

# Mena Art Gallery

June 2015

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

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

### ***NEW Website for Mena Art Gallery***

We have updated our website and added some new things. Check it out at [www.menaartgallery.org](http://www.menaartgallery.org). We want to add as many of our talented artists to our artists list as we can. Please contact Julie at 394-3880 and we can help get a biography and photos together for you.

### ***Remodeling at Mena Art Gallery***

We are starting the remodeling project at Mena Art Gallery. The gallery will be closed for the month of July but we will continue all of our regularly scheduled meetings (Art Day, Photography Club, Writers' Guild, Children's Art Classes, Young Artist Classes, Art Awareness, etc.). We will be meeting at the old armory on the corner of DeQueen Street and Port Arthur. If you have any questions contact Julie at 394-3880. Anyone who has artwork in the gallery store please plan to pick up the last week of June.

### ***Art of the Heartland Juried Painting Competition***

Everything is set up and running, and we are in the process of accepting entries for this show. Check it out at [www.TheArtoftheHeartland.com](http://www.TheArtoftheHeartland.com). There are over \$12,000 in cash awards for the winners of this one!

### ***Young Artist Class***

The Young Artist Class for this month will be Cherri Stanberry. She will be teaching about Polymer Clay on June 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Youth & adult welcome!

### ***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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Gallery Hours: Tue. 11-2; Wed. – Sat. 10-3;

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***2015 Photography Show***

We will be accepting entries for the Photography Show on Wednesday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make plans to attend the reception and awards ceremony on Saturday, June 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**Come sign up for door prizes** which include a camera bag, gift certificates from Chopping Block and gift certificates from Bedford Camera and Video.

## ***Congratulations MAG Members***

Several of our members received awards at two area competitions. Congratulations to you all!

### **Holdenville Art Show – Holdenville, OK**

Gilda Meyers – Master Miscellaneous – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Patricia Trulock – Master Miscellaneous – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Lowell Thomas – Amature Photo – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and

Honorable Mention

Jolene Thomas – Amature Miscellaneous – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

### **King Show in King, AR**

Purchase Awards

*Buffalo River Reflections* by William Rainey

*An Autumn Dream* by William Rainey

*Blue Hole* by William Rainey

*Shady Point Bridge* by Michael Leonard

*Darkness Falls into Light* by William Rainey

*Mountain Fork River Bridge* by Michael Leonard

*Glade Creek Grist Mill* by Lowell Thomas

*Snowy Deer* by Donna Atkinson

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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, Fridays, and Saturdays; the "Art Day" attendees take care of Tuesdays.**

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>June 2015</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Closed</b>	2 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	3 10 am-4pm Receive Entries for Photography Show	4 Kurt Bickerstaff	5 Betty Acheson	6 1-3 pm Photography Show Reception
7 <b>Closed</b>	8 <b>Closed</b>	9 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	10 <b>Available</b> 5:00 pm Board Meeting	11 <b>Available</b>	12 <b>Available</b> 1-3 Writers	13 <b>Available</b> 10 am-12 pm Photo Club 1-3 pm Children's Class
14 <b>Closed</b>	15 <b>Closed</b>	16 Art Day 11 am-2 pm 5:30 pm Art Awareness Cynthia Thanos- Wade – Watercolor Mask and Pour Technique	17 Becky Rogers	18 Becky Rogers	19 <b>Available</b>	20 Cynthia Thanos-Wade 1-3 p.m. Young Artist Class – Cherri Stanberry – Polymer Clay
21 <b>Closed</b>	22 <b>Closed</b>	23 Art Day 11 am-2 pm 5:30 pm Art Awareness	24 Lowell Thomas	25 Kurt Bickerstaff	26 Carolyn McCullough 1-3 Writers	27 <b>Available</b>
28 <b>Closed</b>	29 <b>Closed</b>	30 Art Day 11 am-2 pm				

## ***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.**

The gallery is looking for a volunteer to help in the office one or two days a week for help on some small projects. If you are interested call Julie at 479-394-3880.

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 Julie. And thank you!

### ***Photo Club***

The Photo Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the classroom at the gallery. The challenge topic for May was "Clouds"; There was a three way tie - Donna Atkinson, Kurt Bickerstaff, and Amy Bult. The challenge for June will be "People/Persons."

