

# Mena Art Gallery

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

November 2015

## Gallery Highlights...

### Young Artists Class

The Young Artist Class for this month will be on abstract painting. Niki Dempsey will be conducting the class on November 21 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 November 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. this month. Niki Dempsey is our art teacher. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

### Ouachita Little Theatre

OLT 2016 membership campaign has started. Memberships run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. OLT cannot exist without your help. For more information and a membership form, go to [oltmena.com](http://oltmena.com). Make plans to see the JOLT Christmas production THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE. Play dates are December 4-6 and Dec. 11-13.

## Photo Club Challenge Winner

Patricia Trulock is the Photo Club Challenge Winner for October. The challenge was "gates". This month's challenge is "Veterans Day".



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Gallery Hours: Tue. 11-2; Wed. – Sat. 10-3;  
or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## Ouachita Arts Celebration Schedule

Here is the schedule for the Ouachita Arts Celebration on Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fun things to do for the whole family!  
Looking for Christmas gifts? There will be many unique, one of a kind items at this event.  
Come listen to live music and singing by the Mena High School Choir.



### Day-Long Events

Event	Location
Door Prizes	In front of McCormicks
Costumed Actors	Throughout the Event
Open House	The Mercantile
DIY Painting Projects	Chameleon Arts
Christmas Show, Demonstrations, Live Music	Mena Art Gallery
Temporary Tattoos, Card Making Demonstrations	Paxton's Place Scrapbooking & Card Making
Open House, Balloon Art	Progressive Therapy Kids
Food Service	American Artisans; Skyline Café
Popcorn	Mena Lioness Lions next to American Artisans
Pottery Demonstrations	Rich Mountain Community College Tent
Culinary Demonstrations	Rich Mountain Community College Tent
Open House	Mena Antique Mall

### Schedule of Special Events

Time	Event	Location
10:00–10:05	National Anthem	Stage
10:15–10:45	Art of Falconry	Stage
10:45–11:15	Music	Stage
11:00–11:30	Creating Dream Catchers	Four Winds Trading Post
11:15–11:45	Mena High School Theater Group	Stage
11:45–12:15	Drum Circle	Four Winds Trading Post
11:45–12:15	Music	Stage
12:15–12:45	Art of Falconry	Stage
12:45–1:30	Fashion Show	Stage
1:00–2:00	Theater Workshop	Ouachita Little Theater
1:30–2:00	Story Telling	Four Winds Trading Post
1:30–2:15	Music	Stage
2:15–2:45	Art of Falconry	Stage
2:45–4:00	Music	Stage

Sponsored by Union Bank, Aleshire Electric, Rich Mountain Community College, Mena A&P Commission, Arkansas Arts Council and Mena Art Gallery.

Arts District Hosts: American Artisans, Chameleon Arts, Cross-eyed Cricket, Four Winds Trading Post, Mena Art Gallery, Mena Antique Mall, Ouachita Little Theater, Paxton's Place Scrapbooking, Progressive Therapy Kids, Rich Mountain Community College, Skyline Café, The Fair Lady and The Mercantile.

You can sign up for coming 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.

November 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	4 Accepting Entries for Christmas Gift Show 10 am – 4 pm	5 Cherri Stanberry	6 John Jacot	7 Ouachita Arts Celebration 10 am – 4 pm <b>All volunteers that would like to demo or help</b>
8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	11 Available  5:00 pm Board Meeting	12 Carolyn McCullough	13 Available	14 Available  Photo Club 10 am - Noon  Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
15 Closed	16 Closed	17 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm  Members Meeting 5:30 pm	18 Becky Rogers	19 Becky Rogers	20 Available	21 Available Young Artists Class Niki Dempsey Abstract Painting 1 pm -3 pm
22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	25 Available	26 Cherri Stanberry	27 Available	28 Available
29 Closed	30 Closed					

## *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 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 October was "Gates" and the winner was Patricia Trulock. This month's challenge is "Veteran's Day."

### *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 November. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 or Vickie Dempsey at 479-438-3924 if you are interested in participating in an outing.

### *Members Meeting This Month – NOVEMBER – Electing Board Members*

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).

