

# JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District

Jekyll Island, Georgia

September 2025 Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

*Beverly Hopkins*

### HELLO EVERYONE

This has been a hot summer on Jekyll, but Goodyear has been a cool place to be in more ways than just the air conditioning.

We had another set of great summer Gallery shows and both the shop and gallery continue to see above average sales. Several of the Gallery artists and others offered to do demos this summer, which are well received. A key to our success is the volunteers who do demos, work to set things up and those who work at the front desk 7 days a week. Thank you all, we cannot do it without you. Artists who sell in Goodyear are encouraged to volunteer at the desk. Training is provided. It's great to see new people at the desk!

If you are a new member, I hope you will attend the next orientation session in September. You will learn more about volunteering and about the operations of JIAA and Goodyear Cottage.

If you are interested in teaching a class, please reach out to the Class Team at [Jekyllartsclasses@gmail.com](mailto:Jekyllartsclasses@gmail.com)

Planning for Merry Artists Market is underway, and you will see more emails with details on how to participate by selling your artwork and as a volunteer. Merry Artists Market takes a **Continued on next page...**

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lot of helpers, from setting it up to taking it down and every day in between.

It may be hard to believe but planning has also begun for the 2026 Arts Festival. Mark your calendar for March 6-8, 2026. There will be plenty of opportunities for our members to assist in making this annual event a success.

Stay cool and safe and I look forward to seeing you around Goodyear!  
Beverly

## EXPANSION CAMPAIGN UPDATE AND DONATION MATCH

*Beverly Hopkins*

I am excited to share that an Arts Association member has pledged to match dollar for dollar all donations made through September up to a total of \$10,000. That means your donation will double. As I write this, we have \$3550 in donations that will be matched, giving us a total of \$7100! You can help us meet the matching goal by using the donation page on the website that makes it easy to donate online. Your donation is greatly appreciated. With the matched funds we are approaching \$148,000 of our campaign goal of \$200,000

We continue to make progress with the Jekyll Island Authority on the old fire station. The property was recently surveyed, and they are removing the final items belonging to the fire department. If you have a chance look at the proposed floor plan which is included on the donation page of the website. This space will include additional classrooms and get the pottery studio out of the flood zone. Rest assured, Goodyear will continue to be the primary home of JIAA



## EVENTS TEAM

Jackie Becker

The Events Team hosted Artist's Spotlight demonstrations throughout the summer. In June we hosted Carol Hodges who demonstrated hand-built pottery. In July photographer Carol Ann Wages was on hand to discuss her work here on Jekyll and sign her books. August's spotlight was on Dawn Walsh who makes pine needle baskets, tree of life jewelry and gourd art. Additionally, Author Trisha Andreassen held a book signing for the second book in her Jekyll Point series. September's scheduled Artist is Author Sandy Malone. Sandy has just released her book 1 as an Audio Book! In October we will be hosting our first ever Author's day. For more information contact Sandy Malone at [Sandy@sandymalone.com](mailto:Sandy@sandymalone.com)

During the month of July, Gallery Artist Carla Price spent many afternoons demonstrating pottery and talking with guests about her process from start to finish. She enjoyed meeting guests visiting Goodyear Cottage.

The Jekyll Island Arts Association has been invited to participate in the Shrimp and Grits Festival on October 24 and 25. To be approved we had to submit photographs of what our booth would look like. Several volunteers erected a tent and decorated it as an example of what our display will look like. Thank you to our members who helped us get this done. We will be promoting the Arts Association and membership and highlighting our Campus Expansion Fund Raising efforts. We will need volunteers to be present at the tent during Festival hours and to help with the set up and take down. Look for the October Sign Up Genius for opportunities.

Merry Artists intake begins just 4 weeks after Shrimp and Grits – stay tuned for information about participating in our biggest event of the year. If you are interested in doing a demo or book signing during Merry Artists contact [sandy@sandymalone.com](mailto:sandy@sandymalone.com).

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

### The JIAA membership is now at 418

Renewing now means no problems when you want to put something in the Goodyear Shop or take one or more classes that the Jekyll Island Arts Association offers.

Take a minute now and renew online—it's the easiest and quickest way to renew.

***Remember, your membership is vital to full participation in the JIAA.  
Problems? Email me at [davidlucyssi@comcast.net](mailto:davidlucyssi@comcast.net).***

Lucy

## THE GOODYEAR SHOP NEWS

*Jackie Becker*

The Goodyear Shop has had a busy summer with lots of visitors and lots of new items on our shelves. Sales are good and we have seen how much an active artist in the Gallery during opening hours increases sales. Opportunities are available and you can contact Jackie.becker@jekyllartists.com to schedule.

