

JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION
Goodyear Cottage, Historic District
Jekyll Island, Georgia
January 2025 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Beverly Hopkins

As we welcome 2025, it is time to also welcome new members to the board as a few move off to do other things. While they may be stepping away from the board, Kate Hamer and Pamela Mueller will continue to be a vital part of JIAA. Please welcome to the board our newest members, Alice Vaughan and Andy Kostelic. Steve Hartman, Beverly Hopkins and Joan Samuelson have been reelected to a new term. And I give a big thank you to the other board members who continue to serve: Jackie Becker, Tricia Bowman, Margaret Else, Debbie Evans, David Hamer, Christie Kinsey, Lucy Loehle, Jaye Parsons, Mark See and Bob Walters. Please reach out to any board member if you have suggestions or questions. The selection of the new Officers for the Board will take place at the January 13th meeting.

2024 wrapped up with another fantastic Merry Artists Market. Goodyear Cottage was chock full of beautiful items made by approximately 200 members. Even with 5 less days the sales figures were very close to 2023. I offer my sincere thank you to Jackie Becker who coordinated it all and to all the many volunteers who worked before, during and after to make it a success.

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We begin 2025 with another great Gallery show and winter classes begin the first full week of January. Be sure to check the website for the full class list and you might see something you really want to try. Planning is already underway for the spring Arts Festival. This year we will hold our 50th festival so stay tuned to email and the website for information about how we will celebrate. I do hope many of our artists are planning to participate in the Juried Art show. That is always a special part of the festival.

With the continuing work toward expanding our campus, and all the things I've mentioned, it will be a busy year for us. I hope you will volunteer to help in some capacity during the year. We are an all-volunteer organization, and we cannot do it without our members.

Happy New Year to you all and I hope it will be a wonderful year for you.

Beverly**JIAA SINGERS****Kate Hamer**

The Singers had a very successful concert on Tuesday the 17th of December. The audience was very engaged and seemed to enjoy singing along! We performed the world premiere of a piece by David Hodges and Ralph Manuel, "Sing Noel this Christmas Morn".

The Singers were also busy singing at Home Life Nursing Home in Brunswick and Goodyear Cottage. Kudos and many thanks for their hard work bringing the beautiful music of Christmas to those who are homebound.

Rehearsals for our Spring Concert begin on Monday January 6th at 3:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

If you have any interest in joining the Singers please contact Kate Hamer :

kwhamer@comcast.net or just show up at our first rehearsal!

RESULTS OF THE JIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION*Term January 2025 through December 2026***JIAA Board 2025**

In December, JIAA members voted in two new Board Directors, and they re-elected three existing Board Directors.

- Andy Kostelic newly elected
- Alice Vaughan newly elected
- Steve Hartman re-elected
- Beverly Hopkins re-elected
- Joan Samuelson re-elected



We welcome these Directors to the 2025 Board and look forward to their new ideas and energetic leadership.

We also sincerely thank all Board Directors and the many other JIAA volunteers for their service to the Association. We couldn't do it without you!

THEATER IMPROV GROUP**Susan Middleton****Come join the Zany Theater Improv Group!**

Starting Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 1:30 pm -2:30 pm in the library in Goodyear

Improv exercises AND original short scripts!

Take a chance! Come if you dare! Inhibitions left at the door.

Susan Middleton

Facilitator

symiddleton@bellsouth.net



ANN VALE BOOTH MEMORIAL

Christie Kinsey

Because the stain on the new bench for Ann Vail Booth didn't "take", my husband, Tim Kinsey, and Matthew Humphrey, the Executive Assistant of the Jekyll Island Foundation, recently worked for two days pressure-washing and sanding it. It looks much better!

They'll keep an eye on it going forward as it weathers and so should you! Please let the JIAA know if you detect any problems,

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE & ALL

WATERCOLOR 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.

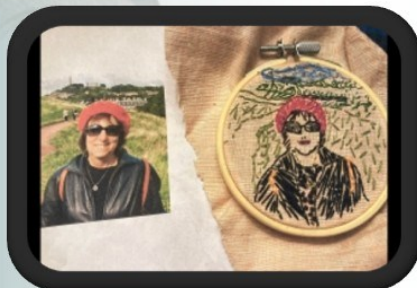
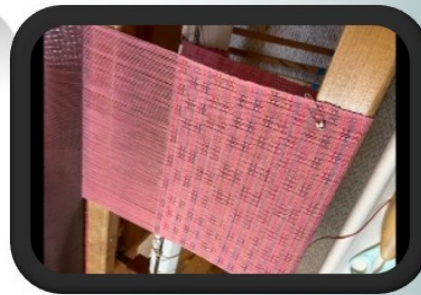
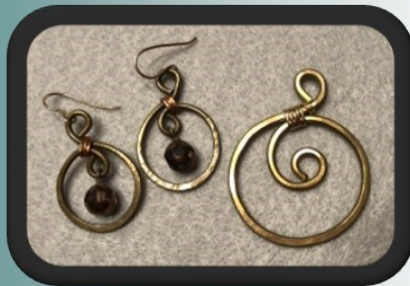
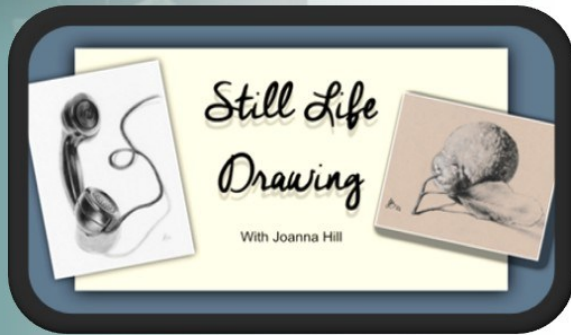
For more info please contact Diana Prentice (dianaprentice@icloud.com)





Winter 2025 Classes— many new and some old favorites. Shakespeare’s Sonnets , writing techniques, fabric photo design, drawing, painting, jewelry design, weaving, needle felting, cookie decorating and more. Check the classes listings at jekyllartists.com regularly. New classes may be offered that were not on the original class catalog. Members may sign up and pay on line.