There is not an Art Awareness scheduled for November but please make plans to attend the members meeting on November 17 at 5:30 p.m. We will be electing 2016 board members.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE**

**Mena Art Gallery is having a raffle for a 4 1/2 ft decorated Christmas tree.  
Tickets are \$2 each.**

**The tree is a perfect size for a small room or apartment, dorm room,  
nursing home, or assisted living apartment.**

**Tickets can be purchased at the Mena Art Gallery or at Union Bank, Mena.**

**Prize Drawing will be on December 4, 2015.**

**Christmas tree art by Niki Dempsey.**

**Proceeds will go to the Mena Art Gallery remodel project.**



## ***Minutes of Board Meeting 10/14/15***

### **Board Members Attending:**

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

### **Also in attendance:**

Julie Vande Zande

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

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Philip Hensley moved that the minutes be accepted. Jan Wennberg seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financial reports for September were reviewed. The profit and loss detailed statement for entry fees requested by Sandra Thomas in the September board meeting was included. Financial reports were approved as written on motion by Philip Hensley and second by Barbara Tobias. Barbara Tobias requested a final P & L of the juried show when all the expenses, sales and workshop fees have gone through.

Rick Chrisman spoke briefly on the duties of the executive director position and asked that everyone be considerate of Julie's time. David Maddox suggested that Julie does not have to attend every meeting but good notes should be taken and forwarded on to her.

### **Committees and Special Events**

**Finance – Weanling Filly Account** — Rick read the email from Mary Dixon regarding the Weanling Filly Project. Henry Moreno moved to hold the funds in the account since there is a plan in place. David Maddox seconded.

**Building and Maintenance** — Rick reported that renovation was finished. Diane Warren mentioned that the toilet wobbles. Someone will be brought in to secure the toilet. Henry Moreno mentioned that there was a gas leak by the water heater. Rick Chrisman reported he fixed the leak.

**Exhibits** — Jan Wennberg reported that the 2016 schedule is done. The committee met on September 29<sup>th</sup> and worked on details for the Gallery Garage Sale.

**Art Awareness** — Henry Moreno reported that they are not going to have an Art Awareness this month since we will be having our quarterly members meeting and be focusing on nominating board members.

**Art of the Heartland** — Barbara Tobias expressed her appreciation for all the help that was given to make the show successful. Next year they are looking at doing some things differently. They will not be doing as much print advertising and will rely more on online and free advertising opportunities.

**Ouachita Art Celebration** — Rick reported that OAC planning was coming right along. Pat Brown is helping to put together the schedule of events. OAC committee is meeting weekly now. Everyone is hoping for good weather. Diane Warren mentioned that she has two canopies at home that she would lend someone if needed.

**Marketing and Promotion** — No report.

**Fundraising** — Pat Brown reported that the Photo Show committee held a meeting. There are already some donations that have been made. They are looking at selling hotdogs at Atwood's to help raise additional funds for the show. The board was shown the Christmas tree Niki Dempsey made for the raffle.

**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.

**New Business** — Henry Moreno mentioned that the sweet potato vines in the vases by the front door are too long and are a tripping hazard. Julie Vande Zande will contact Kevin Burch to switch out to winter plants.

Henry Moreno moved that the meeting be adjourned. Philip Hensley seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

## *Director's Report for October 2015*

What an amazing Art of the Heartland show! Thank you Barbara Tobias for all the work you put into this show! Thanks to the juried show committee and all the volunteers for all their hard work. I appreciate each and every artist that entered their artwork. Thank you all so much!!

Workshops - \$1,130

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of October 30, 2015 were 172

Volunteer Hours for September — Sit Gallery 12 of 18 days — 36 hours

Volunteer Hours for Juried Show Uncrating/Setup/Crating – 80 hours

Memberships January – October 2015 — 177

## Absentee Ballot

Ballots will be accepted at the members meeting on November 17, 2015.

All absentee ballots must be submitted to the gallery by the deadline of November 12, 2015.

### 2016 Annual Ballot for Board Members

The following names have been submitted by the nominating committee for your vote as members. Also, names may be submitted from the floor, which you may write in. Place a check by the ones you vote for.

Vice-Chair:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lorraine Timmerman

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The following current Board member's terms expire in 2015. They may be voted to serve for another 3 year term, or you may nominate others from the floor to serve a term. (They must agree to serve before the vote.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Jan Wennberg

\_\_\_\_\_ Sandra Thomas

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The following nominees would be new to the Board and would serve a three year term.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tiffany Lane

\_\_\_\_\_ Judith Forbis

\_\_\_\_\_ Barbara Lewis

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Member's Name

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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 or would like to be removed from our email 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.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Chrisman, Chair (2016)    David Maddox (2016)    Diane Warren (2017)

Henry Moreno (2015)    Joe Van Wolf (2017)    Philip Hensley (2016)

Patricia Brown (2017)    Barbara Tobias (2017)    Jan Wennberg (2015)

Lorraine Timmerman (2015)    Sandra Thomas (2015)

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.