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

The Writers' Guild meets from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on most 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, with the next meeting on June 12. For more information, contact Barbara Tobias at 479-234-3104; barbtobias09@gmail.com.

### ***Fiber Arts***

Suspended for the summer.

### ***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 a.m. and 2 p.m. 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 June. If you are interested, please either call the gallery at 479-394-3880 or Vickie Dempsey at 479-438-3924 so we know if there are enough people interested to continue.

### ***Art Awareness***

Each month, on the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., 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, paper mâché 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 or [henrymoreno@gmail.com](mailto:henrymoreno@gmail.com).

Cynthia Thanos-Wade will present Watercolor Mask and Pour Technique at the Art Awareness program on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## *Minutes of Board Meeting 05/13/15*

### **Board Members Attending:**

Rick Chrisman  
 Bridget Sigler  
 Lorraine Timmerman  
 Diane Warren  
 Sandra Thomas  
 Pat Brown  
 Jan Wennberg  
 Barbara Tobias

### **Also in attendance:**

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and were approved on motion by Bridget Sigler and second by Jan Wennberg.

Financial reports for February were reviewed and approved as written on motion by Sandra Thomas and second by Barbara Tobias.

**Banking** – Currently all our banking is done with Bear State Bank. Due to some issues with Bear State Bank and outstanding support from Union Bank, Rick Chrisman asked the board to consider moving part (Juried Show) or all of our banking to Union Bank. Barbara Tobias made the motion that we move all accounts to Union Bank and Pat Brown second the motion.

We will continue to have the main (capital) account, Edward Jones account and raffle account.

A new account will be created for the Juried Show so we can easily keep track of all activity.

A new account will be created for OAC.

Bridget Sigler motioned to move the balance from OAT to Special Projects. Barbara Tobias second the motion.

An additional signator is needed to replace Bob Manis who is no longer on the board. Pat Brown volunteered to become a signator, joining Rick Chrisman, Barbara Tobias and Jan Wennberg.

**Website** – Julie Vande Zande showed the new website to the board. A few changes to the website were suggested and will be taken to web designers for consideration.

### **COMMITTEES:**

**Fund Raising** – Pat Brown reported that enough was raised for the Photography Show.

**Art Awareness** – Sam Tobias will be doing a video on Sante Fe in June or July. Checking with Cynthia Thanos-Wade to see if she would like to do presentation on watercolor masking in June or July.

**Membership** - Julie Vande Zande reported that we have approximately 110 membership renewals. Still a few to contact or hear back from but the remainder of the current memberships will come in during the Photography Show and the Ouachita Expressions Show.

**Exhibits** – Rick Chrisman reported that the OAC is moving along well. We are looking into rack cards possibly working with Maureen Keese at RMCC. Also looking into newspaper and other advertising possibilities.

Jan Wennberg reported that the exhibits committee met and started looking at next year's schedule. They will be emailing new members that signed up for the exhibits committee information on the meeting and will include all committee members in the next meeting. They will meet again in June. They are considering an invitational for gallery members and will be sending out information to members to determine interest.

**Building & Maintenance** – Rick Chrisman reported that we received two final bids for the remodeling project in the gallery – Jason Miles/Miles Construction for \$13,981 and James Earl Turner/Glennaire Construction, Inc. for \$23,177. Mena Metal Buildings declined to submit a bid due their heavy workload. After discussion, Pat Brown moved that we contract with Miles Construction pending results of a check of references and that the building committee have the authority for the final decision after reviewing references. Bridgett Sigler seconded the motion. Rick Chrisman reported that Phillip Hensley has agreed to work with us on a loan for the building project.

Rick Chrisman talked about problems we are having with the roof. There is a moisture problem that should be able to be fixed by sealing the flashing on the roof. Kevin Achley, owner of building next door to us, has offered to help us with this. Also there is a dip in the roof where some braces tipped sideways. There is no leaking at this point but we will have the company that works on the remodel project look at this while they are here. This will be put on hold for now.

Aleshire Electric looked at our current electrical and made a bid of \$720 to fix our current problems. We are also looking into more lighting in the gallery and changing the current compact flouresent bulbs to LED bulbs. Sample LED bulbs have been ordered to see how they look.

