WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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November 2026 **Imagine, Create, Enjoy**

Bits from the Board

Dear Members,
The Holiday Season is upon us. This busy time of the year is a wonderful time. As Artists and Craftsmen we find ourselves going in many directions. Be sure to take time to enjoy all the wonderful events and happenings around us.

The WACG Juried Show is on display at the Myrtle Beach Art Museum through December 20th. Congratulations to all the artists juried into the show. The show is beautifully presented. Congratulations to the winners of the show.

There are events being held at Gallery 320, so please make plans to attend. The First Friday Artwalks are held the first Friday of November and December from 5-8. On November 6th at 4:00, The City of Myrtle Beach will be unveiling "Rabbitman", an eight and a half foot metal sculpture on the corner of 4th and Broadway Street beside Gallery 320.

We will be celebrating members of the Guild who are Veterans on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 2:00-4:00 at Gallery 320.If you are a Veteran please email connie@wacg.org with your name and service description so we can have a list to display.

I wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!
Connie Huddle

2026 WACG Shows

Art in the Park
Valor Park, Market Common
November 14th and 15th

HGHBA Home Improvement and Outdoor Living Show
Myrtle Beach Convention Center
Coming in 2027
February and September dates
to be announced soon

WACG Annual Juried Show
Myrtle Beach Art Museum
October 29th – December 20th

Member Meetings

Our November members' meeting will be Saturday, November 7th at 10:00am. Shannon Mason will be giving us a surprise demonstration.

The last of our Saturday meetings for 2026 will be: December 5th. All meetings are held at Gallery 320, 320 Broadway St., Myrtle Beach, SC, at 10:00am.

WACG Workshops & Classes

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

MOSAIC ATELIER SERIES

Guild member Brigitte Nicol-Messali is offering a series of mosaic workshops from now through December. No experience is required for these workshops. For more detailed information, visit the Guild's website HERE.
Questions and registration for all of these classes:
Please contact Brigitte Nicol-Messali at:
themosaicbox@gmail.com

The Studio Session
This 3-hour class is for anyone curious about mosaics.
FEE: $65
LIMIT: 8 students, 10+ years

Technique Intensives – 3 Separate 3-hour Classes
Cutting and Andamento
This is a class for anyone curious about mosaics who wants to go deeper.

Design/Composition/Color
The student will learn to choose a design: to draw or reproduce a picture, to scale the design and to create pattern.

Base/Gluing/Grouting/Finishing
No experience required-only curiosity and patience. Students will learn the different methods to settle their mosaic: Direct, Reverse, Mesh or Face tape.
FEE: $95 for each Technique Intensive Class
LIMIT: 6 students, 16+ years

2026 MOSAIC CALENDAR

November

Tuesday 1st	3-6pm	Studio Session
Friday 4th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Cutting
Friday 11th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Design
Friday 18th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Grouting

December Mosaic Holiday Edition
Working with pre-cut tiles, students will learn composition, color, placement, gluing, grouting and cleaning. Students will leave with a finished mosaic ornament in one 3-hour session.
FEE: $65
LIMIT: 8 students, 10+ years
Tuesday 1st, 3-6pm
Friday 4th, 10am-1pm
Friday 11th, 10am-1pm
Friday 18th, 10am-1pm.

Art in the Park

The Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild has been celebrating its 54th year of Art in the Park this year. The last weekend of Art in the Park for 2026 will be Saturday, November 14th and Sunday the 15th from 10am - 4pm in Valor Park, 1120 Farrow Parkway, Market Common, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29577.
We will have over 70 artists from all over the world as far away as South Africa and Canada with about 50 of those artists from our local area. Typical art will include Paintings, Woodworking, Photography, Jewelry, Fabric, Glass, Metal, Pottery and Stone. No admission charges. Child and Pet Friendly!

Contact JoAnne Utterback 843 446-3830
www.artsyparksy.com

Member News

Guild member Bruce Ingram has an exhibition on view at Penn Center's York W. Bailey Museum through November 30, 2026.

