



JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District

Jekyll Island, Georgia

December 2024 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Beverly Hopkins

Wow, 2024 Zoomed By! As we enter the Christmas season, I hope you and your families have a safe and happy holiday. The annual Merry Artists Market will be open Friday, November 29th. There will undoubtedly be something for everyone, in every price range. Be sure to come in and bring your gift list to shop one-of-a-kind items made by our members. There will be artist demonstrations each weekend and concerts by the Hand Bell Choir and the Jekyll Singers. We will again have a wonderful bake sale (December 6th, 7th, & 8th) and 100% of the proceeds benefit the JIAA Campus Expansion Fund. Check the Merry Artists page on our website for more information and to see the demonstration schedule.

The Jekyll Singers will be having their holiday concert at the Jekyll Convention Center on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00pm. This annual concert is open to the public and free to attend. I do hope you will join us for an evening of wonderful music.

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The JIAA Board elections are held annually in early December. Each year 5 Board members are selected. You will soon receive the nominee list with short biographies of each. That will be followed by an email with the procedure to cast your vote. This is an important process so that we ensure that all Board positions are filled. Board members represent many art areas.

Winter classes begin the first week of January. Be sure to look out for the registration opening announcement in this newsletter and via email. Some classes fill quickly. Your JIAA membership must be active to register for a class.

From me and all the JIAA Board of Directors, may you have a wonderful holiday and a happy and healthy new year!

Beverly

Social Media News

Sandy Malone

We'd like to be able to feature all of our artists in our new social media promotional efforts across a variety of channel. If you'd like to be included, please email Sandy Malone at goodyearpub@gmail.com with your info. Please include a bio, your picture, pictures of your work, and any other interesting details about your art or your connection to Jekyll Island. It's good for us to share the talented artists who are our members, and it gives you a nice promotional post about yourself to share, so win-win!

Our new "official" Instagram account is [@JekyllIslandArtists](https://www.instagram.com/JekyllIslandArtists) and we've been posting on it on a regular basis. Please follow it and share it so that we can gain a good-size following ahead of the 50th anniversary of Arts Festival. If you've got a great picture or exciting news (awards, new art you've put in the gift shop, etc.), please send it to us so we can share and celebrate it with you on our various social media accounts.

Members can help by identifying the administrator and or account holder of the Instagram account known as [@JekyllIslandArtsAssociation](https://www.instagram.com/JekyllIslandArtsAssociation). We have been unable to identify the administrator. We just want to link our efforts and reach everybody. Please let me know if you are that person.

POTTERY GUILD REPORT

Joanne Munzar

Joanne Munzar's Wheel Class has ended. All five participants made some fabulous pots. Mary Perkins is offering another class in the winter. Please look on our website for more details. Mark See will be offering a hand building workshop during the Merry Artists show...more information to follow.

Another reminder about our visiting artist John Roberts on January 31 and February 1. Non pottery guild members are welcome to attend .

Our campus expansion fund is growing and we are gladly accepting donations. This new space is on one floor and the classroom space will be open to all members of the Arts Association.

THE WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP

Diana Prentice

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**. Our usual location is in the Needlecraft Room on the second floor of Goodyear Cottage. However when that room is needed for scheduled classes, we can gather on the third floor.

Bring your art supplies and join us. For more info contact Diana Prentice at:
dianaprentice@icloud.com

* Merry Artists Market *

Presented by the Jekyll Island Arts Association

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* **November 29 - December 30** *

**Thanksgiving Weekend
10 AM to 5 PM**

**Weekends 10 AM to 4 PM
Week Days Noon to 4 PM**

**Shop for one-of-a-kind,
artist made gifts for your
holiday gift giving.**

**Meet the artists as they
demonstrate their talents.**

Hot cider on weekends

*Join us at the Goodyear Cottage in the Historic District on Jekyll Island
Check out the Artist Demonstration schedule on our website at
jekyllartists.com or on Facebook and Instagram*

MERRY ARTIST ELVES

Beverly Hopkins

Creativity Knows No Bounds



The Merry Artists setup elves, headed by Joanne Munzar and Mark See have wonderfully decorated Goodyear Cottage. **All the beautiful decorations you will see are re-purposed from stored items mixed with some newly found items.** Not a dime spent, just a lot of creative thinking and hard work. Bravo for the team recycling! The Merry Artists leads, Jackie Becker, Joanne and Mark and the many assistant elves have done a spectacular job setting up Goodyear Cottage again this year.



I encourage all our members who are in the area to come in while Merry Artists is open and enjoy both the decorations, the handmade items, and the weekend artist demonstrations.

NEWS FOR THE NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Ame Ivanov

There will be no Needlework meeting next week, November 27. We will meet December 4, 11 and 18 in front of the fireplace in the gallery- as a demo during Merry Artists, but really our regular session. Moving your items which are for sale in Merry Artists to the table is perfectly OK- sometimes they are moved for us by someone who is supporting demonstrators.

