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### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

There are dozens of recognized artistic styles (Here's a great easy to view link on artistic styles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fkvziqs1TW4>). But I will counter that and say that there are maybe a gazillion styles, because each of us brings to the canvas something personal and individual. I recently attended the opening of the Wilmington Art Association (that's WAA, not WWA, lol!) annual spring show that coincides with the Wilmington Azaela Festival. The displayed art was spectacular, and I took many mental notes about how I might want to incorporate some of the artists' renderings into my own work. Yes, we do take from each other's ideas and use them in our own in a personal way. I also spent some time with some negative self-talk. "Why can't I paint like this?" "Why is my art not as good as this lovely work?" "How am I ever going to get better?" On the hour drive home, I made some plans for upcoming paintings, and that night I had strange dreams about making my art more "artistic". Does anyone else dream about their upcoming masterpieces?

*Susan Barnard, President, Waterway Art Association*

### MONDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>! 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Art Show and Sale

Mark your calendars for the WAA Annual Spring Art Show and Sale, starting Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Award Reception Evening will be held as an opening night event on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5–7pm. Award winners will be revealed and ribbons posted at that time!

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
Spring ART  
Show & Sale



Don't miss our evening show on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7pm during the Gallery's Jazz night!

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Double parking at Belling Artworks is not permitted. Please park in front of or around the building, in the cul-de-sac, and across the street (please do not block their overhead doors).



## WATERWAY ART ASSOCIATION APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2025



The studio at Bellinger Art Works at 283B Koolabrew Drive, Calabash, NC 28467 is open every Wednesday for PAINT-INS from 9:30 to 12:30 unless otherwise noted. Workshops, demos, classes, and other WAA activities are at Bellinger Art Works unless otherwise noted.

Be on the lookout for member email blasts for up-to-the-minute updates, pop-up workshops, and happenings. Check our WAA [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page often!.

## APRIL CALENDAR & WORKSHOPS

Click here to go to our [website](#) for complete workshop descriptions, material lists, pricing, and registration (online and printable).

April 10	9:30–3:30	Workshop: Exploring Soft Pastels with Beth Olson
April 16	9:30–10:30	Waterway Board of Directors Meetings (all members welcome)
	11:00–12:00	Waterway General Membership Meeting

**PLEIN AIR CORNER** I'm always looking for ways to improve my art. One source that I've found helpful is *Art School Love* with Eric Rhoads on YouTube. He does a live show every day at 12 noon; you can find all the previous episodes on YouTube. He brings on nationally acclaimed artists in all mediums to give a short demo or explain a particular technique. You don't need to sign up or register, just go onto YouTube. He is also the publisher of *Plein Air Magazine* and *Fine Art Connoisseur*.

His company Streamline Publishing produces art videos and holds multiple art events throughout the year. I recently attended the publisher's "Invitational Winter Escape 2025" in St. Augustine, FL. It was a 7-day immersive plein air event. They had arranged for us to paint in areas of the city where artists usually were not allowed to paint. Each day we went to a different location around the area, including the Castillo de San Marco fort, Fountain of Youth, Anastasia State Park, and Flagler College. Our lodging and meals were provided for, so we could just enjoy painting and meeting other plein air painters.

There are lots of free instructions out there online--you just have to know where to look! *Diane White, Vice President, Waterway Art Association*  
[diane.white257@gmail.com](mailto:diane.white257@gmail.com)

**EXHIBIT YOUR ART!** When I visited the library last Wednesday I was pleased to see six spaces available for new paintings. The next quarter starts April through June 2025! The only requirement is that the piece be framed or gallery wrapped, securely wired for hanging, limited to two pieces per artist. Each space can accommodate maximum size 16"x20" piece (approximately). The necessary paperwork is at the front desk of the library (Southwest Brunswick Branch Library). Feel free to ask me if you need assistance; you can text me at 910-398-1354.

In addition to being for sale, your paintings bring joy to the community; many visitors and patrons take the time to admire our collection. I hope you will fill up our wall with some of the many beautiful paintings that I see at our Wednesday paint-ins.

Thanks for being great members! Clare Pazona, WAA/Southwest Brunswick Branch Library Art Gallery Liaison

Attention Plein Air Painters: Join here for the Brunswick Co. Plein Air Facebook [Brunswick County NC Plein Air Painters](#).



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