our area homeschool high school students, jurors whittle down the hundreds of submissions to the best of the best for exhibition. All art media, including painting, photography, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, fiber and more are accepted.

Stay tuned for more information on this event.

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

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
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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.



A Final Note -

We're so excited to be working on the Guild's new home and gallery, Gallery 320. To all of the members who have offered donations, someone from the gallery committee will be contacting you soon to discuss your donation, and arrange for pick-up if necessary. We appreciate all of the offers and look forward to putting them to good use in the building.

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. 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.