



Quarterly Member Newsletter October 2025

Hello WAOTC members,

Your Board has been hard at work this year to bring you numerous opportunities to show your beautiful wildlife art! We have had three successful shows, a fourth one happening this week and one more to go! We have expanded the definition of “wildlife” to include not only animals, but also plants in their natural habitats. You May have seen this expanded definition already reflected in the prospectus for our 3rd annual *Into the Wild* Art Exhibition & Sale. We hope that this brings some flexibility to our members on what’s acceptable in our shows going forward. Always, always read the prospectus before applying, as every show might have differences depending on things such as venue and space.

Our membership is at an all-time high with 96 members. Will you help us reach our goal of 100 members? There isn’t a better time to be a member, so if you have art friends in either NC or SC, invite them to join us. Also, as we grow, we will need more members to become involved. We can use your help in a lot of different areas, such as exhibitions, marketing, communications, fundraising, grants, education and more. Reply to this email to let us know how you’d like to help.

We cannot wait to post this on our Social Media platforms! Help us make our membership goal!



*Sincerely,
Your Board of Directors*

Happening Now: *Wild About Art @ Sunset River Gallery*

Our joint show with the Waterway Art Association is happening this week, Monday - Saturday at Sunset River Gallery in Calabash, NC. We hope that you can join us for a reception this Friday from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Or if not, that you can stop sometime during the week to see it. It is a gorgeous show and a rare opportunity to show in this beautiful space, one of the largest and most prestigious galleries in the Carolinas!



Up next: **MEMBER MEETING – October 14 @ Hannah Block.**

October will be our last 2025 Member Meeting. We want to hear from you. Instead of a meeting time of 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, would you prefer the time of 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm going forward? Reply to this email and let us know!

WILDLIFE ARTISTS OF THE CAROLINAS

Quarterly Member Meeting



Featuring Guest Speaker:
Gabriela de Souza

Consumer Horticulture Agent & Extension Master
GardenerSM Program Coordinator
N.C. Cooperative Extension - New Hanover County Center

How Native Plants Transform Ecosystems and Communities

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

11:00am - 1:00pm

Hannah Block Community Arts Center



SAVE the DATES – Upcoming Shows

November 13 – January 7	Seasons Tweeting's (members only)	Gallery 906, Wilmington
January 2026	TBD (Stay tuned for more)	The Artworks, Wilmington

Welcome New Members

Welcome new members who joined our group since our last newsletter. We are growing and expanding into new territories in the Carolinas!

Christine Lubst, Leland, NC
 Natalie Campbell, Leland, NC
 Kate Walter, Southport, NC
 Erika Pifher, Leland, NC
 Dax Bryan, Calabash, NC
 Karen Ipock, Wilmington, NC
 Hannah Fridholm, Holly Ridge NC
 Frannie Connor, Calabash, NC
 Karmen Hart, Leland, NC
 Shannon Risley, Wilmington, NC
 Mandy Todd, Myrtle Beach, SC
 Ingrid Dally, Southport, NC
 Beth McLain, Little River, SC
 Shelby Hanson, Leland, NC
 Susan Peyton, Leland, NC
 Nataliaia Ovcharova, Wilmington, NC
 April Moseley, Myrtle Beach, SC
 Lana Winneberger, Wilmington, NC

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership

Chris Bloom, Wilmington, NC
 Jessica Wicken, Wilmington, NC
 Rachel Haley, Wilmington, NC
 Terry Swanson, Leland, NC
 Allison Fanelli, Calabash, NC
 Gwen Renee Pikul, Southport, NC
 Janet Sessoms, Wilmington NC
 Jack Hurley, Leland, NC
 Constance Shrecengost, Hampstead, NC

WAOTC Website Update – ****ACTION REQUESTED****

A new website is about to roll out soon. One new exciting feature is a members' gallery. If you have not already, please send a brief bio, a head shot, six images of your work, and your social media account information to waotcinc@gmail.com. We want to show the talents of our fabulous members!

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 tag us and tell us. You can also post directly on our Facebook group: facebook.com/groups/wildlifeartistsofthecarolinasinc

WAOTC contacts & links

General inquiries, news sharing, etc.: waotcinc@gmail.com

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Website www.waotc.com

WAOTC Facebook page: facebook.com/wildlifeartistsnc

Facebook fan group

facebook.com/groups/wildlifeartistsofthecarolinasinc

Instagram [@waotcinc](https://www.instagram.com/waotcinc)

President: Allison Fanelli

Vice President: Lourdes Rosas Rasdall

Treasurer: Dave Kilgore

Secretary: Terry Turley

Members At Large: Lisa Myers, Gwen Pikul, Sabine Baeckmann



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