

**JEKYLL ISLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION**  
**Goodyear Cottage, Historic District**  
**Jekyll Island, Georgia**  
**January 2026 Newsletter**



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

*Beverly Hopkins*

**Happy New Year!**

I am grateful as we begin 2026. Grateful to our many members and volunteers, and grateful to the Jekyll Island Authority for supporting our continued stewardship of Goodyear Cottage. We are so fortunate to call this beautiful building our home.

Merry Artists Market 2025 was amazing. I heard many compliments about the decorations and merchandise contained in Goodyear Cottage. The music performances, book signings and demos were welcomed by our guests. Cider continues to be a big hit. I am grateful to Jackie Becker who once again organized and kicked off this annual event, and Joanne Munzar and Mark See and their team who ensured that the building was beautifully decorated. Carla Price gave many hours to the setup and shop administration and lead a team of problem solvers. Deb Brewster assisted by being on-site and provided aprons and encouragement to the helper elves. Craig Patterson made sure our internet and sales systems kept running. Thank you to the weavers and potters who opened their spaces and provided demos. And our bakers provided lots of goodies for our winter bake sale. Please be sure to thank Jackie and the many volunteers who worked before, during and after to make Merry Artists a success.

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As we start the new year, the shop will be reset, and we will have a new Gallery show. Winter classes begin the first full week of January. There is a nice variety of classes offered this winter, and some are already full. It is great to see people interested in different topics. Be sure to check out the list, you may find something that you want to try.

Planning is underway for our 2026 arts festival, be sure to mark your calendar for March 6-8. We will need a lot of volunteers to make this event as wonderful as it usually is. I hope you will join us!

We are anxious to see the beginning of renovations at the old fire station. The lease is in effect, and the Jekyll Island Authority has installed the wall dividing the 2 tenant spaces. JIA will also replace the roof. We will keep you appraised as work begins. There is still time to donate! Happy New Year to everyone and may 2026 be a wonderful year for you and your family.  
Beverly

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**Beverly**



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Lucy Loehle*

**The JIAA membership is now at 527**

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.

## POTTERY GUILD

Joanne Munzar

Things are starting to happen at the old fire hall. We have a wall and are currently waiting for the electrician to come . In addition the JIA a will repair or replace the roof.

Thanks to everyone that donated, purchased or worked at the bake sale the total sales were \$1363.75. All of these proceeds will go to the expansion fund account. We raised \$949 in sales from items in the foyer cupboard. We are always accepting hand made art . Please leave items in the pottery studio marked expansion fund .

The pottery guild is offering 3 classes this winter.

**Tim Sharlow:** hand building, Tuesday and Thursday January 6 - 22 , 10am - noon  
cost \$40 plus \$25 for supplies

**Ginger Birdsey :** sculpture, January 10, 10 am -2pm , cost, \$50.00, space still available.

**Martha Cook:** intermediate hand building, March 17, 18, and 19, cost \$120.

All of these will take place in the pottery studio at Goodyear Cottage.

We are hosting a visiting artist from Maine, potter Martha Grover. A reception will be held Thursday, February 5th after the gallery is closed. This will include a slide show of her work. Potters will provide food and drink, Friday, February 6th, 9-4 and Saturday February 7th, 9 to noon. The workshop will be held at the Presbyterian Church. Cost to pottery guild members and full time students is \$50.00, for non-pottery guild members \$125.00. Lunch is included on Friday. There will be a sign up sheet in the pottery studio.

**Thank you**  
**Joanne Munzar**



## 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](mailto:dianaprentice@icloud.com))**



**HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE & ALL**

# **Arts Association Classes January – March 2026**

**Enrollment has been fantastic so far  
but  
there are still available spots in some great classes.**

**Go to [jekyllartists .com](https://jekyllartists.com) to enroll**

**If the class is full put your name on the waiting list**

**We look forward to seeing you in class**



**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, January 17, 2026.**

**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 our **Arts Festival**, March 6-8. The more people who become involved, the more fun it is for everyone!**

