

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

December 2015

Gallery Highlights...

Mena Art Gallery Holiday Potluck

The Mena Art Gallery Holiday Potluck will be on Tuesday, December 15 at 6 p.m. Please make plans to attend and bring a dish to pass.

Update on Gallery Back Wall Project

We are still planning to paint the back wall but have decided to postpone it until spring. We will be looking for someone to patch the wall and fix the window. We will also be researching what type of paint will be best to use. We will update you as we get closer to starting the project.

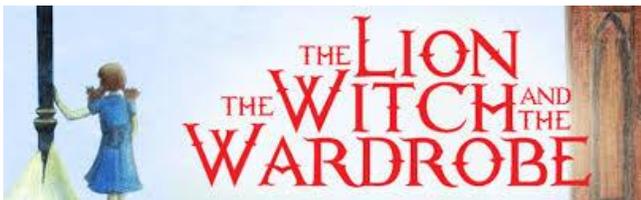
Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on December 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Niki Dempsey is our art teacher. The cost is \$2 per child. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

Young Artists Class

The Young Artist Class for this month will be December 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Young artists ages 13 to 17 and adults welcome!

Ouachita Little Theatre



Make plans to see the JOLT Christmas production THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE. Play dates are December 4-6 and December 11-13.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

Gallery Bake Sale

The gallery will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The holiday parade will be at 6 p.m. and we will also be selling hot apple cider.

On Tuesday, December 1 we will be baking and decorating cookie 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. if anyone would like to join us. If you would like to make some goodies for the Bake Sale please bring them in on Saturday morning. We can always use more help at the gallery on Saturday so just let Julie know if you can help at 479-394-3880.



Photo Club Challenge Winner

Tommy Spillers is the Photo Club Challenge Winner for November. The challenge was "Veteran's Day." This month's challenge is "Make Something Ordinary Interesting."



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.

December 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Art Day Decorating Cookies/Baking 11 am - 2 pm	2 Available	3 Cherri Stanberry	4 John Jacot	5 Bake Sale 10 am – 7 pm All volunteers that would like to help
6 Closed	7 Closed	8 Art Day Meeting at Papa's Mexican Cafe 11 am - 2 pm	9 Available 5:00 pm Board Meeting	10 Cherri Stanberry	11 Available	12 Available Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
13 Closed	14 Closed	15 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Mena Art Gallery Potluck 6 pm	16 Available	17 Cherri Stanberry	18 Available	19 Available Young Artists Class 1 pm - 3 pm
20 Closed	21 Closed	22 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	23 Available	24 Cherri Stanberry Open till 6 pm Christmas Eve	25 Closed Christmas Day	26 Available
27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	30 Available	31 Cherri Stanberry		

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 November was "Veteran's Day" and the winner was Tommy Spillers. This month's challenge is "Make Something Ordinary Interesting."

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 or call her at 214-536-3658.

Art Day will meet at Papa's Mexican Café on Tuesday, December 8 instead of at the gallery.

Plein Air Painting

Nothing scheduled for December. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 or Vickie Dempsey at 479-438-3924 if you are interested in participating in an outing.

Mena Art Gallery Potluck – December Member's Meeting

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.

There is not an Art Awareness scheduled for December but please make plans to attend the member's meeting on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. for our holiday potluck. Bring your favorite dish to pass.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Minutes of Board Meeting 11/11/15

Board Members Attending:

Rick Chrisman
Sandra Thomas
Jan Wennberg
Diane Warren
Lorraine Timmerman
Patricia Brown
Henry Moreno
Joe Van Wolf

Also in attendance:

Julie Vande Zande, Barbara Lewis

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

Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Jan Wennberg moved that the minutes be accepted. Joe Van Wolf seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financial reports for October were reviewed. There was a question about the computer expenses on the YTD Profit and Loss statement. There was also a question about the total expenses for the Juried Show. Julie Vande Zande said she was not sure what this amount would be for. She also said that all the expenses for the Juried Show were not in. She will have information on both these questions at the next meeting.

Rick introduced a discussion about the Gallery Store. Julie explained that the store is for members to have their work for sale regardless of the type of show being featured. She explained that there had been complaints recently since the store had been closed to use the space for large shows such as Ouachita Expressions and the Juried Show. She felt that this was a disservice to the members since they volunteered their time to the gallery and depended on the store for sales. She recommended that the store be open regardless of the size of the show and that other arrangements be made to meet space demands. Henry Moreno moved that the store be left open and Sandra Thomas seconded. Joe Van Wolf asked if there is a time limit on how long a piece can be in the store. Julie said there is no official limit but most members rotate their items. Joe suggested that a 90-day time limit be included to the guidelines governing the store. Henry and Sandra accepted this addition to their motion. Motion passed.

Committees and Special Events

Finance—No meeting.

Building and Maintenance—Rick Chrisman reported that the problem with the toilet rocking from side to side has been solved.

Exhibits—Jan Wennberg reported that the exhibits calendar for 2016 has been finalized. The décor for Christmas had received a lot of compliments.

Art Awareness—Henry Moreno reported that nothing is scheduled for the rest of the year. The November meeting will be devoted to the Board Elections and the meeting in December will be a potluck. After the first of the year the committee would like two or three artists to make a presentation on how to price art work.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick Chrisman reported that businesses and merchants did great in spite of the cold and wind. Several vendors cancelled due to the weather. Results were overall good. One frequent comment was regarding the lack of children's events.

Marketing and Promotion—Henry Moreno reported that \$35,500 was raised for the 2015 juried show. Entry fees brought in \$4000, workshops \$1100 and new members \$1040. He said that there is probably enough support to do the show next year if promotion and advertising is done online.

Fund Raising—Pat Brown reported that Rick and Donna Chrisman are planning a dinner fundraiser in January featuring a variety of soups and bread. Niki Dempsey had decorated a four-foot Christmas tree and it is being raffled in the gallery. Tickets are \$2 with the drawing to be held December 5th. Julie is planning a bake sale for the day of the Christmas parade. Members who attend Art Day have volunteered to contribute items. Other bakers are welcome to donate to the sale as well.

New Business

Rick discussed the need to have a review of the bylaws and committee as well as deal with financial needs of the gallery. He stated that the Strategic Plan has not been revised since 2006. Rick added that the Arkansas Arts Council had provided a facilitator for the 2006 meeting and would probably be available to assist again. The board agreed that we schedule a planning session as soon as it can be arranged with the Arts Council staff.

Julie discussed the need for Board members to document their volunteer time and made time sheets available to each member. She explained that the number of hours volunteered is important to writing grants and promoting the gallery.

Henry Moreno moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jan Wennberg seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Director's Report for November 2015

The Ouachita Arts Celebration went great! Thank you to all the members who demonstrated their art in the gallery. Everyone really enjoyed seeing and visiting with all the artists. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this event. It would not have been such a success without you!

Our Christmas Show is off to a great start. Sales as of November 28 are \$1,310.88.

Lorraine Timmerman Drawing Workshop - \$280.00
Thank you Lorraine for all you do for the gallery!

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of November 28, 2015 were 85 + OAC Attendees
Volunteer Hours for November — Sit Gallery 13 of 15 days — 39 hours
Volunteer Hours for OAC — 50 hours

Memberships January – November 2015 — 179

Start Planning for the January Gallery Garage Sale



Mena Art Gallery

607 Mena St.

Wed. thru Sat. 10 am to 3 pm

Tues. 11 am to 2 pm

December 30, 2015 to February 3, 2016

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 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

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.