



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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October 2025

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

With the Fall Season approaching, I would like to encourage all Artists, Craftsmen, and those that support, appreciate and share Arts and Craft to continue to participate in the wonderful opportunities the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild offers. If you are interested in presenting at a monthly meeting, please contact Norm Veit: normleev@yahoo.com. The Guild was represented at the Fall Home Show, selection of pieces for the Annual Juried Show is completed, Art in the Park is again drawing a large range of Artists and Craftsmen, Gallery 320 begins the second half of the year contracts by participating Artists and Craftsmen, and participation in the First Friday Art Walks by Guild members continues.

If you are interested in presenting/conducting/teaching a class, workshop or learning session at Gallery 320, please contact Karen Jenkins: Karen@wacg.org. I would like to say “Welcome” to our many new members and thank all members for your continued support to the Guild and the many opportunities offered. The Newsletter highlights the wonderful events of the Guild. “Happy Fall” and keep the creativity, support, sharing, appreciation and positivity of Arts and Crafts going.

“Thank You”
Connie Huddle

2025 WACG Shows

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 Member Meetings

These monthly meetings are held the first Saturday on each month from September to May, with a new presentation each month.

Our October members’ will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach at 10:00am.

This month’s presentation will be by Karen Jenkins.

There will be a Board meeting immediately following.

October Meeting Presentation

Our presenter this month will be Karen Jenkins, one of our newer members and a member of our Board. Karen will bring two or three paintings to discuss, and also talk about her art journey.

WACG's 28th Annual Juried Show

To be held at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum,
October 28th – December 21st, 2025

Reception: Tuesday, October 28th, 5:30 – 7:30pm

We have 70 pieces of art by 40 different artists in this year's show. There is a wonderful variety of art and fine craft that will be on display during this show, so please show your support and drop into the museum during the show's run. Also, don't forget to attend the reception and awards ceremony on October 28th.

A reminder for members who have art work that was juried into the show, the drop off day is Wednesday, October 15th, from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Late deliveries will not be accepted.

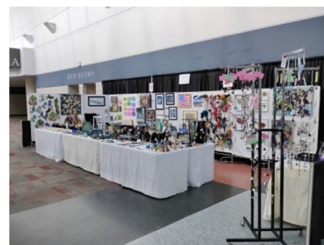
Member News

A few months ago, Guild member Judith Cole sent an image of one of her paintings, "Resilience", to the Ukraine Consulate along with a note that she wished to donate it. She heard back from them immediately that they wanted the painting. Judith sent the painting along with a letter, to which the Consulate replied with a thank you letter.



HCHBA Fall Home Show

The fall Home Show, featuring 17 artists, was a success as usual. Sales were down a bit from the last show, but we had a great variety of art and crafts for sale, and the Guild made close to \$175 from the sales commissions.



Gallery 320 Happenings

Gallery Hours:

March-October

Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sun: 12:00noon to 5:00pm

SPREAD THE WORD AT GALLERY 320

Our next *Spread the Word* theme: **"Boo"**.

Pieces have been installed and voting, which began September 27th, will occur in the Gallery and will run through Thursday, October 9th, 2025. There will be a reception for "Boo" on the 9th from 4-6pm. Ballots and ballot box will be at the front counter.

The Gallery will also be hosting a "Fright-Night", featuring Halloween items. A "Holiday Extravaganza" featuring items celebrating the Holidays will follow.

Also, information will be coming soon regarding a mural on the South side of the Gallery 320 building.

First Friday Art Walks

Make plans to head out to the Gallery during Myrtle Beach's First Friday Art Walks. Local businesses host artists, live performances and musicians throughout the downtown area. Plus, downtown restaurants will feature dining specials during the event. It's a great way to spend an evening with friends and family.



Cost: \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members (cash at door)

Kevin Anderson will be facilitating the event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kevin directly (text is best) cell: 404.990.8008
Email: kanderson.artist@gmail.com

Mosaic Workshops

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at mosaics? Member Brigitte Nicol-Messali is teaching three different workshops October through December. Brigitte has very kindly reduced the cost of her upcoming workshops (please see the new flyers at the link below).



Mosaic Mirror - a 2-day workshop:
Thursdays and Fridays:
October 9th and 10th, 2025
November 13th and 14th, 2025
December 11th and 12th, 2025



Mosaic Fish or Butterfly - a 1-day workshop:
Tuesdays
(choose either the fish or butterfly for your project)
October 21st, 2025
November 18th, 2025
December 16th, 2025

See website workshop page <https://wacg.org/events-myrtle-beach/upcoming-workshops/> for flyers and registration information. If you have any questions about these, please contact Brigitte Nicol-Messali at: themosaicbox@gmail.com

Open Studio with Live Model



If you are interested in improving your drawing and/or painting skills, we are now offering a regular 1x per week open studio with a live model at our new Guild home! (model will be dressed/clothed) All artists who want to improve the observational and rendering accuracy to produce more realistic and interesting portraiture, figurative art, still life and even landscape art.

When: Weekly
Wednesday evenings, 5pm – 7pm

Where: Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild
320 Broadway St, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Materials you should bring: your medium(s) of choice

Current & Upcoming Shows & Exhibits

Alex Powers | Piece of Mind

October 4, 2025 – February 15, 2026



Alex Powers (1941-2020) was born in Coeburn, VA and, in 1970, moved to Myrtle Beach, SC, where he supported himself by charging beach tourists \$4 to draw their caricatures. When faced with the realization that he could keep creating work that sold to a popular audience or dive deeper into making work that expressed his experiences, observations and opinions, he opted to create art with a point of view. With time and study, his personal aesthetic evolved, and he gained a following for his work.

Over the course of his 50-year career, Powers exhibited his work internationally, winning numerous awards, including the prestigious American Watercolor Society Gold Medal (1997). In 2010, the Myrtle Beach Art Museum honored him with a solo exhibition titled *alex powers: inquiries*, which celebrated two decades of his work.

He was a prolific artist who worked mostly in gouache, pastel, charcoal and watercolor. His work evolved from traditional landscapes, portraits and figure drawings to expressive mixed media works that tend to look more like deconstructed paintings or large sketchbook studies, often containing hand-drawn text expressing his point of view on all kinds of subjects ranging from religion and politics to sports, music and human relationships. It is the artist's later work – that which confronts the viewer with his opinions and perceptions – that makes up the exhibition, *Piece of Mind*.

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 William H. Miller for details.

William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art

Artists on 8th Ave

The Arts Grand Strand

702 8th 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

Brigitte Nicol-Messali teaches mosaics, and will be teaching a number of workshops at the Gallery. For more information, contact Brigitte at: themosaicbox@gmail.com.

Our Sponsors

They support us - please support them. 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.

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 –

This fall is going to be an exciting time for the Guild. With our 28th Annual Juried Show coming up at the Museum and all of the exciting new happenings at the Gallery, there's something for everyone to enjoy. So, grab your friends and family and go out on the town to see some great art work and support your fellow Guild members.

Best Regards,
Leslie Danklefs
Show & Communications Director

PS – Remember, as members, we will advertise your classes in our newsletter as a free service to you as a member. You may also send 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.

Workshop and Event Studio Rental Inquiry
320 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Web: <https://wacg.org/>
Email: wacg@wacg.org

Workshop/Event Leader: _____ Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Purpose (Workshop/Event): _____

Dates/Times (Workshop/Event): _____

Start and End Date: _____

Notes:

Damage Deposit for non-Guild members: \$100.00

Workshop/Event Rental Rate: \$50.00/hour (non-Guild member), \$25/hour (Guild member)