MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT…

Bonnie Householder

Finally, some cooler weather here in the Golden Isles…albeit just for a few days. It’s wonderful to have the doors open and not have HVAC running. At least it makes everyone happy who hated the hot summer, and October has always been my favorite month on Jekyll Island. This year, it was a little more like August some days, but we are still grateful to live in paradise, eh?

Our Merry Artist Sale will be held on in late November, so if you have not already started to create your items to put in the sales shop, don’t delay! It will kick off Thanksgiving weekend, and we are hopeful the Tree Lighting Ceremony will bring folks to JIAA to do some Christmas shopping. What better place to complete your holiday gift shopping than at Goodyear Cottage with such a wonderful array of talented artisans! See an article elsewhere in this newsletter and start getting your items ready to sell in this wonderful once-a-year saleabration! I do the bulk of my Christmas shopping at Merry Artists – how about you?

There are lots of things happening in November…. class registrations begin on Nov. 5 for winter classes, and that process is available online, as usual. (For additional class information, go to our website, www.jekyllartists.com to see the full schedule.) Fall classes are ongoing, and we are again grateful to our instructors for teaching our class offerings…as well as our students and our Classes Coordinators extraordinaire, Sonja Peterson and Joan Samuelson!

The Nominating Committee is wrapping up their work to recruit new Board members for the class of 2021. Stay tuned for information on voting as we roll out our Virtual Annual Meeting…you can vote from the comfort of your home, and all voting will be done electronically…online. This is important for our winter members who would not otherwise have an opportunity to vote for our Board members. Finishing touches are ongoing for the process of having a virtual annual meeting which will enable more of our members to have the ability to vote for new Board members.

Speaking of online, our Technology group has been working diligently to have our sales systems updated prior to Merry Artists, and they are coming down the home stretch. These updates will help our Treasurer, artists, sales shop coordinator, and front desk volunteers and will enable us to move into the digital age. If you are not comfortable using a computer and need help putting your items into the sales shop or registering for classes online, let us know. We have several folks who have agreed to be buddies to help anyone who needs some guidance.

Thank you for supporting your Arts Association!

Bonnie Householder
With the month of November upon us and the beginning of Merry Artists on the 23rd we have more shifts to cover at the desk at Goodyear. **Would you believe 41?** We have added 5 new volunteers recently and next week we start using a new system for scanning the items to be sold. The desk volunteers at Goodyear are getting ready to be trained on this new scanning system which works faster and is more efficient than the way the sales have been done in the past. We are excited to show everyone how it works.

**In December we will need to cover 46 shifts so don't hesitate to sign yourself up for both months and more than once if possible.**

Thanks for your help.

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**Membership News**

**Joan Samuelson**

Just a reminder regarding the JIAA Membership Year relative to class registrations: our Membership year runs from April 1st through March 31st which means that, if your dues are current, you are all set to register for classes. If you are not sure if your dues are current, you can login to the Members Only Home- page using your email and password or call the desk at Goodyear and have them check your membership status or send us an email at: 

**jekyllartists@gmail.com**

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**Jekyll Island Singers Notes**

As you know, the Jekyll Island Singers is a JIAA sponsored organization, now in their 30th year of performing. This year, the Holiday Concert will be held on December 11, 7:30 PM, at the Convention Center! **Note the new location for this community event.** Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. You will not want to miss it...

Anne Jennings and Kate Hamer
Directors

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**A Message from the JIAA Postmaster**

**Michelle Orlins**

If you are one of a very few members still sharing an email address with a family member, you'll have received an email from me this week. If you haven't responded, please do so at your earliest conven-ience. Help us resolve this technical problem, for JIAA and for you, as we continue to upgrade the system for the convenience of the entire membership.

As always, if you need help please ask and we will be glad to assist you. Thank you for your help with this necessary bit of technological housekeeping.

Thank you.
It is Merry Artist Time of Year

It will soon be time to register your Merry Artists items, on-line, through your personal member page. Here is important information to remember:

Online registration begins **November 9 and ends November 18 at midnight.**
You may enter items at anytime during that period.
Price tags will be printed in the morning on Mondays and Thursdays:
  - November 12
  - November 15
  - November 19
Price tags will be in your folder in the kitchen Monday and Thursday **afternoons.**

**Item Drop-off**

**November 12 - 20**
Only price tags with barcodes from the JIAA registration system will be accepted. We are scanning sales rather than hand writing sales tickets.
Please take tagged items to the 2nd floor hallway or the Library.
There is no limit on the number of items entered; however, Merry Artists shop staff have discretion on how much to display based upon space available.

**Current Shop Items**

Items that are $150 or less may remain in the shop for Merry Artists.
Items over $150 must be removed from the shop by November 20.

**Removing items at the end of Merry Artists**

All but 10 items must be removed by December 31.
All Christmas items must be removed.
Items will be removed from your inventory by scanning.

**Pick-up dates and times**
- **December 30, 4 to 6 PM**
- **December 31, 12 – 4 PM**

We look forward to a wonderful month of sales for all of our artists.