Problems? Call Ame Ivanov at 615-775-7647 for assistance.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

The JIAA membership is now at 513

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

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

JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION ORIENTATION

To all New Members and established Members who want to learn more about JIAA. There will be an Arts Association orientation in Goodyear Cottage at 10.30am on Saturday, January 11, 2025.

Join Beverly, Carla & Margaret to hear what JIAA is all about, ask your questions, find out how to login, enroll for a class, join a Guild, enter items for the Goodyear shop, apply to have a gallery show, volunteer and so much more.

Be ready for our **50th Arts Festival**, March 7-9, 2025.
The more people who become involved,
the more fun it is for everyone!

We look forward to seeing you on the 11th.

Beverly, Carla and Margaret
jekyllartists@gmail.com



Merry Artists *Jackie Becker*

As Merry Artists comes to a close for 2024 we should stop and thank the countless volunteers who make this event possible every year. Our decorating and set up team who make the Cottage beautiful and did so this year repurposing found items. The planning team who work throughout the year planning and organizing to be sure the show comes off with out a hitch. The countless volunteers who work the cashier, wrapping and hostess positions making sure our guests have a perfect shopping experience. Our artists who work year round preparing special items to offer for sale so we always have different and unique things. The list goes on and on. Those not involved in the process don't realize the hundreds and hundreds of hours which are spent to make this show happen but they also don't understand the fun and friendships all of us have found along the way. The sense of accomplishment and gratification that comes from being part of something so special. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all of our volunteers.

We hope to have the Goodyear Shop up and running on January 2nd. Please read the instructions for the change over which were sent to you in email. Please pick up your items on January 1 and bring in new items for the shop. Any items you are carrying over will not need new labels but anything new being entered for 2025 will need a new label.

We are looking forward to a successful 2025.

A graphic featuring the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The text is decorated with various colorful streamers and ribbons in shades of green, purple, pink, brown, and yellow, creating a festive and celebratory appearance.

**Happy
New Year!**

POTTERY GUILD

Joanne Munzar

SEASONS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE!

Thankyou to everyone that contributed to the bake sale both bringing your fabulous sweets and for helping to sell and organize the tables during the weekend . Our sales were \$1395.00. We also received donations of about \$50.00. The cupboard in the foyer continues to be very popular...sales have been fabulous. We are still accepting donations. Please leave them in the pottery studio labeled “ relocation fund”.

Our annual dues (\$100.00)are due January 1st. Patti Scronce hosted our seasonal party. As usual the food was amazing and it was served on beautiful pieces of pottery!

Donations for the CAMPUS EXPANSION FUND can be mailed to the following address.

Thankyou
Joanne

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The Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents

Paintings by Sarah Tallu Schuyler

Sculpture by Seeley Booth



January 2 - 31, 2025

Goodyear Cottage Art Gallery & Gift Shop

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

Opening Reception - Sunday, January 5, 1-3 pm



Seeley Booth Wildlife Sculptor

I have spent much of my lifetime in the rural countryside of upstate New York, the lake area of southern Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and beautiful Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Between the rolling hills, tranquil lakes and ponds, sandy beaches, and old oak trees, wildlife abounds. I have had the good fortune of fishing, hunting, and simply wandering around this magnificent gift of

Mother Nature, witnessing not only an abundance of animals in their natural habitat, but domestic animals as well.

I began sculpting about twenty years ago after participating in a week long sculpting workshop with well-known sculptor, Richard Loeffler. Sculpting became a means for me to combine two important interests in my life, wildlife and art. For me sculpting quickly became a labor of love.

My sculpture subjects are a variety of animals that have caught my imagination and animals with which I am often quite familiar. Much time is spent in the study of anatomy, and I try to do this study, whenever possible, through observing the live animal. My wildlife sculptures are originally created in plasticine, an oil-based non-hardening clay, which can later be cast to bronze or cold-cast bronze.

In the past I have had success with sculptures I entered in the annual Jekyll Island Arts Festival. In 2012 and again in 2017, I was asked to exhibit in a month long show, at the Jekyll Island Goodyear Cottage Gallery. In 2015 I had the pleasure of exhibiting at the Arnot Art Museum in my hometown of Elmira NY.

Many thanks go to my mother from whom I am certain I inherited my artistic ability, to Rich Loeffler my mentor, and to my wife Anne and three sons for their support over the years.



Sarah Tallu Scott Schuyler

I am an oil painter, but my passion is teaching art to both Children and Adults. Over the course of my 30-year career, I have had the privilege of teaching lots of different kinds of art to students of all ages. I believe there is an artist in every person.

I love the natural world, especially my beloved Jekyll Island, and take my cues from nature, which I find infinitely inspiring.