

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

December 2016

Gallery Highlights...

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on December 10 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 December 15. We will be having a Christmas Sing-A-Long from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bring your instrument and your voice and have some holiday fun!

Ouachita Little Theatre Presents EB Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol

Ouachita Little Theatre will be performing EB Scrooge: A Southern Fried Carol. A modern spin on a timeless classic captures the sights and sounds of contemporary life in today's Mena while maintaining the spirit of Dickens beloved tale of greed and redemption. Performance Times: Fri., Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Dec 3, at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 4, at 2:30 p.m., Fri., Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m., Sat. Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m.

January Artists' Garage Sale

Just a reminder to start getting your things together for the Artists' Garage Sale in January. Any art related items can go in this show. So clean out your closets and look under your beds. We will be accepting entries on Tuesday, January 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry forms are on the website or stop by and pick one up at the gallery.

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607 Mena Street, Mena, AR 71953 479-394-3880
email@MenaArtGallery.org www.MenaArtGallery.org
Gallery Hours: Tue. 11-2; Wed. – Sat. 10-3;
or by appointment call 479-394-3880

**CHRISTMAS
OPEN
HOUSE**

Friday, December 9

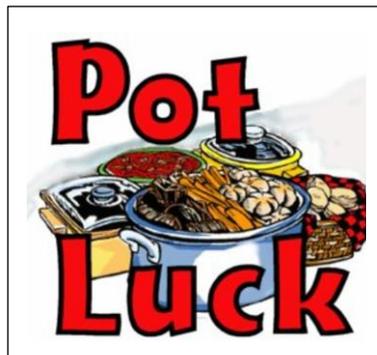
The Mena Christmas Parade has been rescheduled due to potential weather to Friday, December 9. We will also be rescheduling our Christmas Open House.

Our Bake Sale will be all day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you would like to donate baked goods please have them here at the gallery by Thursday, December 8.

We will also have hot drinks and chili during and after the parade.

Christmas Potluck

The Mena Art Gallery Christmas Potluck will be **December 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Please plan to join us and bring a dish to pass.



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.

December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Julie VZ	2 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	3 Pat Brown
4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	7 Available	8 Ann Glenn	9 Christmas Open House 10 am – 8 pm Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	10 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	14 Carolyn McCullough Christmas Potluck 6:30 p.m.	15 Jim & Jane Brace Third Thursday Downtown Open until 8 pm	16 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	17 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	21 Lorraine Timmerman/ Diane Warren Board Meeting 5:00 pm	22 Available	23 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	24 Christmas Eve Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
25 Closed 	26 Closed	27 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	28 Available	29 Available	30 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	31 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore

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 "Light & Color." The winner of the challenge was Terry Crawford. This month's challenge is "Streets, Roads, Trails." Our next meeting is December 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

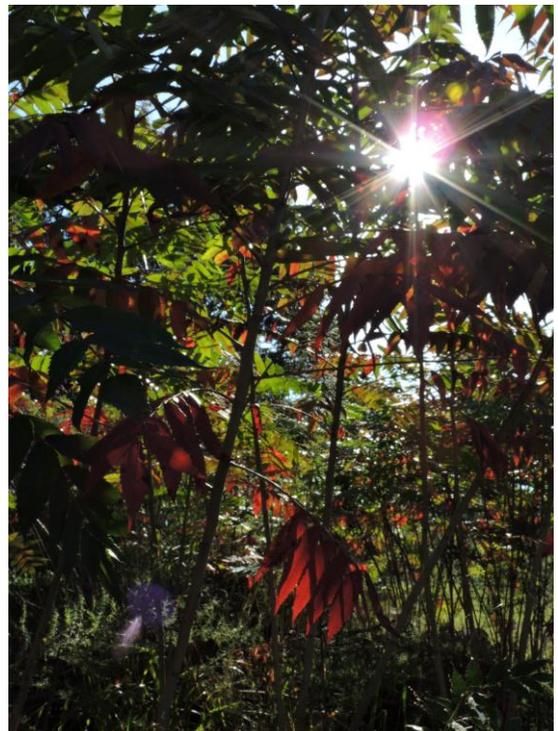
No Art Awareness has been scheduled for December. If you would like to know more about something art related and can suggest someone to make the presentation, or if you would like to tell us a bit about your specialty, please contact Henry Moreno at 479-234-3413 or henrymoreno@gmail.com.



WISHING YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY
A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR
- JULIE

Photo Club Challenge

The Photo Club Challenge
winner for November is
Terry Crawford.
The challenge was
"Light & Color."
Next month's challenge is
"Streets/
Roads/Trails."
Come join us at our next
meeting on
Saturday,
December 10
from 10 a.m. to noon.



