



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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April 2026

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

Dear WACG members and friends:

I would like to congratulate all of the Guild Members that entered the Annual Members' Judged Art Show! The show was a big success and very well received. There were many compliments by those that came to view and purchase artwork. Congratulations to all of the winners of the show!

As spring is upon us we find absolute beauty in the works that are on display by our Member Gallery Artists at Gallery 320, home to the Guild. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, and loved ones to see the fantastic new works at the Gallery.

Be sure to read about all of the offerings of the Guild in this newsletter, and don't forget the first Art in the Park of 2026 is April 18th and 19th.

Each member is important to WACG and it is through your continued support that the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild continues to be a success. This year marks the 57th year of the guild and the 1st year birthday of the Gallery! Thank you for being a part of Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild. We are a community of Artists!

Warm regards.
Connie Huddle

2026 WACG Shows

Art in the Park

Valor Park, Market Common

April 18 and 19

October 10 and 11

November 14 and 15

HGHBA Home Improvement and Outdoor Living Show

Myrtle Beach Convention Center

September 11 – 13

WACG Annual Juried Show

Myrtle Beach Art Museum

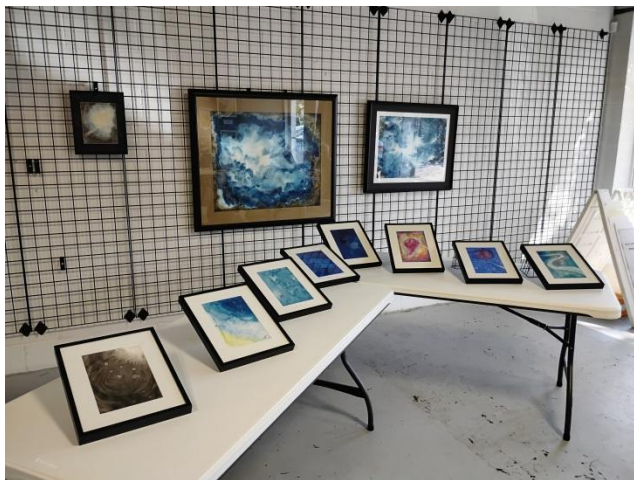
October 29 – December 20

Monthly Member Meetings

Our monthly meetings are normally held the first Saturday of each month from September to May, with a new presentation each month. The meetings begin at 10:00 am and are held in Gallery 320 at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC.

April Meeting Wrap

April's featured speaker was Andrea Theocles, who gave us a unique presentation on a near death out-of-body experience she had years ago. Andii shared with us the details of that day, and the work she's created as a result of that experience.



Andii's paintings, on the table, from left to right: "Blackout", "Into the Light", "Angels?", "Surrounded", "Warm Welcome", "Omnipotent Love", "Angel's Farewell" and "The Road Home". Dedicated to Andii's grandmother, Yia yia Athena.

Upcoming May Meeting

Jamie Franklin of the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology will be at the Gallery with some of her students from the Academy. The students will be giving us a presentation of the work they created in the Senior Program, made possible, in part, by the Guild's annual award to the Academy. Please try not to miss this – it's always a fantastic presentation by very talented young artists.

WACG 2026 Annual Members' Judged Show

The Guild's 2026 Annual Members' Judged Show was held at our Gallery the last two weeks of March along with the Mini Masterpiece fundraiser always held in conjunction with this show.

We would like to extend a special thank you to artist Ashlyn Pope who served as the Judge to select the prize winning entries of the show.

We would also like to send out a huge thank you to all of our wonderful members who volunteered to help out during the show, including intake duties, curating, hanging, helping with reception set up, working as greeters and helping with cleanup after the reception. We also owe a big thank you to all of our kind members who brought food and beverages for us to serve at the show's reception. The event would not have been a success without all of these generous donations of time and goods, and we are always so grateful to all of our amazing Guild members.

Congratulations to all of the award winners, and thank you to all of our members who entered the show!

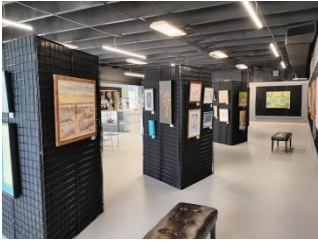
Rebecca Randall Bryan Best in Show Award



*Norman Veit
"Out of the Blue"
Wood*

The list of winners is on the attached Show Winners sheet and on our website [HERE](#).

Judged Show Reception



WACG Workshops & Classes

All held in the Guild's meeting space at:
320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach unless noted
otherwise. (weather permitting)

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

CYANOTYPE PRINTING CLASS



We will be dry printing on post cards & fabric, then learning the basics of wet printing on art paper. All materials are included, but feel free to bring your own weeds or flowers from your garden.

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$95

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Mertz

REGISTRATION: Please call Donna Mertz at 609-672-2550 to reserve your space by April 21, 2026.

