



JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION

Goodyear Cottage, Historic District

Jekyll Island, Georgia

November 2025 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

The air is crisp, the sky is blue, and it is really feeling like fall. Activity in Goodyear is beginning to increase as we look toward Merry Artists and a new class season.

Our big accomplishment in October was to approve and sign our two leases. I am thrilled that we have a new lease for the Arts Association to continue to occupy Goodyear Cottage. The new lease has an initial term of 10 years with renewal options. This lease reflects updated language as well.

The second lease is for a portion of the old fire station building on Stable Road. This also carries an initial term of 10 years with renewal options. This will give us additional accessible classroom space and an improved pottery studio that will be dry!

JIAA was present at Shrimp & Grits with a tent promoting the organization, classes, membership and the expansion effort. A big thank you to Joanne Munzar for taking the lead on this

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event and to the volunteers who staffed it over the 2-day period.

I hope you will volunteer to help with Merry Artists Market. Volunteers are needed before, during and after. Many positions require no training, just a willingness to help. And it is fun to meet and work beside your fellow JIAA members!

**I hope to see you around Goodyear soon.
Beverly**

NOW IS THE TIME

If you were waiting for JIAA to have the lease for the portion of the fire station before making a donation, now is your chance to join fellow members in supporting this project!

With the signing of the fire station lease, the work really begins. The expansion team met with the preferred contractor to get the renovation process started in earnest. The contractor will also be working with JIA to build the dividing wall between the 2 fire station spaces.

As I write this, we still need to complete our initial \$200,000 fund-raising effort. At the end of October, we will have \$170,407 in the Expansion Fund. We slightly exceeded our first match of \$10,000. The second matching fund is \$1,672 shy of the \$5,000 to be matched.

We could really use your help to meet these goals so that we can keep this project moving.

You can easily donate through the website at **[Donation – Jekyll Island Arts Association](#)**. As the project gets underway, we will keep you up to date and provide pictures as we can.



JEKYLL SINGERS NOTES*Kate Hamer*

The Jekyll Singers are a lively group of folkst hat just love to sing!

Singers meets on Mondays at 3:00-4:30 at the Methodist Church.

If you like to sing consider joining us!

Contact Kate Hamer kwhamerssi@gmail.com

Or 912-571-1997

Please join us for our annual Holiday concert at the Jekyll Convention Center
Thursday, December 11,2025. 7:00 pm

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,
November 8th, 2025.

Join Beverly, Carla & Margaret to hear what JIAA is all about, ask your questions, find out
how to login, enroll for a class, teach 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 the Merry Artists Market opening in November 2025.
The more people who become involved,
the more fun it is for everyone!**

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th.

Beverly, Carla and Margaret
jekyllartists@gmail.com

FROM THE FRONT DESK*Bob Walters*

As we all prepare for Merry Artists, the Front Desk team has been conducting cashier training sessions. So far, we have completed two sessions in both September and October. We are planning a final training session on November 14th.

As we all know, Merry Artists is a major event for the Arts Association. As such, we need as many trained cashiers as possible. Please consider taking advantage of the next training session. You can sign up on SignUp Genius.

FROM THE GOODYEAR SHOP*Jackie Becker*

The Goodyear Shop needs volunteers to assist with moving the shop upstairs on Monday, November 24th from 3:30 to 6p.m. in preparation for Merry Artists.

Please contact Jackie.Becker@jekyllartists.com if you can help.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS*Lucy Loehle, Membership Chair***JIAA Membership is 457 as of 10/25/2025**

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.

TECH COMMITTEE*Bob Walters*

The Tech Committee continues to work on automating communication between the Galaxy notepad and the Clover credit card processor. However, during this effort, we found that investigating an alternative credit card processor might be in the best interest of the JIAA. The Tech Committee is looking for an Association member to help lead this investigation. At this point, we feel that this could be a 4 to 6 month project. All those interested in helping with this effort, please contact either Bob Walters (770) 331-2963 or Craig Patterson (912) 506-1077

MERRY ARTISTS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Jackie Becker

Merry Artists is almost upon us. We need volunteers. The Sign-Up Genius is active on the website, and you can find job descriptions for all positions on the Web Page under the Merry Artists Tab.

