

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

April 2016

Gallery Highlights...

Mena/Polk County Chamber Banquet

The Mena/Polk County Chamber Banquet will be on Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. in the Ouachita Center at RMCC in Mena. Mena Art Gallery has been nominated for Best Renovation/ Beautification. Sock Monkey Improv will be the entertainment this year. We will be reserving tables. The cost is \$27.50 per person. Please call Julie at 479-394-3880 to reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Ouachita Little Theatre Presents OLIVER! THE MUSICAL

Ouachita Little Theatre will be presenting Oliver! The Musical on April 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m., April 17 at 2:30 p.m., April 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m., and April 24 at 2:30 p.m. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at Arvest Bank in Mena. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on April 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 April 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Lorraine Timmerman will be teaching drawing & watercolors. 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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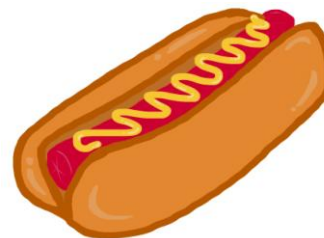
email@MenaArtGallery.org www.MenaArtGallery.org

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

Saturday, April 9
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at Atwood's in Mena.

2 HOT DOGS AND A COKE FOR \$1



Donations help
with expenses for
the Mena Art
Gallery
Photography Show

Photo Club Challenge Winner



The Photo Club Challenge winner for March was Betty Acheson. The challenge was a household item.

Next month's challenge is flowers.

Come join us at our next club meeting on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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>April 2016</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 John Jacot	2 Children's High School Reception 1 pm – 3 pm
3	4	5 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	6 Available	7 Jo Eldridge	8 John Jacot	9 Hotdog Sale at Atwood's 10 am - 2 pm Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
10	11	12 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	13 Available Board Meeting 5:00 pm	14 Jo Eldridge	15 Available	16 Available Young Artists 1 pm - 3 pm
17	18	19 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	20 Becky Rogers	21 Becky Rogers Carol Flori Workshop 9 am - 4 pm	22 Available Carol Flori Workshop 9 am - 4 pm	23 Available Carol Flori Workshop 9 am - 4 pm
24	25	26 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	27 Pamela Bennett Put up Sheila Johnson Member Show	28 Available	29 Available	30 Sheila Johnson Reception 1 pm - 3 pm

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!

TRAHC National Juried Art Competition

TRAHC in Texarkana is holding a national juried art competition that some of our artists may want to enter; it includes both 2D and 3D art work. More details at www.TRAHC.org.

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 March was "Household Item" and the winner was Betty Acheson. This month's challenge is "Flowers."

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.

April Members Meeting/Art Awareness Canceled

April Art Awareness has been canceled due to the Chamber Banquet also scheduled for that evening.

The next Members Meeting/Art Awareness will be May 17. Each month, on the third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., one of our members presents a short program (about 30 minutes) on art. In May we are continuing our series of pricing and marketing presentations with Henry Moreno.

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.

Call for entries for the Art of the Heartland Juried Competition & Exhibition. Over \$9,000 in cash awards. This is a great opportunity for some very generous prize awards. The entry fees have changed this year so make sure and take a look. Details can be found at artoftheheartland.com or you can enter the competition on www.callforentry.org.



Vendor applications are being accepted for our 3rd Annual Ouachita Arts Celebration on Saturday, November 5. This year's event will be bigger and better! A 12 x 12 booth is only \$35-\$10 extra for electricity. For more information and forms visit our website at www.menaartgallery.org.

Minutes of Board Meeting 3/09/16

Board Members Attending

Rick Chrisman
Barbara Tobias

Sandra Thomas
Tiffany Lane

Lorraine Timmerman
Barbara Lewis

Patricia Brown
Joe Van Wolf

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. Barbara Tobias moved that the minutes be accepted. Barbara Lewis seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for February 2016 were reviewed along with a report for the Christmas Show and a clarification of accounting fees which had been held over from the February meeting. Barbara Lewis asked a question about the \$1936.90 on the balance sheet for Federal Taxes. Julie will check with the accountant and report at the April meeting. With this stipulation, Barbara Lewis moved that the financial reports be accepted. Tiffany Lane seconded. Motion was approved.

Rick opened a discussion about the research into the change in bylaws from a membership organization to one governed by the board of directors. Committee members on the Bylaws Committee were not present at the meeting. However, Barbara Lewis had done an initial review of the bylaws and presented a copy with her notations. Barbara Tobias, Tiffany Lane and Pat Brown volunteered to meet with Barbara to review the changes and make recommendations to be presented to the membership and the board. Tiffany Lane suggested that a description of the Executive Director's position be developed as well.

Committees and Special Events

Finance—No meeting.

Building and Maintenance—Rick reported that the thermostat had been moved out of the office and into the gallery.

Exhibits—Members of the Exhibits committee were not present at the meeting. Copies of the current rules for the Member Shows and the Gallery Store were provided for the board to review. Members of the board discussed possible changes including an increase in the artist's donation to the gallery from sales of work, but it was the consensus that no changes be made until the committee can provide a report on their recommendations.

Art Awareness—Rick reported that Jim Brace will be making a presentation on marketing of painting in March. Due to the schedule conflict with the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the April Art Awareness presentation, the board decided not to schedule a presentation for April.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick reported that the mayor had approved closing the next block of Mena Street if the highway department was in agreement. Plans are for the display of refurbished pre-war cars on that block. Rick also reported that Don Buttermilk has offered as master of ceremonies to coordinate announcements during the day and made a sound system available if it is needed. There will be no fashion show although The Fair Lady may participate in another format. Two of the previous partners, The Cross-Eyed Cricket and Paxton's Scrapbooking, are no longer in business so the number of participants is down. However, there are new businesses that may decide to take part.

Marketing and Promotion—Barbara Lewis and Barbara Tobias reported that the Art of the Heartland Show was definitely going forward for 2016. They have set up the entry process with Café whose fee was reduced from \$450 to \$300. An individual has been hired to manage promotion of the event through social media and has a video on the website and Facebook page. Barbara Lewis reported that she had recruited Andre Pater of Lexington, Kentucky, an internationally renowned artist, to judge the show.

Fund Raising—Pat Brown reported fundraising is underway for the Photography Show and the photo show committee will be selling hot dogs at Atwood's from 10:00 to 2:00 on Saturday, April 9th.

Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Tobias seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Director's Report for March 2016

Cherri Stanberry's Member Show was wonderful! A great start for our member shows. Total sales were \$497. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who came to see the show.

March Store Sales - \$140

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of March 30, 2016 were 68

Volunteer Hours for March — Sit Gallery 14 of 18 days — 42 hours

Volunteer Hours – Open Show Check In - 12 hours

Memberships January thru March — 73

(1 New Member in March)

PLEASE CALL AND SIGN UP FOR THIS SO I CAN LET CAROL KNOW HOW MANY BINDERS TO MAKE



Carol Flori

Introductory Watercolor Workshop

April 21 - 23, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Learn about paper, brushes, and watercolor paints.

Work on design, composition, values, shadows, backgrounds and choosing colors.

Learn about the five watercolor techniques and much, much more. Stop by the gallery to look at a sample of the reference binder that comes with the class.

But the main point is to have fun!!

Cost: \$200 per person - Includes a reference binder with everything you need to know to create beautiful watercolor paintings.

Call Julie at Mena Art Gallery (479-394-3880) to sign up.



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)
Joe Van Wolf (2017)	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.