

# Mena Art Gallery

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

October 2015

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

### ***Join us for the Art of the Heartland Juried Painting Competition Reception***

The Art of the Heartland awards ceremony and reception will be on October 11 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please note that this reception is on SUNDAY afternoon. We hope you all will make plans to attend.

There are still some spots available for the Bill Garrison workshop and the Nancy Meadows Taylor workshop. Please contact the gallery if you are interested in enrolling.

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

The Young Artist Class for this month will be on oil painting. Alicia Smith will be conducting the class on October 17 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 October 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***

Things are shaping up great for this year's event. We would like to have as many member art demonstrations inside and outside the gallery as we can. We will also need some volunteers to help with writing invoices and working a raffle booth. Please call Julie at 479-394-3880 or email at [email@menaartgallery.org](mailto:email@menaartgallery.org) if you would like to volunteer to help at this year's OAC event on Saturday, November 7.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***Mena Art Gallery Member Featured in International Magazine***

Congratulations to Cynthia Thanos-Wade. Cynthia will create four new paintings for *The ATSO Magazine American Tribal Style Lifestyle* for the Art Gallery section of their 3rd Edition. Cynthia has been doing commissions of American Tribal Style dancers and has been part of the community as a Fat-Chance-Belly-Dance Sister Studio® since 2014. The magazine publication is a reflection of the amazing journey of this dance style as it has taken off across the globe encompassing much more than a dance and becoming a lifestyle.

Cynthia uses a mask-and-pour technique in creating her water-colors, one of which has been accepted into the Art of the Heartland National Juried Painting Competition.



## ***Photo Club Challenge Winner for September***

The Photo Club Challenge winner for September is

Donna Atkinson. The challenge was "Signs in Peculiar Places". Next month's challenge is "Gates".



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.

| October 2015                               |  |  |   |  |   |   |
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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thur   | Fri                                       | Sat   |
|  |  |  |   | 1 Cherri Stanberry                               | 2 Available                               | 3 Available   |
| 4 Closed                                   | 5 Closed   | 6 Art Day<br>11 am - 2 pm<br><br>Lorraine Timmerman<br>Drawing Class<br>6 - 8:30 pm                                | 7 Ann Glenn   | 8 Cherri Stanberry<br><br>Bill Garrison Workshop | 9 Available<br><br>Bill Garrison Workshop | 10 Paint Out/<br>Shoot Out<br>7 am - 4 pm<br><br>Bill Garrison Workshop<br><br>10 Photo Club<br>10 am - Noon<br><br>Children's Art<br>1 pm - 3 pm |
| 11 Juried Show<br>Reception<br>1 pm - 3 pm | 12 Closed<br><br>Nancy Taylor<br>Workshop<br>9 am - 4 pm | 13 Art Day<br>11 am - 2 pm<br><br>Nancy Taylor<br>Workshop<br>9 am - 4 pm<br><br>Lorraine Timmerman<br>6 - 8:30 pm | 14 Available<br>Nancy Taylor<br>Workshop<br>9 am - 4 pm<br><br>5:00 pm<br>Board Meeting | 15 Carolyn McCullough                            | 16 Available                              | 17 Available<br>Young Artist<br>Class<br>1 pm - 3 pm  |
| 18 Closed                                  | 19 Closed  | 20 Art Day<br>11 am - 2 pm<br><br>Members<br>Meeting 5:30 pm<br><br>Lorraine Timmerman<br>6 - 8:30 pm              | 21 Becky Rogers   | 22 Becky Rogers                                  | 23 Available                              | 24 Available  |
| 25 Closed                                  | 26 Closed  | 27 Art Day<br>11 am - 2 pm<br><br>Lorraine Timmerman<br>6 - 8:30 pm  | 28 Available  | 29 Cherri Stanberry                              | 30 Sharon Prislipsky                      |   |

## ***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.  
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 September was "Signs in Peculiar Places" and the winner was Donna Atkinson. This month's challenge is "Gates".

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

The Writers' Guild has been disbanded. If you have questions please call the gallery at 479-394-3880.

### ***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***

There will be an opportunity for plein air painting on Saturday, October 10. Betty Acheson will be guiding a tour starting at 7:00 a.m. that is open to both photographers and artists who want to learn about the area with a view to plein air paint as well as take reference photographs for studio work. They will be meeting at the Mena Art Gallery, 607 Mena Street, at 7:00 a.m. and will carpool to area locations. Final destinations will depend on weather and road conditions. The fee for the guide service and box lunch is \$30.00. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes. Contact the Mena Art Gallery at 479-394-3880 if you would like to sign up.

### ***Art Awareness/Members Meeting This Month - OCTOBER***

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).

There is not an Art Awareness scheduled for October but please make plans to attend the members meeting on October 20 at 5:30 p.m.

## *Minutes of Board Meeting 09/09/15*

### **Board Members Attending:**

Rick Chrisman  
Jan Wennberg  
Sandra Thomas  
Barbara Tobias  
Pat Brown  
Joe Van Wolf  
Lorraine Timmerman

### **Also in attendance:**

Julie Vande Zande

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

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Jan Wennberg moved that the minutes be accepted. Barbara Tobias seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financial reports for August were reviewed. Sandra asked if the entry fees on the Profit and Loss statement included the juried show and other entries. Rick said it was impossible to tell from the summary report but details could be obtained to answer the question. Barbara Tobias moved that a detailed P&L report be presented at the November meeting. Jan Wennberg seconded. Motion carried.

