

January 2015

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

Gallery Highlights...

Open Show in January!

Plan to see the January exhibit—it's always a treat to see what new things our artists have thought of this time around!

There will be paintings, drawings, sculpture, fiber arts, and who knows what else.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays 11 am to 2 pm;
Wednesdays through Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm.

And plan to say hello to Julie Vande Zande, our new Executive Director.

It's Membership Dues Time!

All memberships in the gallery expire in January. If you have not yet renewed, please do so—we need you! Renewed in November or December? Then you're good to go for all of 2015. And thank you!

We would appreciate it if you would fill out a membership form so that we can check to be sure we have all your information listed correctly in our records. You can find the form online at www.MenaArtGallery.org under "Membership" in the left-hand menu. Or come by the gallery to pick up one. That way you get to see what is up on the walls and say hello to Julie or the volunteer on duty that day.

Ouachita Little Theatre

Right across the street from the gallery is the Ouachita Little Theatre. Check out their website: www.OuachitaLittleTheatre.org.

P. O. Box 871
607 Mena Street, Mena, AR 71953 479-394-3880
email@MenaArtGallery.org
www.MenaArtGallery.org
Gallery Hours: Tue. 11-2; Wed. – Sat. 10-3; or by appointment call
479-394-3880

Gallery Attendants Needed!

Please check out the calendar on page 2. We need volunteers to open the doors on the days marked "Available" and there are quite a few this month.

Volunteers are needed from 12 pm to 3 pm. It's an easy and fun job. Sometimes you get to talk to lots of visitors; sometimes you get to read a book or catch up on your email (wireless available).

If you are new at the job, Julie Vande Zande will take you through the things you need to know. Give her a call at 479-394-3880 during regular gallery hours and select the day that works best for you.

Thank you!

Open Show!

During the month of January, an Open Show (any media, any subject) is up. Be sure to get by to see it. Hours are from 11 am to 2 pm Tuesdays and 10 am to 3 pm Wednesdays through Saturdays.

You can sign up for upcoming months on the calendar on the wall on the Volunteers' Board to get your choice of dates! If you can come in as Gallery Attendant on any day marked "available" below, please call the gallery at 479-394-3880. We only need volunteers for Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; the "Art Day" and "Fiber Arts" attendees take care of Tuesdays and Fridays.

A special thanks to our gallery attendants: we couldn't operate the gallery without you!

Please note that your commitment as gallery attendant is for three hours: usually that is from noon to 3 pm on Wednesday through Saturday, but if mornings are more convenient for you, call Julie at the gallery, 479-394-3880, and see if she can switch hours with you.

<i>January 2014</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Closed Happy New Year!	2 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	3 Available 1-3 pm Reception for Open Show
4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	7 Available 5 pm Board Meeting	8 Jane Brace	9 1-3 Writers 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	10 Available 10 am Photo Club 1-3 pm Children's Class
11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Art Day 11 am-2 pm 5:30 pm Art Awareness	14 Barb Tobias	15 Pat Brown	16 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	17 Available
18 Closed	19 Closed.	20 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	21 Sam Tobias	22 Jane Brace	23 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	24 Available
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What's Going On?

Be sure to check page 3 of your newsletter each month for details and contacts to learn more about any of these groups. You are cordially invited to drop in on any of these activities: call the gallery at 479-394-3880 for more details, or contact the person listed under the activity you are interested in. **Don't see something you would like to be involved in? Call the gallery to find out how it can be started.**

Don't forget that we always need volunteers to staff the gallery, especially as we are not having monthly members' meetings. Please check the calendar on page two. If you can work as gallery attendant (lots of perks here!) on any of the days marked "Available," please call and tell the Executive Director. And thank you!

Photo Club

The Photo Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am in the classroom at the gallery. The Challenge topic in December was "Holidays," and the winner was Jo Eldridge. Check page 5 for the picture. The challenge for the January meeting will be "Reflections." For more information, please contact Ann Glenn at 757-304-1313, or email her at marvann.glenn65@gmail.com

Ouachita Writers' Guild

The Writers' Guild is back to meeting from 1 to 3 pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, with the next meeting on January 9. For more information, contact Barbara Tobias at 479-234-3104; barbtobias09@gmail.com.

Fiber Arts

Fridays from around 11 am to around 3 pm are devoted to Fiber Arts. You will find members spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, quilting, or anything else involving the creative use of fiber. For more information, contact Bridget Sigler at menabeada@aol.com, or call 786-239-9590, or just drop in, yarn in hand.

Art Day

This is open to anyone working in a media that is portable enough to bring to the classroom. Artists come and go between 11 am and 2 pm each Tuesday. Come and bring your current project or just come to watch and talk. For more information, contact Gilda Meyers at ladyhawke95@gmail.com or call her at 214-536-3658.

Plein Air Painting

Nothing scheduled for January. If you are interested, please either call the gallery or Barbara Tobias at 479-234-3104 so we know if there are enough people interested to continue.

Art Awareness

Each month, on the third Tuesday at 5:30 pm, one of our members presents a short program (about 30 minutes) on art. Among the things we have enjoyed in the past are weaving, glass painting, watches, clay sculpture, and a lot more. If you would like to know more about something art related and can suggest someone to make the presentation, or if you would like to tell us a bit about your specialty, please contact Henry Moreno at 479 234 3413, henrymoreno@gmail.com.

Minutes of December 10, 2014 Board Meeting

Board Members Attending:

Rick Chrisman
Bridget Sigler
Lorraine Timmerman
Barbara Tobias
Diane Warren
Sandra Thomas
David Maddox
Henry Moreno
Bob Manis

Also attending:

Julie Vande Zande
Jane Brace
Pat Brown

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written on motion from David Maddox and second by Diane Warren.

Financial statements were discussed and Jane Brace said that the expenditure for building repairs should have been taken from Special Accounts rather than general fund; we will request that this be changed. Statements were approved on motion by Henry Moreno and second by Sandra Thomas.

Fund Raising: Pat Brown reported that we had raised all but \$2,200 of the money required for the Juried Show. A committee has been appointed to go ahead with the work for the show while the fund raising committee continues to work on fund raising.

Nominating: We will present nominations to the membership at the members' meeting next week. Election will be in January.

Art Awareness: Henry Moreno reported that the December and January meetings are set. Jane reported that Susan Sebren would be willing to do a program on paper mache in March.

Membership: Nothing new.

Marketing and Promotion: On hold working on Juried Show.

Exhibits: Set for 2015. Changed the September Open Show to Greg Disch Photography.

Building and Maintenance: New hot water heater installed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm on motion by Diane Warren and second by Sandra Thomas.

Reported by Barbara Tobias

Director's Report for December 2014

Gallery Sign-in (visitors) for December	24
Volunteer Hours for December:	48
Sit Gallery 16 of 16 Days	48
Christmas Show Sales	
November	\$1543.60
December (as of 12-23-14)	\$1291.67
Total	\$2835.27

Photography Winners for December 2014



Left: Jo Eldridge's Challenge
Winner: *Kitty Under the Tree*

