# WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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**October 2026** **Imagine, Create, Enjoy**

## Bits from the Board

Dear Members of WACG:

With Fall upon us we are excited about the many opportunities for our members. Be sure to mark your calendar with the WACG/Gallery 320 upcoming events. You will find them highlighted in this Newsletter.

This time of year is full of festivals, shows and holidays. I wish you all the enjoyment of being creative and keeping balanced. Deadlines can be stressful, be sure to take time for yourselves, your health, family, friends and your art and crafts!

Our newsletter contains wonderful opportunities for our Artists and Craftsmen. Come out to Art in the Park, the Annual Juried Show, Gallery 320, the Small Works Show, First Friday Artwalks, the "Spellbound" Exhibit, and our many presentations and demonstrations.

Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild is proud to be the oldest and largest Guild in the area. Appreciation to All for being a part of this tremendous organization! WACG continues to contribute so much to our Art Community and the community at large!

Appreciation to All!
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
Coming in 2027
February and September dates
to be announced soon

**WACG Annual Juried Show**
Myrtle Beach Art Museum
October 29th – December 20th
**OPENING RECEPTION:**
**OCTOBER 29TH, 5:30 - 7:30 PM**

## Member Meetings

Our October members' meeting will be Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00am. Karen Stampfle will be demonstrating flower arranging.

The remainder of our Saturday meetings for 2026 will be: November 7th and December 5th. All meetings are held at Gallery 320, 320 Broadway Street, 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***

Special Technique Class: Picassiette Mirror
This 4-hour class is for everyone curious about this special way of doing Mosaic Art. Students will leave the class with a fully finished mirror.
***FEE: $95***
***LIMIT: 6 students, 10+ years***

## 2026 MOSAIC CALENDAR

October

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| Tuesday 6th | 3-7pm | Special Tech.-Mirror |
| Friday 9th | 10am-1pm | Techniques-Cutting |
| Friday 16th | 10am-1pm | Techniques-Design |
| Friday 23rd | 10am-1pm | Techniques-Grouting |

November

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| 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.

## QUILLING WORKSHOP

Come to a class to learn the fine art of rolling strips of colored paper into various forms and shapes to create beautiful designs or decorate cards, boxes, pictures or jewelry.

You will complete either a cross or a snowflake in a 2-hour workshop. The workshop will cover the two most commonly used shapes in making designs and flowers.

There will be discussions about the types of papers and the many ways quilling is used, and other shapes and tools will be demonstrated.

A kit – not included in the class fee – of the basic tools and paper for the project is available on Amazon (see picture below). When selecting your kit make sure your paper is 3mm wide. Some kits offer more tools that you might use but don't necessarily need for starting out.

*Note: You are not obligated to buy this kit, however, you will need the tools to do the project. Other kits are available on line but may contain tools not*

*needed to get started. Please let Shannon know if you are unable to obtain all the tools needed.*

Items to bring –Quick drying white glue (Aleene's Quick Dry Tacky Glue if not in your kit)



***INSTRUCTOR: Shannon Mason:***
shansmsn@sbcglobal.net
***DATE: Thursday, October 15th***
***TIME: 1:00-3:00 pm***
***FEE: $25 (payable by cash or check to Shannon Mason)***
***LIMIT: 10 students***

# Member News

Guild member and Gallery 320 artist Pat Dunning will be exhibiting work in the prestigious Abstracts in America exhibition.

**ARTnNCevents proudly presents *Abstracts in America*, a premier National Juried Exhibition celebrating the creativity, innovation, and expressive power of contemporary abstract art.** This national exhibition invites artists from across the United States to explore abstraction in all its forms, showcasing work that challenges convention and pushes creative boundaries.

The exhibition and sale is at Events on Front, 130 N. Front St., Wilmington, NC October 22nd – 24th.

For more information, visit the website HERE

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Guild members Sue Hart and Mary Jo Golebiewski are teaching the following class at the Coastal Carolina University OLLI program.
**No Sew Junk Journal with Woven Ephemera**
**Oct 12th, 1:00-3:45 @ Coastal Carolina Science Center in Conway**
**Cost $21 plus $15 course fee**

Guild member Kathy Peoples is also teaching a class at OLLI:
**Photo Composition.**
**The class is October 7th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm**
**The cost is $15**
Full descriptions of these classes can be found on the Olli CCU website:
https://www.campusce.net/olliccu/course/course.aspx?catId=5.

