

**Georgetown County Watercolor Society**  
**March 4, 2026 Minutes**

9:30am Social time

10:00am Call to Order by Brew Hellman

1. ***Introduction of new members*** - New members are Mary Murphy, Vicky Starace and Lee Archambeau.

2. There was still a need for volunteers to bring refreshments to the November 4th meeting, the two Sues volunteered.

3. **Women's History Month - March** is an annual, federally recognized month in the United States that honors the contributions, achievements, and central roles of women in history, culture, and society. Women artists have used creative expression and creative voices throughout history. Celebrate the equality and support of these creative voices. Thank you Brew for the wonderful hand cream and back scratchers for the guys. Thank you to Elizabeth for the eyeglass cleaners.

4. ***Treasurer's Report - Brian Zell (out of town)*** - The starting balance was \$5,340.38. With pluses and minuses throughout the month the ending balance will be \$9,889.63.

The Ways and Means meeting met after the program of the day...Nancy P, Jodi H, Jennifer O, Paula R, Brian Z and Brew to oversee.

5. ***Secretary's Report - Kelly Gibson*** - The minutes of the February 4th meeting were motioned to be accepted, Sharon, Mikki and Gail motioned and seconded.

6. ***Workshop Report - Lori Wilson***

◆ Future workshops:

\* Karen Schaff - "Glowing Skin Tone Portrait", on May 18th and 19th. At least 30 days beforehand, there will be a Zoom meeting about the workshop, for everyone to get up to speed. She will be available for critique afterwards for those who participate if drawing isn't finished. Older Woman with a hat and a young girl will be compared. Afterwards she will send QR code to be able to have available a 19-page pdf book of what was taught.

\* David Rankin - a possible workshop in future "Local Birds"

◆ The Classic Car Show "Run to the Sun", was March 19th, 20th and 21st. It took a village and a lot of coordination to be part of the event, held at the Old Myrtle Square in Myrtle Beach.

7. ***Publicity Report - Jodi Hudson*** -

◆ The February 14th - 27th Art Show, Painting the Past, "Pawleys Memories in Watercolor" went above and beyond expectations. The total was \$5,822.00. \$582.20 was the donation for the Old Town Hall. So many of those who came to the show reminisced of the Pawleys Island area. It was a treat to hear their stories. There was a great article in the Coastal Observer by Madison Sharrock...Front Page!!

## **The winners were:**

- ◆ First Place: Anne O'Plannick for "Netting"
- ◆ Second Place: Nancy Panfili for "Morning in White"
- ◆ Third Place: Paula Robinson for "Fish House Relic"
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Joanne Willoughby for "Shadows from the Past"
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Tina Proctor for "Swaying"

◆ The Plantation Tour art show tour dates are March 27th-28th. The show will take place at Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church in Georgetown. Many of our members have had good luck selling in the past.

◆ Art Under the Oaks - April 11th and 12th. Volunteers will be needed to help in many aspects. Please sign up.

◆ The 2026 Annual Art Show - "Paint What You Love and Love What You Paint." Will be held at The Island Art Gallery. There is a 10% commission. July 24th will be the reception. The Emerging Artist category will be re-instated.

◆ The GCWS directory is housed on the website. Check with Jodi if you have difficulty getting on website. It is in the private section only for members.

◆ Faces for the Directory - Send a photo head shot to Jodi at 706-816-0350 or email a photo to Jodi.

8. ***Program Report - Karen Joyce and Tina Proctor*** - Sign up if you want to be part of the nominating committee and Vice Presidential On-Call committee.

◆ March - Julie Warren, who is the curator of the Georgetown County Digital Library, a useful source for artists, gave a really informative program on using the digital library. Julie Warren 843-543-3316, [jwarren@gtcounty.org](mailto:jwarren@gtcounty.org), [www.gcdigital.org](http://www.gcdigital.org). She appreciates patrons to check with her about using the resources.

◆ April - Ed Rana, photographer and Cathy Marinoff, graphic designer introducing their new business offering services as matting, framing, and printing on various materials as watercolor paper and canvas.

◆ May - Keith coordinating another beach wash. Take watercolor paper down to beach, use saltwater, sand, seaweed, beach treasures to create designs.

After break for the summer ...

◆ October - Dwight McInville, Director of the Georgetown Library, will make a presentation about Alice Ravenal Hugar Smith. Dwight is the author of the book "Alice" Charleston Renaissance Artist. The October Meeting will be at the Georgetown County Main Library in the Conference Meeting Room.

◆ November - Lee Brockington, local historian, will talk about book she is working on with local watercolorist, Maura Kenny. The book is about Sandy Island.

## 9. ***Old Business:***

a. Please remember to wear nametags at the monthly meetings. Let Kelly know if you need a nametag and/or discount card. If you are not getting an email please let Brew know.

b. There is still an opportunity to sell work - If you are interested contact the Donna Mills at 803-995-0708, the new manager of Delta Pharmacy, next to Food Lion. She is excited about displaying local artists artwork. If so, bring your own materials to hang your work. No commission will be taken on sale of artwork. Make sure your information is on back of work - your name, phone number, name of work and price of artwork. Keith even said

if you need help he would be available to get on the ladder and hang the painting. The Georgetown Chamber of Commerce will be having a ribbon cutting, ice cream social, highlighting the art display

c. Ways and Means Committee - Nancy Panfili, Jody Hudson, Brian Zell, Paula Robertson and Jennifer O'Donnell and Brew Hellman attendee. The first meeting was held on February 4th after the monthly meeting. Notes were handed out at last meeting.

10. ***New Business:***

a. Nancy Panfili presented that the Ways and Means Committee is looking into the fees that add up with so many art opportunities. Also, miscellaneous fees can go through the Ways and Means. We will need 12 artists to attend the workshops to break even.

Reminder: It was voted on that from Art Under the Oaks, when artwork is displayed, 10% will be taken to cover the costs that the society pays to participate.

b. DeLaine is part of the New Directions Homeless Shelter. She noted an invitation to "Compassion through Fashion", a fashion show featuring originals created from recycled materials. The cost is \$75.00

11. **Reminder** - Wednesday paint together - 10-11:30 paint, 11:30-12 critique, lunch and then more time to paint. Sign up for lunch ASAP you arrive so lunch is ready by 12:00pm. If you plan to paint after monthly meetings, make sure you order your lunch beforehand. You need to be a member to paint on Wednesdays. The painting group does paint through the summer months.

**Next meeting date is Wednesday, April 1st**

**9:30am - 10:00am Social time      10:00am Meeting begins.**