WEEKLY CLASSES AND STUDIOS

CHARCOAL, OIL, ACRYLIC CLASSES

ONGOING

DAY AND TIME: Fridays, 1pm-4pm

COST: \$45.00 per class, pay at door

INSTRUCTOR: Ruth Cox

This class is small and informal. Ruth will do a demo and Q&A for each class. She will answer questions as they come up, and give each person individual attention during the class as time permits.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTACT:

Ruth Cox: coxrc@yahoo.com 843-602-7220 talk or text

OPEN STUDIO WITH LIVE MODEL

DAY AND TIME: Wednesdays, 5pm – 7pm

COST: \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members

FACILITATOR: Kevin Anderson

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTACT:

Kevin Anderson (text is best) cell: 404.990.8008

Email: kanderson.artist@gmail.com

MONTHLY CLASS

DRAWING THE HUMAN FIGURE



DESCRIPTION: This course will be focused on drawing the human figure. The approach and technique will include a live demonstration and practical application of the concepts using a live model. While the class will focus on drawing the human figure, the skills learned can be applied to any drawing.

DURATION: 5 hours per month of class instruction (Second Saturday of month from 9am-2pm) + two 1-on-1 sessions per month via Google Meet.

COST: \$90.00 / month

1. Instruction and demonstration: Classical figure drawing terms, concepts & approach.

2. Practice the concepts: Students will practice and draw from a live model, putting into practice the class concepts.

3. Outside of class: Individual guidance and critique (two 30-minute 1-on-1 sessions via Google Meet)

Students will continue to refine their drawing with the same pose for three months. The student can then work on the drawing independently between the monthly classes.

To Register for this Series, or for more information, follow this link:

<https://www.andersonartstudio.com/figure-drawing-2026>

Gallery 320 Happenings

Gallery Hours:

Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sun: 12:00noon to 5:00pm

(weather permitting)

WEARABLE ARTS AND UPCYCLED FASHION SHOW

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1pm – 4pm
at Gallery 320**

The Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild (WACG) will be presenting a wonderful and unique Fashion Show featuring original wearable art created by Guild members along with upcycled creations by local high school student artists.

First Friday Art Walks

These Art Walks are held 5pm-8pm on the first Friday of every month through 2026.

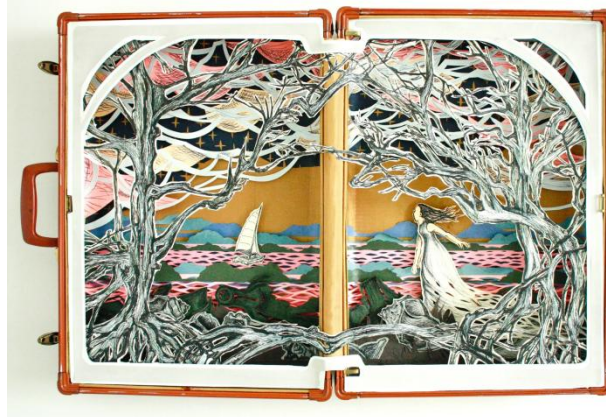
The Gallery is looking for members who want give a demonstration of their work during First Friday events. If you're interested in giving a demo, or want more information, please contact Connie Huddle at: 31455chuddle@gmail.com

Current Art Museum Exhibits

At the Myrtle Beach Art Museum

Expanding Horizons Grand (Strand) Collection

Now through May 31, 2026



Jennifer York, "Broken Spiral"

Do you ever wonder what treasures might be hiding in the Art Museum's vault? The Museum's limited – but oh-so-charming – gallery space prohibits it from permanently displaying the Museum's collection; so it is always exciting when Liz Miller, Curator, gets to curate a new temporary exhibition of these works that are near and dear to the Museum's heart.

During Liz Miller's tenure, the Museum has added 78 pieces of art to the Museum's permanent collection, increasing the total number of objects they house to 263.

In addition to a large selection of the latest acquisitions, there will be some long-time visitor favorites on display, as well as some works that haven't been displayed in quite a while.

To read more about this exhibition, and to see more images of works on display, visit the Museum's website: <https://myrtlebeachartmuseum.org/art-exhibitions/current-exhibitions/expanding-horizons-a-grand-strand-collection/>.

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.

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

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.

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.

SOUTH CAROLINA arts COMMISSION

A Final Note - In Memoriam

Sadly, we have another In Memoriam to announce:
Long-time member and a dear friend to many,
Edward Rana passed away on March 29, 2026.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ed's family and friends. He will be missed by many. Ed's obituary can be found here:

www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries/edward-rana/#!/TributeWall

Sincerely,
Leslie Danklefs
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 yo

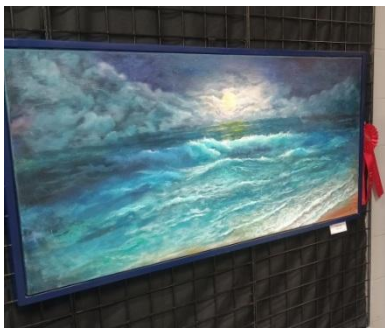
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Award Winners**

Rebecca Randall Bryan Best in Show



Norman Veit
"Out of the Blue"
Wood

2nd Place



Woodrow Roach
"Moon Walk"
Acrylic

3rd Place



Steven Miller
"Left on Time"
Metal

**Kathleen and Thomas
Britton Award**



Rebecca Luledjian
"Semi Cascade Bonsai"
Wire Sculpture

**Honorable
Mention**



Bobbie Berg
"Beyond the Forest"
Acrylic

**Honorable
Mention**



Donna Mertz
"For You"
Cyanotype/Mixed Media

**Honorable
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Clay Johnson
"Pee Dee River"
Oil/Linen

**Honorable
Mention**



Sheryl Muzzillo
"Poppies in the Field"
Porcelain