These classes are coming up very soon, so register quickly if you're interested in them.
*Note: You must have yearly OLLI membership to register for these classes.*

# 29th Annual Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Juried Art Exhibition

***At the Myrtle Beach Art Museum***
***October 29 – December 20, 2026***
***Opening Reception and Awards, October 29, 5:30 – 7:30 pm***



2025 Rebecca Randall Bryan Best in Show
The Storytellers of the Forest, Oil on Panel
Debanjana Bhattacharjee

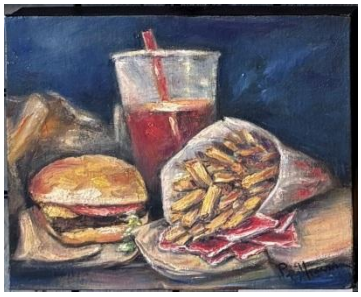
This year's show features 69 works of art by 47 different artists. The diverse array of both 2D and 3D work, all completed by local artists within the past two years, will be exhibited and judged for awards by painter and art educator Maura H. Kenny of Pawleys Island, SC. The jurors for our show were: Yvette Arendt, Joshua Knight and Logan Woodle (Mr. Woodle will have a show at the Museum that will be on exhibit during our show).

# Gallery 320 Happenings

***Gallery Hours:***
***Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm***

*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*

## ***Smaller Works Show***



2026 Spring Smaller Works Show Winner
Hamburger, Fries & Drink
Pat Ghannam

The "Smaller Works Show" is open to all current Guild members. The work will be hung/displayed in the Gallery's meeting room.

Work must be display-ready 2D or 3D art. Work can be up to 16" max in any direction including the frame, stand, easel, etc. Limit up to 3 pieces per artist, $10 entry fee per each piece of work.

**Dates:**
Delivery - October 12th during regular Gallery business hours, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Hanging/setup - October 13th
Reception - Saturday, Oct. 24th, 5-7pm
Pick up art - Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Voting for People's Choice Awards starts on the 13th and closes at 6pm on October 24th. Awards will be announced at 6:30pm.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 1 Honorable Mention: $75, $50, $25, $15 gift certificate (Amazon) + ribbons.

## ***A Special Fundraising Exhibition***

SPELLBOUND
An Art Exhibition Inspired by Magic, Mystery & the Marsh

**The Public is Invited to Vote in the SPELLBOUND Art Exhibition Benefiting Children's Recovery Center**

SPELLBOUND: an Art Exhibition Inspired by Magic, Mystery & the Marsh; a community art exhibition presented in partnership with Grand Strand Witches Night to benefit the Children's Recovery Center.

The exhibition features 46 original works of art by local and regional artists inspired by magic, mystery, coastal folklore, nature and the marsh. Artwork includes paintings, photography, mixed media, mosaics, fiber art, pottery, glass and more.

**Event timeline:**
People's Choice Voting Deadline: Oct. 10 at 3 p.m.
Top Venue Winners Exhibition: Oct. 12–17 at Lazy Gator
Grand Prize Announcement: Oct. 17 at Grand Strand Witches Night

The artwork can be viewed in person at Vision Arts Gallery, 519 Broadway Street, and Gallery 320, 320 Broadway Street, in Myrtle Beach's Arts & Innovation District, and many of the pieces are for sale.
One artwork from each venue will be selected as a winner based on the People's Choice voting, with each winning artist receiving a cash prize.

If you can't make it to the Galleries, you can view the artwork and vote online. The online People's Choice voting is open now and closes Oct. 10th at 3 p.m. The public can view all 46 entries online and cast a vote for their favorite artwork.

Visit the SPELLBOUND People's Choice Voting Form: https://forms.gle/op4mrLkEeUntmqYm8

Or scan this barcode

# Future Gallery 320 Events

## CHAIR-ity Fundraiser

This will be a two-day silent auction event to raise funds for the Guild's education fund and for the Gallery. The silent auction will be held November 6th and 7th. Each artist will procure their own chair and paint/embellish it to turn it into a work of art. The event is open to all Guild members; there will be no fee to enter. The artist will receive 20% and the fundraiser will receive 80% of the winning bids.

## Other Planned Events

November: Celebrating our Veterans Reception
December: Holiday Market, space rentals will be available in the meeting room.
January 2027: Photo Fest
Additional 2027 events may include a pottery bazaar, author events, musical events, a film fest and a Spring fashion show.

## "Spread the Word"

Spread the Word themes for the remainder of 2026:
October – "Colors of Autumn"
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.

## F1rst Friday Art Walks

These 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

# 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.

The artist's seemingly whimsical creations in brass, copper, pewter and silver are, in fact, visual storytellings that represent landmark events in his family farm's history that, as Woodle has discovered, have more complicated – and often conflicting – narratives. Woodle challenges viewers to consider that we all exist in the framework of a narrative that is implicitly meaningful but arbitrary, and they are shaped by who tells them. It is the responsibility of the artist and the viewer to understand the power of that narrative, how we move through it and to question both the meaning of its telling and the actions its meaning makes us take.

# 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**
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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

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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

***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

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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.