

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

May 2016

Gallery Highlights...

Discount on Entry Fee for Mena Art Gallery/SouthWest Artists, Inc. Members for The Art of the Heartland Exhibition

If you have already paid your membership fee for 2016, use the Discount Code of "2016 MB" for a discount on your entry fee of \$15.00. Art of the Heartland is accepting entries NOW with a deadline of August 15 at www.callforenty.org. See more about the show on our website theartoftheheartland.com.

Photography Show

We will be accepting entries for our 2016 Photography Show on Wednesday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a judged show with some great prize awards.

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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



**Tuesday,
May 17
Potluck &
Members
Meeting
6 p.m.**

POTLUCK DINNER

**VERY IMPORTANT MEMBERS
MEETING. PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT!
SEE MORE INFO ON PAGE 3.**

SHEILA JOHNSON MEMBER SHOW

**Join us for Sheila's Reception on Saturday,
April 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**



Sheila Johnson uses diverse art forms to express a common theme "***Everything is Art***". Clay, sharpies, pencil, prisma color, watercolor, acrylics nothing is off limits in Sheila Johnson's exhibit. Come by Mena Art Gallery to see Sheila's work in person. Her show will be up through May 31, 2016.

Photo Club Challenge Winner

The Photo Club Challenge winner for April was Barry Mickelson. The challenge was flowers.

Next month's challenge is motorcycles.

Come join us at our next photography club meeting on Saturday, May 14 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>May 2016</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	4 Available	5 Jo Eldridge	6 Available Book Club/ Writers Group 1 pm	7 Available
8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	11 Available Board Meeting 5:00 pm	12 Available	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 Potluck & Members Meeting 6 pm	18 Available	19 Jo Eldridge	20 Available Book Club/ Writers Group 1 pm	21 Available
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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. Deadline is May 8, 2016.

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 April was "Flowers" and the winner was Barry Mickelson. This month's challenge is "Motorcycles."

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.

May Potluck & Members Meeting

The next Potluck & Members Meeting will be May 17 at 6 p.m.

This is a very important members meeting. Please try to be here if you can. We will be talking about some changes on the bylaws as well other important information. Bring a dish to pass if you would like.

Our next Art Awareness will be on June 21 at 5:30 p.m. Henry Moreno will continue our series on marketing and pricing.

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 4/13/16

Board Members Attending

Rick Chrisman
Barbara Lewis

Lorraine Timmerman
David Maddox

Barbara Tobias
Jan Wennberg

Tiffany Lane
Diane Warren

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Barbara Tobias requested a correction on the minutes under Marketing and Promotion. The sentence “An individual has been hired to manage promotion... “has been changed to”... A volunteer will assist with promotions.” Diane Warren moved that the minutes be accepted with the change. Barbara Tobias seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for March 2016 were reviewed. Our accountant is still checking into the large amount showing on the balance sheet for the federal tax liability. With the agreement that this will be corrected, Barbara Tobias moved that the financial reports be accepted. David Maddox seconded. Motion was approved.

Rick Chrisman reported that Barbara Lewis made some changes on the bylaws and they are good but also saw some other items that need to be changed. He requested the help of two people that would meet with him to go through the bylaws and make any other needed changes. Barbara Tobias and Barbara Lewis agreed to meet with him and they will make the changes and present it to the board next month.

It was decided to have a potluck for the members meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 6 p.m. and the updated bylaws will be presented to the members at that time. Julie Vande Zande will get a break down of overhead expenses to also present to membership.

Committees and Special Events

Finance—No meeting.

Endowment Committee Report—Rick Chrisman will contact Janet Harney with Arkansas Arts Council to see if she can help us with this process. Jan Wennberg and Diane Warren will help as needed.

Building and Maintenance—Rick Chrisman reported that everything has been good at the gallery. He will contact Paul Headings at Quality Roofing Solutions to see when we can get an estimate on the roof repairs.

Exhibits—The member show rules and form were reviewed and approved with a motion from Tiffany Lane and second by Barbara Lewis. The gallery store rules and form were reviewed and approved with a motion from David Maddox and a second by Barbara Tobias.

Art Awareness—Rick Chrisman reported that Henry Moreno was scheduled for the next Art Awareness in May. Since we will be having the potluck and members meeting, Julie will check with Henry to see if he would rather do his presentation in June.

Art of the Heartland—Barbara Tobias reported that things are going along swimmingly. Barbara Lewis is doing a wonderful job posting on the facebook page. There are now 1900 following the group page. There are several videos being made to promote the event. A photo shoot/paint out has been lined up at Judy Forbis' place.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick Chrisman reported all is going well. Judy Thompson will be working on children's activities. Jason Wood with RMCC is also interested in helping with that. Vintage Tin Restoration prewar car restoration will be bringing their cars down and parking in front of the City Hall. Logan Lind will be doing music/stage manage/and MC for the event. Still looking for \$250 sponsors -Washburn's, Remax and SWEPCO have shown some interest in the sponsorship. Tiffany Lane proposed that we should have a meeting at the beginning of each year with all the show coordinators and the fund raising committee to look at the show sponsors for each show.

Marketing and Promotion—Barbara Tobias reported that all effort is going into the Art of the Heartland show.

Fund Raising—Julie Vande Zande reported the hotdog fundraiser at Atwood's brought in \$320.

New Business—Rick would like everyone to look over the executive director job description before adding this information to the bylaws. Do we need to change this? Julie is keeping a log of what she does this month and will bring more information at next month's board meeting. Need to get this as close to what is doable within the hours paid.

Rick also mentioned that the owner of the McCormick building offered the gallery a slashed price if we could use the building for art related/museum/visitor center. Interest is there but no funding at this time.

Diane Warren moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Tobias seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Director's Report for April 2016

We had a wonderful turnout for our High School and Childrens Art Competitions. Thank you Patricia Trulock for hanging the show. Thanks to Donna Atkinson, Pamela Bennett, Niki Dempsey, and Deborah Longest for your help with the show. Also thank you to our High School judge, Ruby Hartsfield and the Children's judge, Lorraine Timmerman.

April Store Sales - \$58.50

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of April 28, 2016 were 83

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

Volunteer Hours – High School Check In - 20 hours

Memberships January thru April — 81

(4 New Member in March)

WELCOME TO OUR ART GALLERY

By Earlene Rasmussen

Welcome to our Art Gallery where special friends abide. Everyone is welcomed so you don't have to be intimidated or shy.

There are so many fun things and events that you wouldn't want to miss. So you won't be sorry if you come.

Art Day is every Tuesday from eleven til two. Just bring whatever project to work on that you decide or just come and have fun acting like a hoot.

There are art shows showing off local talent including you. Art classes each month helping you learn any medium you want to do.



There is also the photo club where everyone gathers together to critique your special photos so your goal in mind you can reach.

So you are welcomed if you have some time to our special Art Gallery which is one of a kind!

THANK YOU EARLENE!

THIS TRULY TOUCHED MY HEART!! - JULIE

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 (2016)	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.