



JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District
Jekyll Island, Georgia

December 2023 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Carla Price



Christmas time is upon us and we are ready to celebrate the season with the launch of our annual Merry Artists Market beginning November 24th. Beautifully decorated Goodyear Cottage is overflowing with artwork and handcrafted items that are unique and perfect gifts for everyone on your Christmas list. Many of our talented artists will demonstrate their skills throughout the 5 week event. There will be opportunities to meet some of our authors. Performances will be offered by our Singers, Bell Choir and other musicians. *We invite you to celebrate the season with us at Goodyear Cottage!*

Mark your calendar! Our *Singers Winter Concert* will be held on *December 12th* from 7pm-9pm at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. Their performance will not disappoint! *This community event is sponsored by JIAA and admission is free.* Please attend and show your support for JIAA and its very talented Singers!

During shop hours, all members and guests should enter and exit the front door. The kitchen entrance is reserved for administrative personnel and those requiring handicapped access. For security issues, *the kitchen door should remain locked at all times.*

Winter Classes begin January 2nd! We are very excited about the continued learning opportunities being offered to our members. *Online registration will begin on December 4th.* Classes fill up fast. Sign up early to reserve your space!

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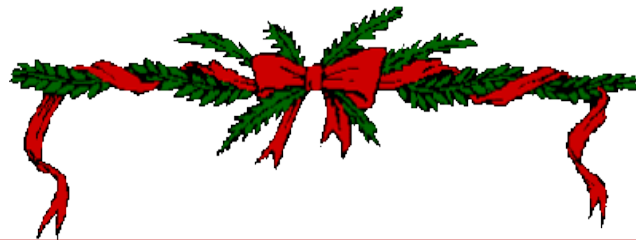
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As this year comes to a close, it is time for the ***Election of 5 JIAA Board Members*** with 3 year terms beginning January 1, 2024. There are 7 nominees for these positions. You will receive an email with instructions, which are also included in this newsletter, and electronic voting will be made available to all members from ***December 6th - 10th***. Please take the opportunity to vote for those who will best represent you and who will ensure the continued mission and success of JIAA. Collectively, the JIAA Board of Directors works very hard to meet the many needs and challenges of our association. ***Please make your vote count!***

On behalf of the JIAA Board of Directors,

“We Wish You Much Peace, Joy, and Happiness!”

Carla

**JIAA WINTER CLASSES**

Ame Ivanov

There were 31 students in Fall 2023 classes, taking 11 separate classes. We have 22 classes on the calendar for the January-February period. Sneak Peek will start November 27 and Registration opens December 4.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

Our membership has risen to 500. Reminder: If you are a member of the Pottery Guild, Weaving Guild, Jekyll Singers, Needlework Group, Writers Group, or any other group organized under the auspices of JIAA, you must also be a current member of JIAA. Check Membership on the website for the various ways to pay your dues.



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Merry Artists Market

Nov. 24 - Dec. 31, 2023

**Goodyear Cottage
Jekyll Island, GA**

**Handmade Crafts &
Works of Art
Perfect for Gift Giving!
Holiday Priced from \$5!**

**Host of Events
throughout
the Show!**

**Opening Day - Fri. Nov. 24, 10am-5pm
Weekdays 12-4 pm Weekends 10am-5pm**

www.jekyllartists.com

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WATER COLOR WORKGROUP NEWS

Diana Prentice

Painting artists have a true “home base” now! We’ve been granted permission to occupy the third floor room to the right as you leave the stairs. It is elevator accessible, and has generous artificial lighting that works perfectly to augment the sun that comes through the window. And it’s got charm.

While it has no a/c, and would probably be avoided in the hottest of months, it will provide an alternate location when the second floor’s Needlework Room is needed during classes and during preparations for Merry Artists and the Spring Festival.

The Watercolor Workgroup is a casual gathering of JIAA members who just like to play with the broad range of watercolor techniques and styles. We welcome anyone on any level of experience—from beginner to expert and all in between. We meet twice a month on the first and third Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm.

And we’re not really biased. We also welcome painting artists using other methods such as gouache, pastels, acrylics, etc. Please bring your painting supplies and join us.

For more info please contact Diana Prentice (dianaprentice@icloud.com)



WEAVING GUILD NEWS***Tricia Bowman***

The Weaving Guild is offering four different classes in January/February: Beginning Rigid Heddle Weaving, Beginning Floor Loom Weaving, Overshot 2.1, and Beginning Tapestry Weaving which is new this year.

We are looking forward to the many people we will meet during Merry Artists weekends. It is fun to introduce people to weaving and let them try their hand at it. The young people are especially fun.

Then Jekyll Island Arts Association Board approved a donation to Alecia Pittman, the school counselor at St Simons Elementary ,of a loom for her to use with her work with children. She had seen a loom in action at Dolphins Do Art Days when we went to demonstrate weaving and recognized the potential for helping the students she works with calm down enough to return to the classroom. Thank you to the board for approving this donation.



Jekyll Island Arts Association (JIAA) Board of Directors Election for the Term Jan 2024 - Dec 2026

The JIAA Board of Directors is comprised of fifteen voting members who each serve a three year term. Each year the terms of five Board Directors expire, and 5 new Directors are elected in early December prior to a virtual Annual Meeting. This year seven nominees have been put forward for these five positions, and all nominees have agreed to serve for a three-year term if elected. Their brief bios appear below.

The Election of the new JIAA Directors will be held electronically from Dec 6-10, 2023. On Dec 6 you will receive an email from jekyllartists@gmail.com with voting instructions and a link to the voting page. You will be able to vote for five (or less) of the nominees. **Voting must be done before midnight on Dec 10.**

Only one person per email address can vote. If you share an email address with another JIAA member who also wishes to vote please let us know by sending an email to jekyllartists@gmail.com **before Dec 10**, and a separate email will be sent to you for this purpose. **Please vote!**

The JIAA's virtual Annual Meeting will take place in the latter part of Dec, when the JIAA President will announce the election results and present a State of the Association Report.

