

JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCITION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District Jekyll Island, Georgia

December 2022 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT... Carla Price



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Goodyear Cottage. What an amazing team of volunteers who work together to host another fabulous Merry Artists Market! Our beautifully decorated cottage is filled with beautiful art and handcrafted items that are unique and perfect gifts for those on your Christmas list. Many of our talented artists will demonstrate their skills throughout the 5 week event. Performances will be offered by our Singers, Bell Choir and Flute musicians. The aroma of spiced apple cider will fill the air. We hope you come and enjoy the beautiful sights, sounds and scents of the holiday season.

During shop hours, all members and guests should enter and exit the front door. Only handicapped and administrative personnel should use the kitchen door entrance. For the safety of our shoppers and the security of our merchandise, the back door should remain locked at all times. We ask that our members help to monitor the back door. Please lock the back door if you notice it is not locked.

We are so thankful for our volunteers who generously donate their time, knowledge and talents to make JIAA a success. We continue to develop teams of volunteers to help maintain our cottage and run our daily operations. We are always looking for new team players. If you have special skills or just want to be part of our team of volunteers, please reach out to me or any of our board members. We can find the perfect role for you. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to form a facilities management team. *Continued on page 2...*

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We are seeking volunteers who can routinely monitor Goodyear Cottage for needed maintenance and repairs. You do not have to be a skilled builder, electrician or plumber. We rely on JIA to help with those needs. What we need is a team of volunteers who will routinely tour the cottage and report any problems that need to be addressed. Minor issues such as changing a light bulb would be handled by the in-house team. This team would also oversee the general cleaning and housekeeping of the cottage and communicate with our contracted cleaning service. If you are interested in joining this team, please reach out to me (carlaprice1@yahoo.com).

On behalf of the board of directors, Happy Holidays! We look forward to our fellowship with you during our Merry Artist Market event. We wish you a Christmas filled with much joy and happiness!

Carla Price

Membership Report Lucy Loehle

As of the end of November, we have 471 current members. In the past few months we have seen former members who were not with us during COVID returning to full member status. This will probably continue as our winter visitors return to Jekyll and resume taking classes.

Remind your friends that waiting until the last minute to pay their dues may mean missing out on a class they were hoping to take. The quickest way to renew or establish a membership is online at the jekyllartists.com website. Mailing a check or paying at the front desk at Goodyear Cottage will work, but there is a lag time.

Goodyear Shop Merry Artists Report Jackie Becker

It's that wonderful time of year again when the elves take over Goodyear Cottage and Merry Artists Gets Underway. The Transformation takes a week but by opening day miracles happen. This year was the first to offer T-Shirts for the event and thanks to Artist Chris Dougherty our sales exceeded all expectations. Chris will be joining us opening day to sign these special shirts and we can't wait to see the response. Demonstrations take place every weekend and of special note are the Jekyll Singers on Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m. and The Bell Ringers on Sunday the 18th also at 2 p.m.

End of Merry Artists is a very important and tight timeframe for turnaround of the show and the January Gallery set up. Please pay special attention when the email regarding procedures for pick up of Merry Artists items begins and drop off of new items for the shop takes place.



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JIAA Desk Volunteers Jane Edwards

The Goodyear desk has had a busy November and is gearing up for Merry Artists. The response for the call to volunteer has been remarkable and every last one of you is appreciated! There are still volunteer opportunities available, especially the latter part of December. It does seem like a long time off, but it will be here before we know it!

Once you know your schedule, please see if you have time to take on a volunteer opportunity. And last but not least, the second quarterly drawing for a \$50 gift card from the list of desk volunteers will be early in December. Thank you and Happiest of Holidays!

Jane



IT Committee Notes Robert Walters

Please note that the IT Committee will be changing the Arts Association WiFi password during Merry Artists. Therefore, members that use this WiFi, when they are volunteering, will not have access. The reason that this is being done is to better manage the flow of data during Merry Artists.

At the conclusion of Merry Artists, the password will be reset back to its original.



Notes From The Webmaster Desk Beverly Hopkins

The Arts Association has maintained a website for quite a few years. In the background are frequent updates, not just to the content but also the guts behind the scenes.

One recent update provided a new tool for easily checking usage of the website. While I'm not big on watching "clicks, visits, stats, etc." I do look at it periodically out of curiosity. On the busiest day this month, November 14th, there were 619 visits to the site. The top 3 most visited pages are the Home page, Tools and Merry Artists. Given the time of year that makes perfect sense. We get referrals from other locations (Facebook and Goldenisles.com for example) to our website which is interesting to me. People also go from our website to Facebook and SignUp Genius. I hope that means we are getting some new volunteers!

The website is there for you to use and enjoy. Be sure to check it out when you can, you may see something new!

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Visit us on Facebook at Jekyll Island Arts Association

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JIAA Winter Classes 2023

Sneak Peak is December 1, 2022



Registration

Begins December 12, 2022 at Noon

Registration is on-line.

Help is available at Goodyear Monday and Tuesday December 12 & 13 12:00-4:00







The winter class catalog includes Classes and Monthly Workshops. We hope this format makes it easier for you to find the classes and workshops that interest you. The process for on line registration is the same....just click the button and follow the prompts. See you in Class!

You must be a member of JIAA to register for a class.

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JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

--Only individual memberships are offered with an annual fee of \$30. The membership year runs from April through March. JIAA is a volunteer-run organization, and all members are expected to contribute to the organization through volunteer work.

- -- There are several ways to initiate a membership or to renew an existing one:
 - Online via our website at <u>www.jekyllartists.com</u> with payment through PayPal or major credit card.
 This is the quickest method to establish current membership and qualify immediately for classes and gift shop or festival shop entry.
 - By completing the form below and paying with cash, check or credit card at the front desk at Goodyear Cottage.
 - By completing the form below and mailing with a check to Jekyll Island Arts Association, P.O. Box 13201, Jekyll Island GA 31527.
- --Checks should be made payable to **JIAA**; please note on check: **Dues**. We are unable to accept checks drawn on Canadian banks.

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