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- Holiday event with Seniors at BSRI Dec. 9
- Joan Hoyle attends oil painting "salon"
- Flood the Streets with Art enlivens local holiday shopping

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President's Message *from Jean Billie*

As we approach the last weeks of 2015 and look forward to enjoying the holiday season, Waterway Art Association can look back and give thanks to some of our members who have helped make our organization a vibrant and active force in the cultural community.

A new website has been created by Charlotte Ranz, who has worked diligently to encompass all the parts that make up a site that people will want to click on to find the information they're

seeking about WAA activities. It should be "live" by the end of the year.

The task of producing a bi-monthly newsletter has been keeping Mary K. Donahoe busy. Since this was a new effort, Mary K. has met the challenge head-on and is keeping us up-to-date with information and items of interest. Our Publicity person, Georgia Dalzell, is helping to promote WAA's activities in the local press and, thanks to her efforts, the plein aire painting days organized by Marilyn

Pounds, has given a boost to the use of the beautiful new park at Sunset Beach on the Intracoastal Waterway and other areas along the coast.

The WAA Face Book page is becoming more active with the addition of more "editors," who can post items for the general public. Paintings have been sold by WAA members who have works displayed in local galleries and libraries. Marilyn Pounds sold paintings at Hickman's Crossroads Branch

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Marilyn Pounds 1st Place at BAC Show

The Brunswick Arts Council's 15th Annual Exhibit, held at Franklin Square Gallery in Southport from October 12 through October 23, had 68 entries competing for prizes. Marilyn Pounds' oil painting, "Sun also

Sets," grabbed 1st place from among this stiff competition. A 30" x 40" depiction of an ocean sunset, the painting reflects Marilyn's impressionistic style and plein aire sensitivity. Congratulations, Marilyn!



Volunteer News



"If all you knew about me was my work, would you know me?"

Willie Nelson

WAA volunteers supported the Brunswick Arts Council by providing hospitality for the reception on October 14.

The following people donated snacks: Jean Billie, Betty Henderson, Marilyn Pounds, Delores Gausch, Mary Ann Kelly, Joe Boelhower, Pat Golden, Connie Hoyt, Joanne Smith, Sharon Bowling, Kathy Durstewitz, Vic Guarino, and Babs Ludwick. Thanks to all for making the reception a success!

Marilyn Pounds and Mary Ann Kelly were the chairpersons and set up and decorated the tables. Marilyn also made a delicious punch for the event (we all want to know.. what was in that punch, Marilyn?)

BSRI Senior Event Dec. 9

Plans are afoot to gather volunteers for a holiday event with seniors at Brunswick Senior Resources. As in previous years, WAA members will assist seniors in painting holiday ornaments, including oyster shells. That event is scheduled for December 9 at BSRI's facility. Plan to come and spread some holiday cheer. A signup sheet for those who would like to volunteer will be available at Paint-Ins. Or if you would like to attend, contact Jean Billie to sign up.

WAA Member Attends OPA "Salon"



Joan Hoyle and her husband, Bill, attended a "Salon" (no, it wasn't that kind of "salon"— neither Joan nor Bill had their hair done), in Birmingham, Alabama from Oct 7 to Oct 10, sponsored by the Oil Painters of America. OPA is dedicated to realism in art.

Demos were presented of portraits, still life, plein aire and landscapes. It was an enjoyable and educational experience for them, despite concern over

traveling to Birmingham through the South Carolina floods. Next year's convention will be held in Dallas, Tx.

Joan was juried into the OPA on January of 2014. Joan has also become a member of the (PSA) Portrait Society of America and a life member of East Greenwich, RI Art Association. She teaches art classes at BSRI's Shallotte Senior Center.

Newsletter Correction

Connie Willauer provided the information on which the article, "Displaying your Art" which ran in the September/October Newsletter, was based.

WAA 2015-16 1st Workshop a Success; Upcoming Lineup Ready for Signup

Joanne Geisel conducted the first WAA workshop on November 21 – “Explore the Mystery of Lost and Found Edges.” A full contingent of WAA members benefitted from this class.

The next workshop will be led by Claire Salinger Martin, who received the “Best in Show” award at WAA’s most recent show. For the February 6, 2016 workshop,

Claire will explore “Images No One Has Ever Seen” - drawing into images with unorthodox drawing tools; experimental acrylic and monoprints.

The remaining workshops this year are: Rozanne Anderson, watercolor, March 12 - “Traditional Transparent Watercolor Techniques on Paper.” Mixed media techniques using watercolor and other media.

Vae Hamilton, mixed media and collage, May 17-19.

Contact Kathleen Durstewitz, Workshops Chairperson, to sign up, at 910-287-3881.

Cost per one-day workshop is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members; time is 9 am to 4 pm.; location is Old Sunnyside School, Shallotte.



