

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

June 2016

Gallery Highlights...

MAG Board of Directors Meetings

In June we will start emailing members of the art gallery to invite you to our board meetings. The board meetings are every second Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. Members are more than welcome to join us. We would like our membership to get involved in our scheduled activities and committees.

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

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.callforentry.org. See more about the show on our website www.theartoftheheartland.com.

Instructions on how to use discount code:
Review application - make sure media are correct

1. Go to Checkout page
2. Select name of call to which you are applying (orange box)
3. Click "Re-calculate" button
4. Enter coupon code into coupon box
5. Click "Re-calculate" button
6. Proceed to Check out

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on June 11 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.

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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

14th Annual Photography Show

We will be accepting entries for the 14th Annual Photography Show on Wednesday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry forms can be found on our website at www.menaartgallery.org

The reception will be held on
Saturday, June 4
from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



We will also be having A Night at the Gallery on Friday, June 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is an evening showing and will have music, refreshments, and the photographers will be on hand to visit with everyone.

Photo Club Challenge Winner

The Photo Club Challenge winner for May was Betty Acheson. The challenge was motorcycles. Next month's challenge is night photos. Come join us at our next meeting on Saturday, June 11 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.

June 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Accepting Entries for Photo Show 10 am - 4 pm	2 Available	3 John Jacot	4 Photo Show Reception 1 pm - 3 pm
5 Closed	6 Closed	7 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	8 Becky Rogers Board Meeting 5:00 pm	9 Becky Rogers	10 Jo Eldridge	11 Available Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
12 Closed	13 Closed	14 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	15 Jane Brace	16 Cherri Stanberry	17 Carolyn McCullough A Night at the Gallery 7 pm - 9 pm	18 Jim Brace
19 Closed	20 Closed	21 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Art Awareness Henry Moreno Marketing 5:30 pm	22 Barbara Tobias	23 Sam Tobias	24 Carolyn McCullough	25 Carolynne Cook
26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	29 Cherri Stanberry Put up Sam/Barbara Tobias Member Show	30 Available		

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's 28th Annual National Juried Exhibition

TRAHC in Texarkana is having their 28th Annual National Juried Exhibition. Selected work will be exhibited at their Regional Arts Center from July 8 – August 13, 2016. 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 May was "Motorcycles" and the winner was Betty Acheson. This month's challenge is "Night Photos."

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 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. Our next Art Awareness will be on June 21. 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.

Ouachita Expressions Adult Art Show

*Categories: Works on Paper, Works on Canvas or Board, 3D, Photography
Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention in Each Category
Best of Show*

*Specialty Award - Visions of Polk County: Bees and Butterflies
Visit www.menaartgallery.org for more information and entry form.*

Check-In Date: August 3, 2016 Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Minutes of Board Meeting 5/11/16

Board Members Attending

Rick Chrisman	Sandra Thomas	Lorraine Timmerman	Patricia Brown
Barbara Tobias	Tiffany Lane	Barbara Lewis	Diane Warren
Jan Wennberg			

Also Attending - Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. Barbara Tobias moved the minutes be accepted. Barbara Lewis seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for February 2016 were reviewed and there was a discussion about the categories used to classify income and expense. Julie will send a list of the categories to the board members for their review. Sandra Thomas moved the financial reports be accepted. Diane Warren seconded. Reports were approved.

Rick reported that he had received concerns from some members about the change in the bylaws not giving members a voice or a vote on matters pertaining to the gallery. He pointed out that members can serve on committees and attend board meetings as a way to have input. He stated that he would specifically address that concern at the members meeting on the 17th. The board reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws and approved the changes unanimously.

Rick shared some resources on creating endowments for non-profit organizations. He stated that there were very specific requirements to create an endowment and it may be more complicated than originally thought. He suggested we create an endowment committee and members of that committee and members of the board should review the resources he listed on the agenda.

Discussion of the job description for the Executive Director was continued from last month with Julie providing a detailed account of how she spends her time. Pat Brown moved that a decision on the job description be tabled to next month with members of the board to review the job description and make a decision at the June meeting. Lorraine Timmerman seconded. Motion approved.

Julie reported on the State of the Gallery. She explained that membership renewals are coming in slowly but has seen an increase since an email reminder went out to 103 members. Currently there are 92 members. Sheila Johnson's exhibit is up right now and the gallery is gearing up for the Photography Show. Entries will be accepted on June 1. The gallery is doing a private showing for the Ouachita Artists from Mount Ida on Monday, May 16. Foot traffic has been slow but thankfully construction on the sidewalk is pretty much done. We are receiving an \$820 credit from our credit card processing company due to overcharges that had been charged to the gallery. Julie is looking into other credit card companies so we can hopefully find a less expensive way to process the credit cards.

