

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Beverly Hopkins

Whew! Another fantastic Arts Festival has come and gone, and we saw quite a crowd! I hope everyone had a chance to attend. If you didn't go ahead and mark your calendar for March 12-14, 2027 (with Sneak Peek March 11). We are always looking for volunteers to help with this event. Attendees seemed to really enjoy themselves and we got what may be a record number of People's Choice votes. Susan Yoder's painting "Eye on the Storm" won the People's Choice. Congratulations to Susan and to our ribbon winners in all media areas. The full list may be found on the main page of our website. The Student Art was a hit with our visitors and Sady Main of Glynn Academy won the "Rising Star" First Place ribbon and prize. We were fortunate to have Sady, her teacher Sara McKouen and Sady's family at the festival Sunday.

Our winter class season is over, and our winter members are beginning to pack up to head north. Let's hope the weather eases up for them and they have a safe trip home. If you are interested in teaching a class, please reach out to Ame Ivanov.

The Singers held a well-attended and very enjoyable spring concert. I've heard a number of compliments for this wonderful all volunteer choral group. March is the end of your **continued on page 2...**

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membership year. All memberships expire March 31st. If you haven't already renewed, the fastest way is through "pay my dues" on the website. Remember that you must be an active member to take classes or to enter items in the Goodyear Shop or Gallery. Active members also receive our newsletter and email updates.

HERE WE GROW!

Beverly Hopkins

The project to add classroom space and create an above ground pottery studio has taken many years and a lot of people's commitment and is about to become a reality. The board has approved the most recent estimate and next we will have a contract and timeline. Work on the JIAA section of the old fire station will get underway soon. We will be sharing photos as this project moves along. Stay tuned!

We have another donation match underway! We had a generous couple offer \$2000 to be matched and then another member offered \$1000 to increase the match to \$3000. As of today, we have just over \$2100 donated toward that match! Won't you please consider helping us get the \$900 needed to double our funds and make \$3000 become \$6000? No amount is too small, and your donations are greatly appreciated.

By the end of March, the expansion fund will contain more than \$200,000! Most of this money has been raised by small efforts. We are working to identify other funds we might be eligible for.

THE POTTERY GUILD REPORT

Joanne Munzar

The recent festival was a resounding success. The atmosphere was electric, and the camaraderie among the artists offered the public a wonderful insight into the core of our organization: giving time, enjoying fellow artists and creating amazing art.

We had 45 potters assisting with various aspects of the event, including making planters, preparing Raku pots, and handling the festival set-up and take-down. All JIAA members are now looking forward to our upcoming expansion and move.



POTTERY CLASS
Fantastic ...

THE WEAVING GUILD

Tricia Bowman

It has been a great winter season in the weaving room. We had ribbon winners at the festival and were so proud of them! The rug class and over shot class and over shot class resulted in beautiful pieces. The beginners finished up with weaving they can be proud of and we hope they will come back and weave with us.

We had so many visitors during the Arts Festival and many who asked about weaving classes. We are offering a Beginning Weaving Class at the end of May and a Warp Faced Weaving Class in the Summer. Interest in weaving has really ramped up ,and we are. excited!



**To all members who sell in the shop.
The Shop Team needs your help.**

When you remove an item from the Goodyear Shop please be sure to fill out an Orange Removal Slip.

ALSO PLEASE REMOVE THE PRICE TAG FROM YOUR ITEM. IF YOU PLAN TO RE ENTER THE ITEM FOR THE SHOP YOU WILL NEED TO REQUEST A NEW LABEL.

When you put an item in the shop the team marks the label that it has been accepted. If you reuse the same label there can be confusion as to whether it was already accepted and is causing more work for the team.

We appreciate your cooperation

Jackie Becker
Shop Team Manager



Winner of Student Art, Sady Main from Glynn Academy with her teacher {center of photo) and on the left, Tricia Bowman, chair of Student Art for Festival and on the right Steven Hartman Festival Chair.



Second Photo, Winner of People's Choice, Susan Yoder with her husband, on the right and David Smith on the left

THE EVENTS TEAM

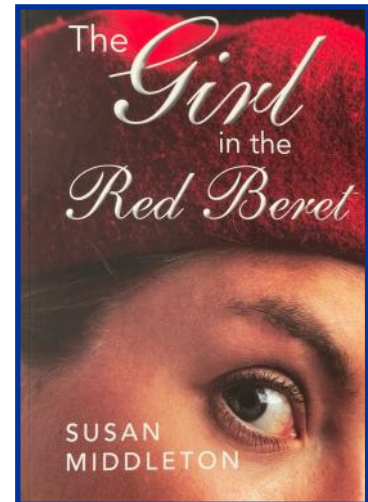
Jackie Becker

The Events Team has some fun things coming up.

Sunday, April 19th at 2 p.m.
Author Susan Middleton
will be signing her new Book
The Girl in the Red Beret
and talking about her approach to
writing Historical Fiction.



Susan Middleton



VOLUNTEER RECORDERS

Jackie Becker

Volunteer Recorders waiting on Judges for 2026 Juried art portion of Festival. Susan Yoder, Carla Price, Bev Hopkins, Dian Oliver, Donna Summers, Sara Cody, Linda Woodall, Caryl Rice, Alice Vaughan, Kitty Hazelkorn, Sandy Lent, Suzanne West, Lisa Williams and Charlotte Woodard.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

The JIAA membership March 25, 2026 is 598

Remember that to register for and participate in the JIAA Classes you are required to have a current membership.

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

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



WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP

Diana Prentice

The Watercolor Workgroup is available for JIAA members with an interest in watercolor as well as acrylics, pastels and similar forms. All skill levels are welcome—from beginner to expert and everyone in between.

The informal group meets at the Goodyear Cottage on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 1-3 pm. Our “home” is on the 3rd floor in a room we call “The Loft.” Occasionally, however, conditions and/or group size may find us in the more spatial Needlework Room on the 2nd floor.

No additional fees are required. Bring your materials and supplies and enjoy the casual camaraderie of technique sharing and inspiration.

Please contact Diana Prentice if interested (dianaprentice@icloud.com)



THE JEKYLL ISLAND SINGERS

Kate Hamer

The singers have had a busy March! First the wonderful Bake Sale at the Arts Festival followed by two rehearsals and the big Spring Concert at the Convention Center on March 12 th. We had an almost full house at least 325 folks that really enjoyed the music and singing and the whole evening.

We are concluding this season with concerts at a home Life Nursing Home on Glyngo and Vitality on St. Simons this coming Monday. We enjoy bringing some joy to those who are unable to get out as much as they would like.

Thanks to all of our wonderful audience that come out and support us with their applause and singing!



Jekyll Island Arts Association Presents
Maine Women Artists
HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

Mary Perkins: Pottery
Jan Waterman: Oil Painting
Jean Perkins: Fiber Art
Juliane Gardner: Jewelry and Oil Painting
Opening Reception Sunday, April 5th, 1-3 PM



April 1-30, 2026
Goodyear Cottage Art Gallery & Gift Shop
Located in the Jekyll Island Historic District

Weekdays 12 noon to 4 PM
Weekends 10 AM to 4 PM
Local Artwork for Sale - Admission is free

FROM THE WEAVING COMMUNITY

Three Cottage Weaving Guild members went to Addington Place Assisted Living in Brunswick to provide a program on weaving. Several residents tried their hand at weaving. A good time was had by all!

