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Seacoast Artists Guild & Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild Award First Visual Arts Grant to St. James Intermediate School Visual Arts Teacher

The Seacoast Artists Guild (SAG), through its Cushman Youth Education Fund and the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild through its education fund, are pleased to share the award of the first Visual Arts Grant. The purpose of the grant is to help provide support for the visual arts in the Horry County School District. The \$1,000 grant was awarded to visual arts teacher, Chris King from St. James Intermediate School on May 27, 2021.

Mr. King was very excited to receive these much-needed funds for his project that will be for his sixth grade students. The title of the proposed project is "It's Their Choice!". As described by him:

"At St. James Intermediate, I have the pleasure of teaching both fifth & sixth graders on the same day. It seems though that my sixth graders generally can be challenged more in my pursuit to teach them creativity. So, it is my wish to offer those students a choice of specific art classes that last nine weeks & cater to their abilities. Each class introduces the art genre & gradually produces skills that can be used in a final project of their choice. One of the class choices to be made available is ceramics. It is expected that students will have a greater understanding & appreciation for ceramics as a respected art genre. Often in school art programs, there is an absence of three-dimensional studies in the curriculum because of budget limitations. Students best experience clay when it is put in their hands – not on a screen."

Seacoast Artists Guild

Members of the Seacoast Artists Guild, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization is dedicated to advancing excellence in the visual artists through teaching, exhibits, workshops, & special events. We are particularly focused on developing & nurturing young artists through training programs, student exhibits & a grant program for local schools.

Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild

The Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, founded in 1969 by local artists to promote & encourage the visual arts in the greater Grand Strand community by providing monthly meetings & mini workshops. Now well into its fifth decade, the Guild looks to build upon its storied past as it continues to serve the arts & enrich the lives of all it touches throughout the community.

You can find more information about the Seacoast Artists Guild & Gallery at www.seacoartistsguild.com. The gallery is located at 3032 Nevers Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. You can find more information about the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild at www.wacg.org.

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Attached images:

Board of Directors from the Seacoast Artists Guild and the Waccamaw Arts & Crafts Guild awarding the \$1,000 Visual Arts Grant.

Pictured from left to right: Marlene Davis (SAG Board, Youth Program Director), Dorothy Ellis (SAG Board member), Sandra Anderson (SAG Board, President), Pat Mariano (SAG Board, Programs), David Cupolo (St. James Intermediate School, Principal), Chris King (St. James Intermediate School, Visual Arts), Carolyn A. Powell (WACG Board, President), Kathy Britton (WACG Board, Secretary)

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Additional hi-res images are available upon request.

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