

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

October 2016

Gallery Highlights...

The Gathering of the Clans

The gallery will have a booth at the Gathering of the Clans at the Polk County Fair Grounds on Saturday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We would like to take some of our members artwork to sell. Please call Julie at the gallery (479-394-3880) if you have any Native American artwork.

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on October 8 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 October 20. We will be open until 8 p.m. Stop by and see us. Stop in to see the Art of the Heartland exhibit and see what treasures you can find in the gallery store.

Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group

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

The Ouachita Little Theatre presents The Penultimate Problems of Sherlock Holmes

The Ouachita Little Theatre will be performing The Penultimate Problems of Sherlock Holmes on October 21, 22 & 23 and October 28, 29, 30. The director is Scott O'Rear.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

CONGRATULATIONS SAM & BARBARA TOBIAS

Sam and Barbara Tobias have been selected to receive the 2017 Governor's Arts Award for Arts Community Development. Arkansas Arts Council gives this award to a civic leader who has taken a



leadership role in creating an environment for artists and the arts to flourish in his/her local community. They will be honored at an awards ceremony in March 2017. Thank you Sam and Barbara for all you do for our community and the Mena Art Gallery!

The 2nd Annual Art of the Heartland National Exhibition October 1 – 30, 2016

Award Winners:

1st Place - Charles Rouse –
“New York Chefs”

2nd Place – Judy Takacs –
“Fierce the Quiltmaker”

3rd Place – Tiffany Lane –
“American Beauty”

Arkansas Award – Daniel Cassity –
“The Kings Solicitors”

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.

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Available
2 David Maddox 12 Noon – 4 pm AHL Photo Shoot Out OPA Plein Air Paint Out	3 Closed	4 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	5 Available	6 Sheryl Davis	7 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	8 Available Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
9 Henry Moreno 12 Noon – 4 pm	10 Closed	11 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	12 Lorraine Timmerman/ Diane Warren Board Meeting 5:00 pm	13 Available Third Thursday Downtown Open until 8 pm	14 Betty Acheson Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	15 Available Gathering of the Clans – Polk County Fair Grounds 10 am – 4 pm
16 Tiffany Lane 12 Noon – 4 pm	17 Closed	18 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	19 Becky Rogers	20 Becky Rogers Third Thursday Downtown	21 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore Ouachita Readers' & Writers' Group 1:30 – 3:30 pm	22 Available
23/30 23 Pam Bennett 12 Noon – 4 pm 30 Tiffany Lane 12 Noon – 4 pm	24/31 Closed	25 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	26 Available	27 Available	28 Carolynne & Joe Sizemore AHL Reception & Awards Ceremony 6 pm – 8 pm	29 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!

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 September was "Close-Ups." The winner of the challenge was Jim McCool. This month's challenge is "Outside Water." Our next meeting is October 8. 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 October. 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.

Photo Club Challenge

The Photo Club Challenge winner for September is Jim McCool. The challenge was "Close-Ups." Next month's challenge is "Outside Water."

Come join us at our next meeting on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to noon.



THE ARTIST TREE

It is time to get your miniature artwork to the gallery for the Artist Christmas Tree. 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. If you have any questions, please call me at 479-394-3880.

Thanks! – Julie ☺

Minutes of Board Meeting 9/14/16

Board Members Attending

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

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande	Patricia Trulock	Barry Mickelson
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Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Jan Wennberg moved the minutes be accepted. Sandra Thomas seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for August 2016 were reviewed. Rick pointed out the tight financial situation with the gallery barely having enough income to meet monthly expenses. There was a discussion of membership fees obtained from those entering Art of the Heartland going to the gallery versus going to the AHL budget. Tiffany Lane suggested that the AHL committee look at the membership fees at the next meeting and make a recommendation at the next board meeting. Tiffany moved the financial reports be accepted. Barbara Lewis seconded. Reports were approved.

The change in fundraising and the overall budget were discussed. Rather than raising money for each activity or show we will go to each donor once a year. We talked about a possible increase in payroll and that we would need approximately \$50,000 to fund SWA.

Rick reported that Sam and Barbara Tobias were selected to receive the Arts Community Development Award as part of the annual Governor's Arts Awards. The formal presentation will be in March 2017.

