

# Mena Art Gallery

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

January 2016

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

### ***It's Membership Dues Time***

It is time to renew gallery memberships. Please fill out a membership form so that we can check to be sure we have all your information listed correctly in our database. The form is on page 5, on our website at [www.menaartgallery.org](http://www.menaartgallery.org), or come by the gallery to pick one up. Thank you all for your continued support!

### ***Strategic Planning Session***

The Board of Directors will be attending a Strategic Planning Session on January 16. This will be lead by Janet Harney from the Arkansas Arts Council. This will help set the Gallery's direction for the upcoming year.

### ***Soup Fundraiser***

We will be having a soup fundraiser on Saturday, January 30 at American Artisans. We will be serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and join us for some wonderful soup, bread and dessert.

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

Children's Art Class will take place on January 9 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.

### ***Ouachita Little Theatre – Next Performance - Dearly Beloved***

The show dates are February 12-14 and 19-21. Friday, February 12 the show will be a dinner theatre at Mena Mountain Resort. Dearly Beloved is directed by Judy Thompson. A Southern wedding goes hilariously off-course in this fast-paced comedy about love, marriage, sisterhood, gospel music and three hundred pounds of good ol' Texas barbeque.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***Gallery Store Reopening***

The gallery store will be set back up this month. The store will now be up all year long and we will be doing some extra advertising to help bring awareness to it. We will be changing the look a bit and will try to make it look more like a retail store. Items can be put in the store if you sit the gallery for 3 hours a month. A large percentage of our sales at the gallery are through the store so it is a wonderful opportunity to sell some artwork. If you are interested in bringing some items in please contact Julie at 479-394-3880.

## ***Photo Club Challenge Winner***

Donna Atkinson is the Photo Club Challenge Winner for December. The challenge was "Make Something Ordinary Interesting." This month's challenge is "Close-Up."



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.

January 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Available	2 Available
3 Closed	4 Closed	5 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	6 Ann Glenn	7 Available	8 Available	9 Available  Photo Club 10 am - Noon  Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	13 Available  Board Meeting 5:00 pm	14 Available	15 Available	16 Available  Strategic Planning Session for Board of Directors - 4 pm
17 Closed	18 Closed	19 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm  Members Meeting/Art Awareness 5:30 p.m.	20 Becky Rogers	21 Becky Rogers	22 Available	23 Available
24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	27 Available	28 Available	29 Available	30 Available  Soup Fundraiser at American Artisans
31 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 December was "Make Something Ordinary Interesting" and the winner was Donna Atkinson. This month's challenge is "Close-Up."

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

### *January Member's Meeting/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. We will be starting a series of pricing and marketing presentations in January. 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).

January we will be having our first members meeting of the year and will be starting our presentations on marketing and pricing for our art awareness.



## *Ugliest Art Contest*

Along with the Artist's Garage Sale we will be having an Ugliest Art Contest. Everyone has that one piece that is not what they consider their best. This is all in good fun and who knows you might sell it. Members as well as people visiting the gallery will be selecting the Worst in Show. Look in the closet or under the bed and let's bring in the new year with some laughs. No prize will be awarded just the honor of being awarded the Worst in Show.

## ***Minutes of Board Meeting 12/09/15***

### **Board Members Attending:**

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

Also in attendance:  
Julie Vande Zande

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

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Henry Moreno moved that the minutes be accepted. Diane Warren seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financial reports for November were reviewed. As requested at last month's board meeting, a breakdown of the year to date computer expense and Juried Show final P & L were included in reports reviewed. Financial reports were approved as written on motion by Sandra Thomas and second by Lorraine Timmerman.

Committees and Special Events

**Finance**—No meeting.

**Building and Maintenance**—Rick Chrisman reported that the electricity in front window has been fixed.

**Exhibits**—Rick Chrisman asked the Exhibits Committee to put together some rules and requirements for the new members shows as well as update the store inventory rules.

**Art Awareness**—Henry Moreno reported that they are looking for people to do presentations on pricing and marketing. Some suggestions were offered and Henry will make some phone calls and see if we can get people scheduled.

**Ouachita Arts Celebration**—Rick Chrisman reported that more information on the OAC will be reported to the board after a final meeting.

**Marketing and Promotion**—Rick Chrisman requested some help in getting rack cards done for the gallery. Henry will look into getting someone to get these done.

**Fund Raising**—Pat Brown reported that the Christmas tree raffle brought in \$100 minus the cost of the tree and a soup fundraiser has been schedule for January 30th at American Artisans. Julie Vande Zande reported that \$151.50 was raised at the bake sale.

### **New Business**

Rick discussed an upcoming strategic planning session scheduled for Saturday, January 16 at 4 p.m. with Janet Harney from the Arkansas Arts Council. Suggestions for the location were discussed. Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Henry Moreno seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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

What an exciting year it has been! I look forward to what 2016 has in store for us. Thank you everyone for all your support. We have such wonderful volunteers and I just want to thank each and every one of you for all you do!

Christmas Tree Raffle - \$100 - Thank you Niki Dempsey for donating the tree for this raffle.

Bake Sale - \$175

Christmas Show Sales as of December 29 - \$2,222.07

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of December 29, 2015 were 84

Volunteer Hours for December — Sit Gallery 13 of 17 days — 39 hours

Volunteer Hours for Bake Sale - 20 hours

Memberships January – December 2015 — 180

## **Mena Art Gallery/SouthWest Artists, Inc.**

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

P.O. Box 871, Mena, AR 71953

[www.menaartgallery.org](http://www.menaartgallery.org) 479-394-3880

### **Membership Application**

### **Circle type of Membership**

New Member/Returning Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$35.00

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Circle Areas of Interest**

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Art Collector/Supporter

Clay-Pottery/Sculpture

Carving-Wood/Leather

### **Return form to above address**

Digital-Computer Art/Photography

with payment & write payment type & amt.

Drawing-Charcoal/Graphite/Pen

below:

Jewelry/Glass Art

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Metal Fabrication/Sculpture

Donations accepted

Painting-Acrylic/WC/Oil/Pastel

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sculpture-Bronze/Stone

**I would like to be a volunteer. Yes/No**

Writing (Poetry/Fiction/Non-Fiction)

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.