

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



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Beverly Hopkins

As we wrap up February and quickly roll into March, the Arts Festival preparation is ramping up. I hope all our members will plan to attend and, if possible, volunteer for one of many positions that will help us make the festival a success. During the festival there will be demonstrations, Raku pottery, the Singers Bake Sale, daily music in the big tent, food prepared by Tribuzio’s restaurant, the Saturday Car Show and more! There are always fun things for all ages along with all the lovely artwork. We will have student art on display this year also. The festival is March 6-8. Volunteer opportunities can be found on the SignUp Genius page especially set up for the festival. Be sure to check the Arts Festival webpage for updates.

We will have our annual juried art show inside Goodyear Cottage Gallery, and I feel sure there will be some beautiful pieces. It never ceases to amaze me what talented artists we have in our membership. You will have a chance to vote for the “Peoples Choice” award.

Tickets to the Raffle are already available at the front desk in Goodyear and many great items are on display. Thank you to all the artists who generously donated items to be included in the raffle.

Please don’t forget that March is also the time to renew your membership in the Arts Association. You can easily renew through the website using the “Pay My Dues” link within Member Tools. Continuing your membership not only supports the Arts Association, but ensures you receive newsletters and other information and gives you the ability to take a class or sell items in the Goodyear Cottage Shop.

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THE EXPANSION FUND

Beverly Hopkins

Help us reach the finish line for our expansion fund!

We have a new match opportunity in effect. Donations up to a total of \$2,000 will be matched by a generous member. Come to the Arts Festival and you will find several opportunities to add to the fund. You can purchase a handmade pottery planter complete with a plant! Or glaze your own piece of pottery at the Raku area.

We continue to move forward on the expansion, slowly but surely. The contractor hired by JIA finished replacing the roof over the entire building. There is one electrical item remaining on the checklist of JIA responsibilities and then we can begin the work to make our portion of the building a great addition to our artist space. As you might expect the general renovation estimate has risen since 2025 – among increasing material and labor costs, code requires we include an ADA accessible restroom - and we are factoring in the cost of moving the pottery studio and purchasing a storage shed to give us space to store seasonal items. At this point we have \$188,751 in the expansion fund and need to raise another \$112,000 to reach our goal of \$300,000. Please support the Arts Association through a donation or purchase at the festival.

Every dollar counts!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Lucy Loehle

Our membership has now grown to 562 members.

March 31 marks the end of the JIAA membership year. This means, of course, that now is a good time to renew your membership by paying your annual dues. 171 of our members have already renewed for the coming year. Membership is still a great value at \$30 per year, allowing members to sell in the Gift Shop, sign up for classes, and participate in members-only events.

There are a number of ways to submit your payment.

1. You can renew online at www.jekyllartists.com, using PayPal or your credit/debit card.
2. You can mail a check to P. O. Box 13201, Jekyll Island, GA 31527. Sorry, but we are unable to accept a check on a Canadian bank. A membership form can be downloaded on the JIAA website if your information has changed; otherwise, your name is sufficient for renewal.
3. You can stop by Goodyear Cottage and pay at the desk with cash, check or credit/debit card. Membership forms need only your name unless your information has changed.

If you have questions or have difficulty with your account, feel free to give me a call at (912) 571-6748.

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,
March 28, 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.

Hear about the planning for our **Merry Artists Market,
opening in November.**

**The more people who become involved,
the more fun it is for everyone!**

We look forward to seeing you all on the 28th.

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



FROM THE JEKYLL SINGERS*Kate Hamer*

March is just around the corner!

The festival preparations are in progress and the singers are warming up for their spring concert,

“ I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”

Thursday,

March 12th at 7:00 pm

at the

Jekyll Convention Center Ballroom H

It will be a fun concert including a set sung by Ocean Harmony a local female acapella group.

POTTERY GUILD*Joanne Munzar*

Our potters are currently busy preparing pieces for the Raku firings. These pots will be available for the public to purchase and glaze on-site, and we will perform the firings live for guests to enjoy during the event. In addition to the Raku firings, we will be hosting various pottery demonstrations throughout the festival.

Our festival tent will also feature a selection of planters made by the potters filled with plants for sale, which have been generously provided by our local garden center. Please note that all proceeds from the Raku activities and planter sales will benefit the arts association expansion fund as we prepare for our move to the firehall.

FROM THE GOODYEAR SHOP

Jackie Becker

Festival time is almost here. For those members selling through the shop please note that Wednesday, February 25th is the last day to drop off items for the shop before the Festival. That means you must have requested labels before Monday, February 23rd. No more items will be accepted until March 9th. The shop has to move out of the foyer and front room to make way for our Festival entries. Please be patient during this transition. Festival entries will remain on display throughout the month of March.

