



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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March 2026

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

Dear Guild Members,

Welcome to March! This Spring Season will bring many wonderful events and opportunities for our Guild Members. We appreciate you, our members, and the continued support you give to the Guild. And we look forward to your participation in these upcoming opportunities and events. Be sure to read about all we have to offer, and make note of important dates and times.

We are excited for The Annual Members' Judged Art Show this month, which will be held at our Gallery 320. Participation in the First Friday Art Walk is a fabulous opportunity to meet and collaborate with other artists and craftsmen and the community. We encourage our members to come out and join us at Gallery 320, Friday, March 6th, 5 pm – 8 pm for this month's First Friday Art Walk.

We would also like to welcome our many new members to the Guild! WACG is a "Community of Artists", an "Art Community", and a "Tremendous Contributor to the Growth of Art in our Community" and we are glad you are a part of this wonderful Guild!

Connie Huddle

2026 WACG Shows

WACG Annual Members' Judged Show

Gallery 320

March 18-30, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 7th

Intake: March 17th

Reception & Awards: March 18th

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Pick-Up: March 31st

HGHBA Home Improvement and Outdoor Living Show

Myrtle Beach Convention Center

September 11 – 13

Art in the Park

Valor Park, Market Common

April 18 and 19

October 10 and 11

November 14 and 15

WACG Annual Juried Show

Myrtle Beach Art Museum

October 29 – December 20

(Tentative Dates)

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 at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC.

March Member Meeting - Canceled

The Celebration of Life for our former friend and Guild President Robert Walton will be held on Saturday March 7th at 2:00 PM, at McMillan-Small Funeral Home, with Military Honors.

In honor of Rob, and in deference to his family, we are canceling our March meeting. We will resume members' meetings in April, with April's meeting to be held on April 4th. The March Board meeting has been moved to March 14th, 2:30 pm.

February Meeting Wrap

February's speaker was Lynn Aultman, who gave us a presentation on woodworking. Lynn explained her processes and the questions that lead her to new discoveries and creativity. Those questions include: "Can I make it...", "How do I make it work..." and "What if I...".

Lynn also discussed her marketing, pricing and art show strategies.



Member News

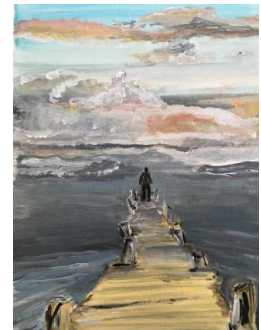
Claudine Scheu

A man named Chase Wilson, who is from a filming studio, purchased two of Claudine Scheu's prints (shown below) from Gallery 320 on Valentine's Day. They are to be used in the set designs of a film he is working on. Claudine had the pleasure of speaking with him and he told her he is from Arkansas, and he prefers to support local artists when creating set designs. What Claudine knows at this time is that the film is called "Undertow" and is a psychological thriller. The movie's credits will include her name. He promised to keep her posted so hopefully we'll hear more about this in the future.

Mr. Wilson also purchased art work by Debanjana Bhattacharjee and Karen Jenkins.



"After the Storm"



"What's Out There?"

Susan Barnard

Susan has asked us to pass along the following:

Come Sail Away!! Carolina Art Cruise
Consider joining area artists on a Caribbean Cruise! There will be art classes provided and time to paint with the group in a designated area! Pack your stuff and come along!

Dates: January 24, 2027-February 1, 2027
8 nights and 7 days aboard the Sky Princess
traveling to: Princess Cay, San Juan, Puerto Rico,
Amber Cove (Dominican Republic), Grand Turk.

Cruise will feature group opportunities to paint and create in a designated area, and art classes provided by artists Lourdes Rasdall and Samantha Spalti.

Questions? Call Sue Barnard! 910-880-1745.
(Please note - this is not a Guild event)

WACG 2026 Annual Members' Judged Show

The Guild's 2026 Annual Members' Judged Show will be held at our own Gallery 320 from March 18-30, 2026. The prospectus with all of the information is attached to this newsletter and is also online. The online entry form is also on the show web page: <https://wacg.org/annual-members-judged-show/>

Also, we will once again be holding the Mini Masterpiece fundraiser in conjunction with this show; information about this is also included with this newsletter and can be found online [here](#).

Remember – you must be a current (2026) Guild member to enter either of these shows. Our judge for this show is Ashlyn Pope. Please see page one of this newsletter for all of the important dates and times.

WACG Workshops & Classes

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

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

CREPE PAPER FLOWER WORKSHOP



Have a place in your house that needs a little color, a nice vase asking for some flowers to show off, a holiday season to decorate, maybe a friend that needs some cheering up or a loved one to give a special hand-made flower?

Crepe paper flowers can give a burst of color that is very unique and lasts much longer than a real

flower, and they're not difficult to make. It is a very creative and fun craft giving you lots of compliments when you are done.

