

#### A President's Perspective by Andy Hunter

**Art as Personal Therapy!** I thought our February meeting was fascinating as Joe Kameen, associate art professor at USC at Aiken, shared how he uses much of his art to explore his own major life events, philosophical crises, and personal tragedies. This is not to say you can't paint or photograph a subject just because you appreciate its beauty, but he did remind us that art can have a wide variety of effects on people, including therapeutic ones for the artist as well as for his/her audience. With all the news of late, especially regarding the situation between Russia and Ukraine, the pandemic, political polarization, etc., we all can probably use some artistic therapy. So regardless of how you "use" your art, be thankful for the gift you have and for the potential you have for influencing others in a positive way.

**Board Meeting Notes:** Though we do not have specific items to vote on during our March 1st meeting, I thought I'd give you some updates from the board's meeting in February.

- **Keeping Up With Each Other**: Please, let me know how members are doing; if anyone is ill, or has experienced a loss, etc. Email me at <u>andyhunterphotos@gmail.com</u> or at 803.383.4010
- **New Display Stand at AHC**: The Board voted to purchase a new display wall/stand for the AHC for up to \$350.00 (\$200 of which was donated and not being taken out of guild's operating funds, so that amount will be supplemented up to \$150.00 from the guild.) This stand will be used for our Artist of the Month's display.
- **The July Potluck Anniversary Party**! I hope you'll be a part of our 20th Anniversary Potluck Party on Tuesday, July 5th. Details will be coming in the months ahead, but I wanted to remind you to put it on your calendar!

**Fall into Art Helpers!** Our FIA show/sale will be here before you know it, and our FIA Chair, Sally Van Peursem needs our help. When she asks you for help, say, "Why sure! I'd love to help!" You can also seek her out and volunteer! Remember, this year's program is earlier (October) than last year's, so I just wanted to remind everyone!

DON'T MISS TUESDAY'S MEETING on March 1st! Details are on the next page!

| Artfully | Yours, |
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| Andy     |        |

## <u>About Our March Presenter,</u> <u>Cindra McCoy</u>

#### Tues. March 1st at 6:30 pm NA Community Center



Cindra McCoy is the founder and lead art instructor at the Artist Nook School and Studio in Aiken, SC.

Driven by her passions for children, art and business, Cindra tackles her work at Art Nook with the utmost care whether she's creating curriculum, training teachers or connecting in the classroom. She leverages her skills as an artist and her patience as a teacher to ensure every person who walks through the door enjoys an enriching art experience.

Education: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education from University of Florida

Cindra's Favorite Quote: "Everybody is born with the power to draw. [Sometimes,] it's taken away from them. I try to give it back." – William Cumming, Seattle-based artist



All monthly meetings will begin on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the NA Community Center unless otherwise noted!

#### MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS FOR 2022

- March 1 Cindra McCoy, Artist and Owner of the Art Nook in Aiken
- April 5 Ike Carpenter, Woodcarving
- May 3 Show and Tell
- June 7 Brenda Bancroft, Photography
- July 5 Potluck 20th Anniversary Dinner
- August 2 Clay Artists of the Southeast
- September 6 Terry Smith, Oil Painting, Still Life & amp; Perspective
- October 4 Kay Lovingood, Gourd Art
- November 1 Mel Lambert, Owner, The Beveled Edge Art and Frame Shop
- December 6 Christmas Party

### UPCOMING EXHIBITS AT THE ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER....



Presents



Delivery Dates & Times Monday, March 14 & Tuesday, March 15th 10:00 am -4:00 pm

Reception Thursday, March 17th 5:00 - 8:00 pm

> Exhibition Dates March 17th - April 7

For More Information: https://www.naartscouncil.org/springfest

## Eyes Wide Open Photography Exhibit April 14th - May 13, 2022

# North Augusta Arts and Heritage Center



Remember to check out our:

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/North-Augusta-Artists-Guild-335303145822

Website: https://northaugustaartistsguild.com

### NORTH AUGUSTA ARTISTS GUILD BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA March 1, 2022

**Call to Order** 

President's Report (Including update from Feb. board meeting)

**Vice-President's Report** 

**Treasurer's Report** 

**Other Reports** 

**Old Business** 

**New Business** 

Comments, Questions, Observations, Suggestions or Affirmations from the Guild

Introduction of Speaker: Cindra McCoy, Founder and CEO of The Art Nook in Aiken, SC

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