

# Mena Art Gallery

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

September 2015

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

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

The jurors have selected the paintings to be accepted and they should start arriving in the gallery by the middle of September. Plans are developing for the awards ceremony and the reception on October 11. Please note that this reception is on SUNDAY afternoon and plan to come. The art is great and meeting many of the artists will be fun.

Be sure also to check out the great workshops coming up. Some are connected with the Art of the Heartland and some are our gallery regulars. Details on page 5!

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

The Young Artist Class for this month will be on Acrylic painting. Victoria Dempsey will be conducting the class on September 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Young artists ages 13 to 17 and adults welcome!

### ***Children's Art Class***

This will take place on September 5 from 1 to 3 pm this month. Niki Dempsey is teaching. Be sure to call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to make a reservation for your child. We limit class size to give individual attention to each. \$2.00 fee to help cover the cost of materials.

### ***Ouachita Art Celebration***

This year will be even better than last year! More artists, more things going on, more fun. Plan to come and join us on November 7. There will be details coming here, in local papers, and by email.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***Ribbon Cutting***

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the gallery on September 17 at 3:00 pm. Come help us celebrate our newly remodeled space!

## ***Greg Disch: Exhibit and Workshop***

The photography of Greg Disch will be front and center for the month of September: reception on September 5 from 1 to 3 pm and the exhibit will be on display through September 30.

See page 5 for details of Greg's workshop to be held September 30.

## ***Artwork for the Gallery Store***

Shelves are up and we are ready to set up the gallery store again this month.

Gallery members can put items in the store if you volunteer 3 hours a month sitting the gallery. Anyone interested in putting items in the store please contact Julie at 479-394-3880.

## **Photo Club Challenge Winner for August**



**Patricia Trulock -  
"Ruin"**

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.

September 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	2 Pick up Ouachita Expr. Entries 10 - 4	3 Cherri Stanberry	4 <b>Available</b>	5 Greg Disch Reception 1-3 pm
6 <b>Closed</b>	7 <b>Closed</b>	8 Art Day 11 am-2 pm	9 <b>Available</b> 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting	10 Cherri Stanberry	11 <b>Available</b> 1-3 Writers	12 Greg Disch Workshop 10 am to 4 pm
13 <b>Closed</b>	14 <b>Closed</b>	15 Art Day 11 am-2 pm  5:30 pm Art Awareness – Update on Juried Show Project	16 <b>Available</b>	17 Carolyn McCullough  Ann Dahm Ceramic Flower Workshop 10 – 12 noon  Ribbon Cutting 3 pm	18 <b>Available</b>	19 <b>Available</b> 1-3 p.m. Young Artist Class – Victoria Dempsey, Acrylic Painting
20 <b>Closed</b>	21 <b>Closed</b>	22 Art Day 11 am-2 pm  Lorraine Timmerman Drawing Class 6-8:30 pm	23 Becky Rogers	24 Becky Rogers	25 <b>Available</b> 1-3 Writers	26 <b>Available</b>
27 <b>Closed</b>	28 <b>Closed</b>	29 Art Day 11 am-2 pm  Lorraine Timmerman Drawing Class 6-8:30 pm	30 <b>Available</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. The challenge for August was "Architecture" and the winner was Patricia Trulock. This month's challenge is Signs in Peculiar Places.

### ***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 September 11. 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 September. If you are interested, please either call the gallery at 479-394-3880 or Victoria 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).

September Art Awareness on Tuesday, September 15, will be an update on the Juried Show Project. Barbara Tobias, Henry Moreno and Sandra Thomas will present the information.

## *Minutes of Board Meeting 08/12/15*

### **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

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Joe Van Wolf called attention to his being listed as attending the meeting but explained that he was on vacation at that time. The minutes were approved as corrected on motion by Joe Van Wolf and second by David Maddox.