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Jekyll Island Arts Association

Artist exhibit November 1 to 21, 2018
Featuring the works of...
Barbara Hahn—Woodturning
Roland Thurston—Painting

Join us for an artists’ reception at Goodyear Cottage
Sunday, November 4, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Goodyear Cottage Art Gallery & Gift Shop
Located in the Jekyll Island Historic District
Open daily 12-4 Weekends 10-4
Local artwork available - Admission Free

Artwork courtesy of Patti Carofano

Visit us on Facebook at Jekyll Island Arts Association
Barbara Hahn

Woodturning

I am a transplanted Pennsylvanian. I come from a family of artists, although I myself cannot draw a straight line. I found my niche in woodturning after exploring many venues of arts/crafts, none of which held my interest for very long.

I saw my first woodturning at the Gasparilla Festival in Tampa, Florida and was instantly hooked. It has taken many years and a lot of starts and stops before I could devote my time to turning on the lathe everyday. It has been quite a journey. I have been blessed to have worked with many well known turners - Nick Agar, Michael Hosaluk, Richard Raffen, Glenn Lucas, Nick Cook and Mark Sfirri, to name a few.

This journey has been very rewarding, exciting and never dull and never, I hope, ending. To be able to take a raw piece of wood destined for the fireplace and transform it into a work of art or a functional piece, see the transformation from the beginning to its end, is awe inspiring. Sometimes the wood dictates where it wants to go and sometimes I am able to take it in the direction I want it to go. In either case it is an exciting adventure.

I am centrally located in Kingsland, Georgia and so able to belong to three woodturning clubs—Brunswick and Savannah, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida. I am a mentor to several new woodturners, both men and women. I have demonstrated locally and with Woodworkers of America. I am involved with Safe Harbor, Jacksonville, mentoring the boys in woodturning. I am also involved in Women in Turning, a new branch of the American Association of Woodturners.

Ken Rizza best describes the who and what of woodturning in his following piece:

“The wood spins creating a blur which becomes the canvas on which I paint. It has no beginning or end only limitless possibility. No artist brushes here, only knives of steel to create the image inside waiting to be free. Mystical in nature I peel back the layers of time that have been implanted by all this tree has known and to all who basked in its greatness. As its secrets are revealed to me with each passing revolution, I have to wonder what lies within it next that will shape its final destiny. This amazing creation by God has helped mankind since time began and it matters not whether it is dead or alive. Its usefulness is unfailing as it transforms from one phase of its existence to another. How unselfish this gift of nature is! With little reflection one can marvel at and appreciate this manifestation. One could hardly list all that a tree has done for thee. Now in my hands it makes its final journey as my tool’s path is guided by its inherent beauty manifesting itself with each passing revolution. The final outcome will have no beginning or end. It will be so much more than when I started as a new purpose for its existence is created. The human element embraces and gives deeper meaning to the tradition of a wooden vessel. “The Bread of Life” is not complete unless served up in family heirlooms cherished for generations. It is an awesome responsibility to be part of the cycle of life for one of nature’s greatest gifts to mankind. I am a Wood Turner.”

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Artwork courtesy of Patti Carofano
Master artist Roland Thurston is a Salt Lake City, Utah native. His family recalls his first artistic endeavors began around age three. News reports of World War II included photos of airplanes and his oldest sister discovered Roland drawing these planes, including all of their markings, in exact detail. Roland inherited his grandfather’s well-used architectural tools and his family believes his artistic ability can be traced to his grandfather. His Uncle Bob encouraged a 19-year-old Roland by purchasing one of his paintings for $5. This encouragement helped Roland begin a career in fine art.

Roland has experimented with pencil drawing and oil and acrylic painting. His passions are the animals, plants, waterways and mysteries of the swamp. Over the last several years he has been a constant visitor to the Okefenokee Swamp Park. He is able to recall specific scenes and recount them in detail.

Roland and several other artists were commissioned to create a mural to represent the history of Waycross for a downtown underpass in the city. He has also worked with other artists to create an art wall for the Mayo Clinic Health Systems and been commissioned as a muralist at several Georgia locations.

Throughout his career Roland has won several awards. He is a juried artist with the Jekyll Island Arts Association, Glynn Art Association, Turner Center for the Arts (Valdosta, GA), McIntosh Old Jail Art Gallery (Darien, GA), and Okefenokee Swamp Park. His art is also on display at Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Frames by Mary Ann (Waycross, GA), and The Feathered Nest (St. Mary’s, GA).

A new chapter in Roland’s career will include teaching art. Please contact him for information about individual or group lessons.

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Jekyll Island Arts Association

Winter Classes

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN:

November 5 - in person - at Goodyear 9:00 AM til Noon.

Online registration will also begin at 9:00 AM and it is easy on

the Members Only page; online you can pay for classes with your charge card. If you prefer, you can download the registration form from the Members Only page and register in person at Goodyear Cottage or by mail - cash or check only one person per registration form.

Remember: Your membership dues must be up-to-date in order to register.

Mail to:

Jekyll Island Arts Association Attn: Classes PO Box 13201 Jekyll IS, GA 31527

SEE YOU IN CLASS!!!!
Merry Artists
Christmas Gift Sale

November 23 - December 30
Goodyear Cottage
Jekyll Island