

# Mena Art Gallery

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

August 2015

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

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

The jurying process is complete and we have accepted 50 excellent pieces into the exhibit. Between now and October, we'll be continuing to put together plans for all the exciting things to happen at the show opening.

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

The Young Artist Class for this month will be Lorraine Timmerman. She will be teaching a class on drawing on August 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Young artists ages 13 to 17 and adults welcome!

### ***Writers Guild***

The Writers Guild will be doing "Writers' Showcase" at American Artisans in Mena on Saturday, August 29 at noon. Several writers will be reading short pieces of their work. Many are humorous; some are serious.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***REMODELING COMPLETE***

We have completed the gallery remodeling and it looks great! Please plan to join us for the Ouachita Expressions Award Ceremony and Grand Re-opening Reception on August 8 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

## ***Call for Entries Ouachita Expressions Show***

We will be accepting entries for the Ouachita Expressions Show on August 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you to our prize award sponsors Mena Title Co., Union Bank of Mena, and Ouachita Equine Clinic. This year we will also have three new special awards – two \$50 awards from Poteau Valley Veterinary Hospital and a \$25 award from Yankee Clipper. We thank these businesses for all their support of the Ouachita Expressions Show.

We will have our Ouachita Expressions Awards Ceremony and our Grand Re-opening Reception on August 8 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please make plans to stop by and visit with the artists and check out our newly remodeled gallery. There will also be an opportunity to win a door prize and enjoy some refreshments.



**The gallery  
under  
construction.**



**Come see what  
it looks like  
now!**

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 p.m. 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.

August 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Closed</b>
2 <b>Closed</b>	3 <b>Closed</b>	4 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	5 Becky Rogers	6 Becky Rogers	7 <b>Available</b>	8 Ouachita Expressions & Grand Re-opening Reception 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
9 <b>Closed</b>	10 <b>Closed</b>	11 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	12 <b>Available</b> 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting	13 Carolyn McCullough	14 <b>Available</b> 1-3 Writers	15 Sharon Prislipsky 1-3 p.m. Young Artist Class – Lorraine Timmerman – Drawing
16 <b>Closed</b>	17 <b>Closed</b>	18 Art Day 11 am-2 pm 5:30 pm Art Awareness – Cherri Stanberry – Paper Mache Clay	19 Barbara Tobias	20 <b>Available</b>	21 Leon & Linda Fink	22 <b>Available</b>
23 <b>Closed</b>	24 <b>Closed</b>	25 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	26 Pat Brown	27 <b>Available</b>	28 <b>Available</b> 1-3 Writers	29 <b>Available</b> 12 noon - Writers' Showcase at American Artisans
30 <b>Closed</b>	31 <b>Closed</b>					

## ***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. There was not a challenge for July since the Photo Club did not meet in July.

### ***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 August 14. For more information, contact Barbara Tobias at 479-234-3104; [barbtobias09@gmail.com](mailto: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 August. 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 [henryrmoreno@gmail.com](mailto:henryrmoreno@gmail.com).

Cherri Stanberry's presentation will be on paper mâché clay at the Art Awareness program on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Minutes of Board Meeting 07/08/15***

### **Board Members Attending:**

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

### Also in attendance:

Julie Vande Zande, Jane Brace, Jim Brace, Patricia Trulock

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and were approved on motion by Phillip Hensley and second by David Maddox.

Rick pointed out a couple of questions about the financial reports for June. Jan Wennberg moved that approval of the financial reports be tabled until the next board meeting, giving Rick and Julie time to discuss the questions with the accountant. Barbara Tobias seconded. Motion was approved.

### **COMMITTEES & SPECIAL EVENTS REPORTS:**

**Building & Maintenance** – Rick Chrisman reported that the loan papers are signed and the bank set up an account to draw from as we need. There will be an additional \$700 to clean up the floor in the gallery. The board was shown three selections for the back wall art competition. Lorraine Timmerman's picture was selected as the winner. The selection was accepted on motion by Henry Moreno and second by Diane Warren.

**Exhibits** – Jan Wennberg reviewed a tentative 2016 exhibits schedule with the board and visitors. After reviewing the schedule there was discussion about the four member shows that were scheduled and the tentative fees for those shows. Bridget Sigler also announced that the fiber group would not be able to do the fiber show next year and they will regroup for the following year which will leave another show spot that will need to be filled. There were several ideas talked about including a Retrospective/Memorial Show and a Portrait of Arkansas. The exhibits committee will meet and bring a proposal to the board next month. If there are deadlines that need to be met for the 2016 schedule, they will email the information to all the board members and a decision will be made via email.