If you haven't been involved in the set-up or been at Goodyear on opening morning of Merry Artists, you are missing out. Those of us who are "seasoned" veterans will tell you that there is an undeniable positive energy which is palpable. The work isn't hard (there is just a lot to do) and it's a great time to meet new people. We veterans have made lifelong friends being involved in this single event every year.

Demonstrators are still needed for Merry Artists. This is a fun and easy activity. You meet lots of new folks, and all are interested in learning how your art is made. If you enjoy meeting people and talking about your art this is the job for you!!

Please keep an eye on your email for dates for training sessions for Merry Artists Volunteers. Elevator training is being provided as well as general volunteer duties. Come and enjoy the fun.

Merry Artists 2025

Attention all Mary Artists hostess volunteers: Training for the Mary Artists "Elf Squad" will be held November 8th and 14th from 12:00 to 1:00. These two training sessions will also encompass elevator training.

Come join us and be a part of the Mary artist event this year enjoying all the festivities we have to offer.

Looking forward to seeing everybody soon.
Deb



REPORT FROM THE POTTER'S GUILD

Joanne Munzar

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped set-up ,take down and sit in the JIAA booth during the Shrimp and Grits festival. We talked to many people and encouraged them to visit the Goodyear Gallery. We received \$58 in donations for the expansion fund .

We now have a LEASE for the new space . We have met with the contractor and are waiting for an updated estimate . Things are finally starting to happen 2 years of planning . There is water in the studio today !

A wheel class is starting on October 28th. There will be handbuilding workshops and a guest artist workshop in the new year. We are all working towards making pots for the Merry Artist show.



Alice Vaughan and Joanne Munzar are the volunteers in the tent at the Shrimp and Grits Festival...

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

THE WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP

Diana Prentice

JIAA's WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP will have "open studio" every Thursday from 1-3 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. Those of any skill, from just-beginning to local expert, are welcome. We also encourage the sharing of techniques, tips and tricks and ideas.

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

Hoping to see you there.

If any questions, feel free to contact me at dianaprentice@icloud.com

Visit us on Facebook at Jekyll Island Arts Association

JIAA AUTHOR DAY

JIAA hosted its first “Author Day” on October 11, 2025. Eight member authors were featured. Congratulations and thank you authors!

Cherry Chambers
Cathy Kyker
Susan Middleton
Pamela Mueller
Sarah Tallu Schuyler
Mason Parker
Gloria Punty
Carol Ann Wages

Many thanks to our cottage weavers for sharing gallery space for this special day. Authors shared tables and we were able to accommodate space for authors as well as weavers doing demonstrations.

It was a full house for most of the day. Desk cashiers recorded 144 visitors during the event. Most likely there were more. It was a busy day for desk volunteers. Thank you Kathy Boyer, Andrea Lee, and Linda Shannon! Total sales were \$2350. Writing sales were \$716.

Overall, the event was perceived to be very successful. JIAA is dedicated to the enjoyment and promotion of the arts. October 11th was a day to celebrate and promote our talented writers. Authors who participated were thankful for the opportunity and would like to have similar future events. Some authors who could not participate expressed great interest in participating at future author events.