**We look forward to seeing you all on the 17th.**

**Beverly, Carla and Margaret  
jekyllartists@gmail.com**



# JIAA ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

**SAVE THE DATES**

**March 6, 7 and 8, 2026**

**Juried art**

**Raku pottery glazing and firing**

**Demos – try your hand at weaving or pottery...**

**Music and food**

**A raffle**

**And lots of locally produced, one of a kind, art for sale**

**Fun for the whole family**





*Art Show by Suzanne West and Linda Shannon*

**Stained Glass, Glass Mosaics & Paintings  
January 1-31, 2026 at Goodyear Cottage**

*Meet the artists at the Opening Reception: January 4th from 1-3pm  
at Goodyear Cottage Gallery on Jekyll Island (serving light refreshments)*



Hi, I'm Suzanne West, a stained glass and mosaic artist from the peaceful farmlands of Wyoming County, Western New York; home to more cows than people and diehard Buffalo Bills fans (Go Bills!).

My journey with glass art began in 1982 with a local stained glass class that sparked a lifelong passion. I work primarily with the copper foil method, made famous by Louis Comfort Tiffany, and have developed my own unique style over the years. My work has been featured in juried shows across New York and includes custom stained glass windows for several local churches. I split my time between New York and Jekyll Island, Georgia, where the coastal charm and artistic community, especially at Goodyear Cottage, inspire my creativity.

My process is hands-on from start to finish: from sketching designs and cutting glass, to foiling, soldering, and polishing each piece. I also create mosaic glass art, using nippers, grout, and tile to form colorful, textured designs.

Whether it's stained glass or mosaic, I aim to bring light, color, and a sense of story to each piece and to inspire others to explore this timeless craft.

### *Artist Bio:* **Linda Shannon**

Award-winning artist, Linda Shannon's focus and motive with her art is to worship and serve God. She wants to use her art talent to share God's love, to express her faith, and to bless others.

A graphic artist with a rich experience spanning two decades, has left an indelible mark on the art world through her mastery in painting and jewelry making. Her artistic journey began with a formal education in art, where she honed her skills and discovered a profound passion for visual expression. She was employed as a graphic artist in newspapers and magazines for over 20 years in Wisconsin and Georgia.

Linda's distinctive style emerges from the interplay of palette knife techniques with oils and acrylics. The resulting creations bear witness to her dedication to craftsmanship and an unyielding commitment to innovation in the realm of visual arts. She has recently won awards in Wisconsin and in Jekyll Island Art Association juried shows.

In 2016, Linda Shannon transitioned her passion into a business, establishing herself as a

professional artist. Specializing in custom paintings, her work has found homes in the hearts of art enthusiasts, collectors, and connoisseurs alike. Linda's artistic footprint extends beyond her studio, as she frequently takes her creations on the road, participating in monthly shows across state lines. Her nomadic artistic journey not only brings her work to diverse audiences but also serves as a testament to her commitment to sharing the beauty and emotion encapsulated in her pieces.

Linda Shannon has been a long-term visitor to the Golden Isles with many family ties here. The beauty of the area and family caused the artist to move to Brunswick in 2019.

The artist's artwork is for sale, year-round in the Jekyll Island Art Association's art gallery in Goodyear Cottage and in the Glynn Visual Arts gallery on Saint Simons Island. She also exhibits at numerous arts & craft shows, with almost monthly shows at the Pier on Saint Simons Island.



Linda Shannon, artist      [LS.Arts.Linda@gmail.com](mailto:LS.Arts.Linda@gmail.com)

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*A faith-based business located in Brunswick, GA.*

**Contemporary Art Alliance of Georgia Presents:**



Explore the evolution of contemporary, modern, and abstract art in the United States, with a spotlight on the revolutionary *Ninth Street Women*. The conversation will be led by JIAA members Bettina Dickson Rusher, Founder and President of CAAGA, alongside creative extraordinaire Gary Grace, aka Gato.

**Date:** February 8, 2026

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Location:** Jekyll Island Goodyear Cottage

**Host:** Jekyll Island Artists Association in conjunction with the February exhibit of the Contemporary Art Alliance of Georgia group exhibit.



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