Rick reviewed the financial reports for July which had been tabled due to several questions. He explained that there had been some problems with entering transactions in the correct categories and in posting the loan for the renovation. He and Julie met with the accountant and these problems have been resolved. Sandra Thomas moved that the July financial report as corrected be approved. Jan Wennberg seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

**Building and Maintenance** – Rick reported that all the construction work had been completed on the remodel with the exception of a few small finishing touches. He added that Jason Miles, the contractor, had done additional work beyond what was originally budgeted because of some unexpected problems with the plumbing and flooring. He stated that Jason has paid \$2155 to his workers out of his own pocket. Rick asked for a motion to authorize payment to Jason for this amount, adding that Jason will also take care of the remaining small tasks. Barbara Tobias so moved and David Maddox seconded. The motion was approved.

Rick also mentioned that he will be contacting Barbara Lewis again to discuss freeing up the funds that are being held in the Weanling Filly account. He said that these funds might be used for the renovation if she approves.

**Exhibits** – Jan Wennberg reported that the schedule of exhibits for 2016 is complete. In addition to the regular exhibits, a Portrait of Arkansas show will be June 29<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two member shows are scheduled with Gilda Meyers hosting one and Sam and Barbara Tobias hosting the other one. The committee recommended a fee of \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members to host their own show with the gallery receiving a 20% donation for each sale of work. The board agreed with this recommendation. Barbara Tobias said that she and Sam will donate all sales of their work to the gallery. David Maddox made the motion that the entry fee of \$100 be waived in this instance and Henry Moreno seconded. Motion passed.

**Art Awareness** – Henry Moreno reported that Cheri Stanberry will present the art awareness program in August, demonstrating paper mache clay. He added that the schedule for September through December is open and the committee welcomes suggestions.

**Art of the Heartland** – Barbara Tobias reported that they had received 101 entries from 65 artists and that the quality was excellent. She stated that they had accepted 51 entries for the show. She added that they are looking at what worked and what didn't with planning and promoting this year's show so they can begin planning for next year. She presented results of a survey of entrants to the juried show detailing satisfaction with CaFE and the volume of visits to the Art of the Heartland webpage. Henry Moreno stated that there are several questions raised by these results and they will be searching for answers over the next few months.

**Ouachita Art Celebration** – Rick Chrisman reported that plans are moving along well for this year's event. Seven businesses have paid their participation fee and three others are committed to participate. Nine artists have reserved booths and they are hoping for 20-30. He stated that they have structure the advertising campaign to include Little Rock and Dallas but the specifics have not been determined. Rick added that the work on the streetscape will probably not take place until the spring since the highway department has not yet approved the project and has until November to make a decision.

**Marketing and Promotion** – Henry Moreno stated that marketing and promoting had been focused on the Juried Show.

**Fundraising** – Pat Brown reported that a collage of current and previous artists had been created and featured at the open house on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The collage was covered with removable stickers. For every \$5 donated to the gallery, the donor could remove one sticker. There will be small photos of the Mena Art Gallery sign among the member photos. If one of the signs is revealed, the donor would receive a door prize. The collage earned \$252 and will continue to be in the gallery until all the prizes are revealed. Pat also reported that the committee had considered a bus trip to Crystal Bridges but the cost per person would be too high to allow for any income to the gallery. She also reported that the committee is considering creating a Sustaining Member program and will have additional details in the future.

**Finance** – No meeting.

There was no new business.

Barbara Tobias moved that the meeting be adjourned. Henry Moreno seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:59.

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

The Ouachita Expressions Show was an exciting way to celebrate our newly remodeled gallery. We had a great turnout and a fabulous reception. Gilda Meyers did a wonderful job coordinating the show. Patricia Trulock did a beautiful job of hanging the show. Thank you both so much! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped check in and brought food for the reception.

Entry Fees - \$530

Sales - \$1,115

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of August 31, 2015 were 158

Volunteer Hours for August — Sit Gallery 14 of 17 days — 42 hours

Volunteer Hours for Ouachita Expressions Show Sign In – 30 hours

Memberships January – August, 2015 — 171

## ***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. For details and entry forms, go to the Art of the Heartland website: [www.TheArtoftheHeartland.com](http://www.TheArtoftheHeartland.com) and look under "Events."

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 \$40 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.

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.