**Finance** – The Finance Committee did not meet this month.

**Marketing & Promotion** – Working on the Juried Show. Magazine ads have hit the stands. Barbara Tobias is working on emailing galleries to help generate interest. Sandra Thomas contacted Candace Riner and is working on advertising for four states ads. Barbara Tobias has scheduled training meetings for the three jurors.

No new business.

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

Thank you, Jim Huckabay, for the wonderful watercolor exhibit. Everyone who visited the gallery truly enjoyed your work!

Sales - \$775

Workshop - \$80

Thank you to all the MAG members that volunteer to sit the gallery! I really appreciate all you do!

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of May 28, 2015 were 66.

Volunteer Hours for March – Sit Gallery 16 of 18 days – 48 hours

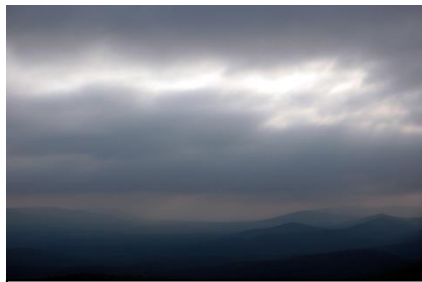
Check-In Jim Huckabay Show – 10 hours

Renewed Memberships January – May 28, 2015 – 105

## ***Photography Winners for May 2015 – Clouds***



Donna Atkinson



Kurt Bickerstaff



Amy Bult

## ***Congratulations MAG Members Continued...***

### **King Show in King, AR**

#### Special Awards in Adult Art

##### Landscape

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *Fly Away Home* by Judith Cantrell

##### Portrait

1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Apple Annie* by Gilda Meyers

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *Bridget* by Jim Brace

##### Abstract Contemporary

1<sup>st</sup> Hon. Mention – *Mix Match* by Sheila Johnson

##### Genre

2<sup>nd</sup> Hon. Mention – *The Lion, the Lamb and the Rock* by Judith Cantrell

#### Special Photography Awards

Judges Award – *Frog* by Kurt Bickerstaff

Pet Award – *What's Up?* by Donna Atkinson

#### Animal Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Bobcat* by Jo Eldridge

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *Unbroken Free Spirit* by Amy Bult

#### Animal Photography

2<sup>nd</sup> Hon. Mention – *Cats* by Jo Eldridge

#### Landscape Photography

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – *Cypress Knee Surprise* – Michael Leonard

#### Cossatot Country Photography

2<sup>nd</sup> Hon. Mention – *Blue Hole* – William Rainey

#### Arkansas Recreation Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Arkansas Senior Olympics* by Ann Glenn

1<sup>st</sup> Hon. Mention – *Water Park Fun* by Ann Glenn

#### General Photography

1<sup>st</sup> Place – *Johnson St. Water Tower* by Micheal Leonard

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *Docked Boat* by Lowell Thomas

1<sup>st</sup> Hon. Mention – *Cockscomb* by Steve Mosley

2<sup>nd</sup> Hon. Mention – *Reflection* by Patricia Trulock

#### Eleventh Grade Winners

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – *My Beating Heart* by Cheyenne Hand

Mena Art Gallery is owned and operated by SouthWest Artists, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and support is provided, in part, by the **Arkansas Arts Council**, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the National Endowment for the Arts, and several local businesses and individuals. Donations are tax deductible and help ensure the continuing work of bringing art to the community of Mena.

If you prefer to have your name removed from our mailing list, please send an email to: [email@MenaArtGallery.org](mailto:email@MenaArtGallery.org) or call 479-394-3880.

Membership in Mena Art Gallery is available at several levels:

Student: \$10:00      Individual: \$20.00      Family: 35.00

Membership forms are available at the Gallery or on the website [www.MenaArtGallery.org](http://www.MenaArtGallery.org)

We encourage you to become a member in this progressive artistic community and hope you will remember Mena Art Gallery in your Estate Planning by Leaving a Legacy for the Arts within the community for future generations.

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The Executive Director of the Gallery is Julie Vande Zande. She is available at 479-394-3880 during regular business hours to answer your questions and assist with your artistic endeavors.