Julie gave a report on the status of the gallery. She reported that Open Show received \$63 in entry fees and there had been one sale with \$30 of that sale donated to the gallery. She also stated 92 hours of volunteer time had been donated for entry fees. Julie also reported that the new rack cards are ready and asked for input on the number that should be ordered. After a discussion, Sandra Thomas made a motion that 1500 be purchased. Jan Wennberg seconded. The motion carried. Julie also announced that the gallery would be open for the Third Thursday this month and that there will be a fund raiser on Saturday, September 24 when the gallery will be selling Indian Tacos for \$8 each.

Julie reported on the need to change the vendor for data services. She explained that the current vendor is more expensive than other vendors and their service is less than satisfactory. Julie presented three options. She recommended that the gallery contract with EVO Payment Systems, a local company. She explained that several local merchants were using this vendor and recommended it highly. Tiffany Lane made a motion that the gallery change its data services to this company. Diane Warren seconded. Motion passed.

Julie also discussed a change in the invoices the gallery uses for sales. She explained that the current ones are costly and suggested that the gallery use the inexpensive ones that can be purchased at Wal-Mart. There was a discussion about having the invoices personalized with the gallery name and address to give a more professional look. Julie will check on options and report back at the next meeting.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance—Rick reported that the insurance company paid the amount of the bid for repair of hail damage to the roof. However, he explained that the holes in the mortar around the bricks in the building next door cause leakage into the gallery and he recommended that the repair not be done until the neighbor has resolved that problem. He asked for support of sending a legal notice regarding the problem to the owner of the building if the owner does not respond in a reasonable time. Barbara Lewis made a motion that any attorney send a letter if the owner does not take action. Diane Warren seconded. Motion carried.

Exhibits—Jan Wennberg reported that there has been a change in the schedule for next year. The member show in May will feature works by Gilda Meyer and Patricia Trulock. There was a discussion about changing the entry fees. The exhibits committee will review and report at the next meeting.

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Art of the Heartland—Barbara Lewis and Tiffany Lane reported there are more than 150 entries and the quality of work is excellent. Barbara reported that the judge will not be able to conduct the judging in person or attend the reception but will judge the entries on line. Barbara also announced that a Paint Out and Workshop will be held at Judy Forbes' property during October.

Rick explained that the gallery needs to obtain a “hold no harm” document from participants in the paint out and workshop.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick reported that activities are going well but the budget is tight and the group is seeking additional funding. He brought up the idea of bringing the OAC under the gallery instead of just using the gallery as a fiduciary. There was a discussion but no decision or recommendation was made.

Fund Raising— Pat Brown presented the revised membership and sponsorship list for approval. The recommendations did not change the current membership fees or categories but added a Sustaining Membership and four levels of sponsorship. With a change of the word member to sponsor in one of the definitions, the list was approved and will become effective in January 2017.

Pat mentioned the Indian Taco fundraiser on September 24th and reported that additional fundraisers were in planning stages. A soup and bread fundraiser is planned for some time in December and a meet and greet fundraiser with a featured speaker is planned for the spring. There was a discussion of having a fund raising activity during OAC with chili or hot chocolate being served.

Rick suggested that the gallery surrender the bond that it has held for a number of years. The bond has not made any significant increase and the money could go to the general revenue. Pat Brown made the motion that the bond be cashed. Diane Warren seconded. The motion carried.

Sandra Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Lewis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Director's Report for September 2016

We had great Open Show! Thank you to everyone who put in artwork and everyone who helped check in and hang the show.

Entry Fees - \$63 92 Volunteer Hours for Entry Fees

Show Sales - \$120 (\$30 Gallery)

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to and helped work our Indian Taco Fund Raiser. We received \$406 in donations and some food donations. This covered all the food and supply expenses. We sold 120 plates with the total donations being \$1,287.88. WOW!!! What a turnout!!! That all goes directly to the gallery for operating expenses.

September Store Sales - \$37

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of September 30, 2016 were 82

Volunteer Hours for September — Sit Gallery 13 of 18 days — 39 hours

Volunteer Hours – Open Show - 18 hours

Memberships January thru September — 178

(3 New Member in September)

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.

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

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| 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.