**Fund Raising** – Pat Brown reported that the fund raising committee is looking into a bus tour to Crystal Bridges and working on a possible photo reveal for donations at our Grand Reopening in August. She will have more information after the committee meets.

**Finance** – No meeting.

**Art Awareness** – Barbara Tobias reported that Sam Tobias will be showing their video of Santa Fe at the July Art Awareness. Cherri Stanberry is scheduled to do paper mache clay at the August Art Awareness.

**Art of the Heartland** – Barbara Tobias reported that there were 38 entries and that they need to make a contingency plan in case they do not get enough entries by the deadline. 200 – 250 entries would be enough for a good show. If the show is cancelled we would need to refund entry fees and send out letters to donors. They are now waiting to see how many entries come in by the deadline of July 10.

**Ouachita Art Celebration** – Rick Chrisman reported that there are ten confirmed businesses and one more possible participant. There will be a bigger stage this year. They will be continuing to have regular meetings.

**Marketing & Promotion** – Henry Moreno reported that they have been working on the Juried Show.

No new business.

Henry Moreno moved to adjourn at 6:27 p.m., second by Diane Warren.

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

The month of July was extremely busy with the remodeling project.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered and helped with this project. There is no way we could have finished in time without your help. I appreciate you all!!

Julie

### ***Check Out These Workshops and Classes at MAG***

This fall there will be great opportunities for artists to improve their skills right here at home. Here are some of the details:

On September 12, Greg Disch will conduct a photography workshop from 10 am to 4 pm. It will include such things as “hyperfocal distance” and “live view focusing.” You will learn how to get the most from the sky, create sunbursts, research locations, improve your composition, build panoramas and create natural HDR images. Greg is an excellent photographer with well over 20 years experience. To see some of his work, check out his website [www.gallery.gregdisch.com](http://www.gallery.gregdisch.com). Fee for this one-day workshop is \$75; call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

There are two painting workshops coming up in October as a part of the Art of the Heartland national juried painting competition being held in the gallery: Nancy Meadows Taylor will teach “How to Paint Beautiful Water” and Bill Garrison will conduct a plein-air landscape painting workshop.

On October 8, 9, and 10, Arkansas plein-air landscape painter Bill Garrison will have a workshop where he will first demonstrate his painting technique and then assist students individually. For more details and a look at some of Bill's paintings, go his website: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/billandgloria/> where you will find his biography, paintings, and the supply list for his workshop. Fee for this three-day workshop is \$300.

On October 12, 13, and 14, Nancy Meadows Taylor will teach students how to paint beautiful water. They can work in either oils or watercolor. For background information about Nancy and a look at some of her work, go to her website: <http://nancymeadowstaylor.com/>. Fee for this three-day workshop is \$300.

Ann Dahm will hold a two day Realistic Glazed Ceramic Flower Workshop on September 17 from 10 am to noon and September 24 from 10 am to noon. The first day students will make clay flowers. Ann will fire them and on the second day the students will glaze and complete. The cost will be \$25 per person and there is a 10 person limit for the class.

Lorraine Timmerman will teach a six week drawing class on September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. She will be focusing on the elements of drawing to help improve your pictures: contrast, values, perspective, etc. Some still life drawing. The cost will be \$50 per person. There is a limit of 12 people.

You can sign up for any of these by calling Mena Art Gallery, 479-394-3880. You will also find entry forms online for the two painting workshops and the photo shoot at <http://theartoftheheartland.com/> under “Events.”

And to add to the fun, there will be a Paint Out and Photo Shoot led by a local photographer on Saturday, October 10. You can visit several locations with Betty Acheson and take photos at each. This is a great opportunity to go with a guide to some of the most beautiful locations we are blessed with. Details about this are available on <http://theartoftheheartland.com/> under “Events” also. If you are a plein air painter and feel comfortable going out on your own, we can supply a list of locations and directions. Or you can follow Betty and set up your easel at whichever location most appeals to you rather than continuing with the rest of the trip. To sign up, call the gallery at 479-394-3880.

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.