Every summer the front desk struggles to keep the Gallery open because of a shortage of volunteers. Front Desk training is scheduled on a regular basis. The job is easy and a lot of fun. You never know who you will meet!! Please consider being trained and taking a shift or two. Contact Bob.walters@jekyllartists.com for more information and training dates.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Jackie Becker*

The Goodyear Shop is looking for a couple of volunteers who could help us by dusting the shop shelves a couple of times a month. It takes less than an hour but would be a great help to the shop team. If you can help, please contact Jackie at Jackie.becker@jekyllartists.com.

## JEKYLL SINGERS REPORT

*Kate Hamer*

Rehearsals set to begin on Monday, August 25th at 3:00 p.m. at Methodist Church on Riverview!

Hope to see everyone back and maybe **get some new recruits!**

Please call or email Kate Hamer:

912- 571-1997

or

Kwhamerssi@ gmail.com



## **Jekyll Island Arts Association Orientation**

**Calling 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, Sept 13, 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 **Merry Artists Market**, starting Nov 2025.  
The more people who become involved,  
the more fun it is for everyone!**

**We look forward to seeing you on the 13th.**

**Beverly, Carla and Margaret**  
**[jekyllartists@gmail.com](mailto:jekyllartists@gmail.com)**

### **WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP**

*Diana Prentice*

After a long hot summer, JIAA's WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP will be convening again in October. As always, we meet on the first and third Thursdays from 1-3 pm in "The Loft" on the 3rd floor

Bring some paper and your choice of medium—paints of any type, pens, pencils, pastels, brushes etc—and even a friend, and join us. We welcome those of any skill, from just-beginning to local expert. It's a time of sharing techniques and ideas.

If the 3rd floor is too hot, we can meet in the 2nd floor's "Needlework Room" which is air-conditioned.

If any questions, please contact me at [dianaprentice@icloud.com](mailto:dianaprentice@icloud.com).

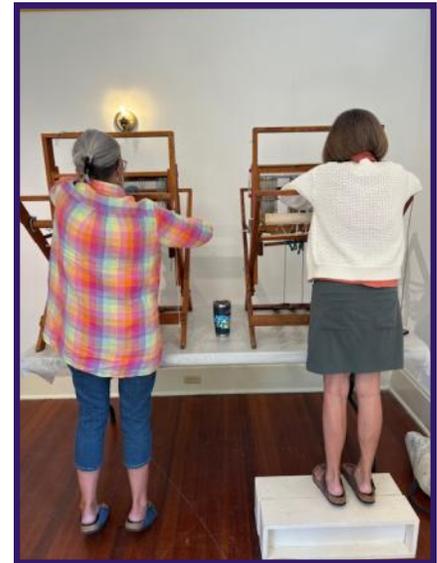
Hoping to see you there.!

Diana Prentice

## REPORT FROM THE WEAVING GUILD

*Tricia Bowman*

It's been a busy summer at the Weaving Guild. The three people who took our Beginning Weaving Class this summer are on their next projects already! The weaving room is busy every Monday and Friday (and days in between) with folks working on projects for our show in October. We had a workshop to make Christmas trees with our scrap weaving. We are all looking forward to our show in the fall!



## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

*Sandy Malone*

We are working hard to expand our marketing and advertising for all of our galleries and demonstrations via social media and it's going well. For example - in the past 28 days, we've had more than 90,000 individual page views on our JIAA Facebook. The numbers for the past year show that increasing our social media presence has increased traffic through Goodyear Cottage and improved shop revenue.

In order for us to continue growing, we really need our members to follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/JekyllIslandArtsAssociation>) and Instagram (@JekyllIslandArtists) and then like and share the things that we post. It's especially important for you to like/follow all of our pages so that we can tag you when we're promoting your art. Sharing is important too - and we do our best to like all of your shares!

Thank you in advance for making a bigger effort - it really helps!

Visit us on Facebook at Jekyll Island Arts Association

**MERRY ARTISTS 2025***Jackie Becker***Welcome to Merry Artists 2025  
November 28, 2025 – December 30, 2025**

We discourage any reproduction of trademarked items, i.e. Jekyll Island Logo

You may request labels at any time up to Friday, November 21, 2025.

Maximum Price is \$500.00

See categories below for medium specific details.

Intake will be Saturday and Sunday November 22nd and 23rd from 9-3

**Wall Art**

Limited to 5 pieces per artist

If a piece sells artist may bring in a replacement

Paintings must be Originals

Prints must be wrapped and will be placed in bins

**Pottery**

Limited to 20 pieces per artist

Pottery Intake: Potters bring labels ONLY to the kitchen on Friday the 21st from 9-11 or 1-3.

**Jewelry**

Limited to 20 pieces per artist

If a piece sells artist may bring in a replacement

Earrings must have backs and be displayed on cards or boxed.

Display pieces must be clearly labeled with artists name and picked up at end of Merry Artists

**All other items**

No limit on number of items which can be entered.

Questions?

