

Let's Get Creative Together

All Things Fripp Art Show Low Country Boil and Oyster Roast



The Fripp Island Art Guild proudly hosted its first All things Fripp Art Show, and what an unforgettable debut it was! Thirty-one talented artists came together to showcase an impressive array of creativity--everything from coastal inspired original paintings, knitted pompom hats, shell arts of all kinds, handmade jewelry, cards, engraved pieces, soaps, and coasters. The diversity and craftsmanship on display truly reflected the spirit of our island community.





Not even a day of steady rain could dampen the enthusiasm. Neighbors and visitors alike ventured out, umbrellas in hand, to support our local artists. Once inside the Community Center, they were greeted with the cheer that defines Fripp Island. Free Bloody Mary's provided by Seaside Grown and complimentary wine supplied by Fripp Island Resort set a festive mood while Perry Sellars entertained the shoppers with his guitar and banjo. Meanwhile, outside in the big tent, the irresistible aroma of roasted oysters and a Lowcountry Boil served by Sea Eagle Market met ticket holders' expectations of a fine feast. Live music by Chris Jones added to the holiday atmosphere of laughter, goodwill, and the fun of discovering beautiful handmade gifts.





To our artists, volunteers,
helpers, husbands, attendees,
and generous sponsors---

THANK YOU.

Your dedication and support
made this event
a resounding success.



Door Prize Painting by Joan Barnes
won by Keala Thorpe, volunteer
Beaufort High student

**Wishing everyone a
Merry Christmas
and a season filled
with
creativity,
community,
and coastal joy.**

Event Sponsors:



Member Spotlight

The Fripp Island Art Guild is excited to introduce April Hawkins, our new Artist in Residence. April arrived in the Lowcountry in September 2025 after accepting a position as an Art instructor at Beaufort High School. Soon after settling in, she came across the rare chance to rent long-term on Fripp Island—an opportunity she happily embraced. The island's quiet beauty and creative spirit felt like the perfect fit, and she now enjoys the peaceful rhythm of island life with her cat, Boris.

April is originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina, where she grew up with two brothers and a sister. She attended Converse University, also in Spartanburg, and earned her Master's degree in Art Education. Teaching art has been the natural extension of her passion—encouraging young people to explore their creativity while continuing to deepen her own practice.

As an artist, April loves experimenting. She's drawn to all kinds of mediums and enjoys letting her style change as she discovers new techniques. Even so, printmaking has remained a favorite.

The Artist in Residence Program

When the Guild chose to launch an Artist in Residence program, the goal was to create a relationship that benefits both the resident artist and our community. April will be part of our workshops, demonstrations, and events, learning from the many talented artists within the Guild while also sharing her own experience and enthusiasm. It's meant to be a genuinely collaborative exchange—one that supports April's growth as an artist and strengthens what we offer as a Guild.

This residency also gives us a wonderful way to connect with the broader community. Because April works with high school students every day, she's in just the right place to spot young artists who might flourish with a little encouragement or future Guild support. Through her, we hope to discover new talent—students who may not yet realize how far their creativity can take them.

To help the Artist in Residence program grow and to build future scholarship opportunities, the Guild welcomes donations. You can contribute through the Guild's website and simply note that your gift is for the Artist in Residence program or for student scholarships.

Donate here:

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Monthly Meeting January 6 7 pm Community Center

Reminders

Kick off the New Year with inspiration, laughter, and creativity! Guild Members are invited to relax, let your hair down, and get inspired for an amazing year ahead. We'll share ideas, set our 2026 art goals, and spark our creative spirits together.

The Guild will be serving wine - bring your favorite snack to share!

Not on the island? Join by Zoom. Just register and include that you will join via Zoom, and a link will be sent to you

Register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSccalVvFXgmK9UZC2w8owqBPAnsJajlKAINzebeAcTpZ4OcAg/viewform>

Introduction to Oil Painting - January 10th



Discover the joy of landscape oil painting in this beginner-friendly workshop with Deborah Stroud! You'll learn the fundamentals of working with oils—from color mixing, brushwork, and composition to understanding mediums and techniques for layering and blending. Step-by-step instruction and hands-on practice will help you build confidence as you create your own finished landscape.

Perfect for beginners or those returning to painting after a break

Supply list provided — or use Deborah's supplies for an additional \$20 (must be requested in advance)

Class size: Limited to 10 participants (maximum 12)

Saturday, January 10 | 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (with lunch break)

\$135 for members | \$150 for non-members

register here:

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We would love to have you as a member of the Guild!

Go to the new website:

frippislandartguild.org

You can explore the levels of membership available to both hobbyists and professional artists. Be sure to check out the Evergreen memberships for exceptional participation fees and extra VIP access to Guild related gallery events.

