

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

HAPPY VALENTINE’S MONTH

A new year brings changes. 2 new board members joined us in January, Carmel Latta and Carla Price. Our retiring Board members, Deb Evans and Christie Kinsey contributed a lot during their terms and we appreciate them. Carmel is the new JIAA Treasurer, and she will be assisted by Lisa Williams. I feel privileged to be asked to continue as President and will be working with other board members to transition to a new president in 2027.

Goodyear has been lively with people attending a nice variety of classes. There are still classes that haven’t begun and have openings so be sure to look at the schedule to see if something appeals to you. Many thanks to Ame Ivanov and Margaret Else and all the instructors for providing an interesting slate of classes.

Sooner than you might imagine it will be time for the 2026 Arts Festival. The sneak peek will be March 5th, and the festival dates are March 6, 7 and 8. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success so be sure to look for emails about how and when to sign up!

Beverly

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EXPANSION FUND

Beverly Hopkins

At the January Jekyll Island Authority meeting, the Board approved funding to replace the roof on the old fire station building. This is a huge step forward for the Arts Association and we are grateful that the space will have a new roof.

The expansion team is reviewing an updated cost estimate for the interior renovation. As of today, the Expansion fund contains just over \$187,000. Fund raising continues and there will be several options to donate during the Arts Festival.

SHOP NEWS

Jackie Becker

Jackie is still on sabbatical and hoping to return to the shop at the end of February.

The Shop was reset after Merry Artists and we have a new look! Lighter and brighter for the new year. Linda Wunder is now doing all of our display and Deb Patterson, Carla Price and Bev Hopkins are handling the computer part of the job. We are printing labels and accepting items on Monday's and Thursday's. Please check your folder and be sure you have a signed copy of the shop guidelines. Going into the new year we are making some changes. We will no longer be storing back stock of books. The Guidelines are specific about number of items in the shop. Because we now have over 100 members (116 as of this writing) participating in selling at Goodyear we must enforce the rules. We have limited wall and shelf space and we try very hard to be fair to everyone with placement of your items.

Valentines Day is coming and we will be refreshing the shop to have a valentines display.

February 14th we are expecting a visit from the Brevard County (Florida) Symphony Orchestra's Board and Donors. We are expecting about 50 members to visit.



MESSAGE FROM THE POTTERY GUILD

Joanne Munzar

While the studio is currently quite cold due to outdoor temperatures and limited insulation, it remains bright and sunny inside.

Mark See recently led a workshop to create planters for sale at the upcoming festival. This follows a successful session the previous week where Joanne Munzar and a group of talented potters made several planters on the wheel.

If you have any indoor or outdoor plants you would like to divide or donate, please contact me. Additionally, our sales continue in the foyer cupboard, and we welcome contributions of any art form.

We are excited to host guest artist Martha Grover for a workshop on February 5, 6, and 7 at the Methodist Church on Jekyll Island. Non-guild members are welcome to attend for a cost of \$100, which includes breakfast and lunch on Friday. If you are not a pottery guild member and wish to attend, please text Mary Perkins at 912-306-7630. Guild members may use the sign-up sheet located in the studio.

**Best regards,
Joanne Munzar**

Watercolor Artists Workgroup

Diana Prentice

Current schedule: Thursdays from 1-3 pm

Location: 3rd floor "Loft"

Despite our name, the Watercolor Workgroup is for any artist who just enjoys getting together with other artists for camaraderie and inspiration. We welcome those of all skills from beginner to expert who work with any easily-portable media, not just watercolor paints. We share techniques, tips, ideas and stories.

Our studio is the "Loft" on the third floor, which comfortably accommodates 5 or 6. This is our preferred meeting place, but a couple of Goodyear areas not-in-use are other options for us if needed. (Future expansion plans will provide more space for our group and other JIAA needs.)

Lately, however, we're making ourselves more visible during our scheduled times by demonstrating what we do in the main gallery. It's fun to engage with Goodyear guests and other JIAA members as they watch us in our various creative pursuits (watercolor, drawing, acrylic painting, pastels, calligraphy, cartooning, etc).

Diana Prentice
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JEKYLL SINGERS
Kate Hamer

Save the Date:
The Jekyll Singers
Spring concert
Thursday, March 12th
7:00 pm
Ballroom H
Jekyll Convention Center



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

The JIAA membership is now at 540.

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 desk at Goodyear Cottage.

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

Thank you.

Lucy

JIAA WRITERS GROUP

Susan Yandle Middleton

The JIAA Writers' Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Goodyear library.

There they read writing, whether it be novel, short story, poetry, or essay. Each member has ten minutes in which to read their written piece and have it critiqued by the others at the table.

It is here that they experience the joy of reading their work, hear helpful suggestions, and find additional inspiration. The activity is open to any member wishing to experience their creativity in the written word.

Come join us!

Susan Yandle Middleton

TECHNICAL SUPPORT NEEDED

Craig Patterson, our technical coordinator, is having shoulder surgery at the end of February and his arm will be in a sling for at least two weeks. As such, we need someone who can physically move, plugin and test electronic items that will be used during the festival. This work will be done under the supervision of Craig; he just won't be able to lift anything. The need is for:

Thursday March 5th – 3 hours

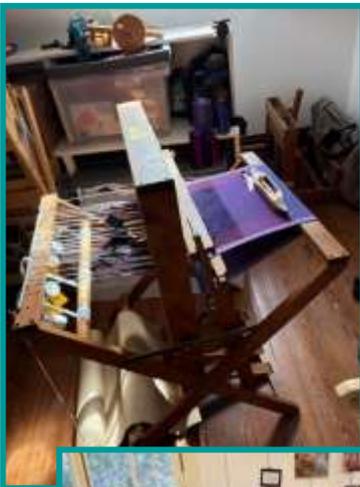
Monday March 9th - 3 hours.

The two positions will be posted in the **SignupGenius** for Festival that will be published very shortly.

The Weaving Guild

Weaving classes have begun! All classes are full except one. Two classes have waiting lists one of which we were able to accommodate. Beginning floor loom students, overshot students, and rug weaving students are winding their warps and warping their looms. Weaving should commence next week!

Kate Hamer and Vicky Skywark will be going to Vitality next week to demonstrate weaving to the residents there.



Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents...

Contemporary Vibes

An Exhibition by Members of the
Contemporary Art Alliance of Georgia (CAAGA)



OPENING RECEPTION – Sunday February 1, 1-3 pm

February 1-28, 2026

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