In this workshop you will make a camellia flower and bud. Shannon will give you the basics of flower making so that you can continue to make many other flowers of your choice. All materials to complete the flower and bud will be provided for you. You will be asked to bring some tools and supplies for the workshop upon registration. Shannon will list color choices that you may choose for your flower once you sign up.

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026

TIME: 1 pm -3 pm

COST: \$25.00

INSTRUCTOR: Shannon Mason

REGISTRATION:

Email Shannon Mason at shansmsn@sbcglobal.net

LOOM WEAVING CLASS



You will finish a small wall hanging, using various fibers and inclusions. All materials will be provided. You may use the instructor's looms or bring your own.

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026

Time: 12 noon to 4pm

Fee: \$125

INSTRUCTOR: Donna Mertz

REGISTRATION: Please call Donna Mertz at 609-672-2550 to reserve your space by **March 12, 2026.**

A deposit of \$25 is due by March 16th. This will be refunded if the class is canceled. Balance is due upon arrival.

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 – NOW IN SESSION

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 and \$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 the month from 9am-2pm) + two 1-on-1 sessions per month via GoogleMeet.

COST: \$90.00 / month

1. Instruction and demonstration: Classical figure drawing terms, concepts & approach. Instructor demonstration of the four key steps to drawing the figure.
2. Practice the concepts: Students will practice and draw from a live model, putting into practice the class concepts. Instructor will provide individual critique and guidance during class.
3. Outside of class: Individual guidance and critique (two 30-minute 1-on-1 sessions via GoogleMeet)

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)

IT'S A FASHION SHOW!

WEARABLE ARTS AND UPCYCLED FASHION SHOW

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.

SPREAD THE WORD EVENT

Our current *Spread the Word* theme for March: “**Green**”, Pieces that will be up for voting will be labeled by February 15th. Voting will be from February 16th through March 5th. That reception will be on First Friday, March 6th, 5pm-8pm.

New *Spread the Word* themes will be coming each month.

First Friday Art Walks

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

This month you can get a preview of an upcoming workshop as Shannon Mason will be giving a demonstration on Crepe Paper Flower Making during the evening.

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

Collectors' Event

March 8, 2026 | An In-Person Event | 5 pm

Work on display at the William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art Gallery: February 18 – March 8, 2026.

The event will take place on **March 8, 2026 In-Person at William H. Miller Studios & Fine Art Gallery located at 702 8th Ave. N. in downtown Myrtle Beach, SC, 29577 starting at 5PM.**

The Collectors' Event provides seasoned and novice art collectors alike with a unique opportunity to acquire works of art while supporting the Art Museum. This high-energy auction for 100 pieces of artwork from local, regional and internationally known artists is available to the first 100 tickets buyers. Each ticket holder will receive an original work of art created and donated by our community of artists valued at the price of the ticket — and many times, much higher.

There are still some tickets left for this exciting event. Visit the Museum's website [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

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.



A Final Note - In Memoriam

We were very saddened in February to hear of the passing of two of our members.

First, as we've already noted, Robert Walton, who was a long time member and past Guild Board President.

We also learned of the passing of one of our newer members, Marion Savage. They will both be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends.

Sincerely,
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.

Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Annual Members' Judged Show Entry Rules and Requirements

March 18th – 30th, 2026
Gallery 320

320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC

Keep this page for reference & a copy of your entry. **Copy & Return the attached Entry Form, with a check, if entering via USPS, or you may enter online at [wacg.org/shows/Annual Members' Judged Show](http://wacg.org/shows/Annual%20Members%27%20Judged%20Show), or deliver in person at the Gallery during normal business hours.**

Eligibility:

Open to all artists and crafts persons who are **members in good standing** of the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild. **Each entry must be original and the sole creation of the artist, from concept to completion, (except for framing) and never shown before in a WACG Judged or Juried exhibit.**

Prints of paintings or drawings, are not allowed in any WACG show (original art only).

*Exception to above – Digital art and photos, but all will be designated as a digital art or a photograph. **If, however, the artwork is a digital print with additional painted, drawn, or other media, only the original can be entered into the show.**

Work created with AI (Artificial Intelligence), or that is AI Generated, is not allowed in the show.

***AI, in any form, is not allowed. All entrants will sign to attest that their creation(s) do(es) not contain AI in any form.**

It is advisable to have written permission (Model Release) to use the recognizable likeness of any person; this however, is the sole responsibility of each artist.

Size Limits

2-D - You may enter **One Oversized (up to 74" x 74")** or **two (2) regular sized pieces (up to 50" x 50" each)**. **These sizes include the frames** (no exceptions).

3-D – The **maximum size is 36" in width or depth and 60" in height**. **There is a 200 pound weight limit and pieces in excess of 75 pounds must be set up by the artist including an appropriate pedestal or stand.** Any work exceeding these limits will not be displayed.

Entry Fee:

\$30.00 for up to two (2) pieces.

