

# Mena Art Gallery

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

February 2016

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

### ***Dearly Beloved - Ouachita Little Theatre***

Ouachita Little Theatre will be presenting Dearly Beloved this month. 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.

**The cast: Geneva Musgrave - Ann Glenn, Tina Jo/Gina Jo - Tara Cornelius, Honey Ray Futrelle - Denni Collins, Frankie Futrelle Dubberly - Deborah Tennison, Dub Dubberly - Lamar Austin, Twink Futrelle - Janelle Barnes, Nelda Lightfoot - Marilyn Brown, Justin Waverly - Chris Kuskie, John Curtis Buntner - Elijah Barnes, Wiley Hicks - Justin Fenwick, Patsy Price - Judy Weir.**

### ***Open Art Show***

We will be accepting entries for the Open Art Show on Wednesday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will run through March 1, 2016. Be sure to stop by and see the wonderful variety of artistic talent we have here.

### ***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.

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

The Young Artist Class will be February 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Diane Warren will be teaching on watercolor painting. These classes are for children ages 13 – 17 and adults. The cost is \$2 per person. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

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[email@MenaArtGallery.org](mailto:email@MenaArtGallery.org) [www.MenaArtGallery.org](http://www.MenaArtGallery.org)

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***Membership Dues Renewal***

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! We couldn't do what we do without you!!

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

Betty Acheson is the Photo Club Challenge Winner for January. The challenge was "Close-Up." This month's challenge is "Birds."



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.

<i>February 2016</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Closed</b>	2 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	3 Accepting Entries for Open Art Show 10 am – 4 pm	4 Ann Glenn	5 <b>Available</b>	6 <b>Available</b>
7 <b>Closed</b>	8 <b>Closed</b>	9 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	10 <b>Available</b>  Board Meeting 5:00 pm	11 <b>Available</b>	12 <b>Available</b>	13 <b>Available</b>  Photo Club 10 am - Noon  Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
14 <b>Closed</b>	15 <b>Closed</b>	16 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm  Art Awareness Rick Chrisman Craft Marketing 5:30 p.m.	17 Betty Acheson	18 Jo Eldridge	19 <b>Available</b>	20 <b>Available</b>  Young Artists – Diane Warren – Watercolor Painting 1 pm – 3 pm
21 <b>Closed</b>	22 <b>Closed</b>	23 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	24 <b>Available</b>	25 Jo Eldridge	26 <b>Available</b>	27 <b>Available</b>
28 <b>Closed</b>	29 <b>Closed</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.**

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 January was "Close-Up" and the winner was Betty Acheson. This month's challenge is "Birds."

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

### ***February 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 February. Rick Chrisman will be starting out the series. He will be talking about three-dimensional arts and craft marketing.

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).

## **Ugliest Art Contest Winner**

Jim Brace is the winner of the Ugliest Art Contest held during our Artist's Garage Sale. Thank you to all the artists that put a piece in. Everyone who came in the gallery really had fun with this!



**Thank you  
Volunteers!**

**We could not  
do what we do  
without you!!**

## ***Minutes of Training Meeting for South West Artists, Inc. - 1/16/16***

The Board of Directors held a special training meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at American Artisans in lieu of its regular January meeting. Janet Harney of the Arkansas Arts Council conducted the training. Present were board members Barbara Tobias, Diane Warren, Lorraine Timmerman, Patricia Brown, Tiffany Lane, Sandra Thomas, Joe Van Wolf, Barbara Lewis and Rick Chrisman, as well as Executive Director Julie Vande Zande. The meeting was called to order by Rick Chrisman, Chairman, at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes of the December meeting were provided and approved on a motion from Sandra Thomas with a second by Diane Warren. The financial review was postponed until the February meeting.

Rick gave an overview of the programs, shows and events in the history of the gallery. He also reviewed the income and expenses for 2015. He also discussed the Board and its membership, the structure of the gallery organization and the leadership needs.

After this summary, Rick introduced Janet Harney who conducted the remainder of the meeting. She led a discussion to help board members identify the gallery's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT).

Ms. Harney discussed the gallery's need to create a legacy campaign as a way to create sustainable funding. She provided resources for assistance in developing this campaign.

Ms. Harney led a discussion of ways to recruit, train and retain volunteers as well as how to create and staff committees.

Ms. Harney also stressed the need to create a succession plan for both the Chairman and Executive Director positions as a way to be prepared for any unforeseen personnel changes. She also addressed the need to focus on board leadership of the organization. She stressed simple by-laws with details moved to policy and procedures. She suggested that the gallery create a new strategic plan based on input from the membership including questionnaires, focus groups and discussions with members and donors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

## **THE ARTIST TREE**

**I know it seems a little early to be talking about Christmas, but Niki has a great idea for our Christmas tree this year. It will be a tree with our member's miniature artwork on it. We are asking members to make ornament size art that can hang on the tree. They will be for sale and each artist can make more than one if they would like. We are asking early because we would like to have all the ornaments at the gallery by October. Even the members from out of town can participate in this. Just mail your ornaments to Mena Art Gallery, P.O. Box 871, Mena, AR 71953. If you have any questions call me at 479-394-3880.**

**Thanks! – Julie ☺**

## ***Director's Report for January 2016***

The Garage Sale was amazing! Thank you to everyone who brought in items and thank you to all the volunteers that helped! Sales as of January 29 were \$817.13 and a lot of that was donated to the gallery at 100%.

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of January 29, 2015 were 47

Volunteer Hours for January — Sit Gallery 10 of 18 days — 30 hours

Volunteer Hours - Garage Sale Check In - 20 hours

Memberships January — 48

(4 New Members in January)

### **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

Digital-Computer Art/Photography

Drawing-Charcoal/Graphite/Pen

Jewelry/Glass Art

Metal Fabrication/Sculpture

Painting-Acrylic/WC/Oil/Pastel

Sculpture-Bronze/Stone

Writing (Poetry/Fiction/Non-Fiction)

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

with payment & write payment type & amt.

below:

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

Donations accepted

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

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

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)

Joe Van Wolf (2017)    Philip Hensley (2016)    Patricia Brown (2017)

Barbara Tobias (2017)    Jan Wennberg (2018)    Lorraine Timmerman (2015)

Sandra Thomas (2018)    Tiffany Lane (2018)    Barbara Lewis (2018)

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.