### **Committees and Special Events**

**Building and Maintenance** — Rick reported that the work in the main gallery was complete except for one shelf unit. He stated that the additional payment to Jason Miles for the renovation work had been cut this week. He also reported that a bid had been received for approximately \$3000 for the classroom renovation and that Sam and Barbara Tobias have volunteered to pay for that work. Rick explained that the payment for the renovation was \$300 per month and a raffle of a Christmas tree designed by Nicki Dempsey had been suggested as one way to raise funds for the payment.

**Exhibits** — Jan Wennberg reported that the 2016 schedule had been completed. She reported that the committee had scheduled a “Garage Sale” for January instead of an Open Show. This sale would involve only art related items. She also reported that the Portrait of Arkansas Show had been discussed by the committee and the feeling was that more planning was needed than would be available with the current schedule. As a result, that show has been postponed to the 2017 schedule. To replace the Portrait of Arkansas Show an additional Member Show was scheduled with an artist already on the waiting list for 2017, Sheila Johnson. Jan explained that the Children’s Show and the High School Show had been combined due to the limited number of entries in the Children’s Show this year. Julie stated that she will be working with groups in addition to the schools, such as the PTA, churches and newspaper publicity.

**Art Awareness** — Rick reported that Henry Moreno and Sandra Thomas would present the Art Awareness program for September focusing on the Art of the Heartland Show.

**Art of the Heartland** — Barbara Tobias reported that some of the paintings have been received but not uncrated. She also reported that the ribbons have been ordered and the invitation list for the private reception was being developed. She explained that 150 invitations would be sent out with an additional 51 invitations to the artists whose work would be in the show. She added that Staches’ Cookery would be providing food for the event. She also mentioned that help with uncrating during the first week of October would be appreciated.

**Ouachita Art Celebration** — Rick reported that OAC planning was coming along well. The car show that was planned for this year will be postponed until next year due to availability of lodging. Physical Therapy Kids was added as a new business sponsor and will be sponsoring the balloon art this year.

**Marketing and Promotion** — No report.

**Fundraising** — Pat Brown reported that the Christmas Tree raffle, sustaining memberships and a Valentine Dinner were all being considered. The Christmas Tree raffle would take place during November, which would give it exposure during the Ouachita Arts Celebration and part of December. The sustaining membership will be discussed further after the first of the year. Rick stated that he and Donna were discussing a dinner fund raiser for next year but had not come up with the specifics at this point. Pat also reported that fundraising activities are being planned for the Photo Show and will be discussed further at a meeting of the Photo Committee later this month. A Christmas Bake Sale was also suggested.

**Finance** — No report. Sandra inquired about the transfer of funds from the Weaning Filly account. Rick stated that he has not had an opportunity to discuss it with Barbara Lewis but would do so soon.

**Nominating** — Jan Wennberg commented that nominations were due soon and a discussion was held regarding how to handle nominations and voting since the members meet quarterly now instead of monthly. Joe Van Wolf suggested e-mail ballots. The decision was that nominations be received by October and sent to the membership by e-mail with responses due in December so the slate of board members would be ready to meet in January 2016.

There was no new business.

Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Van Wolf seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50.

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

I hope you all had a chance to see Greg Disch's exhibit this month. It was fabulous! Thank you Greg for letting us enjoy this beautiful collection of photography! Thank you Pat Trulock for helping hang the exhibit, and thanks to all who helped with the reception.

Workshop - \$525

Sales - \$360

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of September 29, 2015 were 78

Volunteer Hours for September — Sit Gallery 10 of 15 days — 30 hours

Volunteer Hours for Greg Disch Exhibit – 12 hours

Memberships January – September 2015 — 172

## ***2016 Schedule of Events***

This is our Schedule of Events for 2016. We are excited to offer some NEW shows this coming year.

Our January show will be a Gallery Garage Sale and should be a good way to make a few extra bucks and clean out your extra supplies and artwork. Details for this show are being put together and we will have more information for you next month. We also have three new member shows. If you have any questions or would like to get on the list for a member show please call Julie at 479-394-3880 or email@menaartgallery.org.

| <b><u>Event</u></b>                  | <b><u>Dates</u></b>              | <b><u>Reception</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Gallery Garage Sale</b>           | <b>December 30 – February 3</b>  | <b>No Reception</b>     |
| <b>Open Show</b>                     | <b>February 3 – March 2</b>      | <b>No Reception</b>     |
| <b>Cherri Stanberry Member Show</b>  | <b>March 2 – March 30</b>        | <b>March 5</b>          |
| <b>Children's/High School Show</b>   | <b>March 30 – April 27</b>       | <b>April 2</b>          |
| <b>Sheila Johnson Member Show</b>    | <b>April 27 – June 1</b>         | <b>April 30</b>         |
| <b>Photography Show</b>              | <b>June 1 – June 29</b>          | <b>June 4</b>           |
| <b>Sam &amp; Barbara Tobias Show</b> | <b>June 29 – August 3</b>        | <b>July 2</b>           |
| <b>Ouachita Expression Show</b>      | <b>August 3 – August 31</b>      | <b>August 6</b>         |
| <b>Open Show</b>                     | <b>August 31 – September 28</b>  | <b>No Reception</b>     |
| <b>National Juried Show</b>          | <b>September 28 – November 2</b> | <b>October 8</b>        |
| <b>Ouachita Arts Celebration</b>     | <b>November 5</b>                |                         |
| <b>Christmas Gift Show</b>           | <b>November 2 – January 4</b>    | <b>November 5</b>       |

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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.