I may be late or not make it at all December 4- I have to pick up my son at Jacksonville airport late morning.

We will not meet on the 24th or 31st of December. We should be able to resume regular meetings in our room on January 8.

For these not in town yet or whom I may not see- Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Ame

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR MERRY ARTISTS

We are looking forward to another exciting Merry Artists Show and Sale.

Intake for Merry Artists Begins this week. Here are some Important Reminders

Input of information for tags closes **Wednesday, November 20th**

Intake is Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24 in the Goodyear Kitchen. There will be a check in desk where you will be asked to sign a form giving permission for images of your work to be used on our Social Media posts. We will be photographing the shows going forward and the JIAA Attorney advised we have signed releases. There is no limit to how many pieces you may enter **EXCEPT FOR POTTERY, WALL ART AND JEWELRY.**

WALL ART IS LIMITED TO 5 PIECES WHICH MUST HAVE WIRE HANGERS - Wall art drop off is Sunday, the 24th 9-3 and Monday the 25th, 9-12

POTTERY IS LIMITED TO 20 PIECES - Label scanning for POTTERY ONLY is Friday November 22nd. Please note special intake instructions which were shared earlier. Drop off is Sunday the 24th 1-3 and Monday the 25th 9-12

JEWELRY IS LIMITED TO 20 PIECES - Jewelry will be scanned in and the ARTIST will take their items to the second floor, put the items on displays (if they aren't already on displays) and leave them upstairs

Once we get past the first week we will reopen Intake. Please monitor your inventory and sales. You may replenish as you wish. Intake will be Mondays and Thursdays just like normal shop operations.

There is a Bake Sale to benefit the Campus Expansion Fund. The Bake Sale is Friday December 6th through Sunday December 8th. Drop off of Baked Goods is Friday December 6th from 9-12 and Saturday and Sunday from 10-12 in the Goodyear Kitchen.



Here We Grow! Beverly Hopkins

Expansion: “an act of increasing or making something increase in size”

You may have heard that the Arts Association is working on a “Campus Expansion”. It is true! There are times we lack enough classrooms to accommodate all our classes. That combined with a need to get the pottery studio out of the frequently wet basement that is inaccessible to many led us to look for additional space. The project was previously called the “pottery guild relocation”. It is a project that will benefit the Association as a whole and we now call it the Campus Expansion. I hear that the weavers are already making plans for yarn dying in the backyard!

In the spring of 2023, the Jekyll Island Authority made us an offer we couldn't refuse. The JIA offered to lease the Arts Association a portion of the old fire station once the emergency services moved into the new Public Safety building on Shell Road. We are getting closer to this becoming a reality. The new building has its first occupants, and the firemen expect to move in late December.

In leasing this new space, the Arts Association will gain accessible classroom/meeting space and be able to have a pottery studio that is dry and all on ground level. **Goodyear will remain our primary home, and the Pottery Guild will continue to be an active part of the Arts Association.** Potters will be happy to put away their rubber boots!

For us to use the space, updates specific to the Arts Association must be made and that will take time and funding. A team of Association members has been studying the soon to be repurposed space and working with a contractor to determine the amount and cost of the work. We have been quietly setting aside funds raised by the potters and the Arts Association Board has approved the allocation of an existing capital fund for this project. More information about the fund-raising need will be going out to the membership soon.

We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Jekyll Island Authority and look forward to continuing our relationship.



**ANGELS,
STARLIGHT,
SHEPHERDS,
KINGS,
OF THIS JOY FILLED NIGHT WE SING!**



**THE JEKYLL SINGERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
JEKYLL ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER
7:00 PM FREE TO ALL!**

JIAA Winter Classes 2025

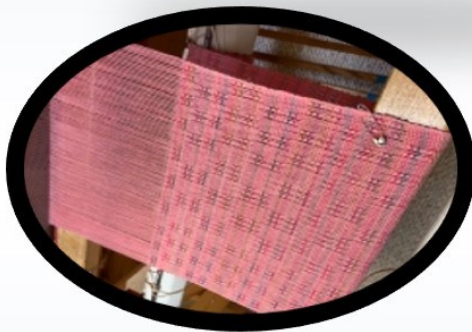
Sneak Peak is December 3, 2024



Registration

**Begins December 9,
2024 at 8 am.**

Registration is on-line.



Class registration will be on line only. The Good-year cannot accept class registrations or payments. Please contact Ame Ivanov at 615-775-7647 for assistance.



