

JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION
Goodyear Cottage, Historic District
Jekyll Island, Georgia
April 2024 Newsletter



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

March was a busy month and now the 2024 Arts Festival is behind us. The festival was greatly successful thanks to the many volunteers and attendees. Friday, which can be a quiet day, was bustling with people. Saturday and Sunday we continued to see a good crowd. Thank you Jackie Becker for once again coordinating the whole operation. There were many people who were on site all day, every day, making sure that things ran smoothly. To name just a few: Craig Patterson kept our technical equipment working – with 3 cashiering stations. Bob Walters ensured the shuttles kept running and served as cashier in several shifts. The team of Kate & David Hamer with Lucy & David Loehle again provided tasty burgers, hot dogs, and grilled cheese sandwiches. The Singers bake sale was filled with special treats. Our in-house tent team headed by Larsen and Michelle Anderson did a lot of hard work and came Sunday morning to tend a few tents the rain affected. We also appreciate Jekyll Realty laundering the tent tops & sides for us!

Thursday, prior to the festival, Carla Price and Barbara Polonic hosted a wonderful Member Appreciation reception concurrent with the annual Sneak Peek.

Congratulations to all the ribbon winners this year! Congratulations to Susan Anderson for winning the People’s Choice award. The Juried Art show was beautiful and provided a nice Gallery show throughout the month. Caryl Rice coordinated the show and judges. It was good to see the student art displayed again and we hope to see the schools participate next year.

Planning for the 2025 festival is in the early stages. It will be our 50th festival and we hope to have a Gala style celebration. We are looking for a very special design for a poster and T-shirts for this notable anniversary, so I encourage our artists to start thinking about that.

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Kate Hamer led the Singers in a delightful spring concert with a variety of music from folk, spiritual and patriotic along with some cute songs about critters. Thank you, Kate and all the Singers and accompanist!

March marks the end of our membership year. Please renew your membership if you have not already. The most efficient way to renew is through “pay my dues” on the website. Remember that you must be an active member to take classes or to enter items in the Goodyear Shop or Gallery.

Thank you all for being members of a fantastic organization.
Beverly

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO....

Mack Jeffries and Jekyll Realty for their help with our post festival clean up.

And a very special thank you to JIAA member Pam O'Connor who provided us with the beautiful floral arrangements for the show.

CLASSES REPORT

Ame Ivanov

The Winter classes are complete for 2024. There were some last-minute additions, including basket making and watercolor which filled up quickly. The classes team is now looking toward the fall schedule. We expect to have both returning Instructors as well as new ones during both the fall and winter periods.

Anyone thinking of offering a class at any time is encouraged to contact one of the classes team members to plan it: Penny Osborne, Jill Brown and Ame Ivanov .

Don't hesitate to think of planning a class outside the usual fall/winter times. Classes can be set up and advertised at any time during the year.



NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Ame Ivanov

Bored and looking for something to do this summer? Bring your own projects to work on, ask advice if you are stuck or learn how to knit. Over the years a plethora of supplies have been donated so we have enough to get you started on a simple scarf or hat if you want to begin on something simple. We have needles and crochet hooks in most sizes to borrow.

Members range in experience- all are welcome. The Needlework Group meets from 1:30 to 3:30 Wednesdays in the Needlework Room, NW corner on the 2nd floor Goodyear Cottage. Contact Ame Ivanov for more information. 615-775-7647.



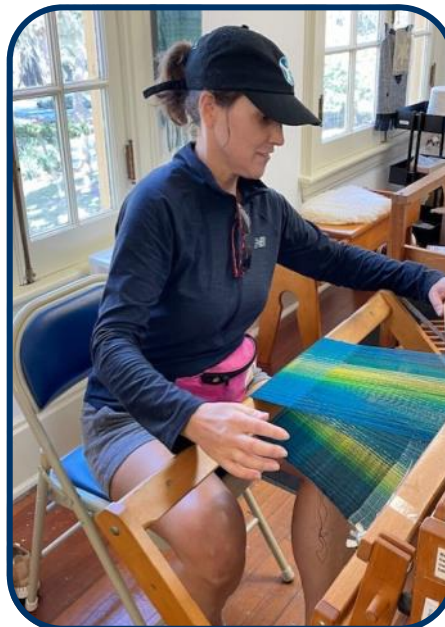
FROM THE WEAVING GUILD

Tricia Bowman

The Weaving Guild was very busy during the arts festival. Many interested people came into the weaving room to talk and try their hand at weaving. Some had history with weaving or had relatives who did. We gained one student who is 12. He will be starting this Friday.

Thanks to those who put the exhibit up. It was beautiful!!!! The guild members who wish to weave at Goodyear will begin again in April on Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. We are hopeful that new students will join us to continue their weaving journey.

