

# Mena Art Gallery

*Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas*

February 2015

## ***Gallery Highlights...***

### ***Suzanne Manis to Present Art Awareness***

Please plan to be at the Art Awareness program on Tuesday, February 17, at 5:30 pm. Suzanne will be doing a program about how she makes the beautiful pottery you have seen at the gallery from time to time.

### ***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](http://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.

### ***Details about Fiber Arts Classes***

Call the gallery at 479-394-3880 for details about the Fiber Arts Classes and to register for the ones you want to take. Gallery hours are 11 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays and 10 am to 3 pm Wednesdays through Saturdays.

### ***Ouachita Little Theatre***

Right across the street from the gallery is the Ouachita Little Theatre. Check out their website: [www.OuachitaLittleTheatre.org](http://www.OuachitaLittleTheatre.org).

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[www.MenaArtGallery.org](http://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!

## ***Fiber Arts Show and Classes***

February is Fiber Arts month! There will be beautiful crafts on display, many for sale, and demos and classes during the month. There will be a Twining class (making small unique rugs from strips of fabric), an introduction to rigid heddle weaving, one on spinning with a drop spindle, a class on a Japanese beading technique where you make and take with you a beautiful bracelet, and a fashion show. All this plus the reception on Saturday, February 7.

See the calendar on page 2 for times.

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>February 2014</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2 <b>Closed</b>	3 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	4 Check-in for Fiber Arts Show	5 Diane Warren	6 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	7 <b>Available</b>  9-12 Twining Class 1-3 pm Reception for Fiber Arts Show 1-3 pm Children's Class
8 <b>Closed</b>	9 <b>Closed</b>	10 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	11 Lorraine Timmerman 5 pm Board Meeting	12 Kurt Bickerstaff	13 1-3 Writers 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art) 12-3 Japanese Braiding Class	14 <b>Available</b> 10 am Photo Club
15 <b>Closed</b>	16 <b>Closed</b>	17 Art Day 11 am-2 pm 5:30 pm Art Awareness	18 Carolyn McCullough	19 <b>Available</b>	20 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	21 <b>Available</b>  9-12 Drop Spindle SpinningClass
22 <b>Closed</b>	23 <b>Closed.</b>	24 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	25 <b>Available</b>	26 <b>Available</b>	27 1-3 Writers 11 am-3 pm Yarns & Yarns (Fiber Art)	28 <b>Available</b> 9-12 Rigid Heddle Weaving Class  1 pm mini Fashion Show

## ***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 only having quarterly 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 for Jan. was "Reflections." Betty Acheson's "Curved Mirror" was the winner. Challenge for February is "Light." Betty said, "Light, is why you are drawn to photograph what you see. Light is my challenge, for you."

### ***Ouachita Writers' Guild***

The Writers' Guild is back to meeting from 1 to 3 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, with the next meeting on February 13. For more information, contact Barbara Tobias at 479-234-3104; [barbtobias09@gmail.com](mailto:barbtobias09@gmail.com).

### ***Fiber Arts***

Fridays from around 11 am to around 3 pm finds the Fiber Artists at the gallery. There will be 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](mailto:menabeada@aol.com), or call 786-239-9590, or just drop in, yarn in hand. And be sure to come see what they're doing during the Fiber Arts Exhibit during February.

### ***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](mailto:ladyhawke95@gmail.com) or call her at 214-536-3658.

### ***Plein Air Painting***

Nothing scheduled for February. 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](mailto:henrymoreno@gmail.com).

## ***Minutes of December 10, 2014 Board Meeting***

### **Board Members Attending:**

Rick Chrisman  
Kevin Burch  
Bridget Sigler  
Lorraine Timmerman  
Diane Warren  
Joe Van Wolf  
Philip Hensley  
David Maddox  
Sandra Thomas  
Henry Moreno  
Pat Brown  
Jan Wennberg  
Barbara Tobias

### **Also in attendance:**

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

We reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting; they were approved (with corrections by Henry Moreno in that Art Awareness is set through March of 2015 and removing "on hold" from the Marketing & Promotion committee) on motion by Sandra Thomas and second by Bridget Sigler.

Reviewed the financial statements; approved on motion by Henry Moreno and second by David Maddox.

Rick Chrisman suggested that the finance committee should be separated from the fund raising committee in order to better keep track of funds regarding things like OAC and the Juried Show.

### **COMMITTEES:**

**Fund Raising** – Pat Brown reported that there is a meeting scheduled for January 15 with the Fund Raising committee members for the photography show. She also reported that the grant application has been submitted to Arkansas Arts Council and that she is working on another grant application for OAC. Also she could use more members on the fund raising committee. Henry Moreno made a motion that we accept Nancy Taylor's (awards judge for juried competition) offer to do a 3-day workshop in conjunction with the juried competition. Sandra Thomas seconded; the motion passed.

**Art Awareness** - okay through March when Susan Sebren will do a presentation on paper mache. Sandra suggested that we publicize a questionnaire through the Chamber of Commerce about ideas on what to feature for Art Awareness Night.

**Membership** - Julie Vande Zande reported that we have 29 members who have renewed membership for 2015. She plans to send out a reminder.

**Exhibits Exhibits** – All set for 2015.

**Building & Maintenance** - no members at this point. Rick pointed out that we need more committee members who can work on this. He also said the workman on the building next door reported standing water on our roof. He is going to contact the company who installed the roof to see what can be done.

Rick Chrisman reported that the mayor said they have the street-scaping bids out for contract for the final two blocks of main street.

Dave Maddox moved to adjourn at 5:50.

Barbara M. Tobias, Secretary

### ***Director's Report for January 2015***

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of January 28th were 29

Volunteer Hours for January – Sit Gallery 13 of 13 Days – 39 hours

New Memberships in January – 3

Memberships Renewed in January – 40

### ***Photography Winners for January, 2015***



Left: Betty Acheson's Challenge  
Winner: *Curved Mirrors*

### ***Geeks Helping Non-Geeks?***

One of our members has suggested that some of us need a group where artists and writers can learn to survive in today's overwhelmingly electronic world. If you are one of the fortunate people who can navigate the web, understand the idiosyncrasies of Microsoft Word, or just do email, would you consider spending an hour now and then at your convenience showing the less electronically knowledgeable of us the ropes? Or do you know someone who would? After all, not everyone has access to a helpful teenager! If so, please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 and tell Julie what you would be willing to do and when.