- Jackie Becker
- Margaret Else
- David R Hamer
- Steve Hartman
- Andy Kostelic
- Lucy Loehle
- Bob Walters

The Nominees' bios are as follows:

Jackie Becker

I am a graduate of the University of Central Florida with a degree in Secondary Education. My husband and I owned and operated our own Automotive business in Central Florida for 30 years. I became a State Certified Residential Real Estate Appraiser and owned an Appraisal business for 10 years until I retired in 2009. In 2014 I moved to Jekyll Island and began volunteering with the JIAA in 2017. I currently serve on the JIAA Board and manage the JIAA Shop. I have been involved with Merry Artists since 2018 and have Co-Chaired the event for the last 3 years. In 2023 I was a Festival Team member and am Co-Chair of the event for 2024. I have assisted with Classes Administration, am Front Desk Trained and Chair the Events Team which is working to host special events to benefit the JIAA and fulfill our mission statement.

Margaret Else

A 10-year resident of Jekyll Island, I found the Arts Association through JIAA classes. I have enjoyed weaving, jewelry-making, and sculpture, but it is pottery that got me hooked. Playing with clay is wonderfully therapeutic, be it hand-building, wheel or sculpture. As an active member of the Pottery Guild, I have represented the Potters on the Arts Festival Committee, and have also chaired the Guild's annual Visiting Artist Workshop. I joined the JIAA Board of Directors about 5 years ago and have served as the Secretary for much of that time. I particularly enjoy helping to run orientations for new JIAA members. I know the joy and friendships that are to be found within the many activities of the Arts Association, and I want all our members to experience everything that JIAA has to offer. If re-elected to the Board I would be happy to continue to serve as Secretary or help JIAA in any other way.

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Board of Directors Election for the Term Jan 2024 - Dec 2026 continued...**David R Hamer**

I am a long-standing member of the Jekyll Island Arts Association. I am a member of the Pottery Guild. I have been involved in the Annual Arts Festival as a Festival co-chair, chairman, a Raku firer for Pottery and a cook for the food tent over many years. In the early 2000's I operated the Old Book Store in the Infirmary Building in the Historic District. In my involvement with the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island, I was the VP of the board for several terms and still distribute the books and publications that the Friends offer locally ("Once Upon and Island", "Jekyll Walking Tour", "Sydney Lanier"). My wife, Kate, is a current JIAA board member as well as the Director of the Jekyll Singers, a Weaver and Weaving Instructor. I lived on Jekyll from 1991-2000 part time, but currently reside on St Simons Island.

Steve Hartman

Christina and I purchased a house on Saint Simons in 2021 and have now moved here after retiring at the end of 2022. We love it, and plan on staying here for a long time. We have always enjoyed art and have over a 150+ paintings bought from all over. I started painting about 4 years ago and have enjoyed that. I currently have a studio at The Artery in Brunswick and have now put some art out for sale with JIAA. My wife and I are trained as cashiers and have several days of volunteering scheduled in December. We are very excited about helping JIAA and also just enjoy the place, the people we have met, and what JIAA is doing. I have been a board member for the Cobb County GA Chamber, Georgia Tech Strategic Energy Institute, GE Inspection Robotics (Chairman), and am currently on the Advisory Board for the UGA College of Engineering (8+ years) and Synergies Work (501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empower entrepreneurs with disabilities.

Andy Kostelic

At the Butler Institute of American Art I served as a Docent for a ten year period. Completed a one year training program focusing on America Art history, basic color, artistic design and techniques. Designed, developed and presented outreach programs for local schools to introduce the Museum in advance of a pending museum tour. Conducted museum tours for adults and school age students.

At the Community Leadership Council (CLC) Brunswick, GA 2022, I enrolled in and successfully completed a series of eight training sessions Conducted by United Way of Coastal Georgia to increase the available pool of prospective board members for nonprofit agencies. Training sessions were comprised of Berkshire Assessment Review, board member responsibilities, fundraising, strategic planning and financial and legal decision making. Other Volunteer Experience includes Junior Achievement advisor, participated in the Novartis Mentorship program and as a volunteer for The First Tee program of Brunswick Georgia. Also served as a JIMGA board member and secretary.

Lucy Loehle

I have served JIAA as a Board member and Membership Chairman. I am a member of the Weaving Guild and the Jekyll Singers. I am a retired Management Analyst (US Military Academy and FLETC), and have resided with my husband David (woodworker and basket maker) on St. Simons for 21 years.

Bob Walters

My wife Jane and I have resided on Jekyll Island for more than three years. When we moved here, we immediately joined the Jekyll Island Arts Association. Since then, I have volunteered at the front desk extensively and continue to do so. I was subsequently appointed to the Board in September, 2022 to fill a vacant position. During my recent term, I have played a pivotal role in revamping the Association's insurance products, identified and vetted our current legal counsel, serve as Chairman of the IT committee and co-lead the streamlining and simplifying the Front Desk operations. In addition to my work with the Association, I also am currently President of the Jekyll Island Lions Club. Based on the above, I believe that I can contribute significantly to the continued success and growth of the Jekyll Island Arts Association.

JIAA Winter Classes 2024

Sneak Peak is November 27, 2023

Registration

**Begins December 4,
2023 at 8 am**



**Registration is on
line only. The desk
will no longer accept
payment for classes.
Call Ame Ivanov for
assistance in register-
ing and paying on-line
615-775-7647.**

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

**FROM THE JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION
PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO ALL
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