Weaving Guild Photo Gallery



2024 JIAA Arts Festival

Jackie Becker

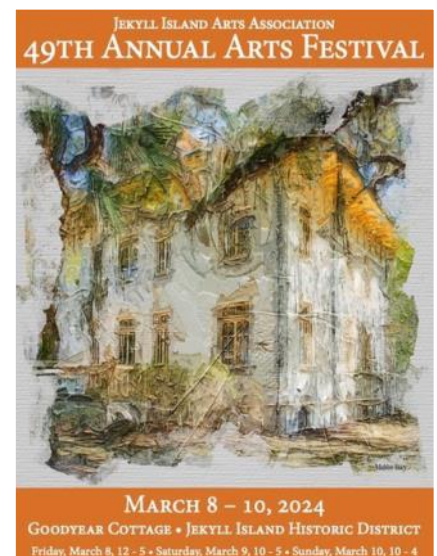
The 2024 Arts Festival was held March 8, 9 and 10 with a Sneak Peek on March 7th. We had a fabulous array of entries, and the show was beautifully displayed. The outdoor portion of the Festival was better than ever. Saturday, we had the Jekyll Island Car Club Show, and we had the addition this year of a Kid's Art tent which was hosted by Board member Steve Hartman and his wife Christina. The Potters hosted wheel demonstrations and Raku. The Jekyll Singers hosted their annual Bake Sale and cooked some delicious Hamburgers and Hotdogs for sale. Live Music was better than ever with member Tom Schuyler, The Coastal Brass Band, Mike and Joy Cook, the Golden Isles Strummers and many others entertaining the crowd. We had over 130 volunteers and as Co-Chair I cannot begin to thank all of them enough. This event couldn't happen without them.

Each year the JIAA hosts the festival to forward our mission of encouraging appreciation of the arts and promoting education in the arts. Our emphasis is the recognition of all our members and their artistic journeys. We celebrate and support all levels from beginner to professional in all art forms. This is consistent with JIAA's mission and contributes to its uniqueness and continued success. Like other JIAA events, the Festival is an opportunity for all to shine and to grow as artists and as a community. A big thanks to all our 2024 participants! We hope you are already planning your 2025 entries!

The Arts Festival is a massive undertaking. I feel certain most of our members don't understand just how much it takes for this three-day event. We had over 130 volunteers, with a handful who donated hundreds of combined hours and we still fell short in some areas. This doesn't include the Pottery Guild members and the time they spent. Sadly, of the 90 artists who entered work in the Juried show less than half signed up to volunteer. There are volunteer jobs which require nothing more than sitting in a tent and greeting visitors. We have great fellowship and there are a lot of laughs along the way. Few members realize the costs involved either. Just the tent used for live music and a place for visitors to sit or eat costs over \$5,000. To recover that amount means we must have over \$20,000 in sales. Our expenses this year were nearly \$7000.00.



Planning is already underway for next year which will be the 50th Anniversary of the Arts Festival. Please consider signing up to help next year.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

The JIAA membership is now at **576**

Remember that to register for and participate in the JIAA Classes you are required to have a current membership.

The easiest and quickest way to renew your membership, or join, is through the JIAA website, but you can also accomplish this through mail or at the Goodyear Cottage front desk.

**If you have questions, please contact me at
(912)571-6748.**



WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP

Diana Prentice

Painting artists continue to meet at the third-floor studio at Goodyear Cottage on the first and third Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm.

Despite the name, this casual gathering of JIAA members also welcomes painting artists using other media—such as ink, gouache, pastels, acrylics, etc.—and on any level of experience from beginner to expert and all in between.

Please bring your painting supplies and join us for a friendly two hours of sharing techniques.

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

It's About Tradition

Beverly Hopkins

Has the Jekyll Island Arts Association Annual Arts Festival become a tradition for you?

My first Arts Festival was in 2017. Over the past 6 festivals I've seen many returning faces, families who come to enjoy the art and activities and local folks coming out to enjoy the day. Of course, we get many visitors who just happened on the festival while visiting Jekyll.

Raku sees a lot of familiar faces. Families and individuals love the idea they can pick out and glaze a pretty pot and have it fired before they leave for the day. Raku firing allows the potters to show off a bit, with flash and sometimes flames, but it is also a skilled art. It takes a team of potters to make it all work. Each year we watch some children return, happily glazing their carefully selected piece. Lauren Hightower is one of those children who return to Raku each year. Lauren and her mother, Jenny, have made the festival a tradition for about 13 years. By their count, Lauren has collected several dozen pretty Raku pieces. Lauren is now a senior at Glynn Academy, a member of the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra, and heading off in August to the University of Georgia School of Engineering. Lauren and potter Jim Taleda developed a friendship over Raku and keep in touch each year. Lauren is a busy teenager, playing First Clarinet in the District Band, serving as a barista and trainer at Starbucks and taking AP classes in school. It is exciting to watch Lauren have such success in life, and we hope to see her at Raku in 2025!