The Museum invites visitors to experience the powerful storytelling and artistic vision of acclaimed South Carolina folk artist Bruce Ingram in a new solo exhibition, *Manifesting the Spirit: The Visionary Art of Bruce Ingram*.

The exhibition features a compelling collection of paintings and sculptures that celebrate memory, heritage, and the enduring tradition of African American storytelling in rural South Carolina.

For more information, visit the website HERE.

29th Annual Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Juried Art Exhibition

At the Myrtle Beach Art Museum
October 29 – December 20, 2026



2026 Rebecca Randall Bryan Best in Show
Koi Glade, Mixed Media/Fiber
Kathleen V. Stuart

This year's show features 69 works of art by 47 different artists. The diverse array of both 2D and 3D work, all completed by local artists within the past two years, is currently on exhibit at the Museum. Our judge this year was painter and art educator Maura H. Kenny of Pawleys Island, SC, who performed the very difficult task of selecting just eight pieces out of 69 for the awards. Our jurors for the show were: Yvette Arendt, Joshua Knight and Logan Woodle, all of the CCU art department, who also had a challenging task of selecting work for the show from the 100 pieces that were originally submitted. We thank all 4 of these wonderful artists, as well as the entire staff of the Museum, for all of their hard work.
A list of the winners is attached to this newsletter.

We would like to send out a huge
THANK YOU
To David and JoAnne Utterback
who very generously donated $500 and $300 respectively to be used for the Best in Show and 2nd Place prizes for this show.

We are always happy to receive donations of any amount, and donors receive an IRS letter regarding the donation for their taxes.

Gallery 320 Happenings

Gallery Hours:
Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sun: Closed
Holiday Hours:
Closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26th
Closed Christmas Eve day and Christmas Day, December 24th and 25th
Early Close at 1:00pm on New Year's Eve day, December 31st
Closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2027

Celebrating Our Veterans Reception

Wednesday, Novenber 11, 2026
2:00 – 4:00

Please join us for this fun and important event celebrating all who currently serve or have served our country.

CHAIR-ity Fundraiser

November 23rd – December 7th

The CHAIR-ity Fundraiser is open to all Guild members as a Silent Auction bidding process with a bid sheet for each piece. The opening bid will be determined by the artist. Artists will receive 60% of sale, the Guild's education fund gets 40%. Pieces can be dropped off 2-3 days ahead of or on 23rd.

Artists will reinvent/decorate/ repurpose seating items such as stools, chairs, child's rocking horse or ride-on toy, bench, etc into functional and/or decorative art pieces. Size can be adult, child, doll-sized, miniature or other. Materials can be wood, metal, upholstered, ceramic, fabric, etc. It can be whimsical, seriously decorated or other, this is up to each artist! Artists can find items from flea markets, yard sales, their own home, make it themselves, etc. Artist may even want to name their pieces.

There is NO entry fee and artist can bring more than one piece. Bidding is done during Gallery hours through last day until 5pm, Dec. 7th. Winning bidders will be notified by their contact information indicated on bid sheet on Dec.9th, and should pick up their newly acquired artwork as soon as possible.

A Special F1rst Friday Art Walk

This First Friday there will be a special event as we welcome "Rabbit Man", an 8 1/2 foot tall metal sculpture, to the neighborhood. The city of Myrtle Beach is placing the sculpture on the corner of 4th Ave. and Broadway beside Gallery 320! We are excited to have Rabbit Man celebrating the Arts with us and with the entire Arts & Innovation District of Myrtle Beach. The unveiling is at 4:00pm at the corner near Gallery 320 and the public is invited to join us. Mark your calendar and come out to "Welcome" our new neighbor.

Gallery 320 will have a reception for this very special unveiling to welcome Rabbit Man starting at 4:00.

Along with the Rabbit Man unveiling, we will have entertainment by guitarist Dennis Winge, refreshments and an art demonstration by Shannon Mason on Decoupage baskets.