Committees and Special Events

Finance—No meeting.

Building and Maintenance—Rick reported that the gallery had received one quote to fix the roof but was going to request an additional quote. Julie had received a quote on repairing or replacing the gallery computer which is acting up. The repair would involve a new hard drive for \$100. However, with the age of the computer this might not be a long-term fix. The quotes for a new computer were \$495 and \$695. The more expensive model would give additional capacity but Julie did not think it would be needed. The prices quoted did not include the operating system. The board discussed the two options and Pat Brown moved that the gallery purchase the \$495 computer and put the \$200 savings over the more expensive option toward purchase of the operating system. Tiffany Lane seconded. Motion approved.

Exhibits—There was no report but the committee will be meeting on the 17th.

Art Awareness—Henry Moreno will present the Art Awareness in June.

Art of the Heartland—Barbara Tobias reported that things are progressing and moving along. The next meeting will be May 19. They are moving forward on purchasing advertising on The Art Guide.com. The cost will be \$140/year with the \$20 discount. There are possibilities that the gallery can use this for other shows in the future if the gallery would like to chip in on some of the cost. The AHL facebook page now has almost 2000 group members.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick reported plans are progressing well. The committee is looking for five sponsors to donate \$250 each and they have one so far. The event will also include the 500 block of Mena Street with a presentation of pre-1943 refurbished automobiles.

Marketing and Promotion— Report contained in Art of the Heartland report.

Fund Raising—Rick led a discussion of the roles of the fundraising committee and how it relates to the finance committee. At one time there was consideration of combining the two but he felt they should remain separate but coordinate closely. After discussion, the board agreed that they remain separate.

Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jan Wennberg seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Director's Report for May 2016

Sheila Johnson's Member Show was wonderful. Thank you to Sheila Johnson, Jim & Jane Brace, Gilda Meyers, and Sheila's family & friends for helping hang the show and for taking care of the reception.
Show Sales - \$278

May Store Sales - \$95

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of May 27, 2016 were 88
Volunteer Hours for May — Sit Gallery 13 of 16 days — 39 hours
Volunteer Hours – Sheila's Show Setup - 18 hours
Memberships January thru May — 101
(2 New Member in March)



Signature Membership Guidelines

Signature Member status in SouthWest Artists, Inc. (SWA) identifies those members who have achieved consistent recognition in National or Regional SWA Competitions. Members must apply for this status by completing, signing and submitting an application. Only those awarded signature status by SWA may use the SWA logo to sign their work. The logo appears above left. To maintain signature status, SWA membership must be kept current. To qualify for signature status, The applicant must have:

- received 2 awards **OR** been accepted in 3 **SWA National Competitions**,
- OR**
- received 3 or more awards in any category in **SWA Regional Competitions**.

Currently the SWA competitions include The Art of the Heartland National Competition, the Ouachita Expressions Regional Competition, and The Photography Regional Competition. Signature Status can be applied for retroactively for past awards and posthumously. Additional competitions may be added in the future.

Application forms are available at Mena Art Gallery, 607 Mena Street, Mena, AR 71953 or call 479-394-3880.

Member Winners at 45th Annual Art Show and Sale in King, AR

Best of Show: Michael Leonard, Flower Photography Award: Patricia Trulock, General Photography: 1st Place - Michael Leonard, 3rd Place - Jo Eldridge, 1st Honorable Mention - Ann Glenn, 2nd Honorable Mention - Lowell Thomas, Landscape Photography: 1st Place - William Rainey, 2nd Place - Jo Eldridge, 1st Honorable Mention - Lowell Thomas, 2nd Honorable Mention - William Rainey, Animal Photography: 1st Place - Joleen Thomas, 2nd Place - Lowell Thomas, 3rd Place - Ann Glenn, Cossatot Country Photography: 1st Place - Michael Leonard, 2nd Place - Patricia Trulock, 3rd Place - William Rainey, 2nd Honorable Mention - Jo Eldridge, Western/Old Barns - 3rd Place - Gilda Meyers, Walmart Award: William Rainey, 11th Grade Youth Award: Cheyenne Hand, Purchase Awards: 2 - Michael Leonard, William Rainey, 2 - Lowell Thomas

Congratulations to all the award winners! What a showing from Mena Art Gallery!!!

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.