Minutes of Board Meeting 11/09/16

Board Members Attending

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

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Tiffany Lane moved the minutes be accepted. Barbara Lewis seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for September were reviewed. Tiffany Lane asked what the Awards Expense and Show Expense - Other was on the January – October Profit & Loss. Julie will look into these and report at the next board meeting. Diane Warren moved the financial reports be accepted. Barbara Tobias seconded. Reports were approved.

Executive Director's Report - Julie Vande Zande reported that Art of the Heartland Sales were \$2,300 (\$690 to the gallery). There were 216 visitors for this show and the large attendance was due in part to the extended hours. October store sales were \$337.50 (\$84.37 to the gallery). Sales at the gallery during the Ouachita Arts Celebration were \$1,244.04 including tax. Third Thursday Downtown will be on November 17. The gallery will have a soup fund raiser at American Artisans from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lorraine Timmerman and Tiffany Lane volunteered to man the gallery during the event. The gallery will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. Saturday, December 3 the gallery will have a Christmas Open House. There will be a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hot drinks and chili will be available during and after the parade. Rack cards are printed and Julie is working on getting them out to area businesses. The gallery has changed over to the new credit card service – EVO Payments International. Finishing paperwork for PCI compliance and waiting for shipping box from DataLink to return the terminal. Everything is working well with the new terminal. The bond has been sold and the total transferred to the general account was \$2,018.19. Julie presented several options for invoice forms. Barbara Tobias moved that we purchase the printed invoices for 18 cents each from NCR Forms. David Maddox seconded. The Christmas Potluck will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. after the board meeting.

Ballots for board nominees were passed out. Votes were cast and all three nominees were elected for an additional three-year term – Lorraine Timmerman, Rick Chrisman, and David Maddox.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance—Rick Chrisman reported that everything is in pretty good shape. The back light needs to be looked at. Barbara Lewis mentioned that the benches were cutting into the carpet and the chairs need fixing.

Exhibits—The Exhibits Committee and the Fund Raising Committee will be meeting to discuss upcoming show costs. Jan Wennberg will report at the next board meeting.

Art of the Heartland—Barbara Tobias reported the show was a big success. They will not be able to decide on 2017 until crowdfunding in the spring. A wrap up meeting is planned for Thursday, December 1 at 5 p.m.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick Chrisman reported that there were between 1,500 and 2,500 people at the OAC this year. The PA system and MC Logan Lind worked well. The weather was fantastic. There was a discussion about pulling this event into SWA or not. After some discussion, Barbara Tobias moved that as long as it remained revenue neutral it should become a part of SWA. David Maddox seconded.

Marketing & Promotion— Barbara Tobias reported that there is nothing new going on with marketing & promotions. Barbara requested ideas for articles and any new ideas for promotions.

Fund Raising— Went over committee minutes.

Regular session was ended at 6:15 p.m. and the board went into executive session for personnel review.

Director's Report for November 2016

Our Soup Fund Raiser turned out great with a final net amount of \$777. Thank you to Rick & Donna Chrisman, Barbara Tobias, Maryann Kleinot, Barbara Lewis, and Pat Brown for all your help to make this a success.

Christmas Show Sales for November - \$1,421.25 (\$401.83 Gallery)

November Store Sales - \$389.99 (\$97.25 Gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of November 30 were 125

Volunteer Hours for November — Sit Gallery 13 of 16 days — 39 hours

Christmas Show Set Up & Take Down - hours

Memberships January thru November — 185

(7 New Member in October)

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT MENA ART GALLERY

Young Artists Art Competition Coordinator – April 2017

Photography Show Coordinator – June 2017

Coordinators would not be responsible to raise any funds.

The Fund Raising Committee will be doing all the fund raising for 2017.

Scrapbook Historian

Putting together scrapbooks with published articles and show programs.

**There are spots open on the following committees: Finance,
Building & Maintenance, Promotion & Marketing, Exhibits,
Fund Raising, Membership, Art Awareness**

Please contact Julie at the gallery if you are interested in any of these.



Christmas Star Wreath Raffle

This beautiful wreath comes with a poem.

They were created by Niki Dempsey.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The winner will be drawn on

Saturday, December 10.

The Christmas Star Wreath

The Christmas star wreath is meant to instill
Holly and ivy for life, hope and goodwill
Silver and glitter the divine guiding light
A reminder of the first Christmas night
Decorations of white promise spiritual lift
Ribbons and bows represent the Lords gift
Encased in each pinecone, a hand so small
Remind us to pray for his help when we fall
A symbol of love are what roses bring
Purple for strength of Christ our king
Straw rings inspire never ending good favor
And the charity of our benevolent savior

By: Niki Dempsey 2016

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.