

# Mississippi Art Education Association 2026 Spring Conference



**April 17-18, 2026**  
**Ocean Springs, MS**  
**Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center**





# Registration Information

The 2026 MAEA Spring Conference will feature a tour of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art with a watercolor hands-on activity and one full day of hands-on professional development led by local artists in a variety of media at the Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center. MAEA Spring Conference fees include admission and hands-on activity to the guided tour of the Walter Anderson MoA on Friday, Saturday sessions, art supplies needed for the sessions, and lunch on Saturday. The WA MoA tour will be Friday, April 17th, and the studio workshops at O'Keefe CAC will be hosted on Saturday, April 18th. All sessions are specifically geared to help Visual Arts teachers strengthen their teaching practices and show connections to the Mississippi Visual Arts Standards as well as give teachers opportunities to reflect, problem solve, and share new ideas and experiences. 1.2 CEU or 12 contact hours are available during this professional development conference.

## **Registration Costs Breakdown:**

We will have 2 artist workshops to choose from (Christian Bailey clay and Jerrod Partridge Gouache painting). They have a different cost. **You must pick one of the workshops to attend.**

## **Totals Cost of Conference and workshop:**

**Christian Bailey Clay PD Workshop: \$115**      **Jerrod Partridge Gouache Painting PD Workshop: \$160**

(Each includes Walter Anderson tickets/hand-on watercolor activity, supplies/materials, and lunch on Saturday)

- Additional CEU Fee - \$10-15

## **Payment Options:**

Conference fees can be paid with a credit card or check. If you will be paying through a purchase order, please include the PO # and contact information for your bookkeeper at registration so MAEA can send an invoice to your school or district. **Please submit the updated 2026 W9 form for MAEA to your district as well to ensure your check is sent to the correct address.**

You can receive a full refund until April 5, 2025 for a cancellation. After April 5, all cancellations will be required to pay the registration fee. Register early to save your spot!

# Conference Schedule

<b>Friday, April 17th, 2026</b> <b>Walter Anderson Museum of Art</b> <b>510 Washington Ave Ocean Springs, MS 39564</b>		
<b>2:00-2:30 pm</b>	Check-In	<b>Walter Anderson Museum of Art</b>
<b>2:30-4:30 pm</b>	Guided Tours of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art	510 Washington Ave Ocean Springs, MS 39564
<b>4:30-5:00 pm</b>	Tour of Jerrod Partridge Gallery Space	Next to Museum
<b>5:00-7:30 pm</b>	MAEA Working Dinner & Artist Talk <b>(Cost of dinner is not included in the conference fee, but CEUs can be earned during this time.)</b> We will be eating at <b>Knuckleheads</b> Visit <a href="#">HERE</a> for the dinner menu.	<b>Knuckleheads</b> 522 Washington Ave, Ocean Springs, MS 39564



WALTER ANDERSON  
MUSEUM of ART



<b>Saturday, April 18th, 2026</b> <b>Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center</b> <b>1600 Government Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564</b>		
<b>8:30 - 9:00 am</b>	Registration	Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center
<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b>	Studio Workshops Morning Session	Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center
<b>12:00 - 1:00pm</b>	Lunch & Learn Presentation feat. National Board Certified Teacher presentation Independent Gallery Exploration <b>(Lunch included in cost)</b>	Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center
<b>1:00 - 4:00 pm</b>	Studio Workshops Afternoon Session (Jerrod Partridge's group will be going to the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art)	Mary C O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center



# Painting from Direct Observation with Jerrod Partridge

In this workshop, Jerrod will work with participants in improving their observation skills through painting in their preferred medium. Jerrod will demonstrate using gouache, but there will also be other materials available (Watercolor, acrylic, and oil). The morning session will focus on a still life, and the afternoon session will focus on painting outdoors (weather permitting). Also, the participants will have a special opportunity to visit Jerrod's temporary studio at the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum as the 2026 artist-in-residence.

9am - 12pm (Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center, Ocean Springs)

1-4pm (Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, Biloxi)

**Limit 20 participants.**

**Bring a portable chair if you will need one for outdoor painting.**



Jerrod is a full-time studio artist, educator, and curator; and with his wife owns Palmette, a flower shop and art gallery located in downtown Ocean Springs, MS. He leads Visual Explorations trips around the world, and also organizes Art Space 86 projects which provide opportunities for artists and enrich communities through art. Jerrod's work can be seen at Palmette or by appointment at his studio in Ocean Springs; Fischer Galleries in Jackson, MS; Southside Gallery in Oxford, MS; Claire Elizabeth Gallery in New Orleans, LA; and various temporary locations through Art Space 86. Jerrod earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from the New York Academy of Art in 2004. He is a 2011 recipient of a Visual Arts Fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission, was named distinguished Alumnus of the Year for the Mississippi College Department of Art in 2017, and in 2025 received the Jane Crater Hiatt Fellowship through the Mississippi Museum of Art. His website is [www.jerrodpartridge.com](http://www.jerrodpartridge.com) and his Instagram page is @jerrodpartridge.



