

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

November 2016

Gallery Highlights...

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on November 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. 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 November 17. See the Christmas Gift Show and be sure to stop by American Artisans for soup.

Soup Fund Raiser at American Artisans

We will be having a soup fund raiser at American Artisans on Thursday, November 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Choose from five different kinds of soup, bread, and dessert.

Mark Your Calendars—Christmas Potluck

The gallery Christmas potluck will be Wednesday, December 14 around 6:30 p.m. after the board meeting. Please mark your calendars and join us for some good food and holiday cheer.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

2016 Christmas Gift Show

It is that time of year to get your art ready for our annual Christmas Show. Entries will be accepted on Wednesday, November 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity to sell some artwork. Entry rules and form are on our website or call Julie at 479-394-3880. This show will be up through December 31.



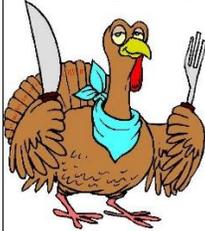
Ouachita Arts Celebration

Join us
Saturday, November 5
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Live Music, Fashion Show, Art of Falconry, Culinary Arts, Art Vendors, Flint Knapping, Martial Arts Demo, Kids Craft Projects, Vintage Tin Fall Tour Car Show, Face Painting, Good Food – American Artisans & Skyline, and much more!

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.

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	2 Accepting Entries for the Christmas Show 10 am – 4 pm	3 Available	4 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	5 Ouachita Arts Celebration 10 am – 4 pm
6 Closed Daylight Saving Time Ends – Set Clocks Back 1 Hour	7 Closed	8 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	9 Lorraine Timmerman/ Diane Warren Board Meeting 5:00 pm	10 Available	11 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	12 Available Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
13 Closed	14 Closed	15 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	16 Becky Rogers	17 Becky Rogers Third Thursday Downtown Open until 8 pm Soup Fundraiser at American Artisans 6 pm – 8 pm	18 Available	19 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
20 Closed	21 Closed	22 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	23 Available	24 Closed Happy Thanksgiving! 	25 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	26 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	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!

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 October was "Outside Water." The winner of the challenge was Donna Atkinson. This month's challenge is "Light & Color." Our next meeting is November 12. 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 November. 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 October is Donna Atkinson. The challenge was "Outside Water."

Next month's challenge is "Light & Color."

Come join us at our next meeting on Saturday,
November 12 from 10 a.m. to noon.



MENA ART GALLERY SOUP FUND RAISER AT AMERICAN ARTISANS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17
from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Choice of five soups, variety of breads,
and dessert. Cost: Donation**

Minutes of Board Meeting 10/12/16

Board Members Attending

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

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Jan Wennberg moved the minutes be accepted. Lorraine Timmerman seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for September were reviewed. Barbara Tobias moved the financial reports be accepted. David Maddox seconded. Reports were approved.

Executive Director's Report - Julie Vande Zande reported that the Open Show collected entry fees of \$63, 92 volunteer hours, and sales of \$120 (\$30 for gallery). The Indian Taco Fund Raiser was a huge success with a total raised of \$1,287.88. September store sales were \$37 (\$9.25 for gallery). The Art of the Heartland show has extended hours thanks to the AHL committee. The show will be up through October. Peachtree Assisted Living came to the gallery on October 5 and enjoyed the artwork and snacks. The gallery will have a booth at the Gathering of the Clans on October 15. Third Thursday Downtown will be on October 20. The gallery is gearing up for the Ouachita Arts Celebration on Saturday, November 5. Julie reported that the rack cards that were built on the Vista Print site were deleted after 3 weeks. It was a tough lesson learned. She rebuilt it and got an ok from the board. 1,500 will be ordered this week. Switching over to the new credit card service is underway. Just waiting on terminal to be shipped. Ginger Sterner with Edward Jones put out a request to sell the bond. As soon as it sells the amount will be put into the general account and the capital account will be closed. The automatic account number on QuickBooks only numbers the main accounts. Sub accounts all must be entered manually. Julie reported that after talking with the accountants they felt there really was not need for this since the account numbering is mostly only used by them. It was decided by the board we did not need to do this since things are now being put into the correct accounts. Julie will present the invoice costs to the board next month since she did not have time to get the quotes put together.

Rick Chrisman suggested the board conduct a personnel discussion regarding the duties and expectations of the executive director. The board decided to have an executive session right before next month's board meeting at 4:30 p.m. Julie will email the current job description and additions to all board members prior to the meeting.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance—Rick Chrisman reported that we have a new roof. Paul with Quality Roofing did a great job. He worked with the owners of the adjoining building to get the wall repaired. It is now structurally strong and the new roof should last a long time.

Exhibits—Jan Wennberg reported that there will be an Exhibits Committee meeting Tuesday, October 18 at 2 p.m. and anyone who might have new ideas is invited.

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Art of the Heartland—Barbara Tobias reported the show is going well with good participation. A decision for next year will not be made until we see how crowd funding goes. Rick suggested that we work on building regional participation for this show. Other possible funding might be Arkansas Arts Council, A & P, etc.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick Chrisman reported that things are moving along smoothly. There was a discussion on whether the OAC should be set up as part of the gallery or if they should set up as their own 501(c) 3 organization. Rick will talk with the members of the OAC committee and discuss how this should be done next year.

Marketing & Promotion— Barbara Tobias reported that she will have more information by next month. She welcomes any new ideas for marketing and promotion.

Fund Raising— Rick mentioned that we need to start thinking about fund raising for our 2017 budget. A fund raising meeting was set for Monday, November 7 at 2 p.m. at the gallery.

New Business – Tiffany Lane asked about when we nominated the directors that are up in 2017 –Rick Chrisman, Lorraine Timmerman and David Maddox. All three were present at the board meeting and agreed to reup. It will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Barbara Tobias moved that the meeting be adjourned. Barbara Lewis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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.

Director's Report for October 2016

The Art of the Heartland exhibit was amazing. Thank you to all the AHL committee for all your hard work.
Show Sales - \$2,300 (\$690 Gallery)

October Store Sales - \$337.50

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of October 29, 2016 were 216

Volunteer Hours for October — Sit Gallery 10 of 17 days — 30 hours

Extended Volunteer Hours— 59 hours

Volunteer Hours – Art of the Heartland Show Set Up & Take Down - 64 hours

Memberships January thru October — 181

(1 New Member in October)

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.