If you have a festival tradition story you would like to share, reach out and you might be featured in a future newsletter! Email Beverly @ pedalingal@yahoo.com



On the left is a photo of young Lauren provided by her mother, Jenny and on the right is a current photo of Lauren in Goodyear Cottage with three of her favorite Raku pieces.



The Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents



Leaf & Bloom

Paintings and Pottery
by
Ann Marie Dalis

Opening Reception

Jekyll Island Art Association
Sunday, April 7, 2024 1-3 pm

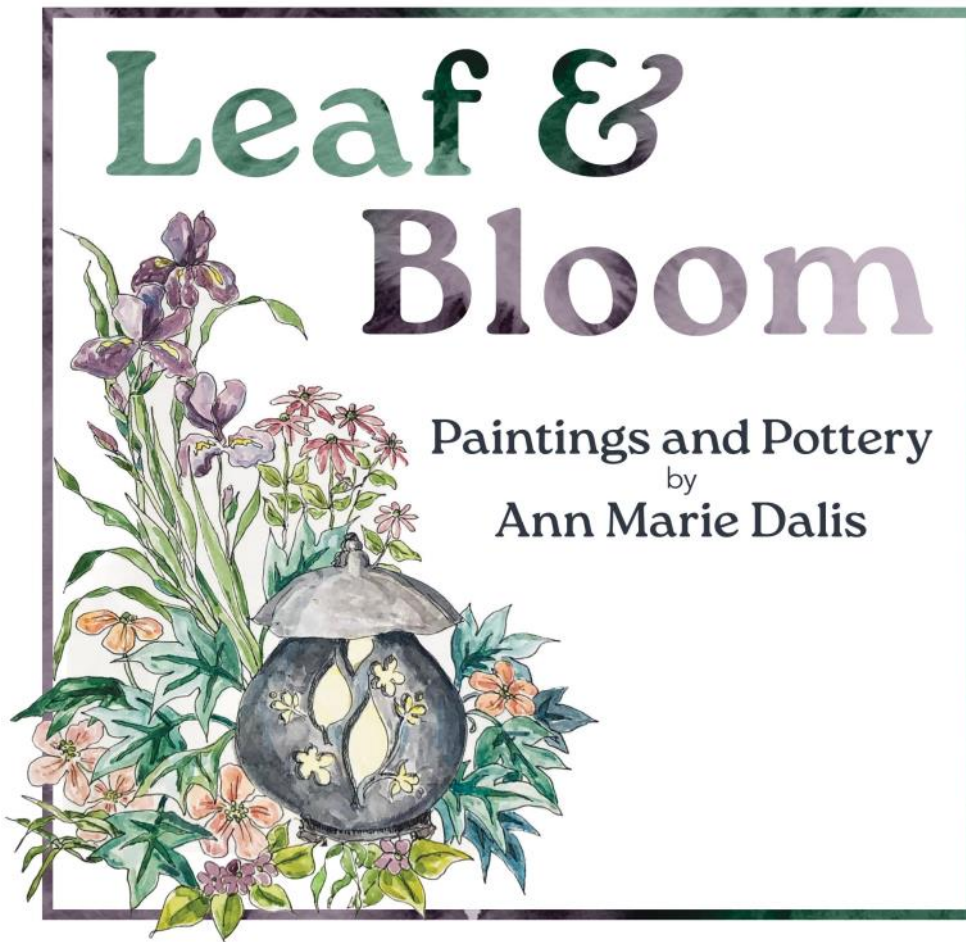
Show Dates

March 30 - April 30, 2024
Monday - Friday Noon-4 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10 am-4 pm

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Goodyear Cottage Art Gallery & Gift Shop
Located in the Jekyll Island Historic District,
Jekyll Island, GA

Monday-Friday - 12-4 pm
Saturday & Sunday - 10 am to 4 pm
Local Artwork for Sale - Admission is free



Leaf and Bloom, the paintings and pottery created for this exhibit, reflect my love of the garden. I find pleasure in watching plants grow, taking cuttings and making new plants! There is love when I can share my plants with others and hear about their success or receive a plant from a friend and have that re-

minder of them forever! When I moved here from Augusta, there was a learning curve to this coastal paradise, and there was a process of learning new pottery and painting techniques to present my love of plants.

Using sgraffito in my pottery, I draw real and imaginary plants, bugs and birds into layers of underglaze. I have built a collection of plant related stamps to decorate the clay as well. Naturally, I make pots and vases for plants.

My paintings have evolved and I experiment with collage, with using pottery pieces in the paintings, always trying different techniques and new presentation methods. I enjoy creating my own flowers in colors that I want them to be, not Mother Nature's choices perhaps, but adventurous, playful colors and combinations.

I hope that you will find pieces that fill you and your home with joy