Joanne Geisel demonstrates at WAA's first workshop November 21

Sunset Beach's Arts in the Park gets BAC Grassroots Funding; Calabash to Develop New Community Center

The North Carolina Arts Council through their local representative the Brunswick Arts Council has awarded this year's Grassroots Arts Grants. Of particular interest is a \$2,500 grant to the Town of Sunset Beach for a new program – “Art in the Park”.

On another front, Brunswick County is acquiring an existing building in Calabash for

use as a Senior Center.

The Calabash Marketplace building, located at 10050 Beach Drive SW, sits on 4.7 acres. Randy Thompson, the County Commissioner who represents the Calabash area, stated that, “We’re very fortunate that it came about. As a matter of fact, this facility has been talked about for almost a year,” according to the Star

News. Officials are uncertain when a senior center would open at the site.

Ann Hardy, County Manager, says that Brunswick County partners with BSRI, Inc. to operate senior centers and nutrition sites in the county. BSRI, Inc. will operate the new facility in Calabash. Mr. Jim Fish is their executive director.

Local communities Sunset Beach and Calabash consider incorporating art into their missions.



Brunswick Arts Council News

Vic Guarino, our representative at Brunswick Arts Council, reports Lee Ann Wilder from the North Carolina Arts Council met with the Council on November 13.

BAC. Vic will have information on the benefits of membership and membership applications for those considering it at upcoming Paint-Ins.

BAC is currently conducting a membership drive. Every year, including this one, WAA becomes a member of



The rescheduled Sunset at Sunset event was well attended until another storm hit in the afternoon.

WAA Looks for Storage

With the storage area that Brunswick Senior Resources Center has kindly given us over the past few years proving problematic, WAA is looking for a storage space for its possessions.

had to be manhandled down the stairs – which few WAA members could manage. Also, the space is unsecured and some items have gone missing. In addition, the space is not climate controlled resulting in further damage to WAA possessions.

meeting place and storage space to coexist, this interim measure seems it may be beneficial to WAA.

Because the elevator at BSRI's Shallotte Senior Center had not been operational, screens

While the ideal situation would allow our

If anyone can recommend a reasonable single storage unit, contact Marilyn Pounds at tmpounds@atmc.net who is now looking for spaces.



Jean Billie and Georgia Dalzell were able to exhibit their work at Sunset at Sunset on the rescheduled date.

Sunset at Sunset

The Sunset@Sunset event planned for October 3rd, was rescheduled to October 10 due to weather. Unfortunately, only three of the 10 members who signed up to display in the two spaces WAA had financed through Sunset Beach were able to participate at the newly scheduled date. Thanks to Betty Henderson for her patience in handling this unforeseen change of event. Georgia Dalzell did manage to sign up another member for WAA that day!

BSRI's Seniors Helping Seniors

The fifth annual Seniors helping Seniors event occurred on Friday, October 9th at BSRI's Shallotte Senior Center, 3620 Express Drive in Shallotte, off route 17. "Healthy Choices for Today's Active Seniors"

ran from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a large crowd in attendance.

Joan Bobinski was the volunteer in charge of WAA's participation in the event. Carol Santavicca and Lynn Simms assisted at the WAA display and

the following people donated paintings given as door prizes by BSRI and allowed them to waive the \$75 fee for WAA: Joan Babinski (2), Jean Billie (2), and Kathy Durstewitz (1). Victor Cross assisted in setting up screens for the event.



Volunteers Carol Santavicca, Lynn Simms and Joan Bobinski represent WAA at Seniors Helping Seniors Event

Flood the Streets with Art Hits Area Communities

On the Friday after Thanksgiving, WAA promoted support of local businesses by having members participate in the country-wide movement, "Flood the Streets with Art." Charlotte Ranz set up

a posting on Facebook where members posted paintings they're donating and suggested locations where they might be found. A sign on the paintings encouraging bypassers to actually take the free art. Some artists formed

partnerships with local businesses to sponsor locations. Check WAA's Facebook page for postings showing donated art and happy recipients.



President's Message, continued

Crossroads Branch Library and Islands Art and Books and a painting by Deloris Gausch was sold during the recent Brunswick Arts Council show at Franklin Square Gallery in Southport. Let us know about your commissions and sales to encourage our members that we're not all "starving" artists!

The economy is certainly being helped by Connie Hoyt who has been making orders through Dick Blick for supplies of art materials. Connie makes her order on the third Wednesday of each month and if it's a group order of \$99.00 or more, shipping and handling are generally free. Connie often finds

other discounts to pass on to members as well. So stop by the Calabash Elks Lodge and check out the latest catalog for items you may need.

In closing, here's an anonymous quote, "A modern artist is someone who paints on a canvas, wipes it off with a cloth, and then sells the cloth."

Jean

"If you have got a living force and you're not using it, nature kicks you back. The blood boils just like you put it in a pot."

Louise Nevelson

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