The regular monthly Art Walks are held 5pm-8pm on the first Friday of every month. If you're interested in giving a demo at a F1rst Friday event, or want more information, please contact Connie Huddle: 31455chuddle@gmail.com

Holiday Market

The Guild will be featuring a Holiday Market from November 23-December 23, to be held in the backroom at Gallery 320. All Guild members are invited to participate.

Items must be made by artists (no re-sale). We ask that artists reserve their space soon. ($10 by cash or check).

Sign up to reserve and pay at Gallery 320.
Delivery and setup Saturday, November 21, 2026, 10:30-2:30.

Fees:
A grid (2 feet x 6 feet) $10
A table $ 10.
Sales will go through the Gallery with a 20 percent commission going to Gallery 320.

"Spread the Word"

Spread the Word themes for the remainder of 2026:
November – "Harvest"
December – "Holiday for All"

Be sure to stop by the Gallery each month to vote for your favorite entered art work. Voting takes place over the course of the month and winners are announced during F1rst Friday Art Walk receptions.

At the Myrtle Beach Art Museum

Logan Woodle: Uproot

October 10, 2026 – February 14, 2027
Reception: October 11th, 1:00-3:00 pm



It is our sense of place and ancestral history – the generational narratives that form our understanding of whence we come – that is so central to shaping our identities. And we rely on the passed-down stories of our families and published historical accounts to access this shared history. But there are always two sides to a story, and the version we receive is dependent upon who is doing the telling and how they remember and interpret the unfolding of events. Metalsmith, educator and 6th-generation inhabitant – his son now the 7th generation – on his family farm in Conway, SC, Logan Woodle explores the relationship between the history of his familial land and the shaping of identity in *Uproot*, a 20-year body of work in the making.

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

Donna Mertz - Donna Mertz teaches cyanotype, weaving and beginner's stained glass. For more information contact Donna: 609-672-2550, or donna@donnamertz.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
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Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
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Brigitte Nicol-Messali teaches mosaics workshops and classes. For more information, contact Brigitte at: themosaicbox@gmail.com.

Kathy Peoples
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.

SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of scammers: It has come to our attention that scammers are targeting Guild members as well as others. They are using our Guild president's name, Connie Huddle, but these emails are not from Connie.
TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR: Neither Connie nor any other Board member will send emails requesting gift cards or cash. Any requests we make (food for receptions, donations to Sea Haven or other nonprofits, etc.) will come through Constant Contact in the same way this newsletter does.

A Final Note

As a reminder:
It's time to renew your membership!

If you haven't done so already, please go to our website and fill out the membership form here at Join the Guild.

Two changes to note:
- The Guild is no longer offering a mailed version of the newsletter, prospectuses, etc. (our lifetime members will continue to get a courtesy paper copy).
- The rate for an individual membership is $35. The rate for a family membership is $45. The student membership is free (Student ID may be required).

And remember, the Guild is always looking for volunteers to help out in various ways. Please feel free to contact me at wacg@wacg.org to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Sincerely,
Leslie Danklefs
Communications Director

This organization is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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.

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Award Winners

Rebecca Randall Bryan
Best in Show



Katnleen V. Stuart
Koi Glade
Mixed Media/Fiber

2nd Place



Bobbie Berg
Low Country Bliss
Acrylic

3rd Place



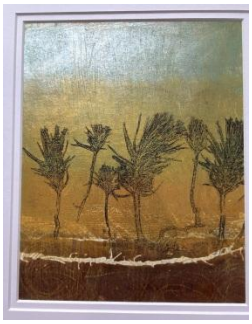
Lisa Gsell
The Dreamer
Mixed Media Necklace

Honorable Mention



Veronica Mia Leath
Einstein Cross
Acrylic

Honorable Mention



Susan Walters
Lineage
Acrylic Monoprint

Honorable Mention



Neva Campbell
Four Women
Ceramic

Honorable Mention



Kathy Strauss
Honey Ginger
Photography

Honorable Mention



Karen Stampfle
Edge of Serenity
Watercolor

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2026 WINNERS