Please consider volunteering for Festival or during March. With Festival displays on the second floor we need a hostess and cashier for each day.

EVENTS TEAM

Jackie Becker

The Events Team hosted a visit from the Brevard Symphony Orchestra on February 14. Several of our Artists demonstrated their work, the Potters were working in the Pot Shop and Weavers in the Weaving studio. We also had a significant number of visitors because of the Bridge Run. Thank you to all who helped make this happen. Carla Price demonstrated her pottery, Suzanne West, stained glass and mosaics, Nancy Kirkpatrick handmade cards, Mike Dehaven and Barbara Polonic, pine needle baskets and Carol Tonnessen signed books.

JIAA ARTS FESTIVAL

Carla Price

Hello Members

All eyes are on the upcoming JIAA Arts Festival on March 6th, 7th and 8th. All teams are working in coordination and in preparation to host this celebrated annual event. Please make note of the following dates and procedures for shop and juried artwork.

FESTIVAL JURIED ARTWORK

The deadline for entry was **Friday, February 20th** at noon.

You may drop off your juried artwork on

**Saturday, February 28th (9am-12pm) or
Sunday, March 1st (12pm-3pm)**

Please refer to the published **2026 JIAA Juried Art Prospectus** for entering juried art. You can find that information online on the JIAA website. All established rules and regulations will apply. No exceptions.

Please note.....

Any artwork that has been for sale or display at Goodyear Cottage is NOT eligible for juried art entry. Please bring new artwork. Previously entered artwork will not be accepted. This includes previous judged events, gallery exhibits and shop sales.

Judging of the juried artwork will begin on Monday, March 2nd. Our team of judge recorders will email you any comments made by the judges about your artwork. Those emails will go out during the day as we record the judges' comments. Best of luck to all those entered!

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival

WATERCOLOR WORKGROUP NEWS

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 beginners to expert and everyone in between.

The informal group meets at the Goodyear Cottage on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Our 'home' is on the 3rd floor in a room we call 'The Loft'. Occasionally, however, conditions 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 you are interested
dianaprentice@icloud.com**

JIAA Classes - Winter 2026

Thank you to all our class instructors and participants

**We have had a wonderful response this year
Members sharing artistic skills with members is what JIAA classes
are all about**

Looking ahead

**With your help we should like to start planning JIAA's
Fall 2026 classes - Oct and early Nov
Winter 2027 classes – Jan through March**

**If you would like to instruct again, or try it for the first time, and
have not already spoken with us, please let us know – and you don't
have to be a Professor of Art – just love the art you create and enjoy
sharing it with others.**

Let's make our program even better next year



Ame, Margaret and Linda jekyllartsclasses@gmail.com

REPORT FROM THE WEAVING GUILD

Trish Bowman

We had some wonderful folks come through the weaving room on Saturday, February 14th and try weaving.



SHOP SALES

Jackie Becker

The last day for shop and festival demonstration label entries is **Sunday, February 22nd**. The shop team will print labels on **Monday, February 23rd**. The final day to drop off any artwork for shop sales is **Wednesday, February 25th**. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Current February Gallery Exhibitors If you plan to enter any of your gallery artwork for March shop display and sales, you will need to follow the same deadlines as described above. You will need to remove those pieces from the gallery, reenter and relabel them for shop inventory. **Please place artwork in the kitchen for shop acceptance no later than Wednesday, February 25th**. No shop items will be accepted after this date. All gallery artwork not already pulled and entered for shop sales will need to be picked up at 4pm on February 28th. Please refer to JIAA's Shop Guidelines for shop entries. Quantity, size and weight restrictions will apply. Please note, JIAA gallery artwork is **not eligible** for juried exhibition.

Beginning Thursday, February 26th and through Sunday, March 8th, the kitchen space will be used for Festival operations. No shop items will be stored at the cottage. You will be asked to pick up items left during those dates.

The shop will be closed to the public on Saturday, February 28th to allow staging of juried art. The gallery will remain open to the public (10am-4pm). Goodyear Cottage will be closed March 1st and will reopen on March 6th. We will be open to members and special guests attending our Sneak Peek and Member Appreciation Reception on **Thursday, March 5th** (4pm-6pm).

Normal shop procedures will resume on **Monday, March 9th**. Labels will be printed and you can begin dropping off your artwork for shop sales.

Jekyll Island Arts Festival

March 6 • 7 • 8, 2026

Goodyear Cottage

Fiber Artists

Photographers

Weavers

Potters

Painters

Sculptors

Jewelry Makers

Wood Workers

Authors

Musicians

Bake Sale

Demonstrations

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Friday & Saturday, 10-5 • Sunday, 10-4