[jekyllartsshop@gmail.com](mailto:jekyllartsshop@gmail.com)

## JIAA TREASURER JOB DESCRIPTION

**A CPA you do not have to be, but being a bookkeeper is a necessity.**

One must be able to maintain and balance a checkbook. Like any person, once presented a bill, a check has to be issued, recorded (not in a checkbook but online with QuickBooks) and filed away. I only pay bills once a week unless the bank app happens to be open or in an emergency. The real crunch is the end of the month where all artists are paid their commission checks. Everything has to balance with shop and gallery sales and sales for the expansion fund. There are many checkpoints along the way to help out. Most of my time is spent during this time. Some months are easy and others very time consuming. I estimate up to ten hours over several days would be the time frame if problems arise.

I have a treasurer's assistant who deposits cash receipts from Goodyear and monitors the post office box for mail. She informs me three times a month and texts pictures of deposits, incoming bills and important mail. If you would be interested in helping JIAA keep the books straight, please contact Jaye Parsons at [jiaatreas@yahoo.com](mailto:jiaatreas@yahoo.com).

## CLASSES UPDATE - 2025/2026

*Ame Ivanov*

Due to the poor student interest in fall classes last year, we will be offering classes primarily January-February. This is a return to JIAA's former practice. Any instructor interested in scheduling a class during the fall or winter should contact Ame Ivanov, [amewillis14@gmail.com](mailto:amewillis14@gmail.com)

Needlework Group: Meets weekly Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:30 in the Fiber Arts room, second floor of Goodyear Cottage.



Bring your projects to enjoy company while you work or ask for help if you have gotten stuck. We have supplies and instruction available for beginners in knitting and crochet. All needlework crafts welcome. No group fees in addition to JIAA membership.

**Needlework will resume after summer hiatus on September 17.**

## REMINDERS ABOUT THE GOODYEAR SHOP GUIDELINES

*Jackie Becker*

Labels are printed on Monday and Thursday. That could mean at midnight so please log into your account and check to see if labels have printed especially if you have to travel a distance to drop items off. Your labels should be ready on Tuesday or Friday and in your folder. Occasionally the computers don't cooperate and we cannot print labels on designated days which is one reason you should always check before coming in.

Please use the White Shelving Unit in the kitchen for dropping off. Several groups use the tables for various meetings and functions. The shop team makes every effort to go in the night before a function to be sure the tables are cleared but more often than not someone comes in the next morning and covers the table.

If you sell through the Goodyear Shop you will periodically get email notification from Jackie.becker@jekyllartists.com which indicates you have items which have been in the shop over the 6 month limit. The email you receive is a form letter which will say we have pulled your items, where they have been placed and that if you don't pick up by a specified date the items will be considered abandoned and sold to benefit the JIAA. Most times if items are not picked up we send a second email. From the Shop Team's side we should not have to do any of this. As of 8/21/25 over 100 items are over 6 months. Imagine the hours it takes the shop team to locate and pull all of these items EVERY SINGLE MONTH.....If guidelines were followed each artist would be keeping track of their inventory and pick up these items before they timed out. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS and every hour we have to spend doing things which artists should be doing is time we spend away from our families and our art. With over 100 artists displaying in the shop we get spread pretty thin at times, please respect that.

We try our very best to keep up with inventory but it is impossible when artists pick up and do not fill out the Orange Removal Slip. More than once an artist has a "friend" who picks up for them and just walks out with the item. At that point we show an item on hand when it has in fact has been removed. The Jekyll Island Arts Association is not responsible for lost or missing items.

We will be requiring all artists selling in the shop to sign an updated Shop Guidelines form at the end of this year.

**Thank you**

## POTTERY GUILD

*Joanne Munzar*

The pottery guild has had a very dry summer even though we have had a fair amount of rain. Many of us have been working in the studio and Bev has done all of the firing .In July we had a fabulous workshop with Ginger Birdsey. We all created sculptures of heads ,she walked us through it step by step and every one was successful, some of them even looked liked their makers .

Several of us are making Raku pots in preparation for the festival in March.

We will continue to offer fall and winter programs . Dates and instructors to be announced .

Our next meeting is in September and of course it will be a party ! We look forward to welcoming back all of our members and making lots of pots .

We don't have any new news about our expansion to the old fire hall but we are continuing selling pieces in the foyer.

Thank you to everyone that has donated their work . If you would like to participate in this fund raiser you can contact me or leave your art in the pottery studio with a note on it for EX-PANSION FUND .Also the web page for the Goodyear arts center has a "donate" section. Thank you to the members of the Garden Club of Jekyll island for updating and maintaining the gardens at the Goodyear cottage .



Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents...

# Coastal Color

A Colorful Showing of Photography, and Ceramics featuring

**Coastal Photographers Guild**

**Jonathan Currier**



**OPENING RECEPTION – Sunday, September 7, 1-3 pm**

## September 1-30, 2025

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**