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

Jekyll Island Arts Association (JIAA) Board of Directors Election for the Term Jan 2025 - Dec 2027

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 five new Directors are elected in early December prior to a virtual Annual Meeting. This year six 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 3-7, 2024. On December 3 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 7.**

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 7**, and a separate email will be sent to you for this purpose. **Please vote!**

The Nominees for the positions of JIAA Board Director, 2025-2027, are:

- Deb Brewster
- Steve Hartman
- Beverly Hopkins
- Andy Kostelic
- Joan Samuelson
- Alice Vaughan



The Nominees' bios appear below -

Deb Brewster

Born and raised in Dutchess County, New York, retired from the NYS Judicial Court System and relocated to Brunswick GA just 4 years ago. I am a self-taught fiber artist who first discovered such an art while browsing Pinterest. I dabble in Mixed Media specifically Watercolor and Pottery. I love the creativity and bringing it to life. I volunteer regularly for the Arts Association and have recently taken on managing the procurement of supplies for JIAA.

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Steve Hartman

Christina and I retired to Saint Simons and are very excited about helping JIAA. We just enjoy the place, the people we have met, and what JIAA is doing for artists and the community. We work at the front desk, helped with Merry Artists, ran the kids tent at the Art Festival, help setup the monthly gallery, and now are heading up the 50th Anniversary of the Art Festival. I joined the JIAA Board and Finance Committee this year to help fulfill the mission of JIAA. I have been a board member for the Cobb County GA Chamber, Georgia Tech Strategic Energy Institute, and am currently on the Advisory Board for the UGA College of Engineering and Synergies Work (501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empower entrepreneurs with disabilities. I am excited to be nominated for the JIAA Board and would love to continue to be part of helping JIAA.

Beverly Hopkins

It has been my privilege to serve as president of the Jekyll Island Arts Association for 2024 and as a board member since 2022. Prior to that I was the Pottery Guild president and ex-officio to the JIAA board. I joined the Arts Association in 2014 becoming more active after retiring in 2016. I joined the Pottery Guild in 2017. I have been the webmaster for JIAA since 2018, working with many members to obtain ongoing updates and content for the site. I have taken a variety of classes through the Arts Association. I will continue to volunteer for many tasks and activities. I have retail experience from owning and operating a small gift shop on Pier Road in the Jekyll historic district. Most of my working career was at Emory University in computer systems managing student data. I am a native Georgian and happy to celebrate my 17th year as a Jekyll resident. If elected I would be willing to continue to serve as an active board member.

Andy Kostelic

Char and I are long term residents of Jekyll Island since moving here full time in 2015 and wintering here since 2000. I have been a member of both the JIAA and the Pottery Guild for most of that time. Prior to moving here, I was a volunteer docent at the Butler Institute of American Art for a 10-year period. While at The Butler I designed, developed and presented outreach programs for local schools. Additionally, I conducted Museum tours for students of all ages and adults. I successfully completed the Community Leadership Councils (CLC) leadership program during 2023. The CLC trains volunteers to increase the pool of volunteers available for board members for nonprofit agencies. Training completed included board members responsibilities, ., strategic planning and financial and legal decision making. I have
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been active throughout my career volunteering for programs including Junior Achievement, the Novartis Mentorship Program and The First Tee Program. Also served as a JIMGA board member and secretary. Currently I am an active member of the JIAA's Campus Expansion Committee. With my experience and training I feel I can contribute to the continuing success of the JIAA

Joan Samuelson

Hello Everyone! My name is Joan Samuelson and I have been a member of the Jekyll Island Arts Association for over 15 years. In the past I have been a Membership Chair, Class Coordinator and Newsletter Publisher (still handle the newsletter...the JIAA Board hasn't kicked me out yet). My role as a JIAA Board Member will expire December 31, 2024. I would love to remain on the board, representing ALL members, and would appreciate your vote.

Alice Vaughan

My husband Dave and I have enjoyed vacations in the Golden Isles for more than 25 years, and in 2022 decided it was time to call this area home. We'd both retired (Dave was a brick mason, I worked for the advertising side of newspapers, retiring as the creative services director of the News-Gazette, the locally owned newspaper in Champaign-Urbana, IL). We moved to Brunswick from Urbana, Illinois - home of the University of Illinois, my alma mater. We both grew up in Central Illinois, so moving nearly 1000 miles away was a big step for us, and we are happy to be here! I have been a knitter since I was in grade school, and when I learned that Jekyll Island Arts Association recognized and included fiber artists I was thrilled! I've taken several weaving classes, learned to work the front desk, volunteered for the Festival the last two years and also volunteered for Merry Artists in several capacities. I've also brought Dave along when activities require heavy lifting and the use of tools! We always enjoy the work and especially the company and camaraderie. Being a part of JIAA has become an important part of my life here, and I appreciate how I have been welcomed and included. JIAA is a well-run organization and I look forward to continuing to create, learn and contribute

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle, Membership Chair

JIAA Membership is 500 as of November 27, 2024

***Remember, your membership is vital to full participation in the JIAA.
Problems? Email me at davidlucyssi@comcast.net.***