Authors present were asked to provide comments about their experience as well as any suggestions for future Author Day events. Those comments include,

- Gallery layout and setup was perfect
- More table space would be nice for authors with a lot of books.
- Gallery layout and setup was perfect.
- Name tags (the name was small and difficult to read, add full author name) - Consider having lunch type food in the kitchen for authors to break during the day.
- Better Advertising needed (posters, social media) -
- Consider a celebrity author invitation (“they are magnetic”) -
- Do at least 2 of these events each year (plan to include our winter guests, maybe November) -
- Provide a space where authors can talk to groups about their writings. Perhaps a room upstairs with table and chairs. Participating authors could have scheduled times to talk. -
- National Author’s Day is observed November 1, 2026 (Sunday) -
- National Writing Day is observed June 24, 2026 (Wednesday)

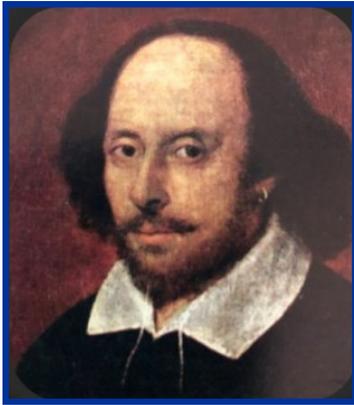
JIAA needs a new Assistant to the Treasurer Can you help us?

Job Description for Assistant to the Treasurer

Most of the bookkeeping is done by the Treasurer through the JIAA background systems. JIAA also employs a CPA for any tax filings or IRS interaction.

The Assistant is responsible for collecting funds created by the cash sales at Goodyear Cottage and making a deposit every ten days or so. The front desk cash box and green bag need to be checked every other to every third day and cash available maintained. The desk volunteers fill out an envelope at the end of their shift and that is what is collected and reconciled on a spread sheet. The spread sheet is simple and straightforward. The treasurer will continue to monitor the mail and distribute as needed. The treasurer will also continue to make the deposits into the Campus Expansion fund. The spread sheet, the deposits and the reporting of the deposits to the Treasurer is the full extent of the duties of the Assistant. Other duties may come up from time to time like getting change to keep the cash box supplied.

Please respond to jekyllartists@gmail.com if you could help with this volunteer position



Jekyll Island Arts Association Classes COMING SOON

Opening date for class enrollment Tues Dec 9 at 8.00 am. (Sneak Peek Dec 1)

Do you want to be creative? Try your hand at -

Weaving, Writing , Watercolor

Felting, Bridge, Pottery. Glass Mosaic, Croquet

Shakespeare, Paper crafting, Mahjong, Basketry

Flower arranging, Candle making

And so much more!

Enrollment on-line at jekyllartists.com

Class participants need to be JIAA members – easy to join on-line

Come and enjoy a class and make new friends!



Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents...

Creative Endeavors

A Compelling Exhibit in Painting & Wood
by Linda Dotter & Hamp Stevens



OPENING RECEPTION – Sunday November 2, 1-3 pm

November 1-24, 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



Linda Dotter

Rooted in the coastal beauty of Georgia; shaped by early Memories of New Jersey summers; split between sandy shores and my grandfathers farm, my art reflects a lifelong connection to place, light, and atmosphere.

I studied at the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art and continued my development through various professional seminars. Over the years I have worked on commissioned pieces ranging from tourist publications and logo designs to personal portraits.

Now living along the Georgia coast, I find endless inspiration in the regions vivid light, diverse wildlife, and serene landscapes. As a member of the Jekyll Island Art Association, the Georgia Coastal Artist Guild, and the McIntosh Art Association, I am honored to be part of a vibrant community of Creatives.

Hamp Stevens



Hamp Stevens was born in 1950 and grew up in Ellaville, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1973 with a degree in Business.

Since that time he has owned and operated a number of businesses relating to the heavy construction business, turf grass production, turf grass equipment manufacture, the manufacture of baseball caps and a nationally syndicated radio program. He is currently the lead investor in a bio-tech company headquartered in Athens, Ga. He is former member and seat holder on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. He has been semi-retired since 2003.

Over the past 40 years Mr. Stevens developed his skill as a woodworker and metalworker. He builds high end furniture, wood strip canoes and kayaks. He is also an accomplished wood turner and a member of the American Wood Turners Association.