WACCAMAW ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD NEWSLETTER

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September 2026 **Imagine, Create, Enjoy**

Bits from the Board

Dear Members of WACG:

Fall is coming!

With Fall comes cooler weather and a very busy time for Artists and Craftsmen. Festivals, shows and the holidays fill the next few months. I encourage all to enjoy your creativity and take time to care for yourself by balancing all the demands.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and creative September. As we move into September, I encourage our members to take time for yourselves, family, friends and your art and crafts!

Our Newsletter contains wonderful opportunities for our Artists and Craftsmen. Share your knowledge, skills and love of your art and crafts!

Welcome to all of our new Guild members.

Waccamaw Arts and Crafts Guild is the oldest and largest guild in the area. Thank you to All for being a part of this tremendous organization that has contributed so much over the years and continues to be a significant part of the community at large and the Art Community!

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
September 11th – 13th
Highlighting Gallery 320

WACG Annual Juried Show
Myrtle Beach Art Museum
October 29th – December 20th
DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:
Friday, September 4, 2026

Member Meetings

Our first members' meeting of the new season will be Saturday, September 5th, 2026 at 10:00am. Karen Stampfle will be demonstrating pan pastel cards.

The remainder of our Saturday meetings for 2026 will be: October 3rd, 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 will be offering a series of mosaic workshops from September through December. No experience is required for these workshops.

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. The student will learn composition, color, placement, gluing, grouting and cleaning. Included materials will be pre-cut high quality tiles and sturdy wood base 6". Students will leave the class with a finished mosaic piece.
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. Students will learn how to properly cut raw glass tiles or tesserae with the tools to make different shapes. They will learn Andamento which is the manner in which you lay the tesserae to create different effects, and Interstice which is how to use the right space between tesserae. The class fee includes tiles and a wood base, (nippers will be provided for use during class). Students will go home with a board with the different Andamento that they have realized.

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. They will learn the basics of principles of design to create the right composition and learn the color wheel and color combinations. Each student will bring their own project and tiles, and will leave the class with the foundational skills needed to design their own mosaic artwork.

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. They will learn to find and apply the right adhesive for indoor or outdoor projects, and how to prepare, apply, cure and clean grout. Students will also learn how to choose the grout color and how to create their own grout color. Each student will bring one project ready to be finalized; glue, grout and pigments will be provided and students will leave with the advanced technical knowledge required to execute and fully realize mosaic art projects.
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 learn cutting the plates and cups properly to be able to use the design and keep intact the most beautiful part. They will learn composition while mixing with regular tiles, placement, gluing and grouting. Material provided will be porcelain china, glass tiles and a 20" mirror. Students will get a fully finished mirror.
FEE: $95
LIMIT: 6 students, 10+ years

2026 CALENDAR

September		
Tuesday 8th	3-6pm	Studio Session
Friday 9th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Cutting
Friday 18th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Design
Friday 25th	10am-1pm	Techniques-Grouting
October		
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		
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.

CHARCOAL, OIL, ACRYLIC CLASSES

ONGOING WEEKLY CLASS
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

Gallery 320 Happenings

Gallery Hours:
Mon-Sat: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sun: 12:00noon 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

A "Smaller Works Show", open to all Guild members will held in October. The prospectus for this show will be coming out soon but, in the meantime, here's a quick synopsis:
Pieces can be up to 16" in any direction, up to 3 entries per artist, $10 per each entry.
Dates : Oct. 12, 2026 Entry delivery
Event opens October, 14, 2026
Reception: Saturday, October, 24, 2026 5:00-7:00.
People's Choice voting until 6:00 reception night.
Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, +1 Honorable Mention

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:
September – "Workers: The Backbone of America"
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

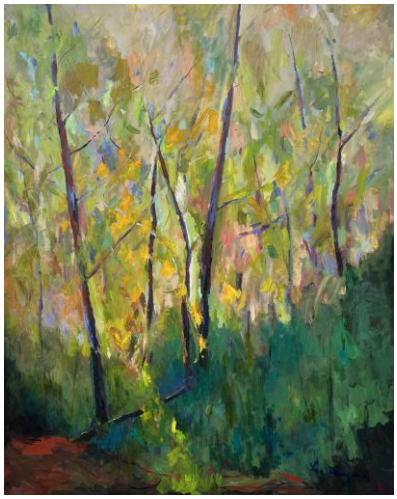
Member News

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 so we can 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.

At the Myrtle Beach Art Museum

29th Annual Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Juried Art Exhibition

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

The Art Museum was conceived by a small but visionary group of local art enthusiasts, among them a group of artists formed in the late 1960s called the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild. Beginning in the spring of 1969, a pattern of art exhibitions was established that continues today. To honor the integral role that the Guild played in the Museum's establishment, the Museum proudly hosts the Guild's annual juried art exhibition. A diverse array of media in both two and three-dimension, all completed by local artists within the past two years, will be exhibited and judged for awards.

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
702 8th Ave. N.
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
843-444-3213 Studio Phone
843-410-9535 Studio Voicemail
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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.

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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.

Special Notice – SCAM ALERT

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

After a very long, hot, humid summer, we can finally look forward to some cooler weather. Be sure to take advantage of autumn by getting outside. Visit a park or the beach, or better yet, come out to the F1rst Friday Art Walk in Myrtle Beach and visit all of the galleries, shops and restaurants as you stroll along Broadway Street.

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.