



WILDLIFE ARTISTS
OF THE
Carolinas
INC.

Quarterly Member Newsletter
April 2025

Hello fellow WAOTC Members,

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself as the President of the group. I assumed this role in January of this year. Unfortunately, I have not had the chance to meet many of you yet. We are quite busy as a

Board, trying our best to give you as many opportunities as we can to showcase your art, sell your beautiful pieces and make a name for ourselves as a new group in the area. I am so proud to have joined with you in our mission to create and share wildlife art and benefit the other local wildlife groups in the area. That was really my motivation to join! I have been associated with other non-profits in the past, and I have always found the work motivating and positive.



A little about me. I am a "transplant" from PA, I have lived in NC full time since 2020; I still work as a nurse, but in a home-based position. Painting and creating art is my stress relief! I mostly enjoy mixed media and acrylics, but I can often be found cutting glass into mosaic art in my garage.

WAOTC is looking forward to a great year. We are growing in both membership and exposure. We all have so much to learn from each other, and together we will be making some great contributions this year with our work.

I look forward to making a big difference with you!

Fondly,
Allison Fanelli

Next Member Meeting – April 14th, 11 – 1 pm at Hannah Block.

We have an incredible line-up for you for our next Member Meeting...a panel of our own award-winning photographers that will share their tips and experiences along their creative journey. Our meetings are open to the public, so bring a friend. Also, bring a light refreshment to share.

WAOTC April Member Meeting PHOTOGRAPHY PANEL

Charlie Baggett

Beth Woodby

David Kilgore

Monday April 14, 11:00am-1:00pm
Hannah Block Community Arts Center

2025 Member Meetings – Save these dates

Remaining Meetings for 2025:

April 14, August 19 and October 14 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Hannah Block Community Art Center located at 120 S. 2nd Street in downtown Wilmington.

Logo Contest – Congratulations Destiny Cortis

Did you notice something new about this newsletter? That's right, we have a new logo!

Congratulations WAOTC Member **Destiny Cortis**, whose design was selected for our new logo.

Grant Update – Thank You to The Endowment and The Arts Council of Wilmington & NHC



Recently, the Arts Council of Wilmington & NHC (New Hanover County), in partnership with The Endowment, awarded \$172,000 in grants to support 30+ nonprofit arts organizations in New Hanover County! These grants, funded by The Endowment and ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000, will provide essential programming and operational support to strengthen and sustain our vibrant arts community. This milestone is even more exciting as the Arts Council of Wilmington & NHC has been named The Endowment's first nonprofit sub-granting partner, reinforcing a shared commitment to supporting artists, driving economic growth, and elevating our region as a premier arts and cultural destination.

WAOTC would like to express our sincere gratitude to both The Endowment & The Arts Council of Wilmington & NHC for being one of their grant recipients. Our grant of \$2000 will be used to directly support our upcoming member-only summer show, allowing us to really put on a top-notch art show for our members and the community. Our "Wild & Free" summer show will take place June 25 – June 28 at Events on Front (right in the middle of the action on Front Street, Wilmington). Be on the lookout for the prospectus coming soon.

Remaining 2025 WAOTC Show Dates!

We are very excited about bringing all these exhibiting opportunities to our members in 2025. Here are the dates. More details coming soon. Now, get working on those entries!

June 25 – June 28	Wild and Free (members only), Events on Front, Wilmington
September 24 – September 27	Into the Wild (open to all), Hannah Block, Wilmington
October 6 – October 11	Wild About Art (joint show with Waterway Art Association), Sunset River Gallery, Calabash
November 13 – January 7	Seasons Tweeting's (members only), Gallery 906, Wilmington

Website Update – Your Submission Please ****ACTION REQUESTED****

Did you know we are updating our website? Please send a brief bio, a head shot, six images of your work, and your social media account information to wautcinc@gmail.com. We want to show off the talents of our fabulous members! **Deadline is June 15th.**

Wanted—VOLUNTEERS - *We need you!*

As we grow as a group, and to continue to bring multiple show opportunities and other educational events, we need to grow our human capacity as well. This means, we need your involvement. We are a 100% volunteer organization and there are many ways to volunteer. WAOTC is looking for volunteers for exhibitions, marketing, communications, fundraising, grants, education and more. Please consider volunteering. Together, let's make 2025 our best year yet. If interested, please email waotcinc@gmail.com.

Member News – *Help us help you!*

Are you in an upcoming art exhibit/event/publication? Are you teaching a workshop? Let us know!

Let us share your good news! When you post your upcoming events, etc. on your social media channels, tag us. Then email us at waotcinc@gmail.com. We are happy to share your good news in our Facebook and Instagram pages, but we don't always know... unless you tell us. You can also post directly on our facebook group: facebook.com/groups/wildlifeartistsofthecarolinasinc

WAOTC contacts & links

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Facebook fan group facebook.com/groups/wildlifeartistsofthecarolinasinc

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