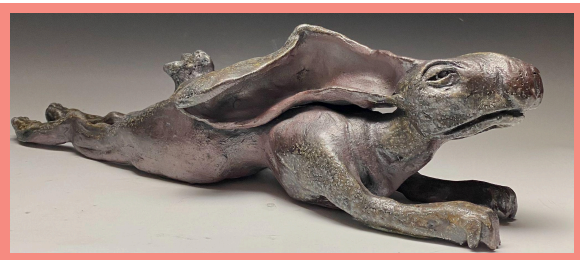
# Quick & Dirty Figurative Bust Sculpting with Christian Bailey



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, Christian Bailey will lead participants through his process of using a paper armature and soft slabs for sculpting human/animal hybrid figurative busts. You will be guided in how to construct your armature, apply slabs, and sculpt your creature using handbuilding techniques. **Limit 15 participants.**



Christian Bailey is a husband, a cat dad, an award-winning artist, and art teacher living on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He earned a BFA in sculpture and a Master's of Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. This is his 19th year as a high school art teacher, teaching art 1, 2, 3, 4, Advanced Placement Studio Art, and ceramics. He is a reader for the College Board AP Studio Art Portfolio. And was the 2024/25 Teacher of the Year for the Harrison County School District. In addition to being a high school art teacher, he maintains a robust studio practice that continuously pushes his boundaries of what clay can do in art. Workshops on clay sculpture, surface decoration techniques for pottery, glaze mixing, and how to use art in the classroom, round out the rest of his days. He has had a series of solo and group shows around the southeast. Most notably Columbus Arts Council, Hinds Community College, Pearl River Community College, Jones County Junior College, Florida State College of Jacksonville, the Mary C. Cultural Center, and Ohr O'Keefe Museum of Art. He was selected to show at ArtFields for 2023 and 2024. He has been awarded numerous grants for his work and was a fellowship awardee for 2024 from the Mississippi Arts Commission for his work in sculpture and is now on the MAC Artist Roster.



# Saturday Lunch Options



**Boxed Sandwiches - Each includes a whole sandwich, assorted chips, pickle spear and a cookie.**

- **Turkey Club Croissant Box**
  - Roasted turkey, bacon, sharp cheddar, Swiss, spring mix, tomato, mayo and McAlister's Honey Mustard™ on croissant.
- **Grilled Chicken Club Box**
  - McAlister's Club with grilled chicken in place of ham and turkey
- **McAlister's Club Box**
  - Roasted turkey, Black Forest ham, bacon, sharp cheddar, Swiss, spring mix, tomato, mayo and McAlister's Honey Mustard™ on wheat.
- **Black Angus Club Box**
  - Black Angus roast beef, bacon, sharp cheddar, Swiss, red onion, spring mix, tomato, horseradish sauce and mayo on wheat.
- **Veggie Sandwich Box**
  - Spinach, tomatoes, crisp cucumbers, red onions, house-roasted multi-colored peppers, avocado and herb mayo, seasoned with salt n' pepper on 9-Grain bread.
- **Harvest Chicken Salad Sandwich Box**
  - A southern classic chicken salad dressed with spring mix and tomatoes served on croissant.\* \*Contains pecans
- **Roasted Turkey & Provolone Sandwich Box**
  - Roasted turkey, spring mix, provolone cheese, and tomato on a 6-inch baguette.
- **Southwest Chicken Wrap Box**
  - Seasoned grilled chicken, roasted corn, poblano and black bean relish, pepper-jack cheese, chipotle ranch, avocado, tomato, and spring mix on a wheat wrap

**Boxed Salads - Each includes a salad and dressing.**

- **Harvest Chicken Salad Salad-** Served with mixed greens, cheddar-jack cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers & tomatoes. Served with Honey Mustard dressing.
- **Southwest Chicken & Avocado Salad (GF)-** Mixed greens, roasted corn poblano & black bean relish, red onion, tomatoes, cheddar-jack cheese, blue corn tortilla strips, avocado, & grilled marinated chicken. Served with Chili Lime Vinaigrette.
- **Savannah Chopped Salad (GF)-** Mixed greens, grilled chicken, dried cranberries, Gorgonzola cheese, honey roasted almonds, tomatoes & cucumbers. Served with our tangy sherry shallot dressing.
- **Garden Salad-** Mixed greens, cheddar-jack cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers & tomatoes. Served with Ranch Dressing.