

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

September 2016

Gallery Highlights...

Check out our BLOG

If you would like to see our newspaper articles about what is going on (or coming up) at the gallery so you have time to plan which ones you want to attend, check out our blog at www.wordpress.com/menaartgallery. If you like what you see, check "Follow" to get an email notification when one is posted.

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on September 10 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.

Third Thursday Downtown

The Third Thursday Downtown will be on September 15. We will be open until 8 p.m. Stop by and see us.

Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group

The Ouachita Reader's & Writers' Group is meeting every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the gallery. Come join us.

Christmas Ornament Reminder

Just a reminder... We are asking members to make ornament size art that can hang on The Artist Tree during our Christmas Show. They will be for sale and each artist can make more than one if they would like. Please have all the ornaments at the gallery by October. If you have any questions call Julie at 479-394-3880.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880



Entries for our Open Show will be accepted on Wednesday, August 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This show offers work in any media and on any subject: painting, drawing, sculpture, pen and ink, pastel, watercolor, oils, acrylic, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, photography, fiber arts and much more. The Open Show will be up until September 27.



Photo Club Challenge

The Photo Club Challenge winner for August is Jim McCool. The challenge was "Reflections." Next month's challenge is "Close-Ups." Come join us at our next meeting on Saturday, September 10 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.

September 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Available	2 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	3 Available
4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	7 Available	8 Available	9 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	10 Available Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	14 Diane Warren & Lorraine Timmerman Board Meeting 5:00 pm	15 Available Third Thursday Downtown Open until 8 pm	16 Available Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	17 Available
18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	21 Available	22 Available	23 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	24 Available Indian Taco Fund Raiser Noon – 5 pm
25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	28 Available	29 Available	30 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore AHL Reception & Awards Ceremony 6 pm – 8 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!

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 August was "Reflections." The winner of the challenge was Jim McCool. This month's challenge is "Close-Ups." Our next meeting is September 10. Come join us!

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

No Art Awareness has been scheduled for September. 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.



Signature Membership

Reminder – If you have met the requirements for SWA Signature Membership Status be sure to apply before September 15, 2016. Forms are available at the Mena Art Gallery and online under gallery news at www.menaartgallery.org.

Those who qualify will be announced at the Art of the Heartland reception on September 30, 2016.

Mena Art Gallery/SouthWest Artists Inc. – Our mission is to improve the cultural, educational and civic quality of life in the region through the fostering of the arts and the arts activities.

Minutes of Board Meeting 8/10/16

Board Members Attending

Rick Chrisman	Lorraine Timmerman	Barbara Tobias	Tiffany Lane	Barbara Lewis
Diane Warren	Jan Wennberg	David Maddox	Sandra Thomas	

Also Attending - Julie Vande Zande and Henry Moreno

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Minutes of the June and July meetings were reviewed. Tiffany Lane moved the minutes be accepted. Barbara Lewis seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for June and July 2016 were reviewed. Barbara Tobias moved the financial reports be accepted. David Maddox seconded. Reports were approved. Tiffany Lane is going to look into the cost of the insurance for the directors and will give a report at the next board meeting.

Julie Vande Zande gave a report on the status of the gallery. She reported that the final sales for the Sam & Barbara Tobias Show was \$981. She thanked Sam and Barbara for the donation of that total to the gallery. The total sales for the store in June was \$51. The Ouachita Expressions Show brought in \$448 in entry fees and used 127 volunteer hours. The gallery will be accepting entries for the Open Art Show on Wednesday, August 31. Third Thursday downtown will be on August 18. The Otters, a multicultural women's drum circle will be performing at 6 p.m. Rudi Timmerman from the Ouachita Little Theatre is giving our members an opportunity to hang their artwork on the walls at the OLT. Julie will send out an email requesting artwork.

Rick reported that the businesses downtown formed a Downtown Partners organization. Membership for a nonprofit will be \$37.50/quarterly or \$150.00/year. David Maddox made a motion for the gallery to join and Barbara Tobias seconded.

Barbara Lewis discussed the need for the gallery to have online fee payment such as shopping cart and PayPal. This would make it easier for people to sign up for workshops, memberships, etc. As she understands it would be a onetime fee of \$150 for the webmasters to set this up. David Maddox motioned that the gallery should definitely do this. Barbara Tobias seconded.

The Executive Director job description and formal duties update has been postponed at this time.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance—Rick reported that hail damage was noticed on the roof. A claim was filed with our insurance company. An adjuster came and looked at the roof. We received 5 different quotes from two roofing companies. Rick is checking into these and just wanted to make everyone aware of where we were at with this. He will give an update at the next board meeting.

Exhibits—Jan Wennberg reported that since the 2017 schedule is finalized she would like everyone to start thinking about exhibits for 2018.

Art Awareness—Rick mentioned that there has been some discussion of combining the Art Awareness with the Third Thursday downtown event.

Art of the Heartland—Barbara Tobias reported they have now received 65 entries. The quality is not quite what it was last year. She is hoping that entries continue to increase as the deadline approaches.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick reported things are looking really good for the OAC this year. We are still looking for vendors. Sponsorships of \$250 were offered this year and there are five signed up and Sign FX is donating the flyers. Vintage Tin Restoration will have cars here and are bringing in the Doc Hudson car for the event.

Marketing and Promotion—Barbara Tobias reported that they are working on the Art of the Heartland. Henry Moreno discussed how the city websites make it difficult to get on our site. Rick mentioned that he has been appointed to the A & P Commission and feels there will be an opportunity for everyone to work together to make more workable websites.

Fund Raising—Rick mentioned that there is a fundraising meeting scheduled. They will be talking about crowd funding as well as other fundraisers. Tiffany will give a report at the next board meeting.

Rick mentioned that the Rod Run is going to go on. The Chamber and A & P are working together on it. Show & Shine will be on North Mena Street on Friday, August 26 this year.

Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jan Wennberg seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Director's Report for August 2016

The Ouachita Expressions Show was absolutely beautiful! Thank you Gilda Meyers for a fantastic job of coordinating the show. Thanks to all of our volunteers that helped check-in, hang, and take down the show.

Entry Fees - \$448 127 Volunteer Hours for Entry Fees

Show Sales - \$25

August Store Sales - \$34

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of August 27, 2016 were 81

Volunteer Hours for August — Sit Gallery 14 of 17 days — 42 hours

Volunteer Hours – Ouachita Expressions Show - 22 hours

Memberships January thru August — 175

(50 New Members in August)



Paint Out Location, Lake Wilhelmina

Paint the Ouachitas

2016 ART OF THE HEARTLAND

NATIONAL EXHIBITION

PHOTOGRAPHY AND

PLEIN AIR HAPPENINGS

October 1 - October 31, 2016

SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 30 RECEPTION & AWARDS PRESENTATION 6 - 8 pm. Mena Art Gallery

OCTOBER 1 - 30 EXHIBIT OPENS

OCTOBER 2 - 3 12th ANNUAL OIL PAINTERS OF AMERICA GREAT PAINT OUT!

OCTOBER 2 - PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOT OUT

OCTOBER 3 - 4 - PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP WITH DAVE IVEY

Join Us!

SOUTHWEST ARTISTS, INC. - MENA ART GALLERY

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For more information go to: www.theartoftheheartland.com

Join us on Facebook: [Art of the Heartland National Exhibition](#)

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.