



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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September 2025

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

This is a very busy time of the year and we are excited to have so many members of WACG taking their time to support the Guild. The new home of the Guild, Gallery 320 is up and running. I encourage each member of the Guild to share the wonderful events the Guild has to offer.

September begins our Monthly Meetings on the first Saturday of each month with presentations at each. Our membership has grown this year and it is exciting to have a large community of Artists and Craftsmen in the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild.

WACG promotes, encourages, supports, and shares with the community an appreciation of both Arts and Crafts. Please see in the newsletter the many upcoming events associated with Guild. The H.G.H.B.A. Home Show, Art in The Park in October and November, The 28th Annual Juried Show, and The First Friday Art Walks at Gallery 320 held the first Friday of each month are some of the outstanding events of the Guild.

I ThankYou for being a part of the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild!

Keep creating, sharing and supporting each other!

Connie Huddle

2025 WACG Shows

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
DEADLINE: September 9, 2025

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

Monthly Member Meetings

Our first members' meeting of the new season will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach at 10:00am.

There will be a Board meeting immediately following.

September Meeting Presentation

Our presenter this month will be Bob Henry Baber, one of our newer members. Bob Henry creates wall and off-wall mosaics and is one of Gallery 320's artists.

A description of presentation is forthcoming.

WACG's 28th Annual Juried Show

!! Deadline for Entries: September 9, 2025 !!

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

Our Judge for the show is James Arendt. Jim is a Professor of Visual Arts at Coastal Carolina University. He received his BFA from Kendall College of Art & Design and his MFA from the University of South Carolina. He has participated in residency programs including The Fields Project in Illinois, Arrowmont's Tactility Forum, and From Waste to Art VI in Baku, Azerbaijan. He's been invited to teach at Penland School of Craft, Peters Valley School of Craft, and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts.

Recently, Arendt received First Prize during Fiberarts International 2019, was short-listed for The 1858 Prize for Contemporary Southern Art and a 2018 finalist for the Elizabeth R. Raphael Founder's Prize, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA. He has received the South Carolina Arts Commission Visual Artist fellowship 2014 and his work received the \$50,000 top prize at ArtFields 2013. His work was chosen for the 2013 Museum Rijswijk Textile Biennial, Netherlands, and he has work include in the Arkansas Art Center's permanent collection of contemporary craft.

Member News

Liz Blood has a piece featured in an international exhibition of the Contemporary Glass Society: <https://cgs.org.uk/onlineexhibition/a-sense-of-place/>

Clay Johnson has large images of his work installed throughout the new MUSC Health Jean and Hugh K. Leatherman Behavioral Care Pavilion in Florence, SC, which had its Grand Opening on August 11th. The new facility is part of their Arts in Healing program. This program is dedicated to integrating art into healthcare settings in a way that helps provide an atmosphere of calm, connection, solace, and hope to a patient population facing a range of mental health challenges. Clay is honored to be a part of this.



Norman Veit has been invited to this year's Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival. The Great Gulfcoast Arts Festival is one of the best-regarded, most popular arts festivals in the United States. The three-day, juried art show draws more than 200 of the nation's best painters, potters, sculptors, jewelers, mixed media and other fine artists. They value original work made from concept to creation by the artist's hands. Local art patrons and guests from across the nation shop for the perfect addition to their collection in the scenic beauty of historic Seville Square in Pensacola, FL. The average number of applications submitted each year: 575. Average number of artists selected by the jury to participate: 200.

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

Every Saturday in September, 1pm – 4pm
Beginning October 1st – Wednesdays, 5pm – 7pm

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

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

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.



Mosaic Mirror - a 2-day workshop:
Thursdays and Fridays:
October 9th and 10th, 2025
November 6th and 7th, 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

HGHBA Fall Home Show

Spaces for the Horry-Georgetown Home Builders Association have been filled. The Guild's booth will be in the outer hallway again this year. Please support your fellow Guild members and come visit our booth.

The show will be held:
Friday, September 12th, 10:00am to 6:00pm
Saturday, September 13th, 10:00am to 6:00pm
Sunday, September 14th, 11:00am to 5:00pm

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

August's *Spread the Word* theme: "Anticipation".

Pieces have been installed and voting, which began August 23rd, will occur in the Gallery and will run through Friday, September 5, 2025. Ballots and ballot box will be at the front counter.

Reception will be at Gallery 320, Friday, September 5, 2025, 5-8.

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.



Contemporary ceramic, textile and printmaking artist Ashlyn Pope takes us on a powerful visual journey through the trials of her Gullah ancestral history, the traumas of which have coded themselves deep within the artist's psyche. Pope explains, "As a young woman descended from the enslaved Africans in America, my body holds memories of my life while also recalling unconscious memories and responses imparted upon me by my ancestors. Although my mind cannot recall specific memories of my ancestors, my body has become in tune with the experiences my ancestors have gone through." And in turn, learned reactions like fear, anger, sadness and survival have become embedded in her response system. A History of Moving Forward II is Pope's effort of dealing with this deep-rooted trauma: by going through the pain of it so as to overcome it and start envisioning a new future for future generations free from those built-in responses of dread, fury and grief.

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.

Current & Upcoming Shows & Exhibits

Ashlyn Pope | A History of Moving Forward II
October 4, 2025 – February 15, 2026



William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art
Artists on 8th Ave
The Arts Grand Strand
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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 -

Lots of shows coming in September so keep your eyes on your email. And don't forget:

The Juried Show DEADLINE is fast approaching – get your entries in soon!

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.

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 HGHB 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.