We recommend that you enter online at wacg.org as you can securely pay your entry fee with a credit card and eliminate delays. If you wish, you may enter via USPS, but be sure to allow enough time for your entry to arrive on time. Make checks payable to WACG and

indicate on front of check that it is for the Judged Show Entry Fee. **WACG will charge a 30% commission on all sales. The Gallery will handle sales and will allow credit card purchases.** Each artist is responsible for all taxes and should consider this in pricing their work.

Deadline for entry:

Completed Entry Form and \$35.00 entry fee must be returned to: **WACG Judged Show, 320 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577**

USPS entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 6th. Hand delivered entries must be delivered to the Gallery by Saturday, March 7th before it closes (5pm). Online entries must be in by 11:59 pm on March 7th.

Hanging Preparations:

All work to be hung must be framed in a professional manner and **securely wired for hanging**. No clip mountings will be accepted. Gallery wraps will be accepted if **at least one inch in depth and painted on all four edges (a continuous image from the front)**. Fiber art must be ready to hang with no hanger exposed or extending beyond the piece.

Please place artist's name and title of work on upper right corner (back) of each piece before delivery to the Gallery.

For 3-D works, artist ID information may be placed on the back or bottom in an accessible area.

Delivery of Artwork:

Work must be delivered to the Gallery on **Tuesday, March 17th from 8 AM to Noon**. Judging will take place on the morning of March 18th.

Any work that requires special handling (fragile, hazardous, etc...) or work that is deemed unsuitable for public display, may be rejected at the sole discretion of the WACG show committee.

If an item is sold, it may be taken by the buyer upon payment. No other work may be removed before closing of the show.

Reception:

The reception and awards presentation will be on **Wednesday, March 18th, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Winners will be announced at the reception.

Close of Exhibit:

Monday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m.

Pick up: Entries must be picked up by the artist (or their representative) on Tuesday, March 31st, between 9 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No exceptions.

WACG is not responsible for artwork left beyond the pickup date and time.

It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to arrange for someone to pick up your work if you cannot. Late pickups will incur a storage fee of \$5/day, and the artist may be disqualified from future shows.

Members' Judged Show – Entry Form

Return the \$35 Entry Fee and the signed Entry Form.

WACG Judged Show, 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach SC 29577

Artist Information

Name: _____ Member: (circle one) YES / NO

**Non-Members will have to sign up
for a 2026 WACG membership to be
eligible to enter the show.**

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Title 1* _____ Medium _____

2D - Framed Size (H x W x D) _____ 3D - (H x W x D) _____

Year Completed _____ Price _____ or Not For Sale _____ ("X" if not for sale)

*If Oversized – only one item may be entered.

Title 2 _____ Medium _____

2D - Framed Size (H x W x D) _____ 3D - (H x W x D) _____

Year Completed _____ Price _____ or Not For Sale _____ ("X" if not for sale)

**YOU SHOULD RETAIN A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS
It is recommended that all artists fill out this form for their records, even if entering online.**

Artist's Signature (not valid unless signed)

I understand that by signing this form I agree to all terms and conditions provided in the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild 2026 Annual Members Judged Show prospectus. **I further certify that AI (Artificial Intelligence) was not used in the creation of my art.**

**Gallery 320 is located at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC,
on the corner of Broadway Street and 4th Avenue**

Hours:

Show is open Mon.-Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM, Sun. 12 PM to 5 PM, March 18th through March 30th

QUESTIONS? - Contact Leslie Danklefs, (843) 443-7314 or via email at wacg@wacg.org

WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

Annual Mini Masterpieces Fundraiser

Gallery 320, 320 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Guild members are invited to submit original 2D or 3D art works. All media are accepted. **Limit of 2 pieces per artist. You must be a current (2026) Guild member in order to participate.**

Size Limits:

2D:

- 12" maximum includes framing, matting, pedestals and bases. Matted originals are accepted, but they must be enclosed in a protective sleeve.
- All 2D art must be wired and ready to hang (except for matted pieces).

3D:

- 8" maximum in any direction.
- 3D pieces must be ready to display. If needed, please provide the base or pedestal for sale with the art work. Base or pedestal must fit within the 8" size limit.
- 2D work being sold on a table with an easel or pedestal must fit within the 8" size limit set for 3D work.

Label each item with artist name, title, medium, and price.

There is no entry fee for this fundraiser, and you do not have to pre-register. Should a piece be sold, 50% of each sale will benefit the Guild's education programs and 50% goes to the artist. The Mini Masterpieces will be sold in a separate specified area of the Gallery during the Member's Judged Show. The minis are not part of the Member's Judged Show and will not be judged for prizes.

Participating artists must deliver their art work(s) to Gallery 320 on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Pickup must be done on March 31st, between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

You must deliver and pick up your art during the days and times noted above, no exceptions. If you cannot do it yourself, you must make arrangements for someone else to drop off or pick up for you. WACG and Gallery 320 are not responsible for any work left beyond the pickup date and time.

If you have any questions please email us at: wacg@wacg.org.