



WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD

NEWSLETTER

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May 2026

Imagine, Create, Enjoy

Bits from the Board

The Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild was founded by a small group of Artists and Craftsmen in 1969 with the goal to promote, support and grow the Arts along the Grand Strand, Myrtle Beach, the Coastal Area and South Carolina. We are in our 57th year and are so proud of the accomplishments of the Guild over these years; and our membership has grown to over 300 members!

Last year we opened Gallery 320 and will celebrate the Gallery's 1 year Birthday on Saturday, May 16, 2026, 3-5pm at the Gallery. Check your email for more information about this event.

It is because of the commitment of our members to build a strong community of artists that the Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild has become a well-respected Guild. Be sure to see all the offerings of WACG and keep your creativity going!

Thank you for your continued support to WACG and our members!

Warm Regards,
Connie Huddle

2026 WACG Shows

Art in the Park

Valor Park, Market Common

October 10th and 11th

November 14th and 15th

HGHBA Home Improvement and Outdoor Living Show

Myrtle Beach Convention Center

September 11th – 13th

WACG Annual Juried Show

Myrtle Beach Art Museum

October 29th – December 20th

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 our gallery, Gallery 320 at 320 Broadway Street, Myrtle Beach, SC.

No Member Meetings in Summer Months

The Guild does not hold Member Meetings during the summer months; meetings start up again in September, all to be held on the first Saturday of the month. The dates for the remainder of 2026 will be:

September 5th
October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th

WACG Workshops & Classes

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

ONE DAY WORKSHOP

INTRODUCTION TO NEEDLE FELTING

Join Andii Theocles for a relaxing Zen style art project of your choice doing NEEDLE FELTING. You will use wool, silk and other fibers to create a 5x7 piece of art ready for display.

All supplies are included, but you are welcome to bring scraps of material, ribbons or whatever else you would like to include in your project.



Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Time: 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Fee: \$60 (all materials and supplies included)
INSTRUCTOR: Andii Theocles
REGISTRATION: Please call or text Andii at 847-727-1331 to reserve your space.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP

DRY BRUSH ACRYLIC PAINTING

Discover the expressive power of acrylics in this hands-on class focused on the *dry brush* technique. In "Dry Brush" students will learn how to use minimal paint and a lightly loaded brush to create rich textures, soft blending effects and striking detail.

Throughout the session you'll explore how this technique can mimic natural surfaces like weathered wood, fabric and stone, while also adding depth and movement to your compositions. You'll be guided step-by-step through exercises that build control, layering skills and confidence with acrylic paint.

This class is perfect for beginners looking to expand their skills, as well as more experienced artists interested in refining texture and brushwork. By the end students will complete a finished piece that highlights the unique, tactile qualities of dry brush painting.

Materials to Bring

Please come prepared with the following:

- Acrylic paint colors you might find on an apple (for example: reds, greens, yellows and a touch of brown or white for highlights and variation)
- Acrylic paint brushes with soft or flexible bristles (avoid stiff brushes, as they won't work well for the dry brush technique).
- Paper towels and a cup for water.

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 (small canvases will be supplied)

INSTRUCTOR: Linda Patkin

REGISTRATION: Please contact Linda at 978-407-1628 for questions or to reserve your space.

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

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>

Member News



Norm Veit's piece, "**Birds of a Feather**" has been selected for inclusion in the **2026 Piccolo Spoleto Juried Exhibition** and will be part of an exhibition at City Gallery in Waterfront Park, Charleston. The exhibition will run from May 22nd thru June 7th.

If you have any special news you'd like to share – a special show you're in, an award you've won, etc., please email a short write-up of the information to us at wacg@wacg.org. We'd love to include it in the next newsletter. Please get the information and any images to us by the 15th of the month to have it included in the next month's newsletter.

Gallery 320 Happenings

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

We will be celebrating the Gallery's one year anniversary this May! Join us for this Milestone Celebration on **Saturday, May 16th from 3:00-5:00pm at the Gallery**. The celebration is open to the public so be sure to invite all of your friends and family, and don't forget to share the date on your social media.

Gallery Hours:

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

Sun: 12:00noon to 5:00pm

WEARABLE ARTS AND UPCYCLED FASHION SHOW – IT'S A WRAP!

The Guild's First Annual Fashion Show, which featured original wearable art created by Guild members along with up-cycled creations by local middle and high school students, was a huge success!

Twelve Guild artists modeled their hand made wearable creations, and 23 student artists from Myrtle Beach High, Carolina Forest High, Socastee High, the Scholars Academy, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology, Ten Oaks Middle and St. James Middle turned everyday materials into runway-ready looks.

Below are images of some of the student creations:



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 26th Annual Horry-Georgetown County High Schools Juried Art Exhibition Now through May 17, 2026

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 Nikkole Miller and Danielle Tyree. 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 widdle 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. This extraordinary opportunity for teenage art students helps them to gain professional experience in the Museum exhibition process.

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 workshops and classes. For more information, contact Brigitte at: themosaicbox@gmail.com.

Kathy Peoples

New Listing

Professional Photographer

Photography Classes with your

Cellphone or DSLR.

Private and group lessons available at your location. Also Workshops on-location of your choice. To schedule or questions, call or text 215-262-7515.

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

A lot of work goes into the events the Gallery and Guild hold, and we can always use volunteers to help out. Please check your emails often this month as we're going to be sending more event announcements, and requests for volunteers to help out in many capacities. Your generous donation